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## RACQUETS.

**T**HE interval between the close of the football season, and the beginning of cricket being an unusually long one this year, affords an excellent opportunity for playing off the racquet ties. The number of entries for the Wooden is larger than it has been since the year 1868; but on the other hand, the contest for the Challenge Wire has only produced eight competitors, a decided falling off from the fourteen entries of last year. Since, however, the names almost all represent good players, few hollow defeats are probable.

Racquets being the chief amusement at this time of year, a slight account of their history at Westminster may be acceptable to our readers. The Wooden racquet is, we believe, peculiar to Westminster, and is apparently the most popular among us, yet the Silver Challenge Wire was played for six years before the Challenge Cup for the Wooden: the latter was presented in 1856, by Salwey, a senior of the year, and is a floating prize. The Silver Challenge Wire was instituted by general subscription in 1850, and is subject to the same rules as the Wooden Cup.

One of the rules is that both may not be held by the same person at once; this rule was enforced in the first year, when the two were played for, and has been called into operation on several occasions since that time. The old custom in playing for the Wire was to allow hitting off the stones, the result of which was that nearly every ball used was hit over college, as it was almost impossible to take a ball first bound, and the game came to be a mere trial of strength. In the year 1868, the ties for the Wire were played in the little court, in order to make skill of a little more value, but the games were all very uninteresting, and the experiment was not repeated. No doubt the present method of playing on the stones is far the best, and the games which have been played lately show that it admits of a great deal of skill.

Too much cannot be said of the importance of racquets to the school. The courts are on the spot, which is all important, and though rather roughly paved are very fair specimens of open courts. The only thing to be regretted is that there are not more of them, for they can accommodate ten only at the utmost, and then the players in the middle court are in peril of

their lives. Racquets are the only amusement which can go on all day long. Gymnasium is only open in the middle of the day: in winter, Green is not always available, and it takes too many to start a game for a few minutes. During the cricket season nothing can be done in Green, and fields are too far off to be used more than twice a day; but the season for racquets never comes to an end, and a game can be played at any time of day. More racquet courts we cannot have while the school has only at its disposal the limited space of Little Dean's Yard, but one or two fives courts might be erected on the ground which we already possess. We are not aware of any reason why some courts should not be built on the west side of the yard: the wall there would require to be raised a few feet, for a width of about four yards; side walls would have to be built, and the space enclosed must be paved, but the cost of this would be trifling. The sum might be easily raised by subscription, and Westminster would thus gain a most valuable addition to her means of amusement.

### School Notes.

A CONSIDERABLE portion of our last number was taken up in articles on and suggestions for the foundation of a Debating Society at Westminster. One said, that nothing was more desirable; another, that nothing was more feasible; another wondered how we could have contrived to exist so long without one. Meetings of the Sixth were held, a scheme was brought forward, the few opposers were beaten to the winds by a majority of seven, and it was decided to establish a society for the practice and study of elocution, under the rules proposed. But there was one stumbling-block, which eventually proved fatal, and that was, the time for holding the meetings. The goodly majority of orators declared that *the* time would be immediately after afternoon school. But this would necessitate leave off lockhours; therefore it was necessary to consult the authorities on the subject. We should require at least two columns of the *Elizabethan*, besides a map, and Westminster Guide Book to describe the erratic route of the petition. At last, however, it did reach its destination, and we are told that the hour was decidedly objected to. The inventive brains of the promoters of the scheme were unable to devise any other hour that was acceptable to all, and the majority, under these circumstances, were compelled to let the matter drop, and the scheme remain a subject for future generations to reconsider.

It was with some surprise, and not entirely satisfaction, that we heard at the beginning of this half of the proposal to get a Football Challenge Shield for competition between the houses. We do not doubt that the promoters of this plan meant to encourage Foot-

ball by it; and, so far, the attempt deserves all praise. But it seems to us that the advantages of this scheme are more than counterbalanced by its disadvantages. Football has hitherto been entirely free from such external attractions, and, far from being the less studied for that reason, has always been more popular than any other game. Now it is in every way more desirable that games should be played at for their own sakes than for the sake of cups, shields, and other such things; and therefore, we think that any such plan should be well considered before an attempt is made to carry it out. We feel this the more strongly, because we hear it is considered essential that there should be room on the shield to engrave the name of every player in the winning Eleven: a fact which seems to show pretty clearly the kind of feelings which actuate the subscribers to this fund.

AN institution dear to the heart of all Westminsters, past and present, is in dire jeopardy,—the institution of dips. Now, to us there is something peculiarly fascinating in this primitive and diminutive ink-bottle, and round its name cling numberless associations. We remember how, when we first came to Westminster, we needed an inkstand, and were given a dip; though, till the substance had instructed the shadow, the advantage of our new possession was, at the best, but dubious; for the initiated alone can appreciate its value. In construction the dip is simple, but admitting of infinite variety in appearance and shape. There are short and squat dips, long and thin dips, and dips so vilely proportioned, that none but a new boy would so much as look at them. But the grace and strength combined in the model dip are indescribable, to pass over its capacities for containing exactly the right amount of ink, neither too much nor too little. How could you have improved upon our dips? When nicely filled they would not upset, even though they were not absolutely dry, and they would not break, unless perchance they were told off in pairs to fight one another after the manner of cocks, when it must be confessed that such a contingency was, humanly speaking, possible. Was it not a rare event that the pen emerging from the dip was found to have fished out a long piece of cotton wool? Was it often that the dip was dry, and broke the pen of the unwary dipper? Surely not, and yet such is the calumny abroad, and rumour has even said that our Westminster treasure is to yield to the vaunting Fountain or the vulgar Cone. Yet, indeed, it were little better than Vandalism to abolish our dip (which has so long subsisted among us an object of anxious care to master and boy alike); for, granted the theoretical dip was a delusion and a sham, the practical dip was of absolute perfection.

DURING the last few weeks, and especially while the crews were at Putney, several private Fours, and an Eight or two have gone on the water on half-holidays. Nothing of any very great interest has been achieved by them, most likely because they are reserving their powers till after Easter, when the water will begin in



earnest. Trial Eights for next half will in all probability be put on for Wednesday afternoons, and other boats in proportion.

WE also have to announce the gift of a handsome silver cup, for a swimming race. No conditions are attached, except that it seems to be the donor's wish that it should be confined to patrons of the Water, and be raced for at the end of the Election half; all other rules or regulations to be left to the head of the Water. We must take this opportunity of rendering our warmest thanks to the donor, who has thought proper to withhold his name.

THE Prize for Latin Prose was withheld this year; but a second prize awarded to E. V. Arnold.

The Prize for the Greek Iambics has not yet been awarded. A passage of forty lines was selected from the first book of Paradise Regained.

#### ELECTION CHALLENGES.

	Min. Cans.				
	1	2	3	4	Total.
Eddis . . .	13	13	13	13	52
Lowry . . .	12	12	11	11	46
Cuppage . .	8	10	12	12	42
Guest . . .	11	11	10	9	41
Egerton . .	10	9	8	7	34
Marshall . .	9	8	7	8	32
Page . . .	1	5	9	10	25
Mead } . . .	7	6	5	6	24
Thorne } . . .	6	7	6	5	24
Clarke . . .	5	4	3	4	16
Cobby . . .	4	3	4	3	14
Sercombe } . .	3	2	1	1	7
Bulkley } . . .	2	1	2	2	7

#### THE CHARTERHOUSE MATCH.

WE have been to Godalming and been beaten. There is the whole truth in a line, but of course our readers will not put up with such a meagre account as that. They want a history of the battle and so we must give it them. Well then, the day is March 1st, the place Charterhouse, the weather snowy, and the two Elevens as follows:—

WESTMINSTER.	CHARTERHOUSE.
P. G. L. Webb (Capt.).	A. Orford (Capt. and back).
E. H. Alington.	G. M. Short.
E. Waddington (back).	W. R. Page.
F. D. Crowdy.	A. H. Tod.
C. J. M. Fox (back).	H. B. Southwell.
F. Whitehead.	A. W. F. Wilson (half-back).
W. C. Aston.	C. A. Reeve.
J. H. Williams.	R. W. L. Curzon.
C. S. Davson.	H. Macgeorge.
A. F. M. Gamble (goals).	R. E. Hulton (goals).
F. L. Rawson.	C. A. Lovegrove.
Umpire.—W. H. A. Cowell.	Umpire.—H. G. Jeaffreson.
Referee.—Rev. G. S. Davies.	

At ten minutes to three the game was begun by a kick-off from the Charterhouse back, since though Westminster lost the toss and choice of goals, by the

Charterhouse rule the home team always kick off. A strong wind blowing down the ground gave some advantage to the Carthusians, but the ball was almost immediately carried down to their goal by a united rush of our Eleven. After some hard play in the middle of the ground for about ten minutes, the Carthusian sides broke clear away, and the ball being muddled was neatly put through by Curzon. The consequent change of goals produced no effect, and barely another ten minutes had elapsed before a run down at the side, in which Macgeorge was the principal performer, again gave Curzon a chance of which he was not slow to avail himself. From this point the game was all but confined to a defence of the Westminster goal, and though occasionally Webb, Aston, or Williams broke through the Carthusian forwards, Wilson and Orford were equal to all emergencies. Throughout the latter part of the game the back-play of Fox was remarkably good; and Waddington, though the somewhat diminutive ball rather puzzled him, kicked powerfully against the wind. Well for us was it that our backs were trusty, for Macgeorge on one side, and Southwell and Lovegrove on the other, were continually taking the ball dangerously near the goal-line. In the Carthusian centre Page distinguished himself as a dribbler, though towards the end he got hurt and did not play up very much. Rawson and Alington both played hard for us in their respective positions, and the goal-keeper certainly could not be said to have lost us either goal, while he saved one really well. The state of the ground and the weather made the game a very fast one, as we suppose all public school matches must be from the careful training of both sides. After the second goal no alteration occurred, and time was called at 4.20. Some part of our defeat may be attributed to the size of the ball, over which at the beginning our forwards were continually running; in addition to this the Charterhouse rule as to outsidings, or being behind as it is there called, requiring four instead of three men to be between us and their goal, made our men always uncertain as to whether they were right or not. Be that as it may, we had a pleasant game, and were fairly beaten.

It is needless to say that the Carthusians were hospitality itself. Conveyances carried us to and from the station, and a sumptuous repast in the Library, including that mysterious compound, Charterhouse pudding, concluded a most delightful day, and the least we can say is that we hope, when the Carthusians visit us next year, they will enjoy themselves as much as we did at Godalming. This is the first of what we hope will prove an unbroken series of annual matches. The two schools have played four times before, with the following results:—

1863. Westminster won . . .	2—0
1864. Westminster won . . .	2—1
1865. Drawn . . . . .	0—0
1866. Charterhouse won (disputed)	1—0

The match seems to have been discontinued partly because there was a doubt in consequence of the

dispute as to who should send the challenge for the next year. It is to be hoped that no such untimely fate may befall the present series. We must look forward, therefore, to next year in the hope that with the Association Rules and our own ground, we may have better luck than we have had this year.

### The Fields.

EASTER has now arrived, and with it Football ceases, giving place to other sports more fitted for the season of the year. Last half we had an extraordinary run of luck, as, out of seven matches played, we won four, two were drawn, and only one was lost: but since then the tide of fortune has turned, and we have only just managed to make our successes surpass our losses. The only real improvement has been in our goal-keeping, which, though in the first matches execrable, has latterly stood us in good stead, and saved us many a defeat. Our first match this half was against the Gitanos, who brought down a fairly strong team, and it required all our skill to defeat them, which we just managed to do, but had the game lasted much longer the result would probably have been different. The next one against an Eleven, or rather Nine, kindly brought down by H. S. Otter, was no criterion of our play, as, not only were they numerically inferior, but most of them had been playing in a fierce game at the Oval just before; and in this case the Eleven having it all their own way, hardly exerted themselves at all, a practice which is getting too prevalent at Westminster, and which cannot be too severely censured. Our next essay was a miserable one, and although the Eleven brought against us was one of more than ordinary merits, there was no reason why we should have become so hopelessly disorganized when we found the Fates were adverse to us. Our match with Charterhouse, which has now begun again after a lapse of several years, was one looked forward to with great interest by both schools: both had been successful in other matches, though, perhaps, Charterhouse most so; but this was owing as much to the difference in their rules as to their play, and it was hard to say who were the favourites. Soon after the game had begun it was visible that Westminster was very much disconcerted by the new rules, and becoming disheartened by their defeat, towards the end of the game they began to lag a good deal, and thereby lost all chance of recovering their fallen fortunes. The Carthusians had undoubtedly a first-rate team, and one which played well together, besides having the advantage of being on their own ground, and playing with a much smaller ball than is generally used, and which bothered our backs not a little. The game was an exceedingly pleasant one, and nothing could exceed the hospitality with which we were treated. Eager to sustain their reputation in the succeeding match against the Civil Service, our Eleven played better than they had done previously this season, and, after a good game, were able to congratulate themselves as victors; but the effort was only momentary, as on the following day we

met with a reverse, due, however, more to a piece of luck on our opponents' side than to any bad play on our part, as the deciding goal was only got one minute before time was called, and, besides that, we had got another goal, which in the absence of an umpire we were obliged to renounce, contrary to the opinion of all our Eleven, and of the numerous bystanders. The matches played this half, with their results, are as follows:—

Wed. Jan. 27th,	<i>v.</i>	Gitanos, won, 2—0.
Sat. „ 30th,	<i>v.</i>	H. S. Otter's XI., won, 2—0.
Tues. Feb. 2nd,	XI. <i>v.</i>	XXII, won, 5—1.
Thurs. „ 11th,	<i>v.</i>	Crystal Palace, lost, 0—5.
Mon. March 1st,	<i>v.</i>	Charterhouse, lost, 0—2.
Wed. „ 10th,	<i>v.</i>	Civil Service, won, 2—1.
Thurs. „ 11th,	<i>v.</i>	Gitanos, lost, 1—2.

P. G. L. Webb has been most successful in getting goals, but E. H. Alington ran him very close, to whom the palm of merit must certainly be awarded for the energetic and dashing way in which he always plays. No one else besides these two are particularly worthy of being mentioned, with the exception, perhaps, of C. J. M. Fox, whose back play on several occasions was very neat and effective.

Little need be said about the school games, as none of them were at all interesting, with the exception of the T.B.B. and Q.S.S. match, and the Sixth and School; both of which proved to be good games. At present, out of sixteen recorded games, the Q.S.S. can claim ten, and T.B.B. three, while the remaining three were drawn. Rigaud's takes the first place among the Houses in football, but they were beaten under great disadvantages by the Under Elections, as they could only get together nine men, and some of their best men were absent; but the Under Elections had also lost the important services of their Captain, owing to a sprained ankle; so neither side had their best team.

It is encouraging to think that Westminster has been represented in all the principal matches of the year, and in the English Eleven, which is supposed to consist of the eleven best players in England, two old Westminsters were chosen to play, viz., the two Rawsons, the younger of whom was especially mentioned for the excellence of his back-play. The last-mentioned has also been elected to play against Sheffield, thereby establishing himself as one of the best backs of the present day. In the Oxford team we are well represented by R. W. S. Vidal, H. S. Otter, and W. S. Rawson, all of whom are well-known players, though the first-mentioned has retired—for a short time only, we hope. J. Roberts has also occasionally played for the Cambridge University.

Since our last number we have played the following foreign matches:—

*v. Civil Service.*—Vincent Square was the scene of a very fierce conflict with the Civil Service on Wednesday, March 10. The ground was in very good order, and in spite of the sun, which was rather too hot for football, it was determined to play for an hour and a half; the result was a very fast game for the whole of the time. The Civil Service captain won the toss, and determined to defend the western goals; but his



men did not confine themselves to defence, as before many minutes had elapsed Kinnaird made a very fine run, and leaving everybody behind, succeeded in sending the ball through the middle of the Westminster goal. For the first half hour the Civil Service forwards, by means of their superior weight and speed, were able to pen their opponents near their own goal, and the kicking of Thompson and Lindsay, the two backs, frustrated every attempt on the part of the school to carry the ball away. Superior training, however, began to tell at last, and the Civil Servants were driven back; and one of them having imprudently handled the ball close to their goal line, Fox by a beautiful kick lifted the ball into the middle, just in front of the goals, and both Elevens ran under the tape together, carrying Giffard, who had the ball in his arms, with them. The play for the rest of the time was very fast, both sides trying hard to secure a goal, but out of the many shots at the Westminster goals not one proved successful; at length Rawson, by a good side kick, secured another goal for the school, thereby deciding the victory in its favour. Kinnaird was far the best of the Civil Service forwards, while Thompson and Lindsay were of great use behind; for the school Alington and Webb were perhaps the best of the vanguard; the backs were as good as usual, and Gamble was in no way to blame for allowing the ball to pass between the posts.

*Civil Service.*—J. H. Giffard (Capt.), J. Kirkpatrick, W. H. White, W. Lindsay (back), L. Heygate, H. C. Houndell, E. W. Wylde, A. F. Kinnaird, A. C. Thompson (back), F. J. Patton.

*Westminster.*—P. G. L. Webb (Capt.), E. H. Alington, E. Waddington (back), F. D. Crowdy, C. J. M. Fox (back), F. Whitehead, W. C. Aston, C. S. Davson, A. F. M. Gamble, F. L. Rawson, W. C. Ryde.

*v. Gitanos.*—On account of the final cup ties on Saturday, this match, which was fixed for that day, was played on Thursday morning instead. The ground was in capital condition, and a very hard game ensued, the result of which was a victory for the Gitanos by two goals to one. The Gitanos won the toss, and before long scored a goal through the agency of Kinnaird, the speed of whose runs was of great service to his side. After change of ends the ball was brought down to the Gitanos goal, and being well middled by Crowdy, was, after an unsuccessful shot by Williams, finally put through by Webb. A short time afterwards Aston put the ball into the goal-keepers' hands who was standing behind the goals, but as they denied our claim we gave up to them. This lost us the game, for, although no one relaxed his efforts, a large party of Gitanos overwhelmed our goal-keeper, and gained their second goal about a minute before time was called. For the Gitanos Kinnaird, and Stronge forwards, and Lindsay as back did most service, while for us Webb, Crowdy and Aston worked very hard, and Gamble kept goals in a very satisfactory manner.

*Gitanos.*—C. E. Farmer (Capt.), W. Lindsay (back), W. H. Hadow, A. F. Kinnaird, F. J. Patton, J. H.

Stronge, A. G. Bonsor, A. Pratt-Barlow, J. H. Giffard (back), J. A. Hammond, J. R. Dasent (goals).

*Westminster School.*—P. G. L. Webb (Capt.), E. H. Alington, E. Waddington (back), F. D. Crowdy, C. J. Fox (back), F. Whitehead, W. C. Aston, J. H. Williams, C. S. Davson, A. F. Gamble (goals), F. L. Rawson.

*T.B.B. v. Q.SS.*—On Wednesday, March 17, this time-honoured match, which always brings our football season at Westminster to a close, was played, and resulted in a complete victory for the Q.SS. The match, indeed, though the last of the season, is by no means the least, either in interest to Westminster both past and present, or in the mingled feelings of pride and excitement, which it kindles in every partisan. This year, in one sense, was no exception to its predecessors, superior weight on the one side, striving, but in vain, to wrest the laurels, from superior skill and training on the other. The laurels, though, which have now for several years been safe in the hands of the Q.SS., were never once in danger; and in fact the result of the game was almost a foregone conclusion. The Queen's Scholars this year had a particularly strong team; if indeed the fact of having eight out of the School Eleven is any criterion; but they unavoidably lost the services of Whitehead on the present occasion. The T.B.B., on the other hand, fully appreciating the superior skill against which they had to contend, adopted what, doubtless, was the wisest course open to them, and sent forth all the heaviest men from their ranks to do battle. The toss this year was won by the Town Boys, and favoured by a strong breeze which blew straight down the ground, against which the Q.SS. backs could scarcely drive the ball, they were able to save themselves from what would otherwise have been a most disastrous defeat; for even with this valuable helpmate they were unable to gain the smallest success. The Queen's Scholars, however, despite their energetic play, were unable to score a goal before half time was called, though the T.B.B. goal was on more than one occasion in imminent danger. Several good runs were made on either side, and for some time the game was most spirited. On changing ends the superior skill of the Q.SS. soon told its tale. The ball, which during the earlier part of the game had frequented the quarters of the Town Boys, was at once carried back again into close proximity to their goal. Here the T.B.B. rallied a little, but to no purpose, for in a very short time the ball was passed on to Williams, and after a clever piece of play between him and Webb, was safely landed between the goal posts by the last-mentioned player. The T.B.B., feeling the effects of their previous exertions, now began to flag, and before long Alington, after a very good run, by a neat side kick, secured the second goal for the Q.SS. Play was again resumed, but without any further successes, and when time was called the Queen's Scholars had added, by two goals to none, another to their long roll of victories. They had the best of it throughout, the services of their goal-keeper

not having once been called into requisition. Among the T.BB., Hicks and J. Frere (forwards), and Fox (back) were most conspicuous, the latter kicking in his usual good form; while of the Q.SS. all of whom did their full share of work, Alington, Webb, Davson and Crowdy, are particularly worthy of mention.

The sides were as follows:—

*Q.SS.*—P. G. L. Webb (Capt.), E. H. Alington, E. Waddington (back), F. D. Crowdy, W. C. Aston, J. H. Williams, C. S. Davson, W. C. Ryde (goals), W. H. A. Cowell (back), C. C. Macnamara, A. E. Black.

*T.BB.*—C. J. M. Fox (Capt.), & A. F. M. Gamble (backs), F. L. Rawson, J. A. Batley, G. A. Hicks, A. A. N. Jackson, J. Frere, E. Frere, T. B. Jones (goals), J. A. Littlehales, C. Secretan.

*Rigaud's v. Grants.* This match was played on Thursday, March 18th, and resulted in a victory for Rigaud's by two goals to none. The ball was kicked off by Rawson at 12.30. For some time it was kept in the centre of the ground, until a fortunate kick by Tayloe sent the ball into the goal-keeper's hands and bouncing off Fox put it through. After changing ends, the game was very evenly contested. Grants made some very good runs down, but failed to put the ball through the goal posts. Fox then got away with the ball, and with the help of Jackson, Littlehales and Macnamara, a second goal for Rigaud's was secured. Grants played well together after this, but were unsuccessful, though they once or twice threatened Rigaud's goal. For Rigaud's, Fox, Jackson, and Macnamara played well. For Grants, Rawson, Batley, and Jones.

*Rigaud's.*—C. Fox (Capt.), A. F. Gamble, H. Abernethy (backs), J. Fox (goals), Jackson, Littlehales, Macnamara, B. Rogers, Horne, Rodocanachi, Tayloe.

*Grants.*—F. Rawson (Capt.), R. Mead (backs), Batley, T. B. Jones, Whitlock, C. Clark, Hemsley, Maxwell, Hicks, T. Fischer, Russell.

*Under Elections v. Rigaud's.*—The match between the Under Elections and Rigaud's was played on Friday, March 19th, and resulted in a victory for the former by two goals to none. Owing to the state of fields it took place in Green, when the ground was very slippery. Although both sides were deprived of some of their best men the game was contested with great spirit. At first the Rigaudites had the best of it, and kept the ball down by their opponents' goals, but did not succeed in effecting its downfall, as the Under Elections got the ball away, and after a well-concerted run, Rogers, well backed up by his side, succeeded in scoring the first goal, and a similar success was in a short time achieved by Black. After this the game continued pretty even, and just as time was called the Under Elections kicked another goal, which was not, however, scored. For Rigaud's, Fox and Cuppage played well, while for the Under Elections Olliffe played back exceedingly well.

*Under Elections.*—H. Rogers (Capt.), Longstaffe, Turner, E. Parker, Vyvyan, Black, Olliffe (back), Dale, C. Ryde (half back), Haines (goals), Robinson.

*Rigaudites.*—C. Fox (Capt.), Tayloe, Cuppage, B. Rogers, J. Fox, (back), Reece, H. Macnamara, Eddis (goals), Gamble (half back).

## Poetry.

### THE BATTLE OF THE CHALLENGES.

At Westminster, each Lenten tide,  
Is waged a war wherein is tried  
What scholars, on the Founder's side,  
Shall join that famous seminary.

And Westminster has seen of late  
The fight, while every candidate  
Charged each another in debate,  
To test his classicality.

In order by the judge array'd,  
With questions each his foe essay'd,  
And, eager, many a scholar pray'd  
To join the boyish rivalry.

Then shook the ignorant in his shoes!  
Then did the knowing subtly choose  
Those questions which might most confuse,  
And put to rout the enemy.

But fiercest raged that classic war,  
When Brown did all his foemen floor,  
And 'coter yet did posers pour,  
When Jones took places rapidly.

Bravely they fight! Faint the judge owns,  
Beneath his trying task he groans,  
When plodding Brown and well-cramm'd Jones  
Are match'd so very evenly.

The combat deepens! On, boys, on!  
Brown! Jones! the prize may yet be won!  
Flourish thy syntax, Robinson,  
And charge with all thy prosody!

As many part as ever meet,  
Sleep will not here the conquer'd greet;  
Only the victors find a sheet . . . .  
Within the College Dormitory.

### IMAGINATION TRUE PLEASURE.

THE sea of Pleasure, false yet fair—  
Many a rock lies hidden there,  
Many a desert isle of tears,  
Worn rugged with the storms of years,  
But still and safe in storm and swell,  
Floats the isle where Fancies dwell.  
And there the summer never dies,  
There the cold wind never sighs,  
And the greensward lieth spread,  
Innocent of human tread,  
Nourish'd by celestial rain,  
Vanishing from eye profane!

And there beside the golden sand  
Lie long hills of pasture land,  
From whose brow the laden trees  
Fling ripe odours on the breeze;  
By their foot, in ripply sheen,  
Runneth daisied banks between  
Down to sea the dreaming river,  
Over which the leaflets quiver,  
Secret whispering for ever,  
Things that few have heard or seen!

From the river channels winding,  
Fields of thirsty verdure finding,  
Give a hundred beauties birth,  
From the sympathetic earth;  
And they murmur as they flow  
Into pools where lilies grow,  
By long beds of blowing roses,  
'Neath the day that never closes,  
Things that few may learn or tell;  
Secrets of flood, wood, and fell;  
Said not wholly as they seem,  
For the air and echoes change,  
Shapes and sounds to beauty strange,  
And the island itself is a dream!



## THE RACQUET TIES.

THE week before Easter was marked by a series of fine days, and consequently a succession of matches in the racquet-courts. The first ties for both the Wooden and the Wire have already been played off, the results for the former being as follows:—

E. Ferrers, T.B. 11, 11	beat	A. L. Kelly, T.B. 3, 2.
W. C. Ryde, Q.S. 7, 11, 11	„	E. H. Alington, Q.S. 11, 9, 8.
E. A. Horne, T.B. 11, 11	„	A. A. N. Jackson, T.B. 7, 0.
F. D. Crowdy, Q.S. 11, 3, 11	„	C. A. Jones, Q.S. 7, 11, 5.
J. H. Watson, Q.S. 11, 11	„	G. A. Bolton, Q.S. 7, 6.
E. Waddington, Q.S. 11, 11	„	W. H. A. Cowell, Q.S. 9, 1.
C. J. M. Fox, T.B. 11, 11	„	J. Littlehales, T.B. 11.
F. Whitehead, Q.S. 11, 11	„	H. G. F. Olliffe, Q.S. 2, 5.
J. H. Williams, Q.S., a bye.		

Ferrers disposed of Kelly very easily, but Ryde had almost more than his match in Alington, who won the first game, and was not far behind in either of the other two. Jackson began well and was ahead of Horne for some time, but he left off scoring too soon, and his opponent won rather easily. Jones hit very hard, but seemed to have a wrong idea as to the position and height of the part of the wall he had to aim at; otherwise, Crowdy might have been beaten. Bolton made a better fight than had been expected; but Cowell who played very well in his first game, had a run of bad luck in the second, and Waddington's hard hits secured him the victory. Fox had no need to exert himself much, and won with the most consummate ease. The easy victory which Whitehead gained over Olliffe brought the first round of the ties for the Wooden to a close.

The first ties for the Wire were played simultaneously with those for the Wooden. The results were as follows:—

G. A. Bolton, Q.S. 15, 15	beat	E. H. Alington, Q.S. 6, 5.
C. L. Glyn, T.B. 15, 15	„	W. Beverley, T.B. 6, 4.
T. Fischer, T.B. 15, 15	„	A. E. Black, Q.S. 10, 14.
F. L. Rawson, a bye.		

Alington was overmatched, as Bolton had it all his own way; Beverley lost heart after one or two reverses, and let Glyn win as he liked; but the best games were yet to come, as Black, who was not very far behind Fischer in the first game, seemed to improve in the second. A great deal of excitement was displayed as the score on both sides increased gradually, and at last stopped at fourteen all; the innings changed hands several times, but before long a shout from the crowd, which had collected on the steps of No. 2 announced a triumph for the Town-boys.

## FROM OUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

THERE is but little Westminster Oxford news; that little, however, is good. W. Brinton again was head of his year at Ch. Ch. in collections. I hope the readers of *The Elizabethan* do not expect an account or comment on the boat-race. Their correspondent is shamefully ignorant of the peculiar excellencies and small faults visible only to keen-eyed critics. The race, however, was a satisfactory one, as restoring victory to Oxford. The Athletics also are pleasant to think of.

The term, indeed, ended somewhat abruptly for many Ch. Ch. men: the dons, lest the grinds should come off, sent down all whom they thought likely to aid and abet in them.

Commemoration is to be greatly diminished next term, but what exactly will happen no one knows.

## Correspondence.

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DEAR SIR,—I have long wanted, through the medium of your valuable paper, to call attention to the state of Library. It has some valuable and ancient books in it, I believe; why then should these be allowed to remain so dusty and dirty, solely through want of proper care and attention? Why should the wire protecting the books be left broken? Why should the shelves remain covered with dust left for months untouched? Surely some boy should be entrusted with the care of keeping the shelves and books clean and in good order. I cannot help thinking that if proper steps were taken immediately, the books would be saved from complete destruction. Hoping to see ere long some improvement in this respect, I beg to subscribe myself

A BOOKWORM.

## TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

SIR,—Allow me, as well as your correspondent M., to state my grievance, through the medium of the *Elizabethan*. I wish to ask what grounds he has for stating that my name and those of others in the "rabble of fourth-form boys" (as he designates us) will never be a credit anywhere. Cannot a boy, though a dull scholar, become distinguished in after life in many professions? Many of our greatest military commanders, whose names would certainly disgrace no school, never showed their ability for their profession whilst studying Greek and Latin.—Therefore, thinking it possible that some of us may live to be an honour and not a disgrace to our school or country, I venture to protest against the injustice of your correspondent's suggestion.

Yours truly,

ONE OF THE RABBLE.

## TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—Last term complaints were made in your paper about the state of the wire at the top of the small racquet court. This has been remedied during the holidays; but there is still another complaint which is frequently made against it. Has not any one noticed the bad state of the paving? The surface of the court is so uneven that hardly any two flags are on the same level. Might not this portion of the court be repaved, or, better still, be laid with asphalt, which would not be so liable to get into the same bad state?

I remain, yours truly,

E. L. CRIM.

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IF the gentleman who found a racquet on the College Court a few days ago, broke it, and left it there, will apply in person to the owner, A. Z., 2, Little Dean's Yard, he may hear of something to his advantage.

MYSTERIOUSLY left its home, a Virgil, copiously annotated in manuscript, and with the first hundred lines of each book well thumbed. When last seen had a new half-calf binding, which, however, it may since have disposed of. Apply to T. B., 1, Dean's Yard.

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LOST, by an intending singer at the next concert, his voice.

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