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THE PAST YEAR.

ANOTHER year has passed away, and once more it is our sadly pleasant duty to glance briefly at the train of memories it has bequeathed to us, and to view the events which have in any way affected our school life during the past twelve months. A pleasant task it is to consider what progress we have made, what successes we have won; yet not devoid of sadness when we reflect that the close of the year has been marked by the departure of one who had well nigh spent a life time at Westminster, who, undeterred by any changes or vicissitudes, had ever devoted his utmost energy to furthering the interests of his School. Westminster has had many friends among her masters, but few, we think, have displayed such untiring assiduity on her behalf—few have so nobly sup-

ported her alike in time of success and in time of adversity. After thirty-eight years Mr. James has fairly earned the rest and retirement he has sought; and if the sincere sympathy, the heartfelt regret of all who have been in any way connected with him, can console him at all for the anxiety he has suffered, or reward him for the kindness he has shown us, we can assure him that they are freely offered.

Uneventful the year cannot certainly be called, yet Old Westminsters may justly cavil at the Fortune which ruled that it should pass without either Play or Athletic Sports. We in our turn, too, may regret that so long a time should have passed without our seeing among us the old friends who are wont to be present at one or other of these events. Let us trust, however, that fine weather, and an increased number of spectators at our Athletics this year, will make up for our protracted separation.

We fear we cannot congratulate our Eleven on the result of the Cricket season. What few and barren victories we did win were more than counterbalanced by the disastrous nature of our

defeats. However, we are naturally inclined to the bright side of everything, and when almost all the Eleven are staying on, and when the ground is rapidly improving, we see no reason why, with a little extra energy, Cricket should not be as successful at Westminster as Football.

For that the latter is a success no one can deny. We have been successful in more than two-thirds of our matches, and there is every hope that we shall repeat our victory over Charterhouse this year at Godalming. There will be no lack of material to select from in after years, in order to fill any vacancies that may occur in the Old Westminster team.

In conclusion, we trust our readers will pardon a little vanity in speaking of the *Elizabethan*. During the past year the circulation has been increased by nearly a hundred copies each month; and for nearly the first time since the paper has been started, the new staff will begin their year, not only unhampered by debt, but with a handsome surplus, which we trust will serve to stimulate their exertions in the future.

Such were some of the main features of the year that has just passed away, and strongly do they recall to our mind the words:—

Mutare multa tempus et casus novos
Adferre fas est: vicibus alternis eunt
Amara lætis mixta, gaudio dolor.

SCOTT MEMORIAL.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE.

THE Sub-Committee to whom it has been entrusted to carry out the objects of the Subscription to the Scott Memorial Fund, in accordance with the resolutions passed at the meeting of Old Westminsters and others interested in the School, held in College Hall on the 13th of June last year, beg to report as follows:

The total amount that has been subscribed is £1,313. 13s.

It will be remembered that it was Dr. Scott's wish that the intended recognition of his services should take the form of a Memorial benefiting the School rather than that of a testimonial presented to himself. The greater portion of the money therefore has been devoted to the School, but by way of personal gift, an old silver goblet, mounted on an ebony pedestal, and a pair of candlesticks were presented to him, at a crowded meeting held at the

School on July 31st, 1883. The following inscription was engraved on the pedestal:

Viro Reverendo
C. BRODRICK SCOTT, S.T.P.
per annos XXVIII. Scholæ Westmonasteriensis Archididascalo
constantissimo disciplinæ Christianæ praeceptorio
subtili sollertique ingenio
infinita litterarum copia
mentes discipulorum
informare augere expolire solito
Terentiana styli venustate
quidquid placuit auditoribus interpretari callido
sui profuso
ut Scholæ in posterum consuleret
quæ ipsius auspicio creverat
Bibliothecæ
in honorem tam egregie meriti Viri instauratæ
Monumentum
d.d.
veteres Scholæ Westmonasteriensis alumni
amici fautores
MDCCCLXXXIII.

One of the north rooms in Ashburnham House has, with the permission of the Governing Body, been decorated, fitted with carved oak bookcases, and furnished as a Library. The shelves have been filled with books, partly chosen from the stock already possessed by School and College, partly presented by Old Westminsters, and partly bought.

A Latin inscription has been placed on the chimney breast, to commemorate Dr. Scott's Head Mastership, and to record the circumstances in which the Library was founded.

The Governing Body, after some consideration, permitted the Sub-Committee to deal also with the large drawing-room looking south. This has been decorated in a manner which it is believed shows to advantage the fine proportions, and the artistic mouldings and plaster-work for which the room is remarkable. It is intended to be used as a reading room attached to the Library.

The decoration of the rooms was carried out under the supervision of Mr. Bodley, A.R.A.

A sum of somewhat more than £450 has been invested and transferred to the Governing Body. This sum is to be held by them in perpetuity, upon trust to apply the income thereof towards the future maintenance of the Library. Some kind of maintenance fund is necessary, and to provide for it has been considered the best way of disposing of the balance for the benefit of the School.

C. L. EASTLAKE.	JAMES MARSHALL.
B. F. JAMES.	R. J. MURE.
C. ALFRED JONES.	AUGUSTUS PHILLIMORE.
GEORGE MACLEAY.	W. S. W. VAUX.
H. F. MANISTY.	C. W. W. WYNN.
M. W. C. MARKLOVE.	

Ashburnham House,
Little Dean's Yard,
Westminster,

17th December, 1884.

School Notes.

We have great pleasure in announcing the birth of a daughter to the Head Master, which took place on Saturday, the 20th of December.

The editor of 'Whittaker's Almanack' appears to have a somewhat hazy notion of the present condition of Westminster School. He describes us as altogether destitute of a Head Master, and mixes up all the Assistant Masters—Classical, Mathematical, Scientific, Musical, etc.—in admired disorder, without any regard to their several vocations; moreover he adds insult to injury by misprinting several names.

We must not omit to mention the resignation of Archbishop Trench. This illustrious prelate, honoured as he is throughout the English-speaking world as theologian, poet, and historian, has special claim on the gratitude and reverence of Westminsters.

Archbishop Trench's interest in Westminster did not cease with his translation (in 1863) to the second see of the Irish Church. Till within the recollection of many still in the School he constantly officiated at the annual confirmation in the Chapel of Henry the Seventh. The good wishes of all Westminsters will be with him in his retirement from the Archiepiscopal See, after an episcopate of more than twenty years—an episcopate of exceptional responsibility, since during its course occurred the Disestablishment of the Irish Church.

The resignation of Dr. Wordsworth, Bishop of Lincoln, is also announced. Before he was raised to the episcopate he was Canon of Westminster, and his interest in the School has never ceased. The Sunday Library of the Q.SS. contains several of his works; presented by the author himself; and many of us remember how, while Convocation was in session, he was accustomed to attend the early morning prayers of the School in the choir of the Abbey.

The following subscriptions have been received by the Glee Club:—Mrs. Rutherford, £1; Mr. James (surplus Testimonial) 15s.

A silver bowl, the gift of the School, and bearing a graceful inscription to that effect, was presented to Mr. James by the Captain up School, on the last day of last term. The Masters' testimonial consisted of a massive silver claret jug; it was presented by the Rev. J. Marshall, who had also written the inscription thereon engraved.

The Athletic Sports have been fixed for the 10th and 11th of April. The Athletic Committee consists of the following:—

F. H. Collier, Captain of the School.	} <i>Ex off.</i>
E. F. Allan, Head Town Boy.	
A. R. Hurst, Captain of Cricket.	
A. L. Fevez, Captain of Football.	
J. S. Watt.	
C. Gibson.	} Elected.
H. Harrison.	

A new and most satisfactory provision was made this year with regard to the voting, by which not only the three highest forms, but also School colours, were enfranchised.

FOOTBALL.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* REIGATE PRIORY.

This match took place at Vincent Square on Saturday, November 29th, and, after an evenly-contested game, ended in a draw. It may be remembered that the School suffered its greatest defeat last season at the hands of this club, when we were beaten by no fewer than six goals to love. After the ball had been started, the Priory carried the ball down into the School's quarters, and at once began to act on the aggressive. Though Page, Hurst, and Lowe occasionally relieved the pressure by some good runs, the ball continued to remain for the most part in our territory, and after several attempts at scoring, Morrison put the ball between the posts. After this the School played up hard, but nothing further of any importance occurred before half-time. After crossing over, the School, with a slight wind in their favour, continued to play well together, but for some time without effect, till at last, after a pretty piece of play between Page and Pryce, the latter middled the ball to Hurst, who was enabled to score a goal for his side. On the ball being started again the School forwards pressed their opponents hard, and had several shots at goal, but all to no purpose, the game thus ending as above stated. Sides:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

W. R. Moon (goal); A. L. Fevez (captain), and D. Petrocochino (backs); H. Harrison, E. Man, and J. W. Aris (half-backs); C. Page and A. S. Pryce (left wing); H. P. Lowe and P. Probyn (right wing); and A. R. Hurst (centre).

REIGATE PRIORY.

W. Underwood (goal); Sewell and W. B. Hobbs (backs); E. J. Diver and E. E. Barber (half-backs); G. Burtenshaw and H. M. Holman (left wing); F. C. B. Welch and H. Trower (right wing); W. Morrison and F. Morrison (centres).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* OLD MALVERNIANs.

This match, the first of the term, was played up fields on Saturday, January 24th. The XI., as was

natural, did not play so well together as usual, and, though they obtained several unsuccessful shots, failed to score. Their opponents were more fortunate, as Evelyn contrived to get the ball past Moon before half-time, and thus gained an advantage which they kept throughout the game. The ball was started a little before three, and the play was rather slow for a considerable time, neither side having any particular advantage; but several fine attacks were made by the Malvernian forwards, Morice and Evelyn being most conspicuous, and from one of these the latter succeeded in scoring. After half-time the School XI. settled down to their work, and had the game pretty much to themselves. Phillimore and Pryce played well together, and the former, after a fine run down the left, centred well, but the backs quickly put their goal out of danger. Aris made a good shot from half-back, but the ball fell just over the bar. Shortly before time, a hands fell to the School; Fevez placed the ball beautifully, but although several of the forwards tried to head it, it passed over their heads and through the goal untouched. On its being re-started the School continued to keep the ball near their opponents' goal; but all their efforts were frustrated, until at the call of time the game ended in a win for the Old Malvernians by 1 goal to 0. Fevez was as energetic but hardly as brilliant as usual; and Evelyn, W. S. Morice, Phillimore, Man, and Barwell worked well for their respective sides. The teams were as follows:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

W. R. Moon (goal); A. L. Fevez (captain), and D. Petrochino (backs); E. Man, J. W. Aris, and C. S. W. Barwell (half-backs); H. P. Lowe and C. Gibson (right wing); A. J. Pryce and G. G. Phillimore (left wing); and A. R. Hurst (centre).

OLD MALVERNIANs.

A. G. Kennedy (goal); N. Morice and J. E. Fothergill (backs); W. Jobson, J. Benwell, C. De Beauford (half-backs), E. Woolridge and W. S. Morice (right wing); C. M'Leod and R. Sandilands (subs.) (left wing); and E. C. Evelyn (centre).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* CLAPHAM ROVERS.

Played at Vincent Square, on Wednesday, January 28th. The School XI. met the Rovers last term and defeated them by 3 goals to 2, a performance which they were now enabled to repeat. The visitors won the toss, and naturally chose to play with the wind, which was pretty strong. In spite of this advantage, it was a long time before they were able to score; but Payne, after some good dodging, at last contrived to put the ball through the posts. Soon after the ball was kicked off again Hurst made a fine run down the centre and ended up with a hard shot, which hit the goal-keeper and bounded through the goal; but an off-side was claimed by the Rovers, and allowed. Poulton then made a splendid run down the whole length of the ground and centred admirably; but the backs got the ball well away from the School goal, and Sandilands soon after took

the ball well down the left and middled to Gibson, who quickly availed himself of the opportunity thus offered. The ball had not long been re-started when a good shot from Sandilands went through the posts; but the goal was disallowed again from a plea of off-side. After ends had been changed the School, with the wind in their favour, had the best of the game, and a second goal fell to Gibson. The Rovers also were enabled to score a second goal, this time from the foot of Roller, thus making matters even. Roller again went within an ace of scoring, but Moon rushed out and luckily caught the ball. The School XI., however, were not to be denied a well-earned victory, and, the forwards making a good attack, Lowe passed to Gibson and Gibson to Hurst, who scored the decisive point for the School, which accordingly won as stated above. Poulton, Roller, and Payne for the Rovers, and Sandilands, Hurst, Fevez, and Gibson for the School, all played exceedingly well. The Rovers turned up two men short, and received two substitutes from the School. Sides:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

W. R. Moon (goal); A. Fevez (captain), and D. Petrochino (backs); E. Man, C. S. W. Barwell, and J. W. Aris (half-backs); H. P. Lowe and C. Gibson (right), A. R. Hurst and R. R. Sandilands (left), and A. J. Pryce (centre) (forwards).

CLAPHAM ROVERS.

R. Thornton (subs.) (goal); J. Bathurst and P. Probyn (subs.) (backs); Lingard and Holden (half-backs); Poulton and Keeley (right), F. Bickley and J. Paul (left), G. Roller and Payne (centres) (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* CASUALS.

The Casuals brought down a very powerful team to play a return match with the School Eleven on Wednesday, February 4th. Considering the strength of their opponents, the School expected to have a hard fight of it, and when, soon after the ball was started, it was taken to the School end and put through the posts by Dr. Smith, things looked hardly promising. The goal, however, was disallowed, Dr. Smith having been off side. The ball was not allowed to remain long at the School end of the ground, but was taken down the right by Gibson to the visitors' end, where some good shooting took place. The backs at last got the ball well away, and the doctor, after passing several of his opponents, was well stopped by Barwell. Two corners fell to the Casuals, but nothing was made of them. Smith again got hold of the ball, and brought it into dangerous proximity to the goal, but Fevez, by a good but somewhat risky run, averted the danger; but soon after Smith was again on the ball, and this time he was enabled to get a shot which took effect, thus scoring the first goal for his side. The ball was restarted by Hurst, and the School forwards playing well together, and favoured by a strong wind, pressed their opponents hard. Several shots were obtained, Pryce being especially conspicuous, and Charrington had to use all his skill to defend the goal. He was relieved for a short time by the ball being rushed down to the other end of the ground; a well-

placed corner fell just a few feet in front of the goal, but Sherring was equal to the occasion, and cleverly knocked the ball away with his hands. After another strong attack on the Casual goal, Patrick, dribbling the ball through the backs, made a shot, which was well saved by Sherring; but Ibbs got possession of the ball, and put in a rattling shot, and the ball, hitting the goal-keeper, bounced within a few inches of the goal-line, but was soon kicked away. The umpires, however, ruled that it was a goal, so the ball was kicked off again from the centre. Till half-time the School again penned their opponents, and made several attempts to score, and from a good middle a hot scrimmage took place just in front of the goal, but the ball was at last kicked away. During the second part of the game, with the wind in their faces, the School Eleven confined themselves chiefly to the defensive; and so well did the backs play that the score remained unchanged till the call of time. Sherring especially had a great deal of work to do, and did it brilliantly. Patrick, Evelyn, Ibbs, and Smith had shots in close succession, those of the two last-named hitting the cross-bar. The School forwards then rallied and advanced to the attack, Probyn and Hurst both making unsuccessful shots. Evelyn brought the ball back to the School goal, and Sherring again saved his charge repeatedly. Just before time, Hurst passed well out, and the School made a final effort, but were again unsuccessful. While all played up well, perhaps Fevez, Sherring, Pryce, Sandilands, and Gibson showed to the greatest advantage; and for the other side, Patrick, Ibbs, Smith, and England, were most serviceable. Several O.W.W., it will be noticed, were playing.

The following were the teams :—

Westminster School : C. A. Sherring (goal), A. L. Fevez (captain), and W. R. Moon (backs), E. Man, C. S. W. Barwell, and S. Petrocochino (half-backs), P. C. Probyn and C. Gibson (right wing), A. R. Hurst (centre), R. Sandilands and A. Pryce (left wing).

Casuals : E. Charrington (goal), F. J. Ward and G. Spring-Rice (backs), H. Wetton and G. F. England (half-backs), E. C. Evelyn and D. Patrick (right wing), R. S. Ibbs and Dr. Smith (centres), J. E. Paul and F. Bickley (captain) (left wing).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. REIGATE PRIORY.

The return match with Reigate Priory was played on Saturday, January 31st; and the School eleven deprived of the services of Page, did not get on so well as in the first match at the end of last term, and were eventually defeated by 2 goals to 0. The game opened vigorously, and at once became very fast, the passing of the Reigate forwards being exceptionally good, and giving a great deal of work to the School backs. Welch made several good runs, and before long had placed a goal to the credit of the visitors. Not long afterwards, Sandilands made a good but unsuccessful attempt to equalise matters. A corner followed without effect. Reigate then rushed the ball down the ground, and Welch made a good shot which was well-stopped by Sherring, who did some difficult work throughout the course of the game in

a highly creditable manner. Torrents of rain now began to fall, and continued to do so till near the end of the game. Under these circumstances the ground became very slippery, and play became exceedingly difficult. Morrison was unsuccessful in an attempt to score for Reigate, and from this point the game became rather uninteresting. After changing over, the School worked very hard, but were unable to alter the score. Pryce and Sandilands played well together down the left; but the Reigate backs succeeded in keeping off all attacks, and the game ended as stated above. The teams were :

Westminster School : C. A. Sherring (goal), A. L. Fevez (captain) and W. R. Moon (backs), H. Harrison, E. Mann, and S. Petrocochino (half-backs), H. P. Lowe and C. Gibson (right wing), A. R. Hurst (centre), R. Sandilands and A. Pryce (left wing).

Reigate Priory : W. Underwood (goal), E. J. Diver and W. B. Hobbs (back), E. E. Barber and W. Joice (half-backs), F. C. B. Welch and H. Trower (right wing), W. Morrison and F. Morrison (centres), G. Burtenshaw and H. M. Holman (left wing).

THE GLEE CLUB.

THE most noticeable features of the meeting on December 3rd were Ritchie's violin solo, and the quartet 'Banish, O maiden'; the former displaying great skill for so young a performer. The tuneful quartet was neatly sung and well received.

The other part music, Bishop's 'Where art thou, beam of light?' and 'Sir Knight!' by Macirone, were at a great disadvantage owing to the unexplained absence of most of the trebles; in consequence of this the other parts had to be greatly reduced, so that the general effect was weak and lacking in 'go.' R. H. Bellairs sang Cooke's 'Safely follow him' with expression, though the time seemed to drag a little in places.

The literary part of the entertainment was provided by H. P. Lowe and J. Watt, who read amusing extracts from Hood and Bret Harte respectively.

The entertainment on Wednesday, December 17th, attracted a larger audience than usual, many of those who had come for the opening of the Scott Library staying for the performance.

Mr. Dale and C. Erskine opened the proceedings with a piano duet, the overture to 'Poète et Paysan,' the excellent rendering of which was well appreciated by the audience. F. H. Coller followed with the vigorous song 'I fear no foe,' which he gave with his usual accuracy and expression. Mr. Oldham recited with great humour Calverley's 'Lines on Hearing the Barrel-organ'; after which Walmisley's quartet 'To fair Fidele's grassy tomb' was sung with great smoothness and care, though the extreme parts seemed hardly strong enough.

Mr. Ranalow's song, 'Too late,' was of course a great success, the beauty of the pathetic melody being greatly enhanced by the delicacy and grace with which it was rendered. Mr. Hallett very kindly gave three recitations of such excellence that it is im-

possible to say whether the fire and dramatic force which he displayed in 'The Building of the Church of St. Sophia' or the inimitable humour of his other pieces were the more appreciated; in these latter 'An Idyll,' wonderfully in the style of the Laureate, on 'Lawn Tennis,' and 'The Charity Dinner,' kept the audience in roars of laughter from beginning to end.

Pearsall's quaint carol 'In dulci júbilo' was sung well together by the chorus, as was also Gounod's 'Soldiers' Chorus' earlier in the evening.

Doherty sang 'The Maid of the Mill,' which was of course enthusiastically encored. 'Come back to Erin,' which he then gave, was if possible even more pleasingly sung.

A violin duet by J. W. and C. J. Ritchie received its due share of applause, after which we were again disappointed of Olivier's song, 'Where the Bee Sucks'; owing to want of time Mendelssohn's 'Awake, the starry midnight hour,' had also to be omitted. This loss was made up for by Handel's 'Eyes cease from weeping,' tastefully and accurately rendered by F. M. Yglesias.

The last piece, a duet and chorus by Mr. Dale *à propos* of the suspension of the Play, was wonderfully well sung. The spirit and 'go' with which the chorus was given made a great impression; indeed, we think it the best-sung chorus we have heard from the Glee Club—an appropriate ending to a very successful meeting.

Obituary.

THE death of Sir Robert Phillimore, which took place on February 4th, has deprived Westminster of one of her warmest and most patriotic friends, and at the same time added another name to the list of those who by their success and renown in the political and forensic world, have contributed no small share to the honour and glory of their school. A distinguished judge, a politician of some mark in his day, a scholar and jurist, he will not soon be forgotten by those who knew him privately, and who practised before him while he presided with so much dignity over the Admiralty Court.

Robert Joseph Phillimore was the second son of Dr. Joseph Phillimore, himself an old Westminster, and was with his other five brothers educated here. He was admitted into College at the age of thirteen in 1824, and was elected head to Christ Church four years afterwards. At Oxford he gained second-class honours in classics, having previously obtained the College prize for Latin verse as he afterwards obtained that for Latin prose. For a few years he was a clerk in the Board of Control but soon quitted it for the proper arena for his talents. He was admitted as an advocate at Doctor's Commons, and his rise in his profession was very rapid. He had many of the attributes which ensured success at the Bar some forty years ago, gravity and polish of manners, singularly facile, if at times turgid eloquence, with undoubted legal knowledge and marked industry, soon won for him an honourable position, and he was the foremost practitioner in the Admiralty and Probate Courts for many years. He was successively official to the Archdeacons of Middlesex and London, and Chancellor of the Dioceses of Chichester and Salisbury, which latter appointment he obtained from his brother-in-law, Bishop Denison, in 1845.

In 1853, he entered the House of Commons as Member for Tavistock as a Liberal Conservative. His Parliamentary career was not barren or undistinguished. In 1854, he brought in a

Bill for the introduction of *visà voce* evidence into the Ecclesiastical Courts, and with the aid of Lord Brougham succeeded in carrying the measure through Parliament. The Act did much good, and its author had a right to refer to it with pride. He spoke frequently, and his words seldom failed to carry weight as he wisely confined himself to subjects on which his forensic experience had lent him some authority. His speech on Church rates in May 1853, shows him to have been a fervent believer in the Church's teaching, and is eminently characteristic of the learned conciliatory scholar.

In 1855 he was appointed Judge, and in 1862 Advocate-General of the Admiralty. In 1867, he succeeded Dr. Lushington in the Admiralty Court amid universal approval, and for nearly ten years he presided there with dignity and to the satisfaction and with the respect of all who knew him. He was knighted in 1862, and afterwards, some three years ago, was created a baronet. After the Judicature Act of 1873, Sir Robert Phillimore continued to sit as a Judge of the new Admiralty, Probate, and Divorce Division until March 1883, when he resigned to the great regret of the Bar, which expressed through the medium of the Attorney-General its deep regret at his loss.

Sir Robert Phillimore found time to distinguish himself in literature. His 'Commentaries on International Law,' in four volumes, are a magazine of learning; his work on 'Ecclesiastical Law of the Church of England,' still holds its own; and his translation of Lessing's masterpiece, the 'Laocoon' is an evidence of the varied culture of a judge who was of a type not likely to be reproduced in these days. Here, at Westminster, he founded in 1864 a prize for an English Essay, and also for translations from Greek and Latin, which prizes have been given annually up to the present time. Such was the patient and learned man who has just passed away, leaving to Westminster an example of diligence and integrity which all her sons will do well to follow.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

QUERIES.

Can you inform me whether the school shield ever contained the 'Portcullis'—the badge of Henry VII.—for it has been more than once represented so?—INQUISITIVE.

AUTHOR WANTED. Can you give me any information as to the authorship of 'Our Public Schools,' published by Kegan Paul & Co. in 1881? There was no name on the title-page.—URLLAD.

REPLIES.

AUTHOR WANTED. If 'Urrlad' means 'The Public Schools,' the Author was Rev. W. Lucas Collins, author of 'Etoniana,' and editor of Blackwood's 'Ancient Classics for English Readers.'

INQUISITIVE. We can inform 'Inquisitive' that the 'Portcullis' was never contained in the arms of the school.

CHESS.

There was a meeting of energetic chess-players in Ashburnham House last week to form a Chess Club. E. F. Allen took the chair, on the motion of H. Harrison, seconded by J. Salwey. Harrison then brought forward a series of motions for the formation of a club under the name of the Westminster School Chess Club; that the Captain of the School be invited to be Honorary President; that the business of the Club be managed by a Secretary and an acting Committee, the Committee being composed of the Hon. Secretary and two members of the Club to be elected each term; that the election of new members be held by ballot, one black ball in three excluding; that the entrance fee be fixed at 2s. 6d., with a yearly subscription of 1s., the sum thus obtained to be devoted to the expenses of the Club.

These motions were duly seconded and carried unanimously.

The Committee was appointed as follows:—H. Morgan-Brown, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer; E. F. Allen, J. E. Phillimore.

All who wish to join are requested to give in their names to the Hon. Secretary, who will forthwith put them up for election.

A SONNET.

Fair pictured face, why dost thou haunt me so?
 Why does thy form grow every day more dear?
 What is it makes my heart so worn and sear,
 One pang of love for former days to know?
 'Tis that thou call'st to mind the long ago!
 And I would tell—but thou, thou can'st not hear,
 Thou can'st not see the bitter, silent tear
 That speaks the happy past, the present woe.

Oh! the mute eloquence of thy sweet eyes,
 That tells of love and happiness and bliss.
 Ah! there is one for whom are thy soft sighs,
 And who from those fond lips may claim a kiss;
 Whose right it is to love thee, who may rise,
 Ere many months, and proudly call thee *his!*

B.

Our Contemporaries.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following Magazines:—*The Berkhamstedian, Lily, Aldenhamian, Carthusian, Rossallian, Allynian, Fettesian, Felstedian, Wykehamist, Marlburian, Meteor, and Cambridge Review.*

What is a rondeau? If it means an utterly flat poem, or rather rhyme, absolutely destitute of meaning, and which would be fitly sung to the tune the old cow died of, then the *Fettesian* contains the most perfect rondeau ever written. A critique on 'Treasure Island' also graces this number.

The *Carthusian* is a somewhat vapid number, containing a marvellously pathetic poem in which the writer asks—

'Is the heart within a woman
 Just as hard and cold as stone?'

We give it up. A member of their Debating Society is described as introducing extracts from Burke, Pitt, Fox, Gladstone, and Bradlaugh—a strange medley!

We read in the *Allynian* that on October 24 the Dulwich College Debating Society, after passing a motion 'That a book be kept in which all standing orders shall be entered,' devoted the rest of the evening to reading Shakspeare's 'Much Ado about Nothing!' A strange and original way of debating! Our President might adopt the suggestion, if ever he found himself short of motions.

The chief feature of the *Rossallian* is an article entitled 'A Trip to the Rockies,' which contains all the bold word-painting and turgid eloquence of a sixpenny Guide. A satirical football reporter advises the Rossall goal-keeper, if he wishes to be successful, to 'learn to kick the ball.'

In the *Berkhamstedian* half-backs are advised to 'use their heads as well as their legs in kicking!' They will be told next to employ their feet in heading. With the exception of this tit-bit, the number is heavy and foggy.

The *Lily* is enlivened by a sonnet which describes 'firs' dark javelins' (!) as a 'mystic mass.' The skies are mentioned as seeming to weep—does the writer mean that it was raining?

In the *Aldenhamian* we find football, Swiss mountaineering, and a column headed 'Poetry,' which consists chiefly of the five-line stanzas so well-known in the nursery. One tells us that—

'There was a young man from Westminster
 Who was plagued with the love of a spinster;
 The old girl would not see
 That he did not want *she*,
 Till he broke in her skull and convinced her.'

We never heard of him.

Correspondence.

FROM OUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—As we have not yet been up a fortnight, I have but little news to communicate to you. G. Berens has come into residence at the house, and P. Druitt at St. Mary's Hall. C. J. Shebbeare, who matriculated last October at that Hall, has just been elected to an open exhibition at Christ Church.

The O.W.F.C. up here have only played one match so far this term. It was against Magdalen; and though Bain and several other well known O.W.W. were absentees, we were

fortunate enough to obtain the assistance of two prominent members of the present School eleven. We had rather the best of the match throughout, but only won by one goal (kicked by Jenner) to love; another goal (from the foot of Hurst) was disallowed on the ground of off-side.

The torpids are now in full practice on the river, and several O.W.W. are representing their colleges. I hope next month to give you a complete list, when the boats are finally settled.

I am, &c.,

FLOREAT.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—If no abler pen than mine can be found to take up a grievance of which all alike complain, then mine be it to draw attention to what I regard as a crying abuse. Why, Mr. Editor, should fellows in the XI. desert their School, and go off to play for O.W.W., or any other club, instead of taking their due share in upholding the honour of Westminster at Vincent Square? Is this true patriotism? Then, granted that there is something in the sound of the name Old Westminsters, which deludes them into the belief that they are doing the School more service by aiding the representatives of her past *alumni* than her present; granted, I say, there may be some excuse on this ground, why on earth, Mr. Editor, should anyone for a moment countenance the Captain of Football actually declining to play a match down on the card, simply because one member of the XI. was going to play for London, and he himself preferred, forsooth, playing for any other club, and anywhere else than for his School at Vincent Square? Surely if the public spirit of the Captain of Football especially, and other members of the School XI. no less, be not such as to forbid their taking part in other matches, when it is their bounden duty to do their utmost for their School, some means might be found to constrain them. In the fervent hope that some such means may be found to prevent a repetition of this, to say the least of it, questionable performance, I beg to sign myself,

Dear Sir, yours truly,

A BYSTANDER.

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Floreat.