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THE WESTMINSTER PLAY.

IN the 'Notes and Queries' column of our last number, a correspondent, signing himself 'Histrio,' inquired at what date the present costumes used at the Play were substituted for the old-fashioned dress of the time, and in what year the 'Trinummus' of Plautus took the place of the 'Eunuchus' on the Westminster stage. We feel certain that information on these points, and on others connected with the Play and its accessories, can scarcely fail to interest our readers at this time.

A reference to the 'Lusus Alteri Westmonasteriensis' will show 'Histrio' that the last occasion on which the 'Eunuchus' was presented at Westminster was in the year 1854, memorable as the year of the Crimean War, in which Lord Raglan and so many other O.W.W. met a soldier's death in their country's cause. In 1860, the tercentenary of the foundation of the School by Queen Elizabeth, the 'Trinummus' was first acted at Westminster, and it has ever since kept its place on the Westminster stage.

The Prologue to the 'Eunuchus' for 1839 relates to the introduction of Greek dresses which took place in that year. They were introduced by Dr. Williamson, then Head Master, who drew up for the use of the School a learned Excursus on the antiquities of Lambert Bos, under the title of 'Eunuchus Palliatus,' as an authority for the accuracy of the details of the new classical dresses.

In the Prologue for this year mention was made of James Stuart, known as 'Athenian Stuart,' from the book on Athenian Antiquities, which he, together with Mr. Revett, published after his return from Greece to England in 1753. Stuart was the designer of the first classical scenes used at the Westminster Play; and at the above-mentioned Prologue of 1839 the use of classical scenery was used as an argument for classical dresses.

'Hæc im ago scenica
 Angusta quamvis, Attica est, non Anglica;
 Et ille, cujus artis est et ingenî
 'Atheniensis' audiit—præ ceteris,
 Adeo eminebat inter æquales suos
 In excolendis rebus Atticis.'

Stuart is first mentioned in the annals of the Play, on the occasion already referred to, when, at a presentation of the 'Phormio' in 1758, the classical scenery given by Dr. Markham, then Head Master (subsequently Archbishop of York), and designed by Stuart, was first exhibited. The Prologue for this year was written by Robert Lloyd, usher of the School, known in his own day as a minor poet, remarkable for his friendship with the poets Cowper and Churchill, and David Garrick and other celebrated men of that date. At the performance of the 'Adelphi' in 1808, these scenes were used for the last time, and the Prologue, which bade farewell to them, was spoken by the then Captain. Edward Montague Salter, who, by a curious coincidence, was the son of the Captain who had spoken the Prologue which welcomed these same scenes just 50 years before.

In the following year they were replaced by the new ones, similar to the old, given by the Head Master, Dr. Carey, to whom Westminster students at Christ Church are indebted for the foundation of the 'Carey Money.'

The Prologue of the 'Phormio' for this year, 1809, describes the conditions under which the Play was acted in the Old Dormitory in Dean's Yard, which was originally the granary of the Abbey, and which was finally demolished in 1729, in which year the Q.SS. removed into the present building, erected chiefly by the munificence of the Earl of Burlington.

'Majores nostri veteris istius domus
Spatiis cum clauderentur arctioribus,
Nullo paratu, paucis spectatoribus
Terentianam tamen agebant fabulam.
Scenæ præstare visus est satis vicem
Quicumque pannus humiliter dependens trabe;
Sursum, deorsum, cursitans, precarias
Vestes alicunde mutuatus histrio
Personam quoque pacto adornabat suam;
Tum mensa aut arca sedem et uni et alteri
Præbebat auditori sane incommodat.'

Later on the Prologue refers to the scenery 'nitida saltem, si non Attica,' which were introduced after the removal of the Q.SS. into the new dormitory; and to the donor and designer of the first classical scenes, Archbishop Markham, 'amatus et veneratus præsul,' and Athenian Stuart,

'Cui fuit
Atheniensi nomen idcirco inditum.
Quod illustrarat is vetustatem Atticam.'

These scenes were succeeded by the present ones, designed by an O.W., Professor Cockerell, R.A., and first exhibited in 1857. The cost was defrayed by subscription among the O.WW. The present Head Master, in the Prologue to the 'Andria' for 1856, announced the proposed

introduction of new scenes, and took occasion to mention the 'rudis licentia' which obtained before the reform of Archbishop Markham and James Stuart.

Reminding his audience that nearly a century had passed since the introduction of the original scenes, the Prologue asks:

'Quis hominum est quo sit digna iudice
Aut vobis hæc supellex aut Terentio?'

And after the following reference to Professor Cockerell, who had presented the School with his designs and promised to superintend the improvement of the entire stage decorations—

Suam
Operam promisit ille vir nostræ domus
Scholaris olim, quo non alter clarior
Saxo Atticarum reddere aedium decus —

ends with an appeal to the generosity of the friends and old *alumni* of the School.

In the following year, 1857, the new scenes were introduced and the Prologue was spoken by Mr. H. L. Thompson, Captain of that year, and now familiar to us all as Christ Church Examiner at Election. We subjoin a quotation, which is interesting as giving a brief history of the scenery and dresses used at the Westminster Play:

'Illi sua laus est, quo jubente, primum
In hanc Alumnis commigrantibus domum
Scena apparatu nitidior fulsit novo;
Illisque rursus, arte quorum et sumptibus,
Quas tantum amabant, redditæ Terentio
Erant Athenæ: quique demum vestibus
Contaminari prohibuit diutius
Nostratibus lepores Attici salis.'

The Prologue ends with a passage introducing the new scenes and paying a tribute to Professor Cockerell, their designer.

In conclusion we may say that Westminster and those interested in Westminster should study the invaluable 'Lusus Alteri Westmonasteriensis,' in which the Prologues and Epilogues from 1704 to 1865 are collected, with much interesting matter besides, by that ever-memorable O.W., the late Mr. Mure, assisted by Canon Bull and Dr. Scott.

'OLD WESTMINSTERS.'

No. XXII.

SIR THOMAS PARKYNS, BART.

THE subject of this brief memoir will hardly be reckoned upon the roll of eminent Old Westminsters; but, though at the present day he may be but little known to fame, in the first half of the last century he was a very celebrated character, and, despite his eccen-

tricties, a model in many ways of a country gentleman. Eccentric though he was, his whims were harmless, and they nearly all turned on his one great hobby, which was wrestling. Indeed, he is said to have been equally at home in the wrestling ring or on the magisterial bench; and it is narrated to his credit that he could throw an antagonist, combat a paradox, quote the classics, and lay down the law at quarter sessions with any man in England.

This versatile genius was the son of another Thomas Parkyns, who was created a baronet in 1681 for the services rendered to the royal cause during the civil war by his father, Colonel Isham Parkyns. His mother was a daughter of Thomas Cressey, Esq., of Berkyn, Yorkshire. He was sent to Westminster, where he received his education under Busby. He was not admitted upon the foundation. Little is known of his school-life; but it was while he was at school, as he himself has told us, that his attention was first attracted to wrestling. He read one day the epigram from the fourth book of Martial, entitled 'De Rusticatione,' of which the following is a translation:

When to my farm retired, how do I live?
If any ask, this short account I give:
The gods, at the first light, I do adore,
And place this care all other cares before.
My grounds I visit then, and servants call,
And their just tasks I do impose on all.
I study next, rouse my poetic vein;
My body then anoint, and gently strain
With some meet exercise; exult in mind
At every turn, myself both free to find
From crimes and debts; last, I bathe, sup, laugh, drink,
Jest, sing, rest, and on all that passes think.
A little lamp the while sends forth a ray,
Which to my nightly studies makes a day.

Forthwith he determined to model his own country life on the above plan, especially as regarded gymnastic exercises; in his own words—'So soon as this epigram of Martial's became my lesson under Dr. Busby at Westminster School, and that I had truly construed, and exactly parced every word, as we did all our authors, that they might be the better understood, easier got *memoriter*, and without book for our benefit.' Such was the training of Busby. The above allusion to Sir Thomas's school-days occurs in the prefatory introduction to his work on wrestling, entitled, 'Προγυμνάσματα,' which was published at Nottingham in 1714, and reached a second edition.

In 1680 our worthy entered as a Fellow Commoner of Trinity College, Cambridge, where he resided for two years and a half. Here his principal study was mathematics and mechanics in their application to feats of strength and dexterity. In the above-mentioned preface to his book he says: 'The use and application of mathematicks here in wrestling I owe to Dr. Bathurst, my tutor, and to Sir Isaac Newton, Mathematick Professor, both of Trinity College, Cambridge; the latter invited me to his lectures, for which I thank him.' Dr. Bathurst, here alluded to, was himself an Old Westminster, having been elected to Trinity in 1666; he was Fellow,

Tutor, and Bursar of his College, and Vicar of Arrington, Cambridgeshire.

From Cambridge Sir Thomas proceeded to Gray's Inn, where he remained for eight years as a student. If we are to believe the accounts of his quarter sessions triumphs, we may conclude that he studied the law to some purpose; he found time, however, during his residence in London, to avail himself of the instructions of the best masters of wrestling, boxing, and fencing that the metropolis could produce. At the expiration of the above period, he settled down on his ancestral estate at Bunny, Nottinghamshire; and there a chronicler tells us that the 'first thing he did after his father's death (being then come of age), willing to begin with God's house, he new-roofed the chancel at Bunny, which is a very large one. He built the free school and four almshouses. He built the vicarage house and gave the two treble bells to the church; and jointly with his mother advanced £200 to obtain as much more of the late Queen's bounty for augmenting the vicarage of Bunny.' He left a benefaction also, to be laid out in bread for such poor widows and widowers of Bunny as 'constantly frequented' the church. He conferred many benefits upon the counties of Nottingham and Leicester, and improved his own estate in many respects; but particularly by building a park wall of three miles in compass, which is said to have been the first built upon arches in England. It is further told of him that he was personally skilled in architecture and hydraulics, and that he studied medicine for the benefit of his neighbours.

It will thus be seen that Sir Thomas did all he could to further the spiritual welfare of the population of Bunny, and at the same time made some provision for their bodily ills; but, like a wise man, he seems to have considered prevention better than cure, and to have done all he could to promote their health by the encouragement among them of his own favourite exercise. He established an annual wrestling match in his park, open to all comers. The prize was a gold-laced hat, value twenty-two shillings, and three shillings for the second best. The amount was small, but the glory was great. Sir Thomas was no idle patron of the contests; he never objected to go in for a fall with the best man on the ground, and often won and wore the gold-laced hat himself. His servants were all selected for their skill in wrestling. His favourite coachman and footman both owed their places in his service to the skill with which they had deposited their master on his back. Sir Thomas was wise in his generation, and knew that good wrestlers as a rule possess other good qualities. 'Whoever would be a complete wrestler,' he writes, 'must avoid being overtaken in drink, which very much enervates, or, being in a passion at the sight of his adversary, or having received a fall, in such cases he is bereaved of his senses, not being master of himself is less of his art, but sheweth too much play, or none at all, or rather pulleth, kicketh, and ventureth beyond all reason and his judgment when himself.

'That man's a fool, that hopes for good
From flowing bowls and feverish blood.'

He also tells us that one Bacchus holds a high place among wrestling masters, and that the same has many assistants; among others, 'Brandy, a Frenchman; Usquebaugh, an Irishman; Rum, a Molossian—these masters teach mostly the trip which I assure you is no safe and sound play. You may know them by their walkings and gestures; they stagger and reel and cross legs, which I advise my scholars to avoid, and receive many a foul fall in the sink or kennel; and were your constitutions of porphyry, marble, or steel, they will make you yield to your last and only fair fall.'

Speaking of the antiquity of wrestling, he says: 'Though at the beginning of the preface I take notice that wrestling was in vogue, great credit, reputation, and estimation in Martial the poet's days, wrestling without all doubt is of greater antiquity, as appears by Genesis. Jacob wrestled with an angel. Whether it was real and corporeal, or mystical and spiritual in its signification, I leave the divines to determine. But I advise all my scholars to avoid wrestling with angels; for, though they may maintain the struggle till break of day, and seem to lay their adversaries supine on their backs, yet they will have the fall, and be out of joint with Jacob's thigh.'

While yet in the full enjoyment of health and strength, Sir Thomas conceived the idea of forming a collection of stone coffins. His intention in so doing is said to have been to remind himself and all about him of the end to which they all must come in time, and of the adversary from whom not all their prowess in the wrestling ring could save them. Whatever his design was, he certainly did form a very curious and probably unexampled collection of coffins, all of which were carefully kept in the churchyard at Bunny. One of these he eventually selected for his own use; the remainder he left to any of his beloved parishioners of Bunny who might choose to be interred in them. When Thoroton's 'History of Notts.' was published, one of the rejected coffins was still to be seen lying empty in the church.

But Sir Thomas Parkyns was not content with the universal application of his sermons in stone coffins; he devised a private and particular warning for himself. His private chaplain was also a sculptor—a very moderate one; and by his patron's orders he set to work, and in Sir Thomas's own great barn, out of a 'fair piece of marble,' was carved his monument—the marble effigies of Sir Thomas Parkyns, as he termed it—which, when finished, was placed immediately opposite the baronet's own pew in the chancel of Bunny Church, that he might contemplate it every Sunday, and moralise upon the uncertainties of this transitory life. It was an ambitious work of art. Sir Thomas himself occupied the centre in a wrestling attitude—an emblem, we are told, of 'the divine and human struggle for the glorious mastery.' On one side of his patron the chaplain designed a human figure lying *above* the scythe of Time, while over it the sun was rising. This signified the strong man, and the wrestler in the prime of youth, with still increasing powers. On the other side was the same figure, but now stretched in a coffin, while Time, scythe in hand,

stood triumphantly over it; the sun that on the other side had risen was now gone down, and had left the wrestler to the darkness of the tomb and the forgetfulness of his past triumphs. After Sir Thomas's death the following epitaph, from the pen of Dr. Freind, Head Master of Westminster, was added to the monument:

Quem modo stravisti longo in certamine tempus,
Hic recubat Britonum clarus in orbe pugil.
Jam primum stratus, praeter te vicerat omnes;
De te etiam victor, quando resurget, erit.

Sir Thomas, however, was not beaten by Time until his seventy-eighth year, and till then he never knew a day's illness. He died on the 29th of March, 1741, universally beloved and lamented. The wrestling matches he instituted did not die with him, but were annually kept up for many years after his death, and were not finally done away with till about the year 1810. His monument, though rather dilapidated, still exists at Bunny. By his wife Elizabeth, daughter of John Sampson, Esq., of Hewby, Yorkshire, and alderman of London, he had two sons, of whom the younger, Thomas Parkyns, was educated at Westminster, where he was admitted into College in 1702. He died, aged 19, in 1706. His father, in addition to his other literary performances, is said to have compiled a grammar for the use of his sons.

The original contributor of these articles has requested us to publish the fact that he has ceased his contributions. The article in our last number and the present one are written by another hand.—Ed.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

QUERIES.

'THE MARQUESS OF SALISBURY'S SCHOLARSHIP.'—At St. John's College, among the other scholarships, I find the following: 'One by nomination of the Marquess of Salisbury, value £10 per annum, tenable until B.A. standing, for a scholar from Westminster School.' When was that scholarship last held by a Westminster?—E. C. B.

'ST. PATRICK'S DAY.'—In a book, 'Public Schools,' by W. Lucas Collins, author of 'Etoniana,' I cull the following: 'But an early play, when school is up at 9, is a much more formal indulgence, accorded by a *very* ancient custom, only by the personal request of some visitor of distinction. St. David's Day (March 1) and St. Patrick's Day (March 17) have *always* been holidays of this class. For the former the late or present Sir W. W. Wynn have always come down to Westminster, and for the latter the late Marquess of Lansdowne, as an Irish peer, and Sir Everard Home.' When did this '*very ancient*' custom fall into disuse?—E. C. B.

'BEVER' (Ante, pp. 242, 265).—Will *Nemo* kindly inform me in what sense this word is used at Westminster? I meant this query to have been embodied in my last answer, but omitted it by oversight.—*Alpha*.

'CURIE,' 'ROGER' (Ante, p. 242).—Will *Nemo* kindly tell me in what way these words are in use at Westminster?—*Alpha*.

'THE PLAY: CLASSICAL COSTUMES' (Ante, p. 256).—The present classical costumes used in the 'Play' were introduced by Dr. Williamson in 1839, who published, about the same time, a pamphlet called 'Eunuchus Palliatus'; but since his time they have from time to time undergone alterations and improvements. Is anything known of this pamphlet?—*Alpha*.

NOTES.

'THE PLAY: CLASSICAL COSTUMES.'—The Greek dresses were introduced in 1839 by Dr. Williamson, Head Master at that time. Modern dresses, instead of those appropriate to the dates of the pieces performed, were used at the London theatres until the time of John Kemble.—*R. F. Mure*.

'THE PLAY: FIRST REPRESENTATION OF THE TRINUMMUS' (p. 256).—The 'Trinummus' was first acted, instead of the 'Eunuchus,' in 1860.—*R. F. Mure*.

[For further information on these last two subjects see Leader to this number.—*Ed.*]

'THE ROD-ROOM' (Ante, pp. 242, 256).—The rod-room was a room at the back of 'School' behind the Shell. It was so called because the making of the rods—a task allotted to the juniors—formerly took place there. After some time College John was entrusted with the rod-making, and the rod-room was closed until about the year 1858, when it was turned into a class-room, and chiefly used for French lessons. Floggings in old days took place, not in the rod-room, but in 'School' in the sight of everybody.—*R. F. Mure*.

'BEVER' (Ante, pp. 242, 256).—The word 'Bever' is commonly used, amongst the lower classes of Kent and Surrey, for a light meal of bread and cheese taken at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and especially during the harvest time.—*Kin*.

School Notes.

THE Mure Scholarship has been awarded to C. C. J. Webb; prox. acc. A. M. T. Jackson.

No prize was given for the Ireland Verses this year. The subject was 'Mahomet.'

The subject for the Gumbleton Verse this year is 'The St. Gothard Tunnel.'

On Friday, October 27, we had a late play for a happy addition to Mr. Marklove's family. We have also to welcome into the world a daughter of the Rev. W. Failes, for whom we had a late play on Thursday, November 2.

The following Matches have been arranged for this season:

1882.	
October	4. v. C. W. R. Tepper's Eleven.
"	11. v. Old Westminsters.
"	25. v. Reigate Priory.
"	28. v. Old Carthusians.
November	1. v. Civil Service.
"	8. v. Royal Engineers.
"	11. v. Old Harrovians.
"	15. v. Corinthians.
"	18. v. R. M. C., Sandhurst.
"	25. v. Clapham Rovers.
"	30. v. Oxford Team.
1883.	
January	27. v. Reigate Priory.
"	31. v. Clapham Rovers.
February	7. v. Royal Engineers.
"	10. v. Old Carthusians.
"	14. v. Old Etonians.
"	17. v. R. M. C., Sandhurst.
"	24. v. Charterhouse (at Godalming).
"	28. v. Old Westminsters.
March	3. v. Old Wykehamists.
"	7. v. Corinthians.
"	10. v. Old Harrovians.

A double Quartette Class has been started by Mr. Dale, which has its practices once a week.

Meetings of the Literary Society have been held on October 7, 14, 21, and 28, at which Shakespeare's plays, 'As you like it' and 'King Lear,' were read. The parts in the former were taken by—

C. E. Freeman, Esq.	.....	Corin, and Audrey.
The Rev. R. F. Dale	.....	Oliver, and a page.
The Rev. A. Sloman	.....	Silvius.
H. W. Waterfield	.....	Rosalind.
G. E. M. Eden (Oct. 21)	.....	} Orlando.
M. R. Bethune (Oct. 28)	.....
G. V. Sampson	.....	Jaques.
A. G. L. Rogers	.....	Touchstone.
A. M. T. Jackson	.....	Celia.

The minor parts were taken by R. H. Williams, H. N. Crouch, J. R. Pryce, F. H. Collier, and R. Beames.

We have to announce the appointment of Elliot Charles Bovill, Esq., to be Chief Justice of Cyprus. He entered the Under School in January, 1857, entered College in 1863, and was elected to Christ Church, Oxford, in 1867. He was called to the Bar in 1873, and in 1879 went out to Cyprus as assistant legal adviser to the Chief Commissioner, in which position he remained till his recent appointment.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

THE morning of Wednesday, October 11th, did not look at all promising for the first day of the Sports, inasmuch as the rain, which had been falling all night and the greater part of the previous day, had rendered the ground as far from conducive to the production of good times for the races, as the sky was far from appearing inviting to the usual and expected course of visitors. Propositions were made to apply for postponement for a day, which, however, were not carried out, fortunately, as the sequel proved, for the subsequent Friday, which would have then been the second day of the Sports, brought down rain in torrents worse than that of the previous Tuesday. On Wednesday, about twelve o'clock, however, the cessation of rain and a scarcely perceptible clearance in the sky induced nearly all the members of the School, athletic and otherwise, to make their appearance up fields, where a few O.W.W. had already assembled, and, in spite of the late arrival of some of the Committee, the first three events on the card were got through before lunch. C. Y. R. Bedford, Esq., kindly acted as starter, and the Rev. W. C. R. Bedford, and the Rev. H. D. S. Vidal as judges on both days. The events were as follows :

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL. UNDER 15.

Sherring won this with a throw of 68 yds. 2 ft. 10 in., beating Harrison, the winner of last year, by a yard. Only four entered.

FLAT RACE. ONE MILE. OPEN TO ALL.

Lynch led for the first lap and then fell out ; Forster then took the lead, Higgins running with the ruck ; after the second lap several fell out, and the order then was Forster, Thorne, Bedford, Higgins ; Higgins, however, came up to third, after which the order remained unchanged till just before the straight in the last round, when he came up with a tremendous spurt, passing Thorne, and making a splendid race with Forster, which he finally won by a few yards. The heavy state of the ground must act as apology for the time in this and other races.

1. Higgins ; 2. Forster ; 3. Thorne ; 4. Bedford. Time, 5 min. 14½ secs.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL. OPEN TO ALL.

Eden won this with a throw of 91 yds. 1 ft., the same as that with which he won the event last year. Rogers, second, threw 79 yards.

FLAT RACE. 300 YARDS HANDICAP. OVER 16.

This was a new event this year, being substituted for the pole jump, which has not, as a rule, produced very keen competition. In the first heat Eden from scratch soon overhauled the rest, and won by two or three yards from Booker (12 yards), who was about the same distance ahead of Waterfield (9 yards). In the second heat Sutherland (3 yards) beat Higgins (10 yards), after a hard race ; Lynch (7 yards) was third. No times were taken for either of these races.

FLAT RACE. 100 YARDS. UNDER 15.

In spite of his disadvantage in size, Phillimore made a very good race of this with Page, coming in a good second. Nineteen started.

1. Page ; 2. Phillimore ; 3. Sherring. Time, 12½ secs.

FLAT RACE. 440 YARDS. UNDER 16.

Page went to the front directly, and retained his lead throughout ; Winstanley finished some yards behind, closely followed by Yglesias.

1. Page ; 2. Winstanley ; 3. Yglesias. Time, 1 min. 1¾ sec.

HURDLE RACE. 100 YARDS, OVER 8 FLIGHTS. OPEN TO ALL.

In the first heat Armitage fell at the first hurdle, and fell out ; Berens fell at the second hurdle, but got up and continued, while Bedford won by cautious jumping. In the second heat Ince refused the first hurdle, leaving Waterfield to win, Forster second. No time was taken.

HIGH JUMP. UNDER 15.

Seven flighty individuals presented themselves for competition, the result being in favour of Sandilands, who cleared 4ft. 2½ in. in good style ; Wimbush was a very pretty second ; Langston, who hurt his leg during the jumping, and had to give up, was third.

1. Sandilands ; 2. Wimbush ; 3. Langston. Height, 4 ft. 2½ in.

FLAT RACE. 300 YARDS. UNDER 14.

McHardy took the lead at once, and retained it to the end ; Stevens, who was running second, unfortunately tripped and fell just before the straight ; Probyn was second, after a close race with Cheadle. No time was taken.

1. McHardy ; 2. Probyn ; 3. Cheadle.

HIGH JUMP. OPEN TO ALL.

Waterfield, who unexpectedly won this last year, as unexpectedly lost it this, being beaten by an inch by Booker. The ground was so slippery that jumping at all was a difficult matter.

1. J. Booker ; 2. H. Waterfield. Height, 4 ft. 11¾ in.

FLAT RACE. HALF-MILE HANDICAP.

Nicholas, with 120 yards start, was overtaken by no one, and ultimately won by about 15 yards from McCance (80 yards). Forster, who had come up from scratch, just beat Stephenson (110 yards) on the post after a hard race down the straight.

1. Nicholas ; 2. McCance ; 3. Forster ; 4. Stephenson. Time, 2 min. 13¾ secs.

FLAT RACE. 100 YARDS. UNDER 16.

Page led the whole way, and won by three or four yards ; Yglesias was second, Long third. No time was taken for this race.

1. Page ; 2. Yglesias ; 3. Long.

SECOND DAY. THURSDAY, Oct. 12.

THROWING THE HAMMER. OPEN TO ALL.

Only three entered for this event, which was won by Rogers with a throw of 62 ft. 5 in., beating Roller by 5 ft.

1. A. G. L. Rogers; 2. C. Roller. Distance, 62 ft. 5 in.

HALF MILE, WITH HURDLES AT THE END. OPEN TO ALL.

Forster took the lead immediately, and, profiting by his experience in the Mile, made the running all the way, ultimately finishing 20 yards ahead of Higgins. Winstanley, who had been running second very pluckily, unfortunately fell at the second hurdle, and when he fell again at the fifth, gave up, leaving the place to Bedford.

1. Forster; 2. Higgins; 3. Bedford. Time, 2 min. 28 secs.

LONG JUMP. UNDER 15.

The result of this was the same as that of the high jump, Sandilands being first with a jump of 14 ft 1½ in., Wimbush second, both jumping very neatly.

1. Sandilands; 2. Wimbush. Distance, 14 ft. 1½ in.

FLAT RACE. 300 YARDS. OVER 16. FINAL HEAT.

Five out of six of the winners of the preliminary heats started for the final. Eden soon worked his way past the others and won by a few yards; Booker was second, and Higgins third, some yards behind.

1. Eden; 2. Booker; 3. Higgins. Time, 35¼ secs.

FLAT RACE. 150 YARDS. UNDER 13.

Monroe won this race pretty easily; a hard race was made for the second place, which was eventually won by Wodehouse, Sharpe being close behind.

1. Monroe; 2. Wodehouse; 3. Sharpe. Time, 20 secs.

HURDLE RACE. OPEN TO ALL. FINAL HEAT.

Waterfield went ahead directly and won easily; Berens, about 10 yards behind, was rather less than that distance in front of Forster and Bedford, who ran a dead heat. In running off Bedford beat Forster by a foot.

1. Waterfield; 2. G. Berens; 3. Bedford. Time, 16½ secs.

FLAT RACE. 440 YARDS. UNDER 15.

This was another victory for Page, who beat Drakeford by about 20 yards. Dundas was a few yards behind Drakeford.

1. Page; 2. Dundas; 3. Drakeford. Time, 1 min. 1 sec.

FLAT RACE. 100 YARDS. OPEN TO ALL.

Waterfield got off first, Eden and Armitage both getting rather a bad start. Eden, however, soon recovered his ground, and Forster picked up to second; Waterfield was third, three yards behind, after a close race with Armitage. No time was taken.

1. Eden; 2. Waterfield; 3. Armitage.
Forster Waterfield.

LONG JUMP. OPEN TO ALL.

This event fell to Waterfield with a jump of 17 ft. 1 in.; Rogers was second, jumping 16 ft. 3 ins., beating Booker by half a foot.

1. Waterfield; 2. Rogers. Distance, 17 ft. 1 in.

HURDLE RACE. 100 YARDS. OVER 8 FLIGHTS. UNDER 15.

In the first heat of this race Page was first, Ritchie second, Harrison third, a hard race being made for the second place; in the second heat Wimbush was first, taking his hurdles in a very neat style, Sandilands second, and Shackleton, who lost some ground in a preliminary argument with the starter relative to his having obtained a bad start, was third. In the final heat Page and Wimbush had a hard race for first place, and Harrison and Ritchie for third, the order ultimately being—

1. Page; 2. Wimbush; 3. Harrison. Time, 16¾ secs.

FLAT RACE. 440 YARDS. OPEN TO ALL.
(Winners of the Mile and 100 Yards excluded.)

Only five started for this race. Forster dashed off with the lead at once, and kept it easily till the straight, when Sutherland, who had been running very prettily, suddenly put on a spurt and very nearly passed him; but Forster, also spurting, managed to win by a yard, Winstanley third.

1. Forster; 2. Sutherland; 3. Winstanley. Time, 59 secs.

OLD WESTMINSTER RACE. 120 YARDS.

The winner of this race last year repeated his victory with comparative ease; Vidal was second, and Jeffcock and Edwards ran a close race for third place, which, after some discussion, was decided in favour of Jeffcock.

1. C. Y. R. Bedford; 2. H. D. S. Vidal; 3. J. P. Jeffcock. Time, 13¾ secs.

BICYCLE RACE. TWO MILES HANDICAP. OPEN TO ALL.

Brookes, with 80 yards start, went off at a great pace, quickly gaining on Lowe (120 yards), when by some unaccountable mishap he fell, as did also Lowe, before one lap had been accomplished. The race was thus left to Forster (scratch), who experienced little difficulty in beating his other opponents, and ultimately won by half a lap. Brookes' machine was utterly disabled, but Lowe continued, and passed Harrison (200 yards) in the last round.

1. Forster (52 in.); 2. Lowe (50 in.); 3. Harrison (48 in.). Time, 9 min. 52½ secs.

CONSOLATION RACE. 300 YARDS.

Peck went off at a tremendous pace, and seemed sure of being consoled, but, on coming into the straight, R. Armitage and Lynch raced passed him, and A. Armitage immediately after, the order at the end being R. Armitage, Lynch, A. Armitage. No time was taken.

1. R. Armitage; 2. Lynch; 3. A. Armitage.

TUG OF WAR.

Last year's result of this event was again proved to be an exception. The Q.S.S. were considerably out-weighted, being beaten by 2-0. The winning team were—J. Rawlinson, C. Roller, G. E. M. Eden, W. M. Meredith, J. Booker, R. Armitage, D. N. Lynch, G. Berens, H. F. A. Hoskins, F. T. Higgins, A. E. Bedford, P. Russell.

After the Sports, Mrs. Scott kindly presented the prizes to the successful competitors; the Head Master then, replying to the cheers for Mrs. Scott, mentioned the various changes which had taken place in the neighbourhood of Vincent Square during his time, the various improvements in, and late acquisitions to, the School, and touched on a subject which must be a sorrowful one to all connected with the School during the last 27 years, viz., his impending departure, and wound up with the usual cheers for O.W.W. The Rev. H. D. S. Vidal replied in an amusing speech, and called for cheers for the ladies, which were cordially given, and acknowledged by C. Y. R. Bedford on the ladies' behalf. As usual, when the company dispersed, the 'great unwashed' made their presence unpleasantly perceptible by their vehement patriotic enthusiasm.

FOOTBALL.

THE SCHOOL v. C. W. R. TEPPER'S ELEVEN.

This match, the first of the season, was not a very promising beginning, though the facts that we had had little practice, were in bad training, and not at all together, and that Tepper brought against us a team much stronger than had been anticipated, combine to render the result little else than could have been expected. The ground was in good condition, though a slight shower fell during the match, which softened it. Our opponents having won the toss elected to play from the hospital end, and Higgins kicked off for the School. From the first, however, they had evidently the strongest team, and in spite of Higgins's energetic forward play, and good steady work among the backs, the ball was continually in our grounds. Higgins and Waterfield both made shots before half-time without success, but, after we had changed ends, the School was even more penned than before. The goals were kicked by Rumball, Bain, and Bury; these last-mentioned, and Dale forward, played well for them, and Tepper and Janson behind. For the School, Higgins, Rogers, Bedford, and Roller played well. We played twelve aside. The sides were:

TEPPER'S ELEVEN.

C. W. R. Tepper, R. T. Squire, F. W. Bain, H. C. Benbow, W. W. Bury, G. Dale, H. Rumball, E. A. Upcott, P. G. L. Webb, O. Borrodaile, J. L. Mickisson, A. L. Bambridge.

WESTMINSTER.

F. T. Higgins, A. G. L. Rogers, H. W. Waterfield, R. Ingram, A. E. Bedford, C. T. Roller, C. Ritchie, C. J. Page, F. G. Thorne, D. N. Lynch, W. M. Meredith, R. M. De Carteret.

THE SCHOOL v. OLD WESTMINSTERS.

This match was played on Saturday, October 14, the first Saturday after the Sports, with bad weather and worse ground. During the early part of the match the rain fell heavily, but cleared up slightly later on. The School having won the toss, O.W.W. kicked off from the hospital end, and, in spite of the bad ground, the game was pretty fast from the first. No goals were scored on either side for some time, until a claim of hands was made on behalf of the School just before our opponents' goal. The ball was knocked away by their goal-keeper, but before their forwards could get on to it, Rogers had shot from half-back and put it through the posts. Not long after a good throw by Rogers brought the ball right before their goals, and the goal-keeper just touched it before it went through (2-0). Just before half-time was called, Higgins, by a good shot from the side, scored our last goal. After half-time the Eleven did not play so well together, and a good run down by Rumball resulted in a goal, which was almost immediately followed by another run down the middle, and a beautiful shot from Bury, which also was successful. Nothing further happened till time was called, leaving a victory to the School (3-2). For us, Higgins and Rogers played well; and for them, Bury, Crowdy, and Janson. The sides were:

WESTMINSTER.

F. T. Higgins, A. G. L. Rogers, H. W. Waterfield, A. E. Bedford, R. Ingram, C. Roller, C. J. Page, C. Ritchie, R. M. De Carteret, D. N. Lynch, A. Fevez.

OLD WESTMINSTERS.

C. W. Heath, F. D. Crowdy, W. W. Bury, A. C. Jenner, W. Stephenson, H. Rumball, F. W. Janson, H. P. Robinson, E. C. Frere, S. A. Bird, A. Gamble.

REIGATE PRIORY.

This match was played on Wednesday, the 25th; the weather, which had been bad for some days, had cleared up in the morning, but shortly after the commencement of the match the rain began to fall, and as the wind was against us, and the rain was in our faces, Reigate Priory began to pen us—Churchill in the middle, and Welsh on the right, making several good runs, which, however, resulted in nothing. When half-time was called, no goals had been shot; but soon Waterfield and H. Peck, by good crossing and playing together, kept the ball down by the Reigate goal, till at last Waterfield succeeded in putting it between the posts. After some time Rogers sent it through again, and, not long before the time was

called, Higgins, by good play and a splendid shot, got one goal more. Reigate Priory failed to score. For us, Higgins, Waterfield, Peck, and all the backs played well; for them, Churchill, Norris, and Welsh were best. There was a marked improvement in the crossing of the Eleven in this match. The sides were:

WESTMINSTER.

F. T. Higgins, A. G. L. Rogers, H. W. Waterfield, A. E. Bedford, R. Ingram, C. Roller, C. J. Page, H. C. Peck, R. M. De Carteret, H. M. T. Pigott, A. Fevez.

REIGATE PRIORY.

H. G. Welsh, Maclean, H. Churchill, G. Baggaley, B. Ellis, G. Burtenshaw, Y. Shuter, H. Trower, H. Norris, F. Williams, E. Toker.

THE IX. v. NEXT XV.

This match was played on Friday, October 27, being a late play, on a slippery ground and in drizzling rain. The result was a draw (1-1), the goals being shot by Gibson and Ingram.

Our Contemporaries.

WE beg to acknowledge the receipt of *The Marlburian*, *The Wellingtonian*, *The Lily*, *The Blue*, *The St. Andrew's College Magazine*, *The Berkhamstedian*, *The Meteor*, *The Felstedian*, *The Derbeian*, *The Makovernian*, and *The Wykehamist*.

The Midsummer term at Magdalen College is eventful for the performance of the Cyclops and their victory at Henley. They seem to be lucky in the possession of such an athlete as H. S. Alnutt, who won seven 1st prizes in their Sports. His long jump of 21 ft. 4 in. is not often equalled in our Public Schools.

A 'Mesmeric Ordeal,' which engrosses nearly four pages of *The Wellingtonian*, seems to bear more on the ill-effects of smoking in juveniles than its mysterious title. 'Blood'gan Bound,' almost the most remarkable feature in a poem called 'The Birth of a Beautiful Boy,' is quite the most elliptical expression we ever heard.

The Berkhamstedian comes out with some curious extracts from the Harleian miscellany relative to the exhumation of the body of Oliver Cromwell, though what he had to do with the School we do not know. There are also reports of their Aquatic Sports and Cricket Season.

The Blue has an account of the proceedings of their Speech-day, with a good Prologue. There is a short article about Charles Lamb, somewhat in the style of those which appear in *The Elizabethan* about Old Westminsters. Most of the remaining space is occupied by tables showing the results of the Gymnastic Competition.

The St. Andrew's School Magazine has an obituary of the late Bishop of Grahamstown, and a somewhat impertinent article on the Cape University. There is nothing else of note.

The Felstedian, like most magazines about this time, has an account of their Speech-day and Cricket Season, but little else except some Transatlantic Notes.

The assumption of the editorial pen has a habit with many editors of being accompanied with feelings of a mixed character: he of *The Newtonian* is therefore no exception to the rule. The number is entirely composed of School news, and, in consequence, less interesting than usual. The defeat of Old Newtonians in Cricket by 344 to 93 runs is, perhaps, the most noteworthy feature of the paper.

The editor of *The Radleian*, after a long article on 'Traveling,' and a column and a half of Boating news, informs the gentle reader that he intends to inflict upon him once more a number of *The Radleian*. A rose, by any other name, &c.; and probably 'Hydrocephalus Cancan' has as little title to his euphonious *nom de plume* as he of 'Brer Coon' renown. The former, we presume, is chosen in playful allusion to the water on his brain: the latter gentleman has been seized with an unaccountable yearning for breeding red herrings, and starting a pair of flipperless dodos.

The Blundellian contains an article on the Lawyer, 'the great social lubricator,' as he is described. A Latin version is given of Bret Harte's far-famed poem, in which the sensations of Abner Dean of Angel's are so realistically portrayed on the somewhat sudden reception of 'a chunk of old red sandstone' in an unappreciative portion of his person. Our readers may recognise the following:—

'Subrisit ictus morbidum, curvusque humi
Procubuit; ultra quid ageretur insciens.'

The 28th of July, 1882, seems to have been a *dies candidus* in 'Salopia's Halls,' inasmuch as they have thought fit to devote an editorial, two other articles, and a poem to commemorate the occasion. We do not remember ever hearing any youth, however much attached to his downy couch, give vent to the expression 'We've got a long lie.' 'The bog' does not strike us as being a particularly attractive route for a run.

Correspondence.

FROM OUR CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—As the October term has now properly begun, perhaps you would just like a brief notice as to what is going on. Besides the three exhibitors to Trinity, R. H. Coke and R. T. Squire have come up to Trinity Hall, and G. Mirehouse to Jesus. All the different clubs and societies are recruiting their numbers from the ranks of the many freshmen. The river, notwithstanding the incessant rain, is crowded with freshmen tubbing, while at the same time the crews are practising for the College Fours. Brandon, I see, is at present stroking the Jesus four, and 3rd Trinity should do well, as they have, besides Gridley, three Eton freshmen, two of whom rowed at Henley. The Freshmen's Sports come off November 2nd and 3rd. O.W.W. played the 'Varsity on Saturday October 21, the match resulting in a victory for the latter by 4-0. The ground was in a very slippery condition, and rain fell during the latter half of the time. O.W.W. also on October 23 were to have played Trinity 2nd Eleven, but the match was put off.

Yours, F. C.

FROM OUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

The 'Long' is now over, and Oxford once again begins to look busy. There are numbers of freshmen up this term of every species, from the man with new meerscham and terrier down to the gentleman who thinks it quite *en regle* to walk the 'High' in cap, gown, and umbrella. Besides the three new Westminster students, there have come up to the House Harington and F. F. James; R. Berens has also matriculated there; S. F. Cowell has entered at University, and H. Lawrence at Exeter. The Westminster Breakfast was, as usual, held on November 1. The Old Westminster Football Club plays its first match on October 30, v. Merton; it has several

other matches in course of arrangement, among them with the Old Carthusians, Old Harrovians, and Old Wykehamists; but I am sorry to say it has not a very strong contingent up here. Rowing, to a great extent, is stopped owing to the floods, which have not been so high for forty-four years; the path around the Ch. Ch. meadow is quite impassable. Several O.W.W. went over from here to Cambridge last Saturday, but, alas! victory did not smile upon them; the weather, too, was most unfortunate.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—The following, which appeared in the *Times* under the heading of *Eton v. Harrow*, may, perhaps, interest some of the readers of *The Elizabethan*:

'Eton's first cricket contest against a rival school dates so far back as 1796, when a match was played against Westminster on Houndslow Heath, and resulted in a defeat for the Etonians. Eton and Westminster continued to play yearly until 1801.'

Has Westminster any record of those matches, scores, &c. ? if so, they might be inserted in *The Elizabethan*.

I am, Sir,
Yours truly,
T. B.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Could you kindly inform me if Phillimore's Essay and English Verse Prizes are open to the whole School, or are reserved to the Sixth Form only?

Yours truly,
AN INQUIRER.

They are open to the whole School.—[ED.]

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—If I may be permitted to make a remark on the management of the football 'up fields,' I think it would most decidedly be an improvement if the number of players in the smaller game were limited; and also if some order were kept. I happened to be 'up fields' not long ago, and I observed that in the smaller of the two games there were, I should say, at least fifty boys, and I counted on one side no less than ten backs and three goal-keepers. Now I think that very little play can go on in such a crowd, and certainly no order is kept. Should not some arrangement be made to have two or more smaller games controlled by some person or persons responsible to the Captain of the Eleven? Hoping that I am not trespassing on your time or space, and that some remedy will speedily be devised,

I remain, yours truly,
O. P. Q.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—Do you not think it would be an addition to our Athletic Sports if, in future, there should be, at any rate, one walking race? At other Sports they have them, and I think they not only afford great amusement to the spectators, but also a chance to those who do not excel in running.

I remain, your obedient servant,
'A PRESENT WESTMINSTER.'

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—As a third volume is approaching completion, I wish to call attention to the fact that no title-page has been published to either the first or second volume. When the first volume was completed I wrote for a title-page, but received only a second copy of the index; and on my remonstrating with the editor, it was made clear to me that he did not know what a title-page was. At any rate we have never had one.

Yours obediently,
ASTLEY TERRY.

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