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OF LAPIDATION.

'T WAS indeed Deucalion began it, and hath all mankind, Volscian and other, to his posterity. To see, after his flood, was a waste, a wilderness, a solitude, *deserta pluviis regio*, none living amid the water-pudges save his red-haired wife, ill-favoured, ill-tempered, a scold ducked, not drowned. How, then, should he repair the losses? *Ecce lapides*, great store of cobbles, *jam saxa volant*, the which he did anon so heave, hurl, throw, cast, fling, *quasi ventus folia*, no wind so sweeping, and made thereof such multitudinous activity, that crying to be men, who but men, of thrown they became throwers, but now stone-dead and anon stone alive. *Laudatur simili prole*, we are throwers all. Never since but necks have itched to stoop, fingers to clutch; *vacua pudet ire manu*, fists no sooner emptied than filled again, and all about us *materia mali*, mischief to be made of whoso will, *holitori nunquam supplicat*;

no need to seek it, that he toss to inept habitacles the kith and kin of his grandsires.

Documenta damus qua simus origine nati not by hardness of bone, flint in leg or head or heart, but by treading in the ways of Deucalion. In our London no jutting, friese, or coign of vantage, no corbel of Plantagenet or cornice of Stuart, but there your pigeon hath his passage impeded by idle, adventitious, superfluous, dislocated granite; nor any strip of herbage, but some blades yearn for denied light till they grow bleak as a guinea. In your country no dominical vagrant of the lanes but counts melodious thrush or harmless blackbird more than cause for his flinging, no ploughshare but grides against his offense. Of her providence, quoth he in less sounding phrase, our mighty mother leaves her bones for us to play loggats withal. Hath any man his liver torpid, his lungs unfollicant, brain pensive, heart gloomy, sinews relaxed, where shall such an one find leechcraft but in lapidation? Nay, my good Volscian of Tothill plain, or thou, Sir Aequian of the country, bethink you wherefore your true

son of Pythagoras *ventri indulsit non omne legumen*, for as beans to his food are not bones forbidden to your play? This persistence is but *splendida bilis*, Priapus and the Caryatids will have their revenge; the halting goddess catches you at last, and wherewithal shall ye find to pay for your voyage to Anticyra? There is Bedlam for mercy, or shall justice claim you for her doom?

WESTMINSTER WORTHIES.

NO. 36.—CLAYTON MORDAUNT CRACHERODE.

HAPPY, it is said, is the nation which has no history, and by a parity of reasoning that man should be the happiest about whom his biographer can find the least to say; but on the same principle the happiest lives must be the least interesting to study. At the same time, a page of *The Elizabethan* might be worse filled than by a brief record of the uneventful career of a generous benefactor of his old school.

Clayton Mordaunt Cracherode was born on June 23, 1730. His father, Colonel Mordaunt Cracherode, was the representative of the younger branch of an old Essex family which had been established at Cust Hall since the end of the fourteenth century. Colonel Cracherode, who commanded the Marines under Anson in that admiral's celebrated voyage, married Mary, sister of William Morice, sometime bailiff of Westminster, and son-in-law of Francis Atterbury: so his son, who owed his second Christian name to an ancestor's intermarriage with the Bedfordshire Mordaunts, came of good Westminster stock on more than one side. His stay at the school was comparatively short, extending only from 1742 to 1746, and in the latter year he was elected to Christ Church, Cumberland, the dramatist, who was at school with him, although considerably his junior, records that Cracherode was 'grave, studious, and reserved' at school, as in after-life; but adds that he was 'correct in morals, elegant in manners, and pleasant to all who knew him.' These expressions to modern ears have a slight but unmistakable savour of priggishness; but they were certainly not so intended by the writer.

But such a character as he describes was not likely to meet with any very startling adventures in the course of his university career. Indeed, when we have recorded that he took his B.A. degree on May 4, 1750, and proceeded to his Master's degree three years later, we have exhausted all available information on that period of his life. About this time he was ordained deacon, and, after the usual interval, priest, and for a short period held the curacy of Binsey, near Oxford; but he never seems to have thrown himself with any enthusiasm into his parish work. Nor is this to be wondered at, for we should hardly be doing the Church of his day any

injustice if we said that parish work as it is now understood was practically non-existent. It is as easy to plume ourselves upon this step in advance of our great-grandfathers as it would be to lament a progress which for Fielding's Parson Adams substitutes the restless, scheming Lascelles of Mrs. Lynn Linton's bitter and one-sided novel; and it would, perhaps, be equally unjust. But all that concerns us for our present purpose is the indisputable fact that it was impossible for anyone to find scope for his energies in a profession whose duties were so poorly esteemed both by its own members and by the laity.

The state of affairs in the Church of the eighteenth century produced very divers effects upon such men of energy and intellectual vigour as were numbered among her ministers. The example of Wesley was not without imitators; but what shall we say of such men as Churchill or Horne Tooke? We know there is not much virtue in an 'if,' but *if* they had lived in our own day, would not even the greatest of those we have named have found a sufficient sphere for the exercise of his energy in the work of a large parish? But such conjecture is obviously futile: 'If a man is born in a wale he must take the consequences of his situation,' and if a man is born in a particular century, to that century, for good or for evil, he belongs.

But Cracherode was not endowed or cursed by nature with any irresistible yearning for practical work. He seems simply to have recognised the futility of his calling as it was then understood, and took the earliest opportunity of withdrawing from it. His father's death, which occurred when the younger Cracherode was in his forty-seventh year, left him in possession of a very considerable fortune, which enabled him to indulge in his passion for collecting curiosities of almost every description. His income, which was estimated at £800 a year from landed property, and about three times as much from investments, was equivalent to a much larger sum in modern times; and to what purpose he employed it the 4,500 volumes, the 'hundred portfolios of prints and seven portfolios of drawings,' to say nothing of his coins, medals, and gems, are sufficient evidence. But he was most indefatigable as a collector of books, and for the greater part of his life he walked every day from Elmsley the bookseller's shop in the Strand, to the establishment of another and more celebrated bookseller—Thomas Payne—in Mewgate.

Much of Cracherode's property consisted of land, but no one was ever more unlike the ideal fox-hunting squire. In all his life he never was on the back of a horse, nor was he ever induced to travel further from London than Oxford. A very celebrated chestnut tree grew upon his Hertfordshire estate; but we have his own word that he never set eyes upon it, and only knew of its existence from drawings. In fact, he was an absentee landlord. Squires as well as parsons have learnt since then that no rights can exist without corresponding duties. His manor of Great Wymondhay was held in grand serjeantry by the service of presenting the king with the first cup from

which he drank at his coronation. An Old Westminster of unimpeachable loyalty is once reported to have said that his sole source of satisfaction at leaving school was the knowledge that he should no longer wish for the death of his sovereign, as till then he had been completely possessed by the ambition of witnessing a coronation as a Westminster boy. Cracherode's feelings were the very reverse of this, and it is recorded that, setting aside all personal predilection for the honest and well-meaning old monarch in whose reign he lived, the merest hint at the possibility of a new king's accession threw him into a state of the liveliest apprehension. The ceremony which he dreaded was never to be performed in his lifetime; but for such extreme diffidence we can only find a parallel in his schoolfellow and contemporary, the unhappy Cowper. But unlike Cowper, Cracherode never paid any attention to what a distinguished librarian once called 'the mechanical part of my business—the supply of new material.' Two copies of Latin verses are all which modern criticism can ascribe to his pen; though, as he was contemporary with Goldsmith and Sheridan, it is not impossible that a future generation may hear him proclaimed as the author of 'The School for Scandal' and 'She Stoops to Conquer.' It should, however, be mentioned that the second edition of the 'Alumni' is largely indebted to the additions and annotations which he made in his copy of Welch's original edition.

His distinction in his own line is attested by his membership of the two learned societies of his day—for he was both F.R.S. and F.S.A.—and in 1784 he was chosen a trustee of the British Museum, where one of the rooms in the library is still named after him; but the rest of his life was marked by nothing more remarkable than an occasional 'find' of some extraordinarily rare edition, or the acquisition of some new Dürer or Rembrandt for his collection of drawings, which is remarkably rich in examples of the art of both.

He died at Queen's Square on April 5, 1799, after a 'short but severe illness,' in the sixty-ninth year of his age. Four days previously he had paid his last visit to Elmsley—Payne by this time had found more stirring, if not more profitable, occupations—and there is a certain appropriateness that among the two last purchases of the Old Westminster bibliophile there should have been numbered a copy of Terence. Even while he lay on his death-bed an agent was engaged in making purchases of prints under his instructions, so he may literally be said to have died in harness. He was buried beside his mother in the East Cloister.

His will, which was dated April 9, 1792, had been drawn up by himself, and, in contradiction to the old adage about the character of the client of the man who is his own lawyer, was found to be 'most precise, if not in strictly legal form.' His sister Anne, who survived him only three years, was constituted sole executrix and residuary legatee. He bequeathed a thousand pounds to the School, and as much more to

Christ Church, of which foundation he had been a student for fifty-three years. His collections were left to the Museum, with the exception of two books: the 'Complutensian Polyglott,' which he bequeathed to Shute Barrington, Bishop of Durham, and the 'princeps' Homer, which fell to the share of Cyril Jackson—a name which should speak for itself to all Housemen. But Jackson declined to separate the Homer from its former companions, and on Barrington's death his library also became part of the national collection. So for a time all Cracherode's treasures remained together at Bloomsbury, until a series of audacious thefts made very serious inroads into his collection of prints; but the history of those thefts, and the partial recovery of the booty, as a modern writer would observe, 'is another story.'

Of Cracherode's personal character it is almost impossible to speak, owing to the absolute dearth of material; even his close friendships with such men as the Jacksons and Akenside the poet have left no traces which can aid a biographer. We can only give Cumberland's description of his character at school, with the dramatist's addition that such he was through life.

And so closes this brief and necessarily imperfect sketch of a life which in its day was busy and useful. It must be confessed that it does not possess the charms, we do not say of such stirring careers as those of Hastings or Peterborough, but of the strange and eccentric lives of Mytton or Elwes; but still, as one of those benefactors whom we have recently commemorated, Cracherode deserves at least this brief notice at our hands. And it might not be amiss to express a hope that every Westminster who enters the Cracherode Room in Ashburnham House may retain to the day of his death as warm an affection for his old school, and may spend such wealth as falls to his lot as unselfishly, or—if a collector's expenditure is to be regarded as merely a refined form of selfishness—let us rather say to as good purpose.

FLOREAT.

THE LIBRARY.

MR. OSWELL MACLEAN (O.W.) has presented a collection of 20 coins (Roman and English) to the Scott Library.

School Notes.

WITH our victory over the House on December 10, the first part of the football season came to an end. The record is by no means encouraging: fifteen matches played, four won, eleven lost. This complete failure is due to the utter want of combination throughout the team. It is obvious to an observer that each member of the team individually

has considerable ability, though together they are beaten again and again by inferior teams. The forwards are perhaps the most at fault; they are totally wanting in dash, and have the bad habits of passing backwards and dribbling too much. They forget that a forward's chief object should be to get the ball down the ground *as quickly as possible*, and not to waste time in trying to dribble past an opponent.

A new feature this term is the introduction of Second XI matches. Only one has been played at present, but that one discovered considerable talent among younger players. A report of the match appears in another column.

We offer our hearty congratulations to J. S. Phillimore on obtaining the Hertford Scholarship at Oxford. In the same examination last year Phillimore, though only in his first year, gained the distinction of Honourable Mention. He came down on December 8 to ask for a Late Play for the School.

We also congratulate C. F. Watherston on obtaining a Mathematical Scholarship at Balliol, Oxford; also N. J. McCaskie on obtaining a Classical Scholarship at Gonville and Caius', Cambridge.

Commemoration was held as usual on November 17. After the Abbey Service the Head Master and Mrs. Rutherford held a reception Up-School.

Orations took place on November 24. The piece set was 'The Twa' Corbies'; only four competitors came forward, and the piece was not well said. H. B. McCaskie was first, and Loch second.

C. T. Agar has been coxing the Cambridge eight.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER *v.* ROYAL ENGINEERS.

THIS match was played 'Up Fields' on November 12, and resulted in a victory for the School by 2-0, after a fast and pleasant game. The School eleven showed marked improvement at every point of the game, especially in the case of the forwards.

As the fog was rather thick at the start, it was decided to play only half an hour each way. Our forwards took the ball down at once, and Campbell rushed the first goal after five minutes' play. The play was fairly even up to half-time, both sides occasionally having chances of which they did not avail themselves. In the second half we had the best of the game, and almost scored several times. At last Shimield rushed a poor shot of More's through the posts (2-0). In the last few minutes the Sappers penned us, but our defence was very strong, Allen

being as good as usual. All the back division were good, Armstrong being conspicuous. The forwards, as we have said, were greatly improved, both in individual play and in combination.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER.

M. A. Allen (goal), T. H. Newman and L. K. D'Arcy (backs), W. L. Armstrong, F. B. Sherring, and H. Gates (half-backs), P. Knapp, J. Alderson, W. Shimield, J. More, and R. Campbell (forwards).

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

F. G. Howard (goal), H. Freeland and A. J. Woodroffe (backs), W. A. Stokes, H. L. Pritchard, and E. C. T. Paterson (half-backs), A. E. Turner, H. D. Pearson, S. G. L. Owen, E. V. Turner, and C. M. Carpenter (forwards).

WESTMINSTER *v.* CAMBRIDGE O.WW.

This match was played, as usual, on Commemoration Day, and resulted in a win for us by 3-2, after a very exciting finish.

Almost immediately Campbell made a fine run and centre, enabling Shimield to score. The game was fairly even up to half-time, both sides having chances of scoring. Yeld once put in a very hot shot. After changing ends, Shimield missed a chance, and then Stevens, after a long run, passed to Longhurst, who equalised (1-1). The School now pressed for some time, but were poor in front of goal. Edwards and Preece at last relieved their backs by a run down, and Longhurst put the visitors ahead with a high shot (1-2). There was only a quarter-of-an-hour left, and the School played up hard. Sherring put in a shot which was cleared, but Shimield headed the ball through. About two minutes from time More scored the winning point with an excellent shot.

For us, as usual, the back division were good; Campbell also played well at times.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER.

M. A. Allen (goal), L. K. D'Arcy and T. H. Newman (backs), H. Gates, F. B. Sherring, and W. L. Armstrong (half-backs), R. R. Campbell, J. F. More, W. S. Shimield, J. H. Alderson, and P. E. Knapp (forwards).

CAMBRIDGE O.WW.

J. M. Langton (goal), J. S. Shearme, and H. Allen (backs), F. G. Oliver, A. W. F. Guy, and J. Morris (half-backs), G. L. Edwards, P. J. Preece, G. P. Stevens, A. L. Longhurst, and R. A. Yeld (forwards).

WESTMINSTER *v.* OLD CARTHUSIANS.

This match was played 'Up Fields' on Saturday, November 19. Our opponents did not bring down a strong team, and we ought to have won. As it was, we were defeated (3-0). All our team—in the first half at any rate—were decidedly 'off colour.'

Sherring won the toss, and Ford kicked off from the church end at 2.40. Soon afterwards we rushed down and Alderson put in a shot which was saved by Gardiner. After some even play, Ford rushed down

and Stileman headed the ball through (1-0). On starting again our forwards pressed but repeatedly shot behind. At last Fletcher cleared, and after some good combination among their forwards Ford scored by a very good shot (2-0). This was the state of the game at half-time.

After the interval the School improved, and pressed on and off for the rest of the game. Nevertheless Ford managed to get away and scored again (3-0). In spite of the efforts of our forwards to retaliate, they did not succeed in scoring, and no more points were added when time was called.

For us Allen, Sherring, and Armstrong were the best, but no one really played up to his proper form. We cannot help thinking that the result would have been different if the team had received some encouragement from those of the School who were present. Only a very few fellows were up, and scarcely any of those thought it worth their while to shout. Teams were :—

WESTMINSTER.

M. Allen (goal), T. Newman and L. K. D'Arcy (backs), H. W. Gates, F. B. Sherring (capt.), and W. Armstrong (half-backs), P. E. Knapp and J. H. Alderson (left), W. Shimield (centre), J. F. More and R. R. Campbell (right) (forwards).

OLD CARTHUSIANS.

J. Gardiner (goal), W. H. Napier and R. H. Fletcher (backs), J. D. Ogilvy, H. Foster, and A. Foster (half-backs), R. H. Walker, H. C. K. Stileman, H. A. Ford, F. Clark, and — Davidson (forwards).

THE SCHOOL *v.* UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, OXFORD.

This match was played on Wednesday, Nov. 23, and resulted in a defeat for the School by 5-1. Soon after the kick-off the visitors pressed, and three goals were scored for them by Edwards and Willett (2). After this the play was more even; the School forwards had some chances, but failed to score. At half-time the score stood 3-0 against us. After changing over the play was fairly fast and even. Willett scored again, and Shimield shot a goal for us. The last goal for the visitors was headed through by Trounser from an excellent centre by Davis. The School greatly felt the want of Allen, who would certainly have saved several of the goals.

The shooting and combination of the forwards were weak, though Knapp and Campbell were fair. In the back division Newman and Gates were best.

Willett and Barlow were the best for the visitors.

The teams were :—

WESTMINSTER.

M. A. V. Allen (goal), L. K. D'Arcy and T. H. Newman (backs), W. L. Armstrong, F. B. Sherring, and H. W. Gates (half-backs), R. R. Campbell and J. F. More (right), W. S. Shimield (centre), J. H. Alderson and P. E. Knapp (left).

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, OXFORD.

D. Currie (goal), R. Greig and H. R. Hodson (backs), C. G. Causton, M. Y. Barrow, A. S. Farquharson (half-backs), R. Edwards and H. M. Trounser (right), J. A. Willett (centre), C. D. Cooper and R. B. Davis (left).

WESTMINSTER *v.* OLD ROSSALIANS.

Played 'Up Fields' on Saturday, November 26, in pouring rain, resulting in a win for the visitors by 3-0. The ground after half-time was one sea of mud, accurate play being quite out of the question. The visitors pressed considerably in the first half, but shot badly, the score at half-time being 2-0. Knapp got well away several times, and Campbell and Shimield both put in some excellent shots, which, however, were all saved. After crossing over the School held their own much better, Sherring especially being conspicuous. The visitors added one more point to their score, the game being finally abandoned.

For the School, who were without Armstrong, Sherring and Newman were best, while Allen saved brilliantly at times. Teams :—

WESTMINSTER.

M. Allen (goal), T. H. Newman and L. K. D'Arcy (backs), H. Gates, F. B. Sherring, and E. P. Garrett (half-backs), P. E. Knapp and J. H. Alderson (left), W. S. Shimield (centre), J. F. More and R. R. Campbell (right) (forwards).

OLD ROSSALIANS.

E. W. Hulton (goal), E. Hind and F. Hughes (backs), W. B. Bell, H. A. Hulton, and J. B. Toone (half-backs), W. S. M. Vines and J. T. Phillipson (right), A. O. Strand (centre), T. Hopcraft and F. V. Heath (left) (forwards).

WESTMINSTER *v.* OLD ETONIANS.

This match was played 'Up Fields' on Saturday, December 3. The ground was in a fearful condition, especially in the second half. The School were without Knapp, whose absence was greatly felt.

The game was even throughout, and we might have beaten them with Knapp and on a dry ground. As it was we were again beaten (4-1). For the School, Sherring, as usual, was very good, and the forwards, especially Alderson, showed great improvement. Severn was played instead of Shimield, and should be an improvement on a fair ground.

Not long after starting they pressed our goal repeatedly, and at last Castellain scored for them. The School then assumed the offensive and Alderson scored our only point, making the scores equal. They again rushed down, and Castellain scored for them, after something very like 'hands' for us had occurred. This was the state of the game at half-time.

On our restarting the game became very loose, owing to the state of the ground. Trotter managed to score twice for them, but no really good play ensued. The teams were :—

OLD ETONIANS.

S. H. Hole (goal), A. T. Houghton and V. R. Hoare (backs), D. M. Hogg, P. V. Broke, and F. E. T. Jones (half-backs), E. Castellain, E. H. Bayford, M. S. Farmer, H. A. Trotter, and F. J. Dupuis (forwards).

WESTMINSTER.

M. A. V. Allen (goal), T. H. Newman and L. K. D'Arcy (backs), F. B. Sherring, W. Armstrong, and H. W. Gates (half-backs), J. F. More, R. R. Campbell, A. R. Severn, J. H. Alderson, and C. F. Watherston (forwards).

WESTMINSTER *v.* CHRIST CHURCH,
OXFORD.

The House brought a weak team against us, and were beaten (2-0). The ground was very hard and slippery owing to the recent frost, and consequently the play was not brilliant.

At first the School was all at sea, especially the backs, and it looked as if we should be beaten. After about twenty minutes they got more together, and Severn scored our first goal. We almost scored again before half-time, but the game was uninteresting.

Soon after crossing over, Severn scored once more with a good shot. The School had the best of the game for the rest of the time, and were more than once within an ace of scoring.

For us Severn and Campbell, of the forwards, played very well; we were without Alderson, whose place was filled by Ladell. Sherring was best of the back division, but none of them showed their true form. For the visitors, who played one man short, Rogers and Stephenson were best.

WESTMINSTER.

M. Allen (goal), T. Newman and L. K. D'Arcy (backs), H. Gates, F. B. Sherring, and W. Armstrong (half-backs), R. Campbell, J. More, A. R. Severn, H. Ladell, and P. Knapp (forwards).

CHRIST CHURCH.

J. Robertson (sub.) (goal), Rogers and Burton (backs), H. L. Stephenson, Donaldson, and D. Fitzmaurice (half-backs), E. P. Palin, E. Berens, Meggie, and F. W. Longhurst (sub.) (forwards).

SECOND XI. *v.* O.WW.

This match was played 'Up Fields' on Wednesday, November 30. It was the first match the Second XI. has played, and was won by 4-2. The School forwards were very good at the beginning, and at half-time the score was 3-0 in our favour, the goals being obtained by Severn, Ladell, and Plaskitt. In the second half O.WW. were seen to more advantage, and scored twice. A little before the end, however, our forwards, who had fallen off considerably, woke up again, and Severn added another point in the School's favour. Rivaz, Garrett, Fox, and H. Waterfield were best.

WESTMINSTER SECOND XI.

J. Robertson (goal), F. Rivaz and E. P. Garrett (backs), E. H. Waterfield, F. J. Plaskitt, and W. Fox (half-backs), H. Waterfield, D. Wilson, A. R. Severn, H. Ladell, and C. F. Watherston (forwards).

O.WW.

E. H. Winslow (goal), J. Corbett and A. C. Morris (backs), M. E. Fevez, J. Chatterton, and B. Howlett (half-backs), A. G. F. Guy, P. J. Preece, G. E. Mills, E. A. Gates, and P. Winckworth (forwards).

HOUSE MATCHES.

The first round of the trial house-matches has been played, leaving Rigauds and Home Boarders to compete in the final.

Rigauds beat Grants 4-0, the goals being shot by D'Arcy (2) and Nye (2).

RIGAUDS.

J. E. Matthews (goal), F. Rivaz and T. Newman (backs), W. Armstrong, H. O. Beasley, and H. Gates (half-backs), H. Waterfield, P. Wilks, G. Nye, E. G. Harvey, and L. K. D'Arcy (forwards).

GRANTS.

A. Severn (goal), L. Moon, G. Hornor (backs), W. Fox, G. Lambert, K. H. Kelly (half-backs), G. Hutchinson, A. Woodbridge, A. R. Severn, H. S. Ladell, and G. Scott (forwards).

Home Boarders gained an equally easy victory over Ashburnham by 4-0 (Longhurst 2, Shimield and Guy).

HOME BOARDERS.

M. Allen (goal), B. Howlett and E. Hollocombe (backs), A. Whittow, A. Phelps, and Woodhouse (half-backs), Van-der-Gucht, M. Guy, W. Shimield, F. W. Longhurst, and J. Carr (forwards).

ASHBURNHAM.

E. Holland (goal), J. Robertson and E. Lart (backs), T. Griffin, S. Langston, A. Bevan (half-backs), A. Guy, R. Campbell, Raikes, Haweiss, and Cunningham (forwards).

LATER.—Rigauds beat H.BB. (5-0).

"SIXES IN GREEN."

FIRST ROUND.

Garrett's beat Campbell's by 1-0.
Knapp's beat E. H. Waterfield's by 3-1.
Ladell's beat Wilson's by 3-0.
Alderson's beat Howlett's by 3-0.
Shearme's beat A. R. Severn's by 1-0.
Balfour's beat Fox's by 4-0.
H. Waterfield's beat Armstrong's by 3-1.
Shimield's beat Newman's by 2-0.

SECOND ROUND.

Shimield's beat Robertson's by 3-0.
Balfour's beat Shearme's by 1-0.
Garrett's beat Ladell's by 1-0.
Gates' beat D'Arcy's by 3-0.
Knapp's beat Alderson's by 3-1.
H. Waterfield's beat Allen's by 5-0.
More's beat Longhurst's by 4-2.
Sherring's beat Plaskitt's by 3-0.

THIRD ROUND.

Shimield's beat Gates' by 4-1.
H. Waterfield's beat Balfour's by 4-0.
Sherring's beat Knapp's by 4-2.
More's beat Garrett's by 4-0.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND.

More's *v.* Sherring's.
H. Waterfield's *v.* Shimield's.

GLEE SOCIETY.

THE Glee Society's entertainment, postponed from November 30 on account of the death of C. E. Page, was held 'Up School' on December 7, before a large audience. As was only right, choruses and quartets formed a prominent feature in the concert; the latter were well given and much appreciated, but the choruses showed that the *bête noire* of Westminster concerts—lack of enthusiasm at rehearsals—is still prevalent. The trebles and altos erred on the side of discretion and timidity, while the tenors and basses vied with them in vigour and foolhardiness; the result was that the volume of sound was intermittent and coarse. It is really hard on Mr. Ranalow that his earnest efforts to secure a good choir should be almost wantonly thwarted by the apathy and carelessness of his singers at rehearsals. There were three instrumental numbers, of which one was Gurlitt's 'Marionette Overture,' rendered with spirit by the School Band. Eason played a violin solo with verve and dash (though the temperature of the room made the 'harmonic' passages troublesome), and thoroughly deserved the genuine encore he received. Hutchinson infused more colour into his mandolin solo than might have been expected from that expressionless instrument; as an encore he gave a short transcription from 'Trovatore.' Mr. Viner sang two songs in his usual manner; he certainly contributed the most artistic portion of the concert. The programme also included 'The Skye Boat Song,' and, as an encore, 'Loch Lomon,' given by Ladell (whose voice promises well for the future, if he will only take care of it); an original and very amusing recitation by Aveling, and a duet by E. V. Paget and F. B. Ranalow. Mr. Ranalow conducted the concert with his usual energy.

PROGRAMME.

OVERTURE	SCHOOL ORCHESTRA.	
CHORUS	'The Carnovale'	<i>Rossini.</i>
SONG	'Skye Boat Song'	<i>M. Lawson.</i>
		H. S. LADELL.	
RECITATION	'The Engine-Driver's Story'	C. AVELING, Esq.	
QUARTET	'Soon as I careless strayed'	<i>C. Festa.</i>	
	G. B. LOCH, H. T. SHERRINGHAM, G. D. HOWLETT, Esq., and B. F. HOWLETT.		
VIOLIN SOLO	H. V. EASON, Esq.	
VOCAL DUET	'The moon hath raised her lamp'	<i>Benedict.</i>	
	E. V. PAGET, Esq., and F. B. RANALOW, Esq.		
SONG	'The Ride'	<i>Molloy.</i>
		G. H. VINER, Esq.	
MANDOLIN SOLO	'Simple Aveu'	<i>Thomé.</i>
		G. HUTCHINSON.	
QUARTET	'Softly fall the shades of evening'		
	A. H. GUY, H. T. SHERRINGHAM, E. V. PAGET, Esq., and J. H. ALDERSON.		
CHORUS	'The Vikings'	<i>Eaton Fanning.</i>
		GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.	

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

ON Thursday, November 3, the following motion was brought forward: 'That in the opinion of this House the immediate evacuation of Egypt by the British is undesirable.'

The following spoke for the motion: N. J. McCASKIE (Mover), D. CLAPHAM (Seconder), F. B. SHERRING, C. D. FISHER, W. C. H. BELL, R. BALFOUR, and P. B. HENDERSON. Against the motion: J. F. WATERS (Opposer) and T. E. HARWOOD.

The next meeting (on November 10) was also taken up with the discussion of this motion.

The Mover's object was to show that the evacuation of Egypt would not benefit either England or Egypt; and this he proved to the best of his power. He might, however, have spoken longer with advantage.

Mr. WATERS, in opposing this motion, made 'the best of a bad job.' The arguments he brought forward were a strange mixture of sensible reasoning and impossible nonsense.

Mr. CLAPHAM (Seconder) quite made up for any lack of length there might have been in the Proposer's speech. Indeed, Mr. Clapham was felt to be tedious. He spoke altogether three times, and had continual relapses into statistics.

Mr. SHERRING, in an eminently sensible speech, showed that the possession of Egypt was a 'toss-up' between England and France.

Mr. FISHER showed what England had done for Egypt in a few mournful words.

Mr. BELL was fiery. He wanted to know why we shouldn't 'stick' to Egypt now we had got it.

Mr. BALFOUR couldn't agree with the last speaker, and made a long speech about it.

Mr. HENDERSON felt unable to endure Mr. Balfour's 'high moral tone.'

Mr. BALFOUR then continued his wordy war with Mr. Bell; and after a few more trivial remarks from other speakers the motion was carried (19-1).

The House met on Thursday, November 24, when the following motion was brought forward: 'That the War Department needs urgent reform.'

The following spoke for the motion: J. F. WATERS (Mover), R. BALFOUR (Seconder), C. D. FISHER, B. C. BOULTER, E. M. LOUGHBOROUGH, E. P. GARRETT, and E. H. WATERFIELD. Against the motion: W. C. BELL (Opposer) and P. B. HENDERSON.

Only thirteen members were present in the House for this debate, and consequently the debate was extremely poor. Tolerably good speeches were made by W. C. BELL and R. BALFOUR; the rest were short and feeble. The motion was eventually carried (8-4).

THE House met on Thursday, December 1, when the following motion was brought forward: 'That in international politics expediency cannot but be paramount.'

The following spoke for the motion : R. BALFOUR (Mover) and W. C. H. BELL (Seconder). A gainst the motion : F. B. SHERRING (Opposer), D. SHEARME, C. F. WATHERSTON, Mr. J. SARGEAUNT, and T. E. HARWOOD.

The discussion of this motion was continued into the next meeting, on December 8. The speeches on this motion were much more brilliant than had been heard for many meetings in Debating Society. Mr. Balfour spoke three times, and Mr. Bell twice ; and both speakers were remarkable for the eloquence with which they supported the motion. Mr. Bell especially was heard to speak with even more than his usual vigour.

The OPPOSER considered the motion absolutely immoral, and tried to enlist the House's sympathy and pity on behalf of the Proposer and Seconder, who had fallen so low as to propose such a motion.

Mr. SARGEAUNT spoke with quite his usual fluency, and was doubtless greatly responsible for the way in which the motion was thrown out.

On December 8, before the continuation of this motion, J. E. HARWOOD moved 'That a member who has been present at every meeting throughout the term, or has only been absent through some satisfactory cause, shall be exempt from speaking.' F. B. SHERRING seconded. P. B. HENDERSON opposed. After some trivial speaking, the motion was carried by acclamation.

On the continuation of the preceding Thursday's motion, Mr. HENDERSON quoted from, and enlarged on, the Histories of Greece and Rome ; and after a few amusing remarks from Mr. HARWOOD the motion was lost (11-3).

The following motion was then moved by W. C. BELL, seconded by E. H. WATERFIELD, and opposed by R. BALFOUR : 'That Party Government is a necessary evil.' This motion will be treated of in our next issue.

GUMBLETON ENGLISH VERSE.

In Northern Palestine there lies a sea
 Shut in by bord'ring hills that seem to make
 Walls for the men on all sides save the south,
 And this is Chinnereth, the harp-like lake.
 A lake of moods and passions ; now it seems
 To exercise a wond'rous fascination,
 And to compel the traveller to gaze
 Upon the lovely scene that lies before him.
 The placid water hath, as it were, the gift
 Of life ; it changes colour momentarily,
 Reflecting all in opalescent hues.
 Across the sunlight mirror shadows float,
 Shadows of clouds, if ought there be to fleck
 The dome of blue above. Cloud chases cloud,
 Shade shadow, on the surface like the thoughts

That swim in the clear lakes of eyes we love.
 Far in the depths the scaled fishes sport
 And take their pleasure mid the water-weeds
 That shield them from the mid day heat and glare.
 All is repose ; the villages around
 Gaze into the still waters, which send back
 Nought but the dazzling whiteness of their walls.
 Afar the horizon hides itself in haze,
 But through the haze the measur'd sweep of oars
 Is heard, and voices chanting sweet and clear
 Some old-time melody of love and youth.
 No thought but pleasure fills the happy heart
 Of those who voyage in the shallop frail.
 The sails, white as a swan's wing, loosely hang
 From the smooth taper mast, for not a breath
 Of wind is stirring through the bord'ring reeds
 To whisper tales of distant eastern climes
 That lie beyond Euphrates. On a sudden
 The water—once so still it might have serv'd
 The fairest maiden of fair Galilee
 As mirror to reflect the beauty rare
 That graces none but daughters of the North—
 Is churn'd to foam, and hisses past the prow,
 Swirling and eddying in wild career,
 And down the rocky gorge between the hills
 The gale in savage glee comes raging forth.
 Then, catching up the folds of idle sails,
 Rends them in twain with sound like thunder-clap,
 What time the lightning tongues dart forth to lick
 The cedar-wooded slopes of Libanus.
 Bare-masted, with the water rushing in
 Through crannied timbers powerless to resist
 The straining efforts of the wind and wave,
 The bark turns shoreward, but before her prow
 Wins to the distant haven of her desire,
 The wind has fallen sudden as it rose,
 And the foam-crested waves that leapt and tost,
 Threatening to swallow in their greedy jaws
 The puny vessel, cease their boisterous sport ;
 A heavy rolling swell alone remains ;
 The sun again shines forth and cleaves the cloud
 Of diving spray and foam that veil'd his ray.
 Such is the treach'ry of the lovely lake.
 But now the sun is sinking in the west,
 Couch'd on the hills of glorious-coloured cloud,
 And night comes on apace ; short time is left
 For twilight's pensive shades. Forth rides the moon
 Crescent, with cohort bright of all the stars
 That love to bear attendance to their queen.
 The purple mist that hung upon the peaks
 Of mountain far or near, has deepened till
 A darker indigo encompasses
 Lakes, hills, and sky alike, varied alone
 By bars of silver sheen upon the waves.
 Such was, such is the lake of Chinnereth ;
 But men and times have alter'd on her shore.
 No more the fisher plies his midnight toil,
 Or casts his meshes to the depths below ;
 No more the slowly-marching caravan
 Goes toward the desert down the dusty road ;
 No more the villages at evening hour

Give forth their cheerful hum of many a voice
 What time men meet beside the gate to talk
 Of all that stirs their homely narrow world.
 All is in ruin ; here are scattered
 The blocks of stone and marble that were once
 The village pride, their little synagogue,
 Where they were wont to meet in simple prayer
 And thank the Almighty Father for His gifts.
 But now the wold-beast howls among the rocks,
 The thriftless Arab scratches in the soil
 That bears to-day but rank luxurious weeds,
 Where corn and olive, vine and spreading fig,
 Flourish'd throughout the garden of the North.
 Yet shall those words be all fulfill'd which once
 The seers of yore foretold should come to pass,
 And Israel's people shall return again,
 And Galilee shall, rising from the stones,
 Resume that perfect beauty which was hers.

R. WATERFIELD.

Obituary.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of CHARLES EDWARD PAGE, who left us last election. He died at his home in Carshalton on November 25, after a few days' illness, from pleurisy and pneumonia. Of one who was so well known to all who are connected with the School, it will be scarcely necessary to say much. Before he left he had won the distinction of being a double Pink. As captain of Football last year, by his pluck and energy he brought his XI. through a most successful season. He also became a member of the Cricket XI. last summer.

In his school-life it may fairly be said that few fellows have been so universally and deservedly popular. His never-failing cheerfulness and geniality had an irresistible influence on all with whom he came in contact.

Since leaving school he had been studying at St. Bartholomew's Hospital. He had entered on his profession with the same energy and perseverance which marked everything he did, and it seemed as if a bright future were in store for him.

The funeral took place at Carshalton on November 29. Several members of the School were able to be present.

Correspondence.

FROM OUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—The great event, of course, is J. S. Phillimore's magnificent performance in winning the Hertford Scholarship, for which he was 'honourably mentioned' last year. It is twenty-one years since any member of the House has won it, the last being the present Dean; and we believe we are right in saying that no O. W. has won the 'Hertford' since Bramwell, early in the seventies. Our best hopes go with Phillimore for the 'Ireland' and 'Cravens.'

We must congratulate Watherston most heartily on his success. A Balliol Scholarship is something to be proud of.

D. FitzMaurice has been elected a member of the Twenty Club, of which R. C. Phillimore is to be president for next term.

Of football news there is none.

Yours sincerely,
C. Y.

Christ Church.

THE 'TRINUMMUS' AT RADLEY.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—As loyal courtesy has denied me my 'Trinummus' at Westminster this year, I the more readily accepted the other day an invitation to see it on the boards of St. Peter's College, Radley.

A general criticism of the performance would be out of place, and—on the principle of some rather nice rulings at Westminster as to the rights of criticism accorded respectively to guests who are, or are not, 'gentlemen of the press'—might bring 'The Radleian' down on my head. I will, therefore, merely say that I enjoyed the performance very much, and felt quite rewarded for a muddy walk in the rain.

There were, however, two points which struck me very much, and which I think I may without indiscretion bring to your notice. The first was with regard to the stage itself. The rising of the curtain disclosed a scene very like our own, except that instead of obtaining a quite unimpeded view towards the Acropolis, one saw it through a light colonnade of four columns. The convenience of this arrangement was very obvious when, as so often occurs, someone comes on without seeing another person who is already on the stage, and who by no means wishes to be seen by the newcomer, though perhaps not averse to hearing what the latter has to say to the friend who often comes on with him. This situation, which is often maintained for a considerable time, is very trying on a small stage, both to the actors and to the dramatic illusion of the audience.

The Radley actor manoeuvres about near or partly behind a column, which greatly facilitates his by-play, and the Radley audience, instead of being on the tenter-hooks of anxiety lest the newcomer should turn round and see the other—with whom their sympathies generally are—feel quite happy, as they know that if the master (*e.g.*) looks round, the slave will flatten himself at the back of a column. This arrangement also allows the actor or actors at the front of the stage to move about more freely. Everyone who has acted in one of our plays must have felt that some scenes were written for a much larger stage, but this difficulty is materially lessened by an arrangement such as I have described.

The other point about which I wished to make a remark was the get-up of the young men. They wore no wigs and no fleshings on the arms, the traditional darkness and fairness, so strongly accentuated with us by wigs, being admirably supplied by nature. The tunic and pallium of the fair young man were respectively of two very pretty light harmonising colours with

out trimming, and those of the dark young man were similarly of two darker colours. It may be that young Greeks always wore curls and habitually went about in blue and silver or red and gold in the morning, but the Radley get-up seemed to me more natural as well as more pleasing.

In conclusion, I will just mention that the play was preceded by a prologue, spoken by the Radley Captain, and written by a recent Westminster one, dealing with the subjects of general and Radleian interest in the past year, including among the latter the 'nobiles octoviri remis periti paene quibus virtus et ars dedere palmam.' Believe me, yours sincerely,

GARRULUS.

ROWING AT WESTMINSTER.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—In my letters to you, published in *The Elizabethan* of November and December, 1891, under the above heading, I omitted the name of one of the most distinguished O.W.W. of to-day from the list of 'Old Westminster Rowing Blues.' Lord Esher (W. B. Brett) was, as we were informed by Thomas Somers Cocks (who, I take it, is the famous Oxford stroke of 1840 and 1841, and President of the O.U.B.C. in the former year) at Westminster in 1829.

W. B. Brett afterwards entered at Caius College, Cambridge, and rowed in 1837 No. 5 in the Cambridge boat, when they beat Leander by 5 seconds.

Also in 1838 in the race with Leander, but this race was a series of fouls, and the umpire declared the match off. 'Paddy' Noulton, who 'coxed' Westminster in their race with Eton in 1836, performed the same office for Cambridge in both these races.

Brett (rowing at 7) assisted Cambridge again in 1839, in which year they beat Oxford by 1½ minute.

All these races were from Westminster to Putney—distance 6 miles.

The Cambridge crew of 1839 was long after known as the 'lightning crew.' E. S. Stanley, an old Etonian, was stroke, and W. W. Smyth, an O.W., rowed 2.

The Master of the Rolls was 'called' in due course, and has since occupied the following distinguished positions:—

- 1866 to 1868—M.P. for Helston.
- 1868—Solicitor-General.
- 1868—Judge of Common Pleas.
- 1876—Lord Justice of Appeal.
- 1883—Master of the Rolls.

His judgments carry great weight, and he is somewhat of a terror to the junior members of the junior bar.

Yours truly,
O. W. CANTAB.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Could you inform me when 'Lusus alteri Westmon.' was published, and where; also the price, and if it is easily obtainable?

Yours truly,
CLARE.

[Copies can be obtained at the School book-shop in Ashburnham House, price 10s. 6d. each volume.—ED.]

ERRATUM.

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Our Contemporaries.

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