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SWIMMING.

SIX years ago a Cup was presented to the School by some kind, but anonymous donor, presumably for the encouragement of the art of swimming at Westminster, to be competed for by members of 'the Water.' For two years the event came off, and the names of the successful swimmers have been duly inscribed on the Cup, and then, alas ! the scanty list of victors is brought to a premature conclusion. In 1875 it was won by J. A. Batley; in 1876 by R. F. Macmillan; but in 1877 the date was alone engraved, and the rest of the Cup's surface was left inviolate in its natural smoothness. This is now the fourth year since the race was swum, and meanwhile the Cup has been what is commonly known as being taken care of; but the result, from the Cup's point of view, was perhaps not entirely satisfactory, as it lately emerged from its enforced obscurity sufficiently dingy and tarnished to pass for a time-honoured relic of very respectable antiquity. It was,

however, a matter of no great difficulty to have it sent to be reburnished, and it has returned, we are glad to say, marvellously changed, and restored to all but its pristine splendour. It seems, perhaps, almost unpardonable that a competition in so useful and practical an art as swimming should have been allowed to fall through in its first infancy, or that a Cup given for so laudable an object should have failed to excite sufficient emulation to make such a result impossible; but whatever excuse is forthcoming must rest on the plea that, closely connected as it was with 'the Water,' it was not unnatural that swimming should suffer in the crisis through which water passed in 1876-7, when, owing to adverse fate and an unpropitious railway company, it was brought to a temporary standstill. Now that the crisis has happily passed, it only remains to have the Cup swum for without further delay, and that care should be taken to ensure that the event becomes for the future invariably annual.

If, however, we proceed to consider the art as inculcated and pursued at Westminster, we are

met by more serious considerations. What facilities do we really possess for an habitual use of this healthy and pleasant recreation? An Englishman and cold water have long been associated together, and not without reason, in the mind of the intelligent foreigner, metaphorically perhaps, no less than literally. The Briton disputes with Diogenes the claim to the 'tub' as a distinguishing characteristic. But, as in all things under the sun, in the sublime as in the common-place, there are gradations and degrees of excellence, even so in the enjoyment of the matutinal bath. By proceeding from the lowest to the highest, we shall indicate with tolerable accuracy things as they are, and as they should be, at Westminster.

We might state the lowest grade in the form of a mathematical problem : given an Englishman, a tub, and a gallon of water, and most people, even without great mathematical genius, would find that the affinity between them was a bath. With these three factors we are independent of time, space, locality, and all other contingent circumstances, and thus the ordinary tub may be obtained at Westminster with as little difficulty as in any other part of the habitable globe. In the second grade we put all artificial baths, public or private, commonly designated swimming baths, erected in situations where natation is impracticable in the open air, and constructed purposely for the pursuit of this art. Lastly, the ideal of a bather's bliss, a plunge into some cool and shady stream, or into the broad bosom of the ocean, with plenty of water around, to revel in the enjoyment of all its delights. Of these two latter, the first under certain limitations, is undoubtedly within the horizon of possibility for us here, but these limitations exercise an amount of restriction by no means favourable. There are baths in Smith Street, in our immediate vicinity, but they are open to the serious objection of being neither sufficiently large, commodious. or select; some fastidious persons perhaps might even add, clean. The toll exacted for admission to this paradise of bathers, though quite enough for the pockets of schoolboys, is scarcely high enough, even considering the neighbourhood. altogether to remove uneasiness as to who may have last been disporting themselves therein. The Charing Cross, while being all that can be desired in the way of convenience and size, are at such a distance, that the time required for the operation is too lengthy for anyone who has a full day taken up by other almost necessary employments. Again, it sometimes hap-

pens that they are so crowded by that portion of the British public which possesses an ineradicable love for cold water, that swimming is conducted under difficulties, and at imminent risk of being impaled by the descending cranium of some enthusiastic diver. Even if this be the worst view of the case, it is almost impossible for anyone to indulge in a daily swim, from considerations of time and pocket, unless we possessed some bath of our own close at hand. Those who went down to Godalming on July 34 probably saw many things which they admired, and even coveted, in the beautiful grounds of Charterhouse ; but, for our own part, we think nothing excited our envy more than a glimpse of shimmering water from the hill which marked where the limpid stream, the source of so much pleasurable enjoyment to Carthusians, was flowing, and whence happy individuals, with towels and faces fresh from the water, dropped on to the ground by twos and threes. Such, we think, must be the elysium of bathers. Alas! that it should be impossible to us!

We are already in need of more than one improvement here, which ought to take the precedence, so that it is perhaps a work of supererogation to put forth new ones; but if there be any would-be benefactor of the School whose tastes flow strongly in this direction, we are sure it would be conferring an incalculable benefit on the School to provide it with a swimming bath of its own. For the present ways and means are decidedly wanting, but if the great motive power, *money*, were once provided, we do not think it would be by any means impossible to discover a suitable site. Till that happy time it is useless to provoke discussion by making further suggestions.

It is, however, quite within our power to give a great impetus to swimming by instituting a series of races in addition to the one for the Cup, which should include non-Water fellows, and also give an opportunity for competition among younger patrons of the art. The prizes might be provided by entrance fees, supplemented, if possible, by subscriptions. If some such plan were to be adopted next year, there is no reason why it should not prove a success; and if races could be regularly established, the result could not but be beneficial to the swimming of the School.

THE CONCERT.

THE Annual School Concert, which was this year unavoidably postponed from the Election Term, in which it generally takes place, to the Summer Term, at last came off in College Hall on the evening of Thursday July 8. As the Flower Show had been held on the afternoon of that day in College Gardens, some of the flowers were removed thence to Hall, and there placed in the window seats, thus adding somewhat to the festive appearance of the scene. The vocalists, as usual, occupied the raised seats on the dais ; the audience, among whom the fair sex predominated, completely filled the body of Hall, and the less tuneful members of the School were accommodated, as usual, on the raised platform at the lower end. Among the audience, the Chapter were represented by Canon Farrar ; and a sprinkling of old Westminsters were also present, two or three of whom figured on the programme, which ran as follows :---

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

I.	Duet, Pianoforte . Overture.
	H. K. Bruce, P. Druitt.
2.	Cantata 'May Day' G. A. Macfarren
3.	Song . 'Oh, could I remain so for ever !' Rubinstein
100	Mr. E. Bray.
4.	Trio , 'May Fly' Dr. Calcot
	Sharpe, G. H. Viner, H. K. Bruce.
5.	Song 'To the Woods'
	R. H. Coke.
6.	Chorus 'Drops of Rain' Lemmens
7.	Trio . Pianoforte, Violin, and Violoncello.
-	Finale, C. Minor Beethoven
	I. Pettitt, W. C. Ryde, E. H. Ryde.
8.	Song 'Fly forth, O gentle dove' Pinsuti
	H. C. Peck.
9.	Song 'To Anthea' J. L. Hatton
10,	Song 'To Anthea' J. L. Hatton Chorus 'Lord Ullin's Daughter' A. Jackson
	PART II.

I.	Toy Symphony				Hayan.
2.	Cantata 'Richard Cœur de Lion'	2		1	. Abt.
3.	Solo Violin 'Romance,' in F W. C. Ryde.	•	•	•	Gritten.
4.	Song 'Mitgefühl' Mr. E. Bray.	•	•	•	Thalberg.
5.	Duet 'I would that my love' G. H. Viner. H. A. Fulch			Mer	adelssohn.
6.	Song 'O fair dove' . J. Langhorne.			Sci	ott Gatty.
7.	Duet 'Les Gendarmes' .			(Offenbach.

8. Song . . . 'Speed on, my bark' . Henry Leslie. H. P. Adams.

9. Chorus . . 'The Mice in Council' . W. C. Filby.

'GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.'

Solos by R. C. Batley, H. K. Bruce, G. H. Viner.

The chorus, as they appeared on paper, numbered 48 strong, including 23 soprani, 7 alti, 7 tenori, and 11 bassi; but we fancied that as they stood in the flesh the numbers were a trifle less. Several wellknown faces were missing outside the ranks of the chorus; neither the Rev. R. F. Dale nor Mr. A. L. Ryde were present to delight the audience with their well-known and brilliant performances on the pianoforte; and frequenters of the Westminster Concert scanned the programme vainly when they sought for the familiar names of Messrs. G. Gumbleton and F. Pownall. It was some consolation to find that the Ryde family was not altogether unrepresented, and that Mr. E. Bray would sustain the reputation of old Westminster vocalists. Mr. J. G. Ranalow, as usual, conducted with spirit and ability, and Mr. T. Pettit presided at the pianoforte. The programme did not this year consist of the mere list of songs and songsters which we have printed above, but had attached to it a 'Book of the Words,' the whole forming a neat and compact volume of about twenty pages.

The Concert opened punctually at eight o'clock, as usual, with a pianoforte duet, for which the names of Bruce and Shebbeare were set down; but the latter being unfortunately out of school, his place was filled by Druitt. This was followed by Macfarren's cantata, 'May Day.' This is by no means an elaborate work, but it was well suited to the occasion, and on the whole well performed. Mr. E. Bray next sang 'Oh, could I remain so for ever !' and his rendering of this song causes us to hope that he will at least 'remain for ever' a staunch supporter of the Westminster Concert. The trio by Dr. Calcott was well interpreted. R. H. Coke did not give the song announced in the programme, and the one substituted having been undertaken at very short notice was somewhat tamely rendered. The chorus (? part-song) 'Drops of Rain' is a charming work, and received full justice at the hands of the singers. A welcome novelty, in the shape of an instrumental trio, was given with excellent effect. H. C. Peck's song showed that the singer possessed an excellent voice, and knew how to use it. Bruce favoured the audience with Hatton's admirable and difficult song 'To Anthea" which obtained a well-deserved encore ; and the first part concluded with a capital chorus, ' Lord Ullin's Daughter.'

After the usual interval Part II. opened with an excellent rendering of the 'Toy Symphony.' The tone of the triangle was most striking, the rattle very agreeable, while the cuckoo was a somewhat erratic. bird. The next cantata was a much more ambitious work than the previous one, and showed the result of careful and diligent study on the part of the performers. W. C. Ryde gave a romance for the violin in an artistic style. The following songs and duets, particularly the lively 'Gendarmes,' were very much to the taste of the audience ; and the comical chorus, 'The Mice in Council,' followed by the National Anthem, brought the concert to a successful conclusion. There is no doubt that the rendering of this programme shows that the music in Westminster School has made a decided advance, and we hope that this may be the rule at all future school concerts, and may we add, at the school services.

'OLD WESTMINSTERS.'

No. VI.-Concluded.

FIELD-MARSHAL THOMAS GROSVENOR,

It does not appear that Grosvenor saw any more active service, that is—campaigning, than we have already noted, and we shall finish that part of his story which relates to his military career by mentioning his further promotions and the dates when they were made. On the 8th February, 1814, he was transferred from the colonelcy of the 97th Foot to that of the 65th Regiment; and on the 12th August, 1819, he was promoted to the rank of general. The highest rank in the British army was attained by Thomas Grosvenor in 1846, on the 9th of November, in which year the bâton of a field-marshal was given him. It is remarkable that the several commissions of fieldmarshal, general, lieutenant-general, and major-general bore the same dates in the cases of both Thomas Grosvenor and that other distinguished 'Westminster' soldier, the first Marquis of Anglesey. The marshal was twice married. His first wife, to whom he was married in 1797, was Elizabeth, sister of Sir Gilbert Heathcote, Baronet; and his second wife was Anne, daughter of George Wilbraham, Esquire, of Delamere, in Cheshire, whom he married in 1831. In Chester the marshal is principally remembered in connection with his parliamentary career, and the battles he fought on the electoral field have made his name more famous in the old city than those he was engaged in against the enemies of his country. He was elected member of Parliament for Chester for the first time in 1795, and was re-elected in the 36th, 42nd, 47th (twice), 53rd, and 58th years of the Third George's reign. A general election ensued upon the occasion of that King's death, and a famous fight took place for the honour of representing Chestera contest that was carried on with great vigour for ten The candidates were Lord Belgrave, father of days. the present Duke of Westminster, the Field-Marshal, then General Grosvenor, Sir J. G. Egerton, and Mr. Townshend. The result of the poll was that the two first-named were elected, Sir John Egerton being only 18 votes behind the General. The excitement in the City was very intense throughout the days of the election. On the close of the fourth day's polling, General Grosvenor's carriage was thrown by his political opponents over the old bridge into the seething waters of the Dee, and the gallant soldier who had so often escaped death at the hands of his country's foes, narrowly escaped death by drowning at the hands of his countrymen, in whose cause he had fought, but who were politically opposed to him. Only the other day a brave old sailor passed away, Commander Monk, of the Royal Navy, who more than once in his early days had distinguished himself in action, who was very prominent in taking the part of General Grosvenor on the occasion alluded to, and rendered him great service in saving him from the angry mob; and a relation of his, Mr. William Brown, of Chester, showed me a letter in which the General warmly acknowledges the brave action rendered on his behalf by Commander Monk. A petition was presented against Grosvenor's return, but the General came out of it successfully. The General sat for Chester up to the 2nd of June 1826, when the Parliament was dissolved, and he retired from further contest, leaving his place to be filled by another Grosvenor, the Honourable Robert, now Lord Ebury, who had for his colleague, Lord Belgrave, and for his opponents Mr. Townshend and General Egerton, brother of Sir John. With the close of the Field-Marshal's political career we must end this memoir, as we cannot obtain further information either as to his after life or even touching the date of his death. Both the House of Westminster and the School at Westminster have reason to be proud of their connection with Thomas Grosvenor, Field-Marshal; let the first send another to the second to emulate his fame.

FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. NONDESCRIPTS.

In very bad weather, and on a sodden wicket, this match was played at Vincent Square on Saturday, July 3. Our visitors, who were a very strong team, won the toss and elected to go in. With the score at 33 a smart catch at the wicket sent back Welch, and Blaker shared the same fate at 60. Francis was clean bowled without scoring, and with the total at 120 Robson got rid of A. F. J. Ford, who had been hitting very vigorously for his 55, and a few runs later West and F. W. J. Ford fell to the wicket-keeper. The younger Ford was well taken in slips, and the innings closed for 179, made off the following bowling :

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Higgins		7	82	6
Mirehouse	26	8	52	I
Sandwith	2	0	15	0
Robson	7	I	16	2
Wetton	4	3	5	to de Trans
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Higgins bowled one, and Wetton two wides.

When we went in no one except Higgins could do anything with the bowling, and we were all disposed of for 50, out of which Higgins had made exactly half, composed of a clean drive for six off A. Ford, two fours, two threes, and two twos. Being in a minority of 129, we had to follow on, and when time was called had lost three wickets for 29 runs, Higgins not out 9, and Benbow 19.

NONDESCRIPTS,

H. C. Blaker, c. Benbow, b. Higgins	30
R. de C. Welch, c. Benbow, b. Higgins	IO
A. F. J. Ford, b. Robson	
A. S. Francis, b. Higgins	0
F. West, c. Benbow, b. Wetton	
F. W. J. Ford, st. Benbow, b. Mirehouse	10
H. J. Ford, c. Wetton, b. Higgins	
T. M. R. Wilde, not out	4
H. M. Mills, c. Mirehouse, b. Higgins	
H. W. Kiallmarck, b. Higgins	
T. L. Rouse, c. and b. Robson	
Bye I, legbyes 2, wides 3	6

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WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
W. C. Dale, c. and b. A. F. Ford	0	c. Mills, b. Blaker	I
F. T. Higgins, c. Kiallmark, b. F. W. Ford	25	not out	0
H. C. Benbow, c. and b. A. F. Ford			

H. Wetton, b. F. W. Ford W. F. Sandwith, b. A. F. Ford	45	c. West, b. Blaker not out		
F. C. Ryde, run out C. W. Crowdy, c. Blaker, b.	47		191	
F. W. Ford H. N. Robson, b. A. F. Ford	3	in posta selos ertas los acenterios ertas		
W. A. Burridge, c. Wilde, b.	-	Did not bat.	4:00 t	
A. F. Ford	0			
G. T. Mirehouse, h. F. W. Ford				
G. Beaumont, not out Wide			1	
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Totals	50		20	

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. LORDS AND COMMONS.

This match was played at Vincent Square on Saturday, July 17, and resulted in our favour by 71 runs. On winning the toss we chose to go to the wickets, sending in Higgins and Wetton. The last named was the first to go, and Sandwith partnered Higgins. Some really sound cricket was now shown by the two batsmen, and it was not until 34 was signalled that Higgins was run out in attempting a short run. Bain and Benbow did not stay long, but Ryde and Sandwith steadily raised the score to 98, when the lunchbell rang. On resuming Sandwith sent up the hundred, but was shortly after beaten by a bailer from the Hon. S. Herbert. The retiring batsman had shown excellent form, both in defence and hitting, for his 31. By the aid of Ryde, Crowdy, Burridge, and the extras, 136 was scored before the tenth wicket fell. Against the bowling of Higgins and Mirehouse none of the first five wickets, except Grenfell, gave much trouble, but Round and Lord Lanesborough brought on a double change of bowling, which at once took effect, as Wetton's 'lobs' realised three wickets at the cost of only one run, and the tenth wicket fell for 65. Being 71 runs to the bad, Lords and Commons had to follow on, and this time with somewhat better success, as when time was called they had scored 92 runs for the loss of seven wickets. Score :--

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

F. T. Higgins, run out 26	
H. Wetton, b. Hamilton 9	
W. F. G. Sandwith, b. Herbert 31	
F. W. Bain, b. Herbert 2	
H. C. Benbow, b. Hamilton 4	
F. C. Ryde, c. Forester, b. Grenfell 16	
C. W. Crowdy, not out 0	
H. N. Robson, b. Grenfell	
G. T. Mirehouse, b. Herbert	
W. Burridge, b. Herbert 12	
G. Beaumont, b. Grenfell 4	
Byes 15, 1byes 1, wides 2 18	

LORDS AND COMMONS.

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6	Second Innings.	
0	b. Mirehouse	29
II	c. Sandwith, b. Wetton	(
	c. Benbow, b. Wetton	8
	. 11	6 0 b. Mirehouse II c. Sandwith, b. Wetton

Lord G. Hamilton, c. Higgins,	and share the state of the
b. Mirehouse C	c. and b. Mirehouse 20
R. Fort, b. Higgins 0	o c. Burridge, b. Mire-
	house II
J. Round, c. Ryde, b. Robson I	5 not out I
Lord Lanesborough, st. Ben- bow, b. Wetton 31	c. Benbow, b. Wetton II
Hon. F. Hanbury-Tracey, c.	
and b. Wetton 0	not out 3
C. Forester, b. Wetton	0
W. Ley, not out (c. and b. Wetton 8
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WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. E. W. WILDE'S ELEVEN.

This was our last trial match before playing Charterhouse, and resulted in an easy victory for us. We won the toss and went in to bat on a very wet but easy wicket. There were six double figure innings on our side, and the innings closed for 173. When our opponents went in, however, the wicket played very treacherously, and, aided by the bad light, we were able to dispose of them for the small total of 47. Score :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

H. Wetton, b. T. T. Tuke	4
F. T. Higgins, b. T. T. Tuke	34
W. F. Sandwith, b. H. C. Tuke	29
H. N. Robson, c. H. C. b. T. T. Tuke	II
H. C. Benbow, c. Essary, b. H. C. Tuke	22
F. C. Ryde, c. Wilde, b. Hardinge	19
C. W. Crowdy, b. T. T. Tuke	0
F. W. Bain, not out	
W. A. Burridge, c. H. C. Tuke, b. Hardinge	
G. T. Mirehouse, st. Langley, b. T. T. Tuke	4
G. Beaumont, run out	6
Byes 3, leg-byes 2, wides 10	15

Total 173

E. W. WILDE'S ELEVEN.

W. Langley, c. Benbow, b. Higgins	1
J. Oswald, c. Beaumont, b. Higgins	7
T. T. Tuke, c. Sandwith, b. Higgins	17
J. W. Essary, b. Mirehouse	10
Hon. C. Hardinge, c. Benbow, b. Higgins	2
E. W. Wilde, c. and b. Higgins	0
H. C. Tuke, b. Mirehouse	2
Hon. E. Hardinge, b. Higgins	3
A. Bedford, b. Mirehouse	õ
A. Fulcher, not out	3
H. P. Adams, absent	ŏ
Leg-byes	2
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Total	47

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. CHARTER-HOUSE SCHOOL.

After seeing the brilliant successes of Charterhouse during the season, notably against M. C. C., and the easy way in which they defeated Wellington, it was with but small hopes of success that we left Waterloo by the 9.30 train for Godalming on the morning of Saturday, July 24. Notwithstanding a somewhat heavy shower of rain during the early part of the morning, the wicket was in almost perfect

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condition, and, with the remembrance of the toss of 1878 still fresh in our minds, we were not best pleased at seeing Charterhouse elect to defend the wickets first. Higgins and Mirehouse started the bowling for us, the latter beginning from the Pavilion end, both Powell and Dames, however, appeared perfectly at home, and slowly but surely the score rose. With the total at 30, Wetton with 'lobs' displaced Higgins, but without effect, and Robson shortly after took Mirehouse's end. The latter bowler was then shunted to the other end ; but, with the score at 70, the two original bowlers resumed their old ends, and runs came but slowly. Shortly after I P.M. the hundred was hoisted ; and Sandwith, fast-round, and Wetton were entrusted with the bowling. With the total at 115, Sandwith clean bowled Dames for an excellent innings of 44: an adjournment then took place for lunch, and on resuming Sandwith, in his second over from the Pavilion end clean bowled Powell. The retiring batsman had played a perfect and chanceless innings of 66, his cutting and driving being particularly clean and good. We were somewhat elated by this unexpected piece of good luck, but were scarcely prepared for the extraordinary collapse of the remaining batsmen, who could make no stand whatever against Sandwith and Wetton's lobs, as we were prepared to find that they had no 'tail' at all. With the first ball of his over Wetton clean bowled Spurway, and with his fourth bowled Wright round his legs. A panic now seemed to set in among the others, as Owen succumbed to Wetton without scoring, and Sandwith disposed of Lewis. A full length ball of Wetton's got rid of Walters, while Sandwith with the fourth ball of his seventh over beat Rokeby, and clean bowled the newcomer Smith with a terrific yorker. A misunderstanding between the two last batsmen caused the innings to close for 147. Our analysis was as follows :--

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DOWLING	ANALYSIS.

+	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	
G. T. Mirehouse	17	5	29	0	
F. T. Higgins	14	3	34	0	
H. Wetton		4	34	4	
H. N. Robson	5	I	8	0	
W. F. G. Sandwith	14	5	23	5	
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Sandwith bowled one wide.

For the first time we began to have some hopes of success when we sent Higgins and Wetton to the wickets to face the bowling of Richards, slow-round, and Smith, fast-round. With the score at 15, Wetton was caught, and Sandwith after making seven was bowled by Richards; and Dale, who succeeded him, after making a four and a single, shared a similar fate. Higgins meanwhile had been playing very steadily, and now had Benbow as his partner. The new-comer after scoring a single got the fast bowler to square-leg for four, causing 40 to go up, and shortly after 50 runs were signalled. With 50 up for three wickets our prospects began to brighten again, but in attempting a short run, Benbow was unfortunately run out, although the umpire's decision did not seem to satisfy the retiring batsman. Two balls later Ryde was taken at point, and shortly after Higgins was stumped for a useful and patient innings of 20. Our last wickets gave no trouble, and Robson was left not out with the total at 69. From the subjoined analysis it will be seen that Richards, despite an injured knee, bowled with great effect :

1	BOWLING	ANALYSIS		J-WINS T
M. Richards A. Smith	Overs. 21 21	Maidens. 5 12	Runs. 39 25	Wkts. 7 2
Ric	hards bo	wled one wi	de.	

With the sole object of saving the innings defeat, and of playing out time, we sent Sandwith and Wetton to the wickets for the second time. With the score at 13, Smith sent back the latter, whose place was taken by Robson, but a good length ball of Richards's caused him to retire without scoring. Benbow now joined Sandwith, and both men played with great caution; the most noticeable feature of the ten overs being a fine off-drive of Sandwith's for three; while Benbow cut the fast bowler for a three and a two. With the total at 33, the last-named batsman was taken at long on, and a few overs later Spurway bowled Sandwith, who had shown remarkably good defence for his 16. Higgins did not stay long; but Dale and Ryde materially increased the score, and the sixth wicket did not fall until 60 had been hoisted. Bain and Dale put on 23 runs between them, and when time was called we had lost nine wickets for 88 runs. The analysis of the incomplete innings shows Streatfield to have been most successful :

В	OWLING	ANALYSI	S.	
	Overs.	Runs.	Maidens.	Wkts.
L. M. Richards	20	22	9	I
C. A. Smith	16	25	5	I
E. P. Spurway	9	II	I	3
A. M. Streatfield	9	9	4	4
W. E. Lewis	4-2	IO	Ó	Ó
Full score :				
	CHART	ERHOUSE.	are service and the	
E. O. Powell, b.	Sandwit	h		66
E. L. Dames, b. Sandwith				
E. P. Spurway, b. Wetton				
C. W. Wright, b. Wetton				0
W. E. Lewis, b. Sandwith			6	
L. Owen, b. Wet	ton			0
R. T. Rokeby, b.	Sandwi	ith		9
P. M. Walters, b	Wetton	1		ó
A. M. Streatfield,	run out			. 2
C. A. Smith, b.	Sandwith	ı		0
L. M. Richards,	not out.			2

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Total..... 147

WESTMINSTER.

First Innings. Second Innings. F. T. Higgins, st. Wright, b. Richards 20 b. Spurway 3 H. Wetton, c. Lewis, b. Richards W. F. G. Sandwith, b. Richards 57 b. Smith..... b. Spurway 16 W. C. Dale, b. Richards c. Wright, b. Streat-5 field 14 H. C. Benbow, run out..... 14 F. C. Ryde, c. Streatfield, b. c. Lewis, b. Spurway II b. Streatfield 13 Richards 0 F. W. Bain, b. Smith 3 b. Streatfield 13

C. W. Crowdy, st. Wright, b. Richards 3	
H. N. Robson, not out 6	b. Richards 0
G. Beaumont, c. Smith, b. Richards 0	c. Spurway, b. Streat- field o
G. T. Mirehouse, b. Smith 0	not out 0
Byes 4, wide 1 5	Byes 6, lbye 1, w. 4 11
Total 69	Total 88

We were, as usual, most hospitably received by the Carthusians after the match was concluded, and both elevens appearing to be perfectly contented with the results of the contest of 1880, while busy hands had most tastefully decorated the table with flowers, and pink flags of the two shades worn by the rival, but not hostile schools. The band and a large number of the School had turned out to greet us on our departure. We cannot conclude this short account without again thanking the Carthusians, not only for their kind hospitality, but also for the hearty and generous way in which they applauded their antagonists throughout the match.

THE WATER.

THE SCHOOL v. A SCRATCH LEANDER EIGHT.

ON July 16th, W. Brinton, Esq., brought down a strong but untrained crew of old Oxonians, consisting mainly of Leander men, to row against the School. The course selected was the reach between Wandsworth and Putney Bridges, a distance of about a mile. Punrtually at 5.30 the two crews paddled down to the start, the School taking the Surrey and the Scratch Crew the Middlesex station. The School drew slightly in front in the first few strokes, but directly afterwards our apponents took the lead, though they only succeeded in keeping their advantage for about a hundred yards. Rowing rather a faster stroke and well together the School very gradually went ahead and, gaining steadily, were nearly a length to the good at the half distance. Here our opponents spurted and held their own for a short time, but Clarke quickening and being well picked up by the rest of the crew, the distance between the two boats widened until there was a length and a half of daylight between them. Just at the finish the School had to sheer out to avoid running into the piers of Putney Bridge, but eventually we won by about three lengths.

The result of the race was highly satisfactory to us, as there were some very good oarsmen in the Scratch Crew. The rowing showed that a good deal of improvement had been made since Henley; the stroke was long and well rowed out; the feather was clean and the finish smart, and the time was good throughout the boat. Some members of the crew, however, have not learnt to make sufficient use of their bodies, but depend too much on arm work. Clarke rowed very well at stroke, and great credit is due to him for having brought so good a crew to the post. Bury and Brandon were both tried in this position, but it was decided finally that Clarke should resume the post, as in the Henley Four. The crews were as follows :---

	LEANDER.		WESTMINSTER.
Bow.	C. E. Jenkins		G. Stephenson
2.	W. H. A. Cowell	2.	C. Ingram
3.	A. Seddon		R. C. Batley
4.	J. Pigeon	4.	E. T. Brandon
5.	W. Brinton		R. H. Coke
6.	F. Arkle	6.	W. W. Bury
7.	W. C. H. Burns	7.	R. T. Squire
	E. W. Hussey	Str.	F. G. Clarke
	B. East	Cox.	G. G. Phillimore

THE SCULLS.

The race for the Junior Sculls was rowed off on Wednesday, July 21st. The following were the boats and their respective stations:—

SURREY, I.	SURREY, 5.	SURREY, 4.
Bere.	James.	Frere.
MIDDLESEX, 3.	MIDDLESEX, 2.	MIDDLESEX, 6.
Clarke, H. T.	Morison.	Westmacott.

The race was rowed in tub pairs which were very hardto keep straight, and Frere, being the only one who kept moderately so, in consequence won easily. Morison, in spite of a foul with Westmacott, was second, with James, who took a very bad course, behind. Westmacott and Bere also fouled when the latter was coming up fast.

On the same day Coke and Brandon, who alone entered for the Senior Sculls, started, but in consequence of a foul caused by Coke going across Brandon's bows, it had to be rowed again on Tuesday, July 27th. They went off after a fairly good start, Coke with the Middlesex station getting slightly ahead at first; but at the bend Brandon was level, and from thence drew away, and in spite of Coke's continued spurts won by two lengths and a half. Brandon was rowing in a wager, while Coke preferred a heavier boat. The latter won them easily last year.

School Notes.

LAWN TENNIS ties have again been instituted this year, and are now nearly all played off. A new plan has been tried this year in the substitution of two sets of single ties, senior and junior, instead of one set of double ties, with a satisfactory result. The advantage of this system is that individual good play is given full scope, and that the championship is ensured to the best man. The large numbers of entries, fifty-four for the senior, and thirty for the junior, attest the continued popularity of the game, though the ground does not certainly give opportunity for the high development of real science. A proviso that no one eligible for the junior may enter for both, ensures against the latter becoming a benefit for some adept low down in the school.

The voting for the Athletic Committee took place on Friday, July 9th, with the following result :—

H. R. James, Captain	
H. R. James, Captain W. L. Benbow, Head T.B. }ex officio.	
R. T. Squire	56
H. N. Robson	55
W. W. Bury	51
F. W. Bain R. C. Battey	
R. C. Battey	40

F. C. Ryde, 38, and E. T. Brandon, 31, were next on the poll. W. W. Bury will act as Treasurer, F. W. Bain as Secretary.

No one we are sure, who went down to Godalming on July 24th and partook of the kindly hospitality of Charterhouse, could have failed to be impressed with the beauty of the locality, the handsome appearance of the school buildings, and the air of comfort and happiness which pervaded everything. Almost everything convenient and desirable is there to be seen at its best. For our part we owe many thanks to all at Charterhouse for the very kind and hospitable entertainment we received at their hands. All will doubtless ever remember with pleasure the pleasant day they spent at Charterhouse on the match-day 1880.

On Friday, July 16th, we were allowed a late play in honour of the Busby Trustees, and a race was rowed between our eight and a scratch Leander crew, an account of which appears in this number.

The Phillimore Prose Translation Prize has been awarded to H. C. Benbow, and the Verse to H. R. James, Q.S. The subject of the former was Thucydides I., chapters 7-10, that of the latter a passage from the Fourth Book of Propertius.

On Wednesday, July 14th, J. Elwin, Esq., camehere and gave us a lecture in the schoolroom on Elocution and the proper use of the voice. He strongly deprecated the manner in which this subject is generally neglected, and gave some most amusing illustrations of the consequences in various walks of life. The time of day and year was not a good one for a large audience, but the company assembled, if small, evidently appreciated Mr. Elwin's efforts for their amusement and instruction.

We are extremely glad to see that A. F. Maconochie, who would have been captain this year if he had not unfortunately left Easter 1879, has successfully passed the examination for the Indian Civil Service.

VERSES.

SONNET.

When the light breezes blow, When the high-spread sky is blue, When the sun in the west doth glow, And the clouds with purple imbue, When like a gentle, loving friend, Doubtful if she be welcome, steals The Night unto our side to end Our daytime troubles and the poet feels Her sweet pure breath, and gives to us The utterance of his celestial mind, When all the heav'n and all the earth is thus, The chains of earth fall off and do not bind, Our reasonings and wild soul-tempests cease, And on us falleth the eternal peace.

NONDUM.

HOR. Od. I. 22.

Whose life is pure from guilt's dark stain,
Whose heart is free from sin,
He needs not Moorish bowman's arts,
Nor quivers full of poisoned darts,
Nor deadly javelin.

Yes, Fuseus, though his way he wend Through Syrtes' boiling waves, Or scale the Caucasus' dread side, Or where Hydaspes' storied tide Ind's fruitful meadows laves.

From me while in the Sabine wood Unarmed afar I stray, In thoughtless mood, with fearless glee, I sing my peerless Lalage, A gaunt wolf fled away :

Through martial Dannia's darksome glades Such monster ne'er did roam,

Nor on the parched and arid plains Where Jubo, mighty monarch reigns, The tawny lion's home.

Or set me on the icy shore By tree nor verdure blest, Where summer breezes never play, And leaden skies usurp the day By fog and mist opprest.

Or set me 'neath the scorching sun Of equatorial isle, Where mortal dwelling may not be,

I'll sing my prattling Lalage, I'll sing her sunny smile.

Our Contemporaries.

WE beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of The Alleynian, The Blue, The Carthusian, The Cinque Port, The Eastbournian, The Elizabethan (Barnet), The Epsomian, The Felstedian, The International College Gazette, The Lily, The Meteor, The Reading School Magazine, The Rossallian, The S. Andrew's College Magazine, The Tonbridgian, The Ulula, The Wellingtonian, and The Wykehamist (2). A correspondent to *The Alleynian* refutes some aspersions cast by Mr. Ruskin on a certain piece of landscape near Dulwich College, known as Croxted Lane—which according to the latter is the abode of ineffable filth, but in the eyes of the former a scene of matchless suburban beauty. 'When doctors differ' one had best go there and judge for oneself. The Dulwich Rifle Corps is in a high state of efficiency.

The Blue enlightens its readers with 'The Commonplace of History,' a just denouncement of demagogues and mobocracy. Like History, its offspring 'Commonplace' repeats itself dutifully, as seen in the present article. Elsewhere The Blue deplores the paucity of straight backs in their Boat Club; and the incivility of certain railway officials, to wit, ticket-collectors.

The Carthusian commences with 'Short Trips to Volcanic Regions'—an account of a voyage to Iceland, and not, as we at first supposed, of being hauled up Vesuvius by the new lift. Perhaps this will come in time. Be that as it may, the description of Hekla gives much information in a small space and clear style. We are unable to pronounce any opinion on the first piece of poetry, the language far transcending our powers of comprehension ; we can only remark that the burden of most of the verses 'Sleep, sweetly sleep,' does not apparently suggest the heading 'Awake.'

The Cinque Port is, as usual, very chameleonine. First we have an account of Dungeness; next of cow-punchers, wherein the suspicions of any 'unadulterated' (!) reader are allayed by the explanation that the name does not mean punchers of cows — nor indeed anything else in particular; then a Shakesperian study, 'Macbeth,' which shews more power than usually met with in schoolboy productions; and a paper on the manners and customs of Oxford University, for very fresh disciples of Mr. Verdant Green. Also, we find the annual comments on the play—or reverse, temper, elongation (!), strength and dimensions of 'Our Team.' This year the 'little spirit' describes the XI with sententious accuracy; his, her, or its remarks coming at the beginning of the season have also a prospective, instead of a retrospective force. We hope its advice has not been thrown away. The Science Notes have been carefully compiled, and shew great knowledge of the Sussex fauna and flora. Finally, the editor satirises a naughty examiner, whose papers did not suit the pupils' taste, and prophesies a change in the weather, which has actually occurred.

The Eastbournian adds another rut to the well-worn track of tourists' experiences in the shape of 'A Visit to the Drachenfels,' which is ordinary in the extreme, with the exception of one incident. The Sphinx has retired into private life.

The Elizabethan quotes largely from some old authors in reference to the system of work and prayers in vogue at the school three centuries ago, and gives a Latin Hymn, with two translations of the same. All this, combined with 'Classic Postage' and some balance sheets, will relieve the reader of all superfluous frivolity.

Except the first and last pages, *The Epsomian* is nothing but some very circumstantial reports of cricket matches, written in the flippant style which rejoices in such expressions as 'there was a shindy in the timberyard,' 'began to look chirpy,' &c., &c., which are better on the field than in print. On the last page the general public will read with pleasure the 'Hindoo Legend.' It is a pity the verses are so short.

The leader in the *The Felstedian* is on, or rather against, grumblers, a class of humanity which are in the ascendant at Felsted, it would seem. While we may assure the writer that his school is not singular in this respect, we should be glad to think that the philosophic mind is not quite the *rara avis* he asserts. 'Paper Chases' is a laughable story of the mud, bruises and ridicule acquired by a youthful Nimrod in a four miles run in exchange for loss of shoes, breath, temper, and other 'articles of virtue.'

We should advise persons with lax ideas of *meum* and *tuum* to read 'The Morality of Railway Travelling' in *The Inter*

national College Gazette, wherein the dishonesty of 'doing the company' is clearly and earnestly set forth. We would like 'The Philosophy of Bicycling' or 'The Ethics of Bus-driving' from the same pen.

The Lily indignantly defends the honour of its Four soidisant 'Bargees.' Westminster was understood to observe 'that the M.C.S. were not modest about their rowing': we are very sorry, but the language of the paper throughout is not calculated to remove the impression which we are said to have formed. 'The Foreigner on Cricket' is a gentleman who frequents the Fun office. His appearance in this paper, with the usual jokes and mis-takes, is therefore curious. We must congratulate them on their success at cricket : 24 matches are recorded in this-number, most of them being victories.

The Meteor has enough school news to fill its columns with; it has no need, therefore, like some of our contemporaries, to publish nondescript nonsense, or distil fresh drops into the ocean of bosh. In the old Rugbeian match the three school elevens defeated with ease three teams of departed friends.

Subscribers to *The Reading School Magazine*, as well as hares and rabbits, have cause to bewail the General Election, their printer having been unable to publish the April number, 'for political reasons.' Their feelings, also, will be elated and depressed by two notices in the editorial, to the effect that matter will be substituted for advertisements, and that the price of the magazine will be raised accordingly. It is not often that the debates of any school propound new subjects or ideas ; but at one of these meetings, while the old story of Women's Rights was being discussed, the startling discovery was announced that the Queen of England was a woman ! History does not say whether the speaker went on to prove that she was a lady. He might have elucidated the fact by a parallel statement in Shakespeare, 'The Prince of Darkness is a gentleman.'

The tale of Dr. Johnson's virtues and peculiarities is finished in this number of *The Rossallian*. In the correspondence a champion has arisen for the Tuck Shop: he has *miscuit utile dulci*, and 'scathed' 'Punctum Tulit' 'with the flash of terrible invective' for some unwarrantable attacks on that august institution.

As we have frequently observed before, tidings from the Antipodes are always welcome, especially in the form of a school paper, in this case the S. Andrew's College Magazine. Concerning which paper we may also premise that we read its prose with pleasure and interest, its opinions about ourselves with resignation, but its poetry is 'one of those things no fellow can understand. The writer of 'Little Luca' can indeed lay claim to great originality, for we doubt if anyone short of Jellaby Postlethwaite, Esq., would glorify any young lady of his acquaintance with the titles of 'childlet,' 'chit,' 'rover,' '*petit ange sans des pinions*,' 'my minion,' at least not all at once; or compare her succes-sively to a beam of light, skylark, seashell, ball, or seaanemone; or combine in a presumably real child all the functions of the said objects, besides the attributes of loving, laughing, gleaming, dancing, running over with joy, flitting, tumbling, stumbling, sporting, pouting (of course though—a stock virtue in poetry), smiling, frowning, fretting, prattling, and leaping with odd curvet (!) Really this beats Zazel, and the water that came down at Lodore. One word more : we think we would 'for ever after hold our peace,' poetically speaking, sooner than produce such bi-lingual monstrosities in rhyme as these : dominoes with autre choses, ma petite with yet it, de'londe with kisses fond, Luca with chibouque, ah ; ah indeed ! Luca is not an easy word to find rhymes for, but would there not be as much harmony and poetry in cook her, fluke-er, blue cur, parlez-vous que, filthy lucre, or Pernambuco. Far superior is a verse translation in the 'Echoes;' and a paper on 'Colonialisms,' or Cape slang. It is, however, almost too late to counteract the dissimilating tendencies of so wide spread a language as English, at least of he vulgar dialects; Pigeon English and Billingsgate will soon have a lingo and literature of their own, which may they keep to themselves !

From *The Tonbridgian* we see that their XI. had, at the beginning of July, won six matches out of seven. An enthusiastic review of Tennyson's 'In Memoriam' occupies a large portion of the paper.

The Ulula devotes one part of its space to a pleasantly written article on the Olympic Games of ancient Greece, and another to the Athletic Sports of the Manchester Grammar School—whether from a sense of the eternal fitness of things, or to disprove the saw that comparisons are odious, we cannot tell. The chief similarity between the two seems to have consisted in a 'hearty good' bicycle smash, in emulation of the 'purlers' of the old Greek Jehus. We agree with the writer of 'Fatal Numbers' that the number 14 was inauspicious to some of the French Kings, but are inclined to consider most of the other instances he adduces as only 'curious coincidences.' Experience has taught us to stop before reading the last few pages of *The Ulula*, from the repeated occurrence of the names of some hundreds of examinees ; we sincerely congratulate them on their respective successes, but prefer to explore ten yards of pedigree, or reserve ourselves for the next census.

The Debating Society at Wellington approves of fagging by 55 votes to 3; our vote would also be found in the majority. 'Ye Bewailemente of ye Little Booke' is—if ballasting every word with an 'e' at the end can make it—Chaucerian in the extreme, 'a pleasauante tale withale,'and eke withouten aughte of moralle, we would add.

The June leader of the *Wykehamist* on 'School' treats chiefly on the natural history of 'Scobs' and 'Scob-lids,' with their uses and abuses. The July number is naturally full of the Eton match.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of ' The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR, —As the subject of athletic sports is now before us, may I be permitted to make a suggestion with regard to the events under 16, of which there seem to be very few? My proposition is that we should have a high jump instead of the hammer of last year, and for the following reasons :—There are no competitors good enough to make an exhibition in throwing the hammer up to the standard of a public school ; and also for the high jump under 15 last year, two of the competitors were incapacitated by unfortunate accidents. I also think that a high jump would make a much better event, and would have more entries.

I am, Sir, yours truly,

To the Editor of ' The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—I was surprised to see that your correspondent 'An old Rigaudite,' considers that Westminster 'lowered her pride' by entering for the Public Schools' Challenge Cup at Henley. And what does he mean by saying that Winchester, Westminster, and Eton, ranking in that order, were in times past *the* three public schools? I always thought that the public schools, like the muses, were nine in number, viz., Winchester, Eton, Westminster, Shrewsbury, Harrow, Charterhouse, Rugby, St. Paul's, and Merchant Taylor's. The only one of these nine who appeared at Henley, besides Westminster, was Eton, who did not enter for the Public Schools Cup; but I do not think that anyone will seriously consider that the Westminster four 'lowered the pride' of their school because they were not sufficiently Quixotic to withdraw from a contest with antagonists unworthy of their position among the public schools and challenge the Eton eight. According to 'An old Rigaudite's' rule it is *infra. dig.* for Westminster to play Charterhouse. Surely it is not by endeavouring to maintain an obsolete exclusiveness, but by holding her own against all comers, that Westminster can best consult her dignity.

Yours truly,

AN OLD QUEEN'S SCHOLAR.

[We quite agree with our correspondent, and fear we cannot altogether be absolved from a charge of bad taste in printing the letter in question at all, though we might take refuge in the very necessary proviso that the Editor is *not* responsible for the opinions of his correspondents.—ED. ELIZ.]

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

NONDUM.—Thanks for the verses, which shall be inserted.

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