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## EDITORIAL.

**I**T is with a certain sense of relief that we take up Vol. I. of *The Elizabethan* from off the table, and feel that we have got so far without any very serious complaints or signs of discontent from our Subscribers; turning to No. 1, we find it commences with a somewhat timid and shrinking apology "for thus pushing forward our literary efforts;" we smile somewhat pityingly on the slyness displayed by the first occupant of our Editorial office, but still we should not exactly like to have to start a school magazine ourselves: in a public school as in other communities there are always a set of individuals ready to start up and oppose any scheme whatsoever and by whomsoever brought forward, and we feel sure that the starters of *The Elizabethan* must have encountered as much opposition from the School as is usually offered to projects of a like nature; indeed we do not feel very sure as to our own views on the subject at the time, not that they had any weight in the School then, we were then among the οἱ πολλοί, one of the "Fourth-Form Rabble," as we find it so contemptuously disig-

nated in some of the first numbers of this magazine.

We know that at the beginning it was specified that ten numbers should be brought out yearly—nine regular ones and an extra Play number; on looking we see we are three numbers behindhand, having only produced twenty-seven numbers in three years. One of these "missing links" is to be accounted for by the absence of the Play last year, and the consequent impossibility of writing a Play number; the other two numbers where are they? Well, we hope that their absence has been in some measure counterbalanced by the two six-sheet ones produced; if this does not satisfy the plaintiffs, well we throw ourselves on the mercy of the court; we would plead in extenuation however the Index, accompanying this number, which has in it toil equivalent to that of ordinary numbers.

The Plan drawn up in the first number for the way in which the space in these columns was to be divided, we think, has been pretty accurately adhered to throughout; the monthly review of *Our Contemporaries* is the only regular addition to the original code; in all other points we find

but little difference between No. 27 and No. 1.

Of course no great public (!) official, like ourselves, can ever give entire satisfaction to all parties, and so not unfrequently we receive complaints from Subscribers that they have not received an *Elizabethan* as long as they can remember, though they invariably assure us they have paid all subscriptions for an indefinite time to come; and yet the Secretary is always as certain of having sent a copy to every name on the list as half a dozen or so of the owners of those names are of not having received them. All we can say is we shall be most happy to rectify any omissions which may occur, and we hope that the sufferers will regard our shortcomings with as charitable and forgiving a view as their injuries will permit, taking into consideration the very onerous duties of our post.

#### ORIGIN OF WESTMINSTER.

UNDER the wing of almost all the old Abbey churches in England existed schools, at first attached to them and under their rule, but in these times to a great extent independent of them. Tanner in his "Notitia" tells us that a school was apparently attached to the Abbey at Westminster from its earliest foundation, and likewise to the other Abbey churches of Glastonbury and St. Alban's, and the Cathedrals of Canterbury and Winchester. Ingulf, afterwards Abbot and historian of Croyland Abbey, was educated at Westminster; and though the genuineness of Ingulf's chronicle has been doubted, yet it serves to prove that a school actually existed at Westminster at that early time.

Dean Stanley in his "Memorials of Westminster Abbey," after describing the cloisters adds, "in the north cloister close by the entrance of the church, where the monks usually walked, sate the prior. In the western cloister sate the 'Master of the Novices' with his disciples. This was the first beginning of Westminster School."

When Henry VIII. remodelled the Abbey and made it a bishop's see, he added to the foundation two masters, to teach forty grammar scholars. In the reign of Edward VI. we find one of the Reformers, Alexander Nowell, taking an active part in the instruction of these scholars in the "new doctrines." During the reign of Queen Mary, when the monastic character of the Church at Westminster was restored, we hear little or nothing about the school attached to it; but on the accession of Queen Elizabeth the Abbey underwent yet another change, in 1560 being refounded as a collegiate church, comprising besides a dean, twelve prebendaries and twelve almsmen, an upper and an under master and forty scholars; this arrangement has remained substantially the same down to the present time. The college, as established by Queen Elizabeth, and attached by her to the collegiate church, is described in books of the time as "A

publique schoole for Grammar, Rhetorick, Poetrie, and for the Latin and Greek tongues." It was designed at first for not more than 120 boys, including the Q. S. S., who were to be chosen in preference, from among the choristers or from the sons of the chapter tenants.

Widmore tells us that on the surrender of the monastery to Henry VIII. the king included the school in his draft of the new establishment for the see of Westminster, which is still, we believe, preserved in the archives of the chapter. "Queen Elizabeth," he adds, "did not only continue her father's appointment, that princes made indeed a statute, ordering the manner in which the scholars were to be elected upon the foundation of this School, and from thence, to a college in each of the two Universities, as likewise the number so to be removed every year. Against this part of the order, both the Deans of Christ Church and the Masters of Trinity College struggled for a long time, but without good reason; some supposed advantage to such places by another scheme being not to be set against the express directions of the founders, they were at length obliged to acquiesce." In fact here as elsewhere the Virgin Queen contrived pretty effectively to have her own way. It was by her foresight, that in order to prevent family cliques obtaining possession of the School, a statute was added forbidding more than two Q. S. S. from any one county being elected in one year.

The School has fluctuated considerably in its numbers. It appears to have been at its height in 1729, when it had 439 scholars. Two years later there were 377, and in 1771 only 248. The numbers stood about that ratio, now a little higher now a little lower, until 1818, when they went up again to 324. They decreased rapidly from that date down to 1841, when they appear to have been only 67, from which they have again risen steadily and gradually up to about 200.

#### ELECTION.

THE results of the Major and Minor Candidate examinations were given out as usual last term on Monday and Tuesday, May 7 and 8.

| OXFORD.               | CAMBRIDGE.               |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. A. R. Smith, Q.S.  | 1. A. E. Black, Q.S.     |
| 2. J. A. Turner, Q.S. | 2. B. C. L. Renouf, T.B. |
| 3. W. C. Aston, Q.S.  |                          |

#### TRIPLETT'S.

1. A. E. Black.
2. P. C. L. Renouf.

The classical Examiners were the Rev. H. J. Hotham, Vice Master of Trinity, and the Rev. George Marshall, of Christ Church, Rector of Milton, Berks. The mathematical was the Rev. H. W. Watson, Rector of Berkeswell, Coventry. The following seven minor candidates were elected:—

|                      |                             |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. A. F. Maconochie. | 5. S. Bere.                 |
| 2. H. R. James.      | 6. H. Hughes.               |
| 3. F. E. Lewin.      | 7. E. C. Bedford.           |
| 4. J. Langhorne.     | C. J. Markham, præ-elected. |

The Election dinner was held as usual on the Monday evening in College Hall, and was attended by about eighty old Westminsters. The whole company numbered ninety-seven, including (besides the Dean of Westminster and Canons Duckworth and Farrar) the Dean of Christ Church, the Master of Trinity, the Examiners, Lord W. Lennox, Sir Robert Phillimore, the Dean of Bangor, Mr. J. R. Mowbray (who has been elected a School Governor), General Goodenough, Admiral Phillimore, Rev. Henry Bull, Rev. F. Biscoe, Colonel Goodenough, Sir. P. Colquhoun, and many others. The usual number of Epigrams were recited after the "Floreat," two of the principal odes being a tribute to the memory of the late Sir David Dundas and Mr. James Mure, both very kind and steadfast friends of the School.

### THE CHEYNE PRIZES.

THE following rules concerning the above prizes have been approved of by the Governing Body:—

1. Two prizes shall be given annually at Election, and shall be called the "Cheyne Prizes."
2. The first prize shall be given to the boy who obtains the highest aggregate number of marks in the general arithmetical papers set to the School for the Christmas and Election mathematical examinations of the year.
3. The second prize shall be given to the boy who, under sixteen years of age on the 25th of March next, preceding the Election, attains the highest aggregate number of marks in the same examination papers.
4. No boy shall take the same prize twice.
5. The Governing Body on the application of the Head Master may alter this scheme at any time by giving a year's notice to the Head Master, provided that one or more Cheyne mathematical prizes be given annually.
6. The prizes shall be first given at Election 1878.

### School Notes.

THE innovation-loving portion of *The Elizabethan* correspondents—and their name is Legion—having now gone the round of all the projects reasonable or unreasonable that ingenuity or foolishness could suggest, are now coming round to the beginning again and starting as original schemes which appeared in the columns of our first numbers. "A well-wisher" comes forward to inform us that "he has never seen a suggestion for a debating society in these columns," and proceeds to argue out all the *pros* and *cons*, which have all been discussed at length in previous numbers. We beg to inform him that the idea of a debating society was seriously entertained about Christmas, 1874, and that the decision arrived at, after much unprejudiced consideration, was that Westminster must continue to exist as she had done before, *minus* the means of displaying her juvenile powers of discussion.

IN spite of all opposition lawn tennis has been set going in earnest up Fields; and it is proving a real godsend, as it finds occupation for the number of water-fellows who are always up Fields in the evening now, and who for the most part would prove but little assistance in cricket. And not only have we—the fellows—now formed a lawn tennis club, but one is in course of formation by the masters. Some interesting tournaments may be the result.

ANY O.W. who has been up Fields of an evening this term could hardly fail to notice the unusual number of fellows there are up there who seem to take no interest in the cricket, but who only wake up at intervals to play a game of lawn tennis; these energetic individuals he would learn on inquiry are water-fellows, who are only to be seen to advantage on the water, but unluckily the water *est mort, vive* the water! In fact, through some alteration in the arrangement of the railway company no train is now available for the conveying the votaries of the oar up to Wandsworth; and consequently the Westminster Eight has no existence at the present moment. Arrangements are being made for the removing the scene of our boating to Hammersmith, where, however, no room is obtainable for fellows to change in, &c.; but surely this obstacle is not insuperable.

W. S. RAWSON has gained a Second Class in the Mathematical Schools.

W. BRINTON and H. Bramwell have obtained seconds in Finals; and P. G. L. Webb, W. H. A. Cowell, W. C. Ryde seconds in Mods.

### Fields.

WHEN we came back this term all were agreeably surprised at the state of the ground which, though it can be by no means called first-rate, shows a marked improvement on last year, when it was simply fearful. This year by means of untiring exertions on Mantle's part it almost looks like a cricket-field, but we can hardly expect a surface of turf which has only been down two years to produce a first-class pitch all at once. Immediately on the commencement of the term we set to work at cricket with a will, the first thing to be played being of course Eleven *v.* Twenty-two. This year, like all others, it resulted in a victory for the Eleven. The Twenty-two went first to the wickets, and Caiger and Secretan stood up to the bowling of Hemsley and Abernethy, those two bowlers keeping on the whole time, no change being necessary, and obtained respectively 12 and 7 wickets. The Twenty-two all got out for the total of 56, of which Caiger made 16, being the only one who reached double figures, while Jansen 7 and Westmoreland 5 also helped the score. When the Twenty-two had been thus easily disposed of, the Eleven went in, and did not get out till 94 had been made, leaving them a surplus of 38. For the Eleven H.

Abernethy made 22, Gamble 21 not out, and Sandwith 12. In the second innings the Twenty-two made 82, of which Jansen made 15, Patrick 13, Westmoreland 9, Learmouth 8. Five wickets of the Eleven fell before the 45 was made, though Abernethy made a well-played 18 not out.

The score is as follows:—

THE ELEVEN.

| <i>First Innings.</i>                    |           | <i>Second Innings.</i>             |           |
|--|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Sandwith, 1 b w, b. Secretan . . . . .   | 12        | c. Sercombe, b. Secretan . . . . . | 2         |
| Robinson, b. Caiger . . . . .            | 1         | did not bat . . . . .              | —         |
| Rogers, b. Secretan . . . . .            | 4         | c. Patrick, b. Secretan . . . . .  | 2         |
| Hemsley, c. Eddis, b. Secretan . . . . . | 1         | b. Owen . . . . .                  | 9         |
| Gamble, not out . . . . .                | 21        | c. and b. Owen . . . . .           | 2         |
| Benbow, c. Dale, b. Caiger . . . . .     | 0         | b. Secretan . . . . .              | 1         |
| Abernethy, H., b. Owen . . . . .         | 22        | not out . . . . .                  | 18        |
| Wilks, b. Owen . . . . .                 | 0         | did not bat . . . . .              | —         |
| Abernethy, J., b. Owen . . . . .         | 0         | not out . . . . .                  | 1         |
| Williams, b. Dale . . . . .              | 0         | did not bat . . . . .              | —         |
| Robson, c. Batley, b. Dale . . . . .     | 5         | did not bat . . . . .              | —         |
| Byes, 19; Leg-byes, 2;                   |           | Byes, 2; Wides, 8.                 | 10        |
| Wides, 6; No balls, 1 . . . . .          | 28        |                                    | —         |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>94</b> | <b>Total</b>                       | <b>45</b> |

THE TWENTY-TWO.

| <i>First Innings.</i>                        |           | <i>Second Innings.</i>                   |           |
|--|-----------|--|-----------|
| Caiger, b. Abernethy . . . . .               | 16        | c. and b. Abernethy . . . . .            | 0         |
| Secretan, c. Williams, b. Hemsley . . . . .  | 0         | b. Abernethy . . . . .                   | 2         |
| Ritchie, c. Robinson, b. Hemsley . . . . .   | 0         | b. Hemsley . . . . .                     | 0         |
| Reece, b. Hemsley . . . . .                  | 0         | c. Rogers, b. Hemsley . . . . .          | 7         |
| Patrick, b. Abernethy . . . . .              | 0         | b. Hemsley . . . . .                     | 13        |
| Owen, c. and b. Hemsley . . . . .            | 0         | c. Robinson, b. Hemsley . . . . .        | 2         |
| Eddis, b. Hemsley . . . . .                  | 0         | b. Hemsley . . . . .                     | 0         |
| Sercombe, b. Hemsley . . . . .               | 0         | c. Hemsley, b. Abernethy . . . . .       | 0         |
| Rumball, b. Hemsley . . . . .                | 1         | b. Abernethy . . . . .                   | 0         |
| Dale, b. Abernethy . . . . .                 | 3         | c. Abernethy, b. Hemsley . . . . .       | 3         |
| Sandwith, b. Abernethy . . . . .             | 0         | b. Hemsley . . . . .                     | 2         |
| Godfrey, b. Abernethy . . . . .              | 0         | b. Abernethy . . . . .                   | 9         |
| Batley, b. Hemsley . . . . .                 | 0         | not out . . . . .                        | 0         |
| Tepper, run out . . . . .                    | 0         | b. Gamble . . . . .                      | 3         |
| Langhorne, c. Robinson, b. Hemsley . . . . . | 4         | b. Abernethy . . . . .                   | 1         |
| Westmoreland, b. Abernethy . . . . .         | 5         | c. Robinson, b. Hemsley . . . . .        | 9         |
| Mirehouse, b. Hemsley . . . . .              | 0         | c. Robinson, b. Hemsley . . . . .        | 0         |
| Boyd, c. and b. Hemsley . . . . .            | 0         | b. Abernethy . . . . .                   | 1         |
| Benbow, b. Abernethy . . . . .               | 2         | b. Abernethy . . . . .                   | 1         |
| Learmouth, b. Hemsley . . . . .              | 2         | b. Abernethy . . . . .                   | 8         |
| Jansen, not out . . . . .                    | 7         | run out . . . . .                        | 15        |
| Soames, run out . . . . .                    | 1         | c. Benbow, b. Hemsley . . . . .          | 0         |
| Byes, 12; Leg-byes, 1;                       |           | Byes, 1; Leg-byes, 1; Wides, 4 . . . . . | 6         |
| Wides, 4 . . . . .                           | 17        |  | —         |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>56</b> | <b>Total</b>                             | <b>82</b> |

A. A. N. JACKSON'S 'VARSITY TEAM.

ON Wednesday, June 13, A. A. N. Jackson, who, it will be remembered, was in the School Eleven of 1875, brought against us a team of 'Varsity men, mostly O.W.'s. As the greater number of our opponents were members of former Elevens we had little hope of winning, and consequently the result was a most agreeable surprise. The visitors having won the toss, C. F. Davson and Roller proceeded to the wickets. Davson was soon caught by Hemsley, and after Davis and Barrow had been disposed of for 2 and 3

respectively, Alington joined Roller, and did not leave him until the score rose from 3 wickets for 39 to 4 for 115, having made a very well-played 31. No one after this succeeded in materially raising the score, and ten wickets ultimately fell for 140, out of which Roller, who carried his bat, made 81, and throughout his innings displayed excellent form. Hemsley's bowling was most effective for us, while Wilks worked hard, and was fairly successful.

Westminster then went in, Robinson and Sandwith being the first to bat; Barrow delivered the first ball, which Sandwith hit to leg for 5; after adding 2 more to his score he succumbed to Roller. 6 wickets were rapidly disposed of for 42, out of which Robinson made a carefully-played 11, and H. Abernethy 12. Things now began to look gloomy for Westminster, but J. Abernethy and H. C. Benbow got in together, and completely reversed the order of things, as they did not part until 178 had been scored, Benbow being bowled by J. Fox for a well-played innings of 68, not having given a chance throughout. Wilks joined Abernethy, and after obtaining 11 was bowled by Roller, 8 wickets down for 212. Abernethy soon followed him, being caught at longslip by Davson, having added 79 to the total in the most steady and determined manner. The next two wickets fell for 3, the total being 217.

In the second innings of the visitors, Jackson made 10, not out; and Macnamara 11, bowled Gamble. While Stokes and Alington made 0 and 1, the rest did not bat. Thus we were declared winners by 77 runs. Shortly after this match, J. Abernethy received his pink.

The play in this match, both in the batting and fielding line, cannot help giving satisfaction: considering it was the first foreign match of the season, it must be regarded as a great triumph for us, and has materially raised the general opinion concerning the Eleven.

The score is annexed:—

A. A. N. JACKSON'S ELEVEN.

| <i>First Innings.</i>                             |            | <i>Second Innings.</i>              |           |
|---|------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| C. S. Davson, c Hemsley, b Wilks . . . . .        | 4          | W. E. Roller, not out . . . . .     | 81        |
| W. E. Roller, not out . . . . .                   | 81         | R. D. Davis, b Wilks . . . . .      | 2         |
| R. D. Davis, b Wilks . . . . .                    | 2          | R. Barrow, b Wilks . . . . .        | 3         |
| R. Barrow, b Wilks . . . . .                      | 3          | E. H. Alington, b Hemsley . . . . . | 31        |
| E. H. Alington, b Hemsley . . . . .               | 31         | not out . . . . .                   | 1         |
| L. Stokes, c Abernethy, b Hemsley . . . . .       | 0          | b Wilks . . . . .                   | 0         |
| J. H. Williams, b Hemsley . . . . .               | 1          |                                     |           |
| A. A. N. Jackson, c Robinson, b Hemsley . . . . . | 0          | not out . . . . .                   | 10        |
| G. A. Bolton, b Hemsley . . . . .                 | 2          |                                     |           |
| J. R. Fox, b Hemsley . . . . .                    | 3          |                                     |           |
| C. C. Macnamara, b Hemsley . . . . .              | 0          | b Gamble . . . . .                  | 11        |
| Byes, 8; leg-byes, 3; wides, 2 . . . . .          | 13         | Leg-byes, 1 . . . . .               | 1         |
| <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>140</b> | <b>Total</b>                        | <b>23</b> |

SCHOOL.

| <i>First Innings.</i>                         |    |   |            |
|---|----|---|------------|
| H. P. Robinson, c Davis, b Alington . . . . . | 11 | J. Abernethy, c Davson, b Roller . . . . .            | 79         |
| W. G. Sandwith, b Roller . . . . .            | 7  | H. C. Benbow, b J. Fox . . . . .                      | 68         |
| B. M. H. Rogers, b Barrow . . . . .           | 1  | C. V. Wilks, b Roller . . . . .                       | 11         |
| A. F. M. Gamble, b Barrow . . . . .           | 0  | T. F. F. Williams, not out . . . . .                  | 3          |
| A. M. Hemsley, b Alington . . . . .           | 6  | Byes, 15; leg-byes, 2; wides, 1; noballs, 1 . . . . . | 19         |
| H. Abernethy, c Davson, b Williams . . . . .  | 12 | <b>Total</b>  | <b>217</b> |

WESTMINSTER v. I ZINGARI.

Played at Vincent Square, on Saturday, June 30.

OUR adversaries turned up somewhat late, and three men short. Lord Coventry won the toss, and elected to go in himself, and Randolph being the first to bat. The latter, however, soon succumbed to Hemsley, 1 for 4. Miles made 9 in 3 hits, and was beautifully caught at point off Hemsley. Lord W. de Broke contributed 2, and made way for Lord Lanesborough, who, with Lord Coventry, effected somewhat of a stand, and it was not till 60 had been put up that they were separated. With the exception of Col. Custance the rest did not do much, and the innings closed for 115. Lord Lanesborough, Lord Coventry, and Col. Custance playing good cricket for their 30, 34, and 21 respectively. Hemsley took 3, Gamble 3, and Wilks 4 wickets each. Robinson and Rogers, for us, were the first to go to the wickets; when, after staying some time, Robinson got bowled by one of Lord Lanesborough's "expresses" for 3. Rogers made the same number and got bowled, and Hemsley got caught at point off a ball that rose. Benbow and Gamble got together, and raised the score from 22 for 3 wickets to 59 for 4. H. Abernethy fell a prey to Lord Lanesborough after making 4, but J. Abernethy made 13 in good style. Wilks got clean bowled by a shooter from Lord Lanesborough. Sandwith showed up better, however, his 13 (not out) at a critical moment being a very useful contribution. The innings closed for 121, giving us a victory by 6 runs. The fast bowling troubled us a little, and all the way through the match it was manifest that our fellows were better in defence than hitting hard. In the second innings of I Zingari, Miles soon knocked up 28, and Lord de Broke 26, not out. 3 wickets were down for 70. This makes our third victory, and it is a noteworthy fact that it is many years since I Zingari suffered a defeat at our hands. Score:—

I ZINGARI.

| <i>First Innings.</i>                           | <i>Second Innings.</i>          |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Earl Coventry, c Benbow, b Gamble . . . . . 34  |                                 |
| P. G. Randolph, b Hemsley . . . . . 0           |                                 |
| A. C. Miles, c Benbow, b Hemsley . . . . . 9    | b Sandwith . . . . . 28         |
| Lord W. de Broke, b Hemsley . . . . . 2         | not out . . . . . 26            |
| Lord Lanesborough, b Wilks . . . . . 30         | not out . . . . . 10            |
| Hon. H. C. Hardinge, b Gamble . . . . . 5       |                                 |
| Col. Custance, c Williams, b Wilks . . . . . 21 | c Wilks, b Gamble . . . . . 6   |
| W. Farquhar, b Wilks . . . . . 0                | c Wilks, b Gamble . . . . . 5   |
| R. S. Owen (subs.), b Gamble . . . . . 0        |                                 |
| F. Caiger (subs.), not out . . . . . 7          |                                 |
| R. Boyd (subs.), b Wilks . . . . . 2            |                                 |
| Byes, 3; leg-bye, 1; wide, 1 . . . . . 5        | Wide, 1; no-ball, 1 . . . . . 2 |
| <b>Total . . . . . 115</b>                      | <b>Total . . . . . 77</b>       |

SCHOOL.

| <i>First Innings.</i>                                     | <i>Second Innings.</i>                         |
|---|--|
| H. P. Robinson, b Lord Lanesborough . . . . . 3           | J. Abernethy, c Randolph, b Miles . . . . . 13 |
| B. M. Rogers, b Lord Lanesborough . . . . . 3             | C. V. Wilks, b Lord Lanesborough . . . . . 0   |
| A. M. Hemsley, c Lord Lanesborough, b Mile . . . . . 2    | W. Sandwith, not out . . . . . 13              |
| H. C. Benbow, c and b Earl Coventry . . . . . 28          | C. Secretan, b Miles . . . . . 0               |
| A. F. M. Gamble, c Farquhar, b Earl Coventry . . . . . 21 | J. F. F. Williams, b Earl Coventry . . . . . 2 |
| H. Abernethy, b Lord Lanesborough . . . . . 4             | Byes, 19; leg-byes, 9; wides, 4 . . . . . 32   |
|   | <b>Total . . . . . 121</b>                     |

The matches arranged for the Cricket Season are:—

- July 11, Wednesday, v. M.C.C. and Ground.
- „ 14, Saturday, v. Charterhouse.
- „ 21, Saturday, v. Incogniti.
- „ 25, Wednesday, v. Old Wykehamists.
- August 6, Monday, T.B.B. v. Q.S.S.

Obituaries.

AMONG old Westminsters who have died since our last number may be noticed

1. Admiral Rous, whose name has been so long familiar (since 1838, we believe) as a Steward of the Jockey Club. From pp. 484 and 553, Alumni Westmonast, it appears that the deceased Admiral, Henry John Rous, was the second son of the first Earl of Stradbroke, and was educated as a T.B. He was made a Post Captain in the Royal Navy in 1823, and as Captain Rous, represented the city of Westminster in Parliament from 1841—1846. He was afterwards a Lord of the Admiralty, appointed to his office by Sir Robert Peel, when he left Parliament.

2. William Gladstone Dyce, a son of the well-known artist, was admitted into college in 1867, but left owing to ill-health at Christmas 1870. Since then he has been abroad at the Cape, and died at the age of 25, on a voyage from the Cape to Calcutta, within the last few months.

3. Frederick and Charles Noyes, twin brothers, born February 7th, 1854, died of pleurisy, at their home at Putney, within a few days of each other. Many of the younger generation of Westminster will remember them as zealous cricketers in Vincent Square.

HEAD MASTER'S REPORT.

THE number of the School and internal arrangement differ very slightly from those of former years; the only important change in the School routine is the early service which has been started in the Abbey; this takes place every morning, and lasts from 7.45. to 8. With this exception the method of the School is the same as formerly.

The Marshall Prizes have been awarded for the first time fully this year, both in the Sixth and Shell, which speaks well for the standard of work in these two forms.

A classical Scholarship, something like the Newcastle one at Eton, is probably soon to be established in memory of the late Mr. James Mure: 100l. have also been presented to the School by the father of the late Mr. Cheyne, for the founding of an annual Prize for Arithmetical proficiency.

A fairly large number of Honours have been obtained at the Universities, the greater number, as usual, at Oxford.

The reports of the Examiners appear highly satisfactory, the French one comes first—the Examiner, M. Stiévenard. Speaking of the *vivâ voce* he says: "They read and pronounced very well, translated

accurately, and answered correctly the few questions time allowed me to ask." In the classical reports—Examiners, Rev. H. J. Hotham and Rev. George Marshall—we hear that the translation of unseen passages was in general well done, and in composition the Greek Prose and Verse were perhaps slightly above the ordinary level, though the Latin composition was hardly equal to the Greek; and the Verse, we are sorry to say, was often tame and by no means free from false qualities. On the whole the Examiners seem more than satisfied with us, as they wind up with these words, "We think that the work of the Sixth form shows diligence, and an intelligent appreciation of the teaching they have received."

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#### FROM OUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

*Oxford, June 2nd.*

AFTER a vacation of showers we returned here to a term of east winds, interspersed, now and then, at rare intervals, with a few days of ideal summer-term weather—a brilliant sun, a cloudless sky, and a light zephyr or two to relieve their oppressiveness. But not all the vagaries of the climate have been able to rob Oxford of that gay appearance which it always puts on at this period of the year. Even at the very commencement of the term visitors began to appear in unusual numbers, but as the time wore on they increased more and more, until during the week of the Eights, the great event of the term, every night the clerk of the weather could bring himself to allow us anything short of an actual down-pour, the top of each barge was adorned with a bevy of fair ladies, and the Broad Walk presented the appearance of Hyde Park, or Regent Street in the height of the season. But the weather for the most part was miserable. Rain and wind, to say nothing of mud and slime, did their best to damp the uproarious cries of "well-rowed" which greeted every boat, good, bad, and indifferent—but it would not do; the enthusiasm was too intense, the races too exciting. Into the crews, however, no O.W. succeeded in finding his way, except of course W. Brinton into the Ch. Ch. boat.

But this is all fact. The gay and brilliant pleasures of a few weeks ago have given place to the more sombre and gloomy delights of the "schools." Academical gowns and staid white ties are the order of the day now. And the careful observer may perceive the nervous candidates, book in hand, taking their morning walk round the Ch. Ch. meadows. Classical "Greats" are over, mathematical have just begun, and a certain number of O.W.'s are now upon the rack of Honour Mods: in each of these schools, unless our representatives greatly disappoint us, we expect high honours to be obtained by Westminster men. In another week the term will be at an end, and those of us who show the gaities of commemoration will disperse to provincial residences or the smoky alleys of the great metropolis. In cricket, Westminster, whose scions apparently reserve themselves as much as possible for the game the School has educated them for—football, has not shown much. However, E. Waddington, E.

H. Alington, and G. A. Hicks played in the Freshmen's Eleven; and various O.W.'s have appeared in the Elevens of their respective colleges.

I hear on good authority that a certain O.W. has been very indignant of late because your Oxford Correspondent, among other honours obtained by your representatives at this University, neglected to mention the fact of his having succeeded in obtaining a place in the second torpid of his College. Unfortunately, the letter was posted before he was placed in that distinguished position, or it certainly would not have passed him over.

P.S. Since writing the above I have learned that the boat of which W. H. A. Cowell was stroke has won the senior pairs at Ch. Ch., and that J. Ogle and E. M. Rodocanaachi rowed in the boat which won the scratch Eight at Trinity.

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#### OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

WE beg to acknowledge the receipt of the *Ulula*, the *Carthusian*, the *Wykehamist*, the *Melburnian*, the *Radleian*, the *Meteor*, the *Blue*, the *Glenalmond Chronicle*.

The *Ulula* appears to us to be somewhat ambitious, as it ventures on subjects which are rather beyond our range. "The Oracle at Delphi," though an interesting subject, no doubt, appears slightly out of place in a school paper. We should like to read "A Day of my Life, by an Eton Boy." Manchester Grammar School is about to be blessed, the Editor of the *Ulula* is proud to be able to state, by starting a cricket club—fancy a school having existed hitherto without an Eleven or cricket ground!

Charterhouse may justly be proud of the past football season: 12 matches played, 11 won, 1 drawn! "The coming cricket season," does it refer to 1877, or '78? we should think it was rather late for '77. We should like to call attention to the time of the mile—First Class, 4 mins. 41 secs.; Third Class, 4 mins. 4 secs. "There's something rotten in the state of Denmark."

The *Wykehamist* contains little beside accounts of the Natural History and Debating Societies—two bones of contention here, but which appear to be flourishing at Winchester; a scrap of cricket and a rather humorous sketch of the "College Prefect" complete the contents of the number.

Glancing at the *Melburnian* the first words that meet our eye are, "A new year has come." This is startling to say the least of it; it leads one to imagine that the New Country has scored another "fastest time on record" by finishing a year in five months; however, it is only that we are looking at the March number, which has taken some time coming across the water. "My Introduction to the Pope" is neatly written; but "An Eventful Night," which breaks off *to be continued* just at a critical moment, has rather too much of the "Weekly Penny Sensational" to please us.

The *Radleian* is, to say the least of it, uninteresting. Just one half is taken up by an account of their

athletic sports, in which nothing striking appears to have been done. We are glad to see Radley has won its first cricket match of the season, although an O.W. is amongst the conquered, but he headed the score with 31—Floreat Westminster!

The Editor of the *Meteor* breaks forth into heart-rending complaints against the unwillingness correspondents evince to send accounts of cricket matches—poor fellow! “A fellow feeling,” &c. The Oxford letter, by a substitute for the usual *Carfax*, is interesting. A man at Balliol, he tells us, when asked what he knew about Rachel, replied, she was a lunar myth! Speeches are approaching.

In the *Blue* we find the Editor inflicting “unsparing chastisement,” as he calls it, on a poem received, entitled “A Lay of the Polytechnic;” for our part we see much more merit in the lay than in the “unsparing chastisement.” At Christ’s Hospital has been delivered a most comprehensive sort of lecture, calling itself “On Japan,” but “the first country to which they were introduced was America;” and they seem to have got through America, China, Japan, and a few other such insignificant states in an hour or so.

The *Glenalmond Chronicle* has remarkably little in it; two pages of advertisements being the most amusing part thereof. The “Editorial,” as well as a fair portion of the rest of the paper—not occupied by the aforesaid advertisements—is concerning some Glenalmond club to be formed in Edinburgh. The number also contains some good, though not original, verses on “The Fourth of May, the anniversary of the opening of Trinity College, Glenalmond,” which event, of so great importance to the world at large, only occurred thirty years ago. The Glenalmond cricket seems weak.

## Correspondence.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS, &c.

B.U.Z.—We quite agree with you, and your proposals are under consideration, but the subject is not quite suited for publication; many thanks though for the ideas.

PAGEANT.—We do not set up for sporting authorities; try *Bell's Life*.

The yearly subscription to *The Elizabethan* is as usual 4s.; all subscriptions will kindly be sent in as soon as convenient.

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No contributions on any account to be sent to the printers.

The Editor begs to state he is not responsible for the opinions of his Correspondents.

### TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—Let me call your attention to the following anagram,—“Th' Elizabethan, Westminster College,” “Then letters will echo, Best Magazine.”

I remain, yours, &c.

H. P. R.

### TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

SIR,—A question was raised a few months back as to the politics of the School, a point in which two of your correspon-

dents disagreed. To any one attempting to judge of this question by means of the letters published in *The Elizabethan*, your correspondents, N. and W. G., would seem to be both right and both wrong; if we are to conclude that the would-be innovators represent the Whig faction, and their adversaries the Conservative ditto. Half of these letters are therefore written by aspiring and enthusiastic Whigs, the rest by the most strict and pig-headed Conservatives. Month after month you seem to be overwhelmed with letters containing suggestions original or otherwise for the improvement of the minds and manners of the Westminster world; plans for Debating Societies, Lawn Tennis, Chess Clubs, and Hockey, are mixed up with those for Spelling Bees, Skating Rinks, Fire Brigades, Special Steamers, &c. Month after month I say, these are sent to you by the aforesaid aspiring and enthusiastic Whigs, and month after month do the strict and pig-headed Conservatives attack the promiscuous suggestions of their opponents with sarcasm good, bad, or indifferent, with or without reason, but ever with unflinching obstinacy and persistent zeal. What a boon the Debating Society would be for the parties thus employed to let off steam! Would you inquire the motive that impels the would-be “Hon. Members”? you will find they are all inspired by one and the same, viz.: what they call patriotism. I never yet heard patriotism twice defined in the same way. Even if a lull takes place when any very special novelty is thought of, if any one dares to begin to hope that the very evident apathy of which your correspondent E. A. B. talks, will at last be broken through, and the resolution of the trial of the plan carried *nem. con.*, and so writes to hasten the happy day, the storm instantly bursts, opposition is set on foot, and after wordy squabbles, the idea, whether good or bad, is cast aside and forgotten. Surely, sir, of all the suggestions of which we have heard, some must be practicable and useful. If I remember rightly, I saw in one of last summer's numbers of *The Elizabethan* a letter which urged that a committee should be appointed, by which all these ideas might be discussed, and cast aside or adopted as seemed best. As yet I have heard of none such at Westminster. Other Schools find time for these extra amusements, why should not Westminster? It is ridiculous for your Conservative correspondents to say that our members are too few. All know that about half of the School, principally the Home-boarders, are styled unpatriotic, because they have not the will to go in for the regular established games at which Westminster professes to excel. Most of them cannot be made to do so, but surely they have pet hobbies of their own; cannot they turn them to the good of the School, if they are worthy of being so employed? Let Westminster only give a fair trial to whichever of these disputed plans seems most popular; if it falls through, let it fall through, if not, floreat. As far as I can make out, Lawn Tennis is the only one that has been tried, and even that does not seem to have had a fair trial. Of course we all know that the introduction of anything new, especially after such disputing as there has been, must always be attended with difficulty and discouragement; but I should like to know when Football was first introduced at Westminster in the noble old days, how many feeble-minded individuals said “that the suggestion was brought to the wrong place, and that the members of the School were inadequate for its support,” how many doleful prophecies were uttered as to its failure and downfall? Will some Old Westminster kindly inform us what disturbance there was, if the then generation was so senseless as to make any, when Water was re-established ten years ago, about the impossibility of supporting it. Or to come down to recent times, what did the first Elizabethan Committee have to put up with; and what did they and their predecessors (and successors) not successfully overcome? We have seen letters disputing as to whether Lawn Tennis is in existence or not. We unfeignedly hope that your correspondent “Enthu” is right, and that it has not “died,” but will speedily rise again for the amusement of its patrons. To judge by the display made last summer half, Water fellows do not appear to shine at Cricket, by all means let them if they choose play Lawn Tennis, every one of them. If Lawn Tennis proves a success, why should not Hockey likewise? And to conclude a long trespass on your valuable time and space, which I trust you will pardon, let me express a hope that I O., and other anything but enthusiastic writers, will let well alone. If Westminster wishes for novelties, she will have them in spite of all their opposition, if not, why she will let them alone, and all we trust will be contented. And I

hope E. A. B., and N., and their supporters will do their best to forward, not by word only, but by deed, all suggestions as are really sensible, and not relapse into the apathy which, as has been already observed, perpetually characterized Westminster in these matters.

I am, Sir, yours, &c.,

OBSERVER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—I noticed, while looking over the MSS. of this number, a letter signed "Observer," the end and purport of which I venture to think the writer himself can hardly see. He opens with an attack on N. and W. G. as to their statements regarding the politics of the School, and then follows up by attacking those who have lately made themselves conspicuous by suggesting various plans for the improvement of the minds and manners of present and future residents at this seat of learning. He assumes, and not unnaturally, that those who have offered these suggestions are aspiring and enthusiastic Whigs, and those who have opposed these would-be innovators are the *most strict and pig-headed* Conservatives. I cannot see why "Observer" should use such language in connexion with "Conservatism," even if his political feelings do coincide with those of the Whig faction, which is the most charitable light to view his statement in. I beg to inform "Observer," that although I was the author of the letters which advocated the formation of a Debating Society, a Workshop, and even a Fire Brigade, my politics are Conservative. May I also inform him that I wrote them because I thought them useful, and at the same time practicable, and not because I was actuated by patriotism, as he calls it. He says, by the way, that he never heard the said patriotism defined twice in the same terms. Would not that, sir, depend on ideas of those whom he asked? Home Boarders are styled unpatriotic, for the simple reason that they prefer to play Football and Cricket among their own friends at home, instead of up Fields. This I venture to suggest is quite enough to cause the term "unpatriotic" to be so frequently applied to their conduct. With regard to Lawn Tennis, I am in a position to state that it will be started again up Fields on Monday, 4th of June, and I can only hope that I shall see "Observer" displaying a little more skill in wielding the racquet than he seems to be gifted with in using his pen. There is no record of the date of the introduction of Football at Westminster, that game having been popular here from the time since the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. In conclusion, I would suggest to E. A. B. and N. to thoroughly consider the *pros* and *cons* of every suggestion that is made before they give it their unqualified support.

In haste, yours, &c.,

CONSERVATIVE COMMITTEE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—This morning (May 1), I attended the early School Service in the Abbey; and I must say that a more disgraceful failure of the singing it has never been my lot to hear. There were actually times in the chants when not a note could be heard from the Choir or from any one else, except a few masters, the organ being the only thing that was to be heard. Now, sir, I do not think that this time it was entirely the fault of the Choir, although the result might have been better, if some more trebles and altos had sat in their proper seats and given their assistance. To use a very common phrase, it was six of one and half-a-dozen of the other. The Choir are continually complaining that the tunes of the hymns that are chosen are nine times out of ten quite beyond their compass before breakfast, and with a comparatively empty stomach; but still no notice is taken, and difficult tunes are selected time after time, and time after time the Choir fail to sing them properly. The same applies also to the chants. It has been the custom from "time immemorial" that the hymns should be selected by the Under Master, but I venture, with all due respect, to suggest that Mr. Troutbeck should always be allowed to make any alterations he thinks *absolutely* necessary. I feel sure that if this was the case, the singing would be much

more satisfactory both to the Choir and to the School generally. Hoping to see it carried out soon, I am, yours truly,

VOX ET PRÆTEREA NIHIL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

SIR,—Allow me to correct a slight inaccuracy which appeared in your last number. You stated that the Juniors thought themselves "strong enough to challenge" Grants. This was *not* the case. Grants, thinking themselves too weak to play all the under Elections, challenged the Juniors, who, so far from challenging Grants, were very doubtful as to whether they should play at all, without two of their best men.

I am, Sir, yours, &c.,

A JUNIOR.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—I read in your last number a portion of an account describing this year's concert, by some unknown individual. He rashly and unfeelingly states that all we want in order to have a good choir is an "energetic conductor" as well as a hearty spirit among ourselves. I may well inform him that we have now a conductor as energetic and painstaking as it is possible, and I feel deeply his having got so little thanks for the admirable way he has trained us for Abbey services and our Concerts, the continued success of which has been mainly attributed to his skill and energy. Dear Sir, hoping you will find room for these few lines, believe me to remain, yours truly,

C. D.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—For some time past *The Elizabethan* has, I think I may say, been teeming with new ideas, such as starting a Lawn Tennis Club, Skating Rinks, Chess Clubs, Workshops, Spelling Bees, &c. The only one of these that has come to anything has been Lawn Tennis, which now appears to be flourishing up fields; all the other suggestions, good or bad, have fallen to the ground, some through want of the space which they would require, others through the offense (*sic!*) which they appear to have created. But the purpose of my letter is not to deal with a new idea, but with a letter that appeared a number or two back, on the shameful state of the School Library. The letter I allude to came from T. L. D. in your March number, who after referring to the disgraceful state of the books and shelves in Library, some of which are literally buried in dust, concludes by advocating a regular dusting and cleaning of the Library, and the reinstatement (*sic!*) of the Librarian, who, I believe, has always existed. I am sure the state of Library must often have excited remonstrances through your columns, and it seems to me a great shame that a proposition of this sort, which cannot be in the slightest degree detrimental to the good of the School, should be passed over without any measures being taken to carry out what it urges. Other Public School Libraries are kept in excellent condition under the supervision of a Librarian appointed from among the Fellows, then why should ours be neglected? What influence ought the style of books in a school library to have on its condition? are all the propositions which from time to time appear in your columns, conducive to the good of the School, to be thrown to the winds? Why is it that good ideas should receive even less attention than bad or indifferent ones? Such ideas as the case in point, Lawn Tennis, Workshops, Debating Societies, I call good ones; while Chess and Natural History Clubs, Skating Rinks, Spelling Bees, may I think be classed as bad. Some of the former class I know have been found impracticable through want of space; but why, I ask, and for what reason, is the cleaning of Library, as it appears, impracticable? Hoping you will kindly find space for this in your columns,

I am, &c., H. C. V. L.

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Floreat.