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TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—The new Rules have been passed, and I fear it is too late to protest against them, but I should like to make a remark or two upon them. The great difficulty has always been in the case of Third Elections, who ought very often to have held the post of Captain of the Eleven or Eight, but were prevented on the ground that it would never do for a Third Election to be in power over a Senior. Whether this objection is as heavy a one as some people think, is an open question. For my own part I believe that there would be more difficulty in this case than in the case of the 'lag' of an election to order the Captain of the School about in the Field. I believe the objection to be more sentimental than practical. But however that may be, the rules do not settle the point at all. By Rule II. if there be no senior or T.B. in the Sixth or Shell in the Eleven or Eight, "The member of that Eleven or Eight who has been longest in it, is Captain," &c. Now suppose that member to be a Third Election, as might constantly be the case, the same old difficulty would remain. He would either take

care never to put a senior into the Eleven, or, if he resisted temptation and gave a deserving senior his "pink cap," he would be obliged to hand over to him at the same time the Captaincy of the Eleven or Eight. For there would be a Third Election in power over a senior. The Head Master says in his letter, "It is evidently not satisfactory that a boy, low in the school, should have the responsibility of managing Fields or Water," but the Third Election is, in nineteen cases out of twenty, seventeen years old, (whereas a T.B. to be eligible need only be sixteen), and also may be in the Sixth, and is yet not eligible. To call him "a boy low down in the school" is hardly fair. If a T.B. of sixteen can "represent the school to the outside world," so can a Third Election of seventeen, and from my experience of College I should not say that there was such a difference between a Senior and a Third Election as would make it difficult for the former to work under the latter in either the Eleven or Eight. If this difficulty is a real one, all that can be said is that the new Rules do not attempt to meet it, or in attempting have failed.

Believe me, yours obediently,

R. W. S. V.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—Every Westminster, young or old, must be very glad to see the revival of Rowing at Westminster, after its gradual decline and subsequent total collapse about ten years ago, especially as Westminster was mainly indebted to her aquatic fame, for the high position which she held in the Athletic world. No doubt a great deal has been done lately for the management of rowing, but I think, in order to sustain the reputation we once enjoyed, we should, if possible, get on to the water twice a day. Of course the embankments, steamboats, &c., have rendered boating from the stairs much more difficult than formerly, yet it is apparent to any one who has sat for five minutes on terrace on Sunday, that it is far from impossible, or that it is really dangerous; it would be manifestly foolish to attempt to row in light boats at this part of the river, but there seems to me no reason, why heavy fours should not go on from the stairs in the morning. The real secret of success in rowing is acknowledged to be constant and patient tubbing. We see daily on the river at Westminster scores of boats, manned by 'scis,' without the slightest idea of rowing; these boats come to no harm, although many of them are cranky, cast off, old racing pairs and fours; now where they can go unharmed, it must be safe for a well appointed crew from Westminster to go. I think it is only the so-called dangerous state of the river, that is urged in opposition to this proposal, but really the objection seems childish, while the good it would do to the rowing would be incalculable, for with regular tubbing in the morning, and a sharp spin in the evening at Wandsworth, there is no reason why we should not equal those who have gone before us; our thews and sinews are as strong, our weights are heavier, and our numbers larger. That this boon should be granted us, must be the earnest wish of all connected with the water, and of yours truly,

REMEX.

THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE.

WHEN the Athletic Sports were started at Westminster in the year 1861, the following rules about the Committee and its election were decided upon:—(1) that the Committee should consist of seven Members, the Captain, Head Town Boy, and five others, to be elected by the whole of the School from the Sixth to what is now the Under Fifth, but was then the Under Upper Fifth, inclusive; (2) that the Treasurer

and Secretary should be elected at the same time as the Committee, and by the same voters; and (3) that the election should always be held during the first week of the summer term. The two last of these rules are not now in force, that about the election of the Treasurer and Secretary having been repealed in 1862, when it was decided that they should be elected by the Committee and not by the electors of the Committee, while that relating to the time of the election seems to have gradually sunk into disuse—and, we think, rather unfortunately, for had it continued in force it might have done somewhat to check the progress of the system of canvassing, which has risen to such an enormous height in late years. But the first rule, about the constitution of the Athletic Committee, has been adhered to up to the present time, and it is this that we intend to discuss at present. Most of our readers know that this has lately provoked a considerable amount of dissension, and that various objections have been urged against it, which have never been heard of until the last few months, and which since then have found vent in one or two letters that have appeared in these pages.

We think the only objections that can fairly be raised against our present system were inserted in the letter of "Alta Petens," which appeared in our issue for December. He also proposed a scheme which he thought would be found efficient and just, and which we shall proceed to consider first, leaving his objections to the last. What he suggested was that an entirely *ex officio* Committee should be formed, consisting of the Captain, the Head Town Boy, the two first of each Eleven, and the Head of the Water. But we cannot see that this would be the slightest improvement upon our present method; for, besides (as he has himself admitted) the continual confusion that would result from more than one of these offices being vested in the same individual, the principle on which he evidently bases his suggestion is an utterly erroneous one. What he supposes is this, that the most proficient in games would necessarily form the most serviceable members of the Athletic Committee. But this is by no means the case. To arrange the subscriptions, choose the prizes, and see about the preparation of the ground, require not Cricket and Football, but Common Sense, an average amount of which is, we believe, possessed by many boys who are almost strangers to Vincent Square. Besides, as was well pointed out by "An Interested Party;" the Heads of the Elevens would have less time, and possibly inclination to attend to the Athletic Sports than most others.

The objections urged against our present

system may be conveniently divided into two :— (1) that boys will give their votes only to their own particular friends, or as Town Boys will not give them to Queen Scholars and *vice versa* ; and (2) that others, without giving a thought to the matter, vote for the candidates who ask them first. The first of these objections is no doubt partially true ; no doubt there are some few boys who think it their absolute duty if Town Boys to vote only for Town Boys, and if Queen Scholars only for Queen Scholars ; but, nevertheless, we venture to believe that the majority are more conscientious and vote only for those whom they really consider the best fitted for the situation. The first of these two classes we shall pass over without mention, believing and hoping that it is too small to exercise any appreciable influence over the elections ; but with regard to the second, it may be urged that, as each boy has five votes given him, and it has generally been the custom to compel them all to be made use of, it is just possible that there might not be five candidates whom the voter might think worthy of a place on the Committee. To provide against this accident the example of last year will be followed for this year also, and voters will not be obliged to give away all their votes. The second objection, that many give their votes to the first applicant, is one that may be almost entirely removed by again adopting the very simple yet sensible regulation that was made last year, forbidding canvassing, which will accordingly be done. This rule was, however, last year not brought into force until the canvassing was all but completed, and although on the day of election all voters were formally absolved from any promises they had previously made, yet most, with a feeling which we cannot blame, preferred to adhere to them. But this year it is hoped to abolish the odious practice altogether, and with this view not only will the day of election be kept a profound secret, but also any one, who may afterwards be found to have procured his election by canvassing, will not be allowed to take his place as a member of the Committee, but another will be elected in his stead.

We cannot help thinking that it is wholly unnecessary to make a change in a system of which the principle is good, on account of a few abuses which exist in the method of working it, especially when these abuses may be removed by vigorous measures. If we are unsuccessful this year, an alteration may be made next, but we cannot consent summarily to reject a system, to which objections have only lately been made, without at least one more trial.

School Notes.

DURING the few weeks of last Half which preceded our Whitsuntide holidays, we noticed various agricultural operations proceeding vigorously in Green. There were men to be seen at work there every day, and what little grass had been left after several months of football was entirely displaced by an enormous drag. We thought at the time that these preparations would not be without some result, and looked forward somewhat curiously to the beginning of this Half. Our expectations have been more than satisfied, for on our return we found that industry, grass-seed, and three weeks' rest had worked wonders, and there was a most luxuriant crop of grass and other herbage to be seen waving in Green, which, with the combined effect of a few trees, gave us most pleasant reminiscences of the country.

We can only say that we wish the authorities all success in their praiseworthy endeavours not only to make, but also to keep Green respectable, and sincerely hope that we may not be compelled in a few months to see the pleasant prospect entirely destroyed, as we have unfortunately been compelled to do for several years past ; but let us hope that our chief practice ground for Football will not be taken away.

THERE is an old proverb "Better late than never," and the truth of it we see exemplified every day of our lives. It applies now to the white line that we see extending across the door in the Racquet-court, where last Half there was no such thing visible. We are extremely glad that this small and inexpensive improvement has been made, because it is one so necessary to the proper playing of Racquets, and we may congratulate "Enthusiast" on the success of his letter.

We were also pleased to observe upon our return this Half that the plaster upon the Racquet-court had been repaired during the holidays, and it is really quite pleasant to think that the balls will no longer be so provokingly prone to bounce into every place where no one would think of expecting them to.

LAST term there was a great deal of talk about hiring a steam-launch, which would convey us from Parliament Stairs to Putney, and thus save us the trouble of running to Vauxhall every evening. This would probably have saved us some time, as we could have put on our flannels during the journey. Inquiries were made, and it was found to be so expensive, that the project was abandoned. As the arrangements at present stand, we have such short time to reach Vauxhall in, that we are often in danger of missing the train, if anything delays us ; and frequently when we do arrive at the station, we find the train so crowded that we experience great discomfort during the journey. If the Water could be divested of these inconveniences it could not fail to become more flourishing, and fully bear up the reputation which Westminster has already won, and which we hope it will always maintain in time to come.

The Fields.

DURING the fine weather we have had since we returned in May, we have been hard at work practising, under the guidance of Mantle, who, I am sorry to say, was unable to bowl for the first week; he has however, been giving us the benefit of his advice from behind the nets. The batting at present is not up to the usual standard, and the fielding is hardly as good as it might be; this is owing a good deal to the state of the ground, which since it was raised a year or two ago, to keep off the fogs and damp, has never been so true for the long fields as formerly. On Wednesday, June 2nd, we played a school match. The First Seven and the next Eleven. The Seven won the toss, but put the Eleven in first, who sent Borradaile and Ryde to the wickets; the former just managed to get into double figures, before he was bowled by Fox, but Horne disposed of Ryde for a single, Hicks followed with 7, and the next five wickets realized only three runs between them; Rogers then made 9, and Muir, on the strength of there being no wicket-keeper, ran out at the bowling, and made 22 in a very short time, leaving Fischer with one not out; the whole innings terminated for 73, of which 17 were byes. The Seven then sent in Watson and Fox, the former was bowled by Hicks for 3, and the latter by Ryde for 11; Horne followed and made 17, when he was very well caught by a substitute. Alington and Waddington were then together, and raised the score to 104, when Waddington was caught, off a lofty hit, by Muir, at point; his innings consisted of two 7's, one 6, one 5, and one 4 consecutively. Jackson then came in, and by dint of hard hitting, soon knocked up 15, when he was caught by Black. The last man, Rawson, then went in, but Alington was bowled, before he had a chance of scoring. Alington played a very good innings of 38. The total obtained was 142. In the second innings of the Eleven, Borradaile again played well for his 30; Fischer, Ryde, and Tayloe, being the only others who reached double figures, they made 15, 18, and 18 not out, respectively; at the fall of the tenth wicket the score stood at 109, leaving the Seven 41 to win; as there was no time to finish on Wednesday, it was put off till Friday night. Rawson, the not-out man of the first innings, made 21, and was again not out, Fox 12, and Waddington not out 1. The Seven thus winning by 5 wickets.

The bowling of Fox in the first innings was very destructive, but in the second innings he was not at all on the spot. Alington bowled very well at the end of the second innings, obtaining five wickets for 16 runs in 6 overs. The other change Watson also came off, Borradaile being caught off his first ball; Alington got two wickets in his first over, chiefly through Watson's agency, who made two splendid catches at slip. The fielding of the Seven in the second innings was a very great improvement on the first. J. H. Watson was put into the Eleven after this match, reducing the vacant places to four.

SCORE.—THE ELEVEN.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
O. R. Borradaile, b. Fox	11	c. Fox, c. Watson	30
C. B. Ryde, b. Horne	1	b. Alington	18
G. A. Hicks, b. Fox	7	(sub.) c. Waddington, b. Watson	1
A. E. Black, run out	0	c. Watson, b. Alington	2
W. C. Aston, b. Horne	2	c. Watson, b. Alington	0
H. P. Robinson, b. Horne	1	b. Alington	0
W. Tayloe, b. Fox	0	not out	18
A. H. Leggatt, b. Fox	0	ct. and b. Fox	1
B. M. Rogers, b. Fox	9	b. Alington	1
C. Muir, b. Fox	22	c. Waddington, b. Jackson	4
T. Fischer, not out	1	c. Fox, b. Jackson	15
Extras	19	Extras	19
Total	73		109

THE SEVEN.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
C. J. Fox, b. Ryde	11	b. Hicks	12
J. H. Watson, b. Hicks	3		
E. A. Horne, c. sub., b. Aston	17		
E. H. Alington, b. Aston	38		
E. Waddington, c. Muir, b. Borradaile	34	not out	1
A. E. Jackson, c. Black, b. Borradaile	15		
F. L. Rawson, not out	0	not out	21
Byes	16		6
Leg Byes	2		1
Wides	6		0
	142		41

BOWLING ANALYSIS.—1st Innings.

	No. B.	Runs.	Wckts.	Madns.	Balls.	Wides.
Fox	0	20	6	5	59	0
Horne	1	24	3	1	40	0
Jackson	0	8	0	1	15	0
2nd Innings.						
Fox	0	38	1	3	70	0
Jackson	0	25	2	3	66	1
Watson	0	11	2	5	38	0
Alington	0	16	5	0	30	0

Our first Foreign match was played up-fields on Wednesday, against the Incogniti, and resulted in a hollow victory for the visitors, who brought down a very strong batting team. The school won the toss, and sent in Fox and Borradaile against the bowling of Stratford (slow), and Fraser (fast). Fox began with a 2 and a 3 off Stratford; but in the same over Borradaile was clean bowled without scoring. Horne came in next, and had only added 5 to the score, when he was bowled by Stratford. Alington then joined Fox, and the two made a long and obstinate stand, Fox hitting very freely and making runs fast, while Alington played very carefully. With the score at about 40, Ross was substituted for Fraser, and at last succeeded in disposing of Fox for a well-hit innings of 41. The score was now 66, and Watson came in, but only scored one before he was bowled by Parkin, who had gone on instead of Stratford. Waddington then came in but did not stay long, being bowled by Fraser when he had made 6. Meanwhile Alington had been adding to the score, sending one of Parkin's slows to long-leg for 5. Jackson succeeded Waddington, but had only made two singles when he was clean bowled by Fraser, the score standing at 104. With his two next balls Fraser bowled Rawson and Hicks; thus taking three wickets in three

consecutive balls. The next to come in was Aston, and he and Alington were not easily separated, both playing very carefully. At 111, Alington was caught at mid-on by Dunn, off Stratford, after a well-played innings of 28. Ryde then joined Aston, but after making two singles he was bowled by Fraser. Fischer succeeded Ryde, and had only made a single, when Aston was stumped by Lavies off Stratford; this brought the innings to a close for a total of 116.

Ross and Awdry went in first for the Incogniti, and runs came very fast in spite of the many changes of bowling tried by the School. Fox and Hicks went on first, and got a good deal hit about, especially the former; from whose first over Ross and Awdry made a 5 and a 4 respectively. Horne was tried instead of Hicks, but without effect; as the pair continued to make runs very fast: with the score at 97, however, Awdry was run out after having made 50, principally by very hard hitting. Street was next in, and gave almost as much trouble as Awdry, being well caught at long-on by Fox, off Watson, who had been substituted for Fox; Ross, in the meantime had been making runs as fast as ever, and the score now stood at 227. Pilleau followed Street, and Waddington went on to bowl, but could make no impression, so Jackson was tried, with some success; as he was not much hit about, and Ross was soon caught off him by Ryde, at long off, after a very fine innings of 121, comprising two 6's, two 5's, eleven 4's, &c. He was succeeded by Stratford, who made runs even faster than his predecessor, completely collaring the bowling. Hicks bowled Pilleau about ten minutes before time, for a score of 22, and then Parkin came in and made a 4 off his first ball: this was almost the last hit, as the stumps were drawn soon after, leaving them with a score of 319, for 4 wickets down. Stratford hit very hard and clean for his not-out innings of 64.

SCORE.—WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

O. R. Borradaile, b. Stratford	0
C. J. Fox, b. Ross	41
E. A. Horne, b. Stratford	5
E. H. Alington, c. Dunn, b. Stratford	28
J. H. Watson, b. Parkin	1
E. Waddington, b. Fraser	6
A. N. Jackson, b. Fraser	2
F. L. Rawson, b. Fraser	0
G. A. Hicks, b. Fraser	0
W. C. Aston, st. Lavies, b. Stratford	9
C. B. Ryde, b. Fraser	2
T. Fischer, not out	1
Byes, 12; Leg-byes, 3; Wides, 4; No-balls, 2	21
Total	116

THE INCOGNITI.

C. H. Ross, c. Ryde, b. Jackson	121
C. W. Awdry, run out	50
F. E. Street, c. Fox, b. Watson	46
Capt. Pilleau, b. Hicks	22
E. H. Stratford, not out	64
T. Parkin, not out	4
Byes, 4; Leg-byes, 3; Wides, 4	11
Total	318

J. W. Lavies, W. S. Trollope, A. F. Brereton, A. Fraser, G. P. Field, and E. J. Dunn did not bat.

The Water.

WATER has now commenced in earnest, and during the past fortnight two eights, and several fours have been in constant practice. Owing to the assistance so kindly offered by W. B. Wildman, Esq., the Eight has been nearly filled up, there being now only one vacancy. It is composed as follows:—

	st. lbs.
Bow.	
2. R. D. Brinton, Q.S.	9 7
3. F. D. Crowdy, Q.S.	9 5
4. J. H. Williams, Q.S.	10 0
5. C. A. Jones, Q.S.	10 8
6. C. C. Macnamara, Q.S.	11 6
7. H. C. Frere, T.B.	10 6
Stroke. J. A. Batley, T.B.	9 3
Cox. P. J. Randolph, T.B.	5 6

This season we have some hope of at least one race, or perhaps more; since several Old Westminsters have kindly volunteered to get up an Eight to row against us. Perhaps, also, there will be a race with the Leander Boat Club, which has, we hear, been lately restored to some of its pristine strength, by the acquisition of several new members.

On Tuesday, the 8th, we went out for the first time in our racing Eight, and although we did not row so well together as in a heavier boat, yet got on tolerably well. On Wednesday, W. Brinton kindly came down to give us some coaching; he took the members of the Eight out in two fours, an arrangement which enabled him to give more individual coaching.

The "Scratch Fours" were drawn on Thursday, and the First Heat was rowed the same evening. The following were the contesting crews:—

<i>Surrey.</i>	<i>Centre.</i>	<i>Middlesex.</i>
Bow. De Sausmarez.	Bow. Kelly.	Bow. Bolton.
2. Courtenay.	2. Russell.	2. Glyn.
3. H. Macnamara.	3. Godfrey.	3. Ellis.
Str. Frere.	Str. Brinton.	Str. C. Macnamara.
Cox. Newman.	Cox. Randolph.	Cox. Cuppage.

The boats were started from Wandsworth Bridge at 6:30 p. m., and Macnamara drew away with the lead, which he maintained until the Brewery, when Brinton spurred and passed him. Frere all this time was hopelessly in the rear, being quite outpaced. Eventually Brinton won by three quarters of a length; Macnamara being second, having lost some distance through hugging the shore too closely. Batley umpired from the stern of an eight, and Crowdy acted as judge.

The Second Heat was rowed on the next afternoon, and the following crews contested:—

<i>Middlesex.</i>	2	3	<i>Surrey.</i>
Bow. Macmillan.	Bow. Dale.	Bow. Hemsley.	Bow. Rogers.
2. Bulkley.	2. Mead.	2. C. Clarke.	2. Whitlock.
3. Maxwell.	3. Hill.	3. Olliffe.	3. Needham.
Str. Batley.	Str. Crowdy.	Str. Jones.	Str. Williams.
Cox. Newman.	Cox. Pole.	Cox. Hayes.	Cox. F. Clarke.

Upon the word being given, Jones immediately started off with a considerable lead, Crowdy going second, and Williams third. Crowdy, however, having taken Batley's water, gradually gained on Jones, who was rowing in rougher water, and finally won by two lengths. Williams came next, about three lengths behind Jones, and six ahead of Batley. There was an exceedingly strong wind blowing against the tide, which made the water so lumpy, that it materially interfered with the boats in the centre of the river. R. D. Brinton acted as umpire, and P. T. Randolph as judge.

The Final heat will be rowed early next week, and the crews of Brinton, Macnamara, Crowdy, and Jones will contend for the final victory.

Head Master's Report, 1875.

THE following is the substance of the usual Report issued by the Head Master at Election. The numbers of the school, according to the lists at Election, were 205, showing a slight increase on previous years, which is highly satisfactory. At Easter the full number of Exhibitions were awarded, which formerly was not always the case. The School collection of coins has been increased by the purchase of some Italian and Sicilian duplicates from the British Museum; a Bactrian coin was also given by Mr. D. Petrochino, a Roman As (libral), by the Master of Trinity, and some early Anglo-Saxon coins, from a find in Ireland, by the Head Master. A copy of the Prayers used in School, very handsomely bound, written on vellum in antique characters, and beautifully illuminated by his own hand, was presented for the use of the Monitors, in February last, by C. F. Brickdale, one of the outgoing Seniors of the year. The report of the examination of the Sixth Form was pronounced creditable alike to the industry and capacity of the Form, especially in the following subjects, Æschylus and Horace. The Greek and Latin Prose Composition was also creditable.

The chief points which the Secretaries desire should be observed are as follows:—

1. That the papers should be forwarded earlier, so as to secure their arrival before the time fixed for setting them. The school authorities must be trusted to use proper precautions against dishonesty.

2. That the book papers for the Lower Forms should be fuller in detail. No doubt those which were set were adequate to test the classes. But examination papers guide both boys and masters, especially the former, in preparing their future work; and it is important that they should not only include something of all that the Master has taught in reading the book with his class, but also suggest to the boys what they might have to answer another time, and give them an idea how to prepare their books. If too scanty they fail to do this.

3. That when unseen pieces, or Latin Prose, or Mathematical papers in simple subjects are set for the whole school, or large sections of it, the papers for

the different classes should be distinct, and include no common portions. Our space is far too limited to make it safe to have many boys working from the same paper sitting close together, even though they have different portions assigned to them. And if a paper has once been set, there is no security against a copy being secreted, or a written copy taken—so that the paper cannot safely be used for another division on a later day.

4. That in the examination of the Sixth Form, a sufficient number of copies of each paper should be sent, to enable the Head Master to give complete sets to the rest of his staff. The Masters value this attention, and are interested by seeing the way in which experienced examiners deal with the subjects: it is one of the best means of suggesting to a young teacher the line which he may take in preparing his own class, or in examining a higher form at other times.

HOME BOARDER RACQUETS.

THE above was played for at the end of last term. The games were very uninteresting to all except the performers. The results were as follows:—

First Ties.

C. A. S. Leggatt, 15	beat	P. G. Lush, 3.
F. F. Caiger, 15	„	E. C. Arnold, 8.
C. V. Simson, 15	„	N. H. Turner, 8.
O. R. Borrodaile, 15	„	C. C. Muir, 4.
C. C. Secretan, 15	„	L. McOscar, 5.
C. N. Arnold, 15	„	H. I. Choep, 4.
E. R. Frere, a Bye.		

Second Ties.

O. R. Borrodaile, 15	beat	C. C. Secretan, 5.
E. R. Frere, 15	„	F. F. Caiger, 9.
C. N. Arnold, 15	„	C. V. Simson, 13
C. A. S. Leggatt, a bye.		

Third Ties.

E. R. Frere, 15	beat	C. N. Arnold, 1.
C. A. S. Leggatt, 15	„	O. R. Borrodaile.

Final Ties.

E. R. Frere, 13	beat	C. A. S. Leggatt, 2.
do. 13	„	do. 2.

Poetry.

GOOD INTENTIONS, ON RETURNING TO SCHOOL
AFTER WHITSUNTIDE, 1875.

“Hell is paved with good intentions.”—*Old Proverb.*

And now another Half is come,
To work right hard I mean:
One prize shall at my wond'ring home
For once at least be seen.

However tempted I may be,
Yet, *this* Half shall give way
The “Blue book” to the Greek with me,
And unto “muzzing” play.

The place of Opera Bouffe to-day
Greek Chorus must supply;
Of "Madame Angot" Hecuba,
Of Hamlet *Νεφέλαι*.

Rustic Bucolics I must read,
Yet turn away from "Fields,"
While Livy, she who's pledged to me,
To an older Livy yields.

My careful verse, in Latin terse,
Shall sound in perfect tune;
False quantities shall never make
Our modern Busby swoon.

I mean each morn betimes to rise,
Begin to "muzz" at five,
Move only for health's exercise,
And eat to keep alive.

Though Classics very drear I deem,
And Mathematics hate,
I mean to *cut* the Football team,
The Eleven and the Eight.

No sense that these resolves I rue,
Shall in my bosom lurk,
To "Water" "Fields" and "Green" adieu!
This Half I mean to work.

How now? 'Tis odd upon my word!
But . . . strange! . . . my spirit o'er
Steals a suspicion I have heard
That pretty song before.

It must have been, then, long ago,
For murmuring in my ears,
It sounds so faintly, that I know
'Twas never heard for years.

And yet, why will my comrades wink?
Why breaks the stifled laugh?
Yet . . . after all . . . by Jove! I think
'Twas just this time last Half!

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Epigrams.

To the mind of an Old Westminster, the season between Easter and Whitsuntide is suggestive of three ideas: the Challenges, when he was standing out for College; the Election, when he was about to leave School; and the Epigrams at all times, whether he had been in College, or had passed through his career as a Town Boy: some of the latter, made by himself, he spoke up school—the stimulus offered to his scholarship resembling the Maundy Thursday Bounty money, in the shape of silver penny, twopenny, threepenny, and fourpenny pieces; while others were received by him from the Under Master, made by the classical heroes of a bygone age, and rewarded by the liberal contributions of shillings or half-crowns, from the guests at the High Table in Hall on the dread Election Monday. Times are changed, and now the cap goes round once for all, and the Election business, including the Epigrams, is all got over in one day; while neat books of Epigrams, ready printed, are handed round by the Captain, in gross defiance of the theory that, as soon as Theses are announced in Hall, the boys' wits are set to work for the after-dinner entertainment of the visitors.

The collection of Epigrams in the 'Lusus' is doubtless well-known to our readers (if not, let them buy and read it), but some have been handed down to us by our forefathers, which have escaped insertion, possibly from being 'School' and not 'Hall' verses, and they may perhaps now be found interesting. The first in our list is, we should think, the briefest ever written; it was spoken by one of the Shorts, but whether Thomas Vowler St. Asaph, Augustus Adelaide or Mayow, our notes do not show. It consisted of the following line—

Hoc carmen longum est : sed mecum distichon audit.

Number Two is said to have been spoken by Curteis and Hoare, the Thesis being, "Petimusque Damasque," its spirit is excellent, and, we trust, still pervades Westminster:—

C. Dic mihi, care Peter, quid Radicalis habetur?
H. De Radicali dic genus omne mali.

Number Three is an impromptu made by Mr. Smedley, who was one of the Ushers at the time when Lord Nelson was defeating the French fleets, in his glorious series of naval victories. The Thesis was "Ex nihilo nihil fit."

Ex nihilo nil fit, veteres cecinere poetæ.
Ex Nilo Nelson. An fuit ille nihil?

Another impromptu, by one of the present Masters, was made some five and twenty years ago, on the thesis—*τὰ παθήματα μαθήματα*.

Flumineis olim vix conservatus ab undis
Patricius, casu doctior, omen habet.
Perque potestates nunquam se flumina juvat
Tacturum, donec nave peritus erit.

Number Five is of an older date, on "Sanctum est vetus omne."

Sanctus est vetus omne! a very queer line,
And in some of your gizzards 'twill stick.
You may say what you will of old friends and old wine,
But you'll ne'er make a saint of Old Nick.

The contrast referred to in Number Six was more apparent when it was written, but is not yet unintelligible to a Westminster: on "Urticæ proxima sæpe rosa est."

The rose is near the nettle;
So contrasts often meet;
This way you see St. Peter's,
And that way Peter St.

The simplicity of Number Seven was very amusing at the time it was uttered, the boy being evidently so thoroughly bored by the monotony of remaining without a remove: the Thesis was "Mutandus locus est!"

I was placed in the Fourth when I came here,
By Mr. Liddell and Mr. Weare;
But I've work'd very hard, and I think I've some claims,
To be placed in the Fifth under Mr. James.

We will conclude with another, written on the same thesis, which will commend itself to the minds of the present generation, as well as it did to those of the contemporaries of the author, a quarter of a century ago—

In five short days the well-known scenes we leave
Of five long years, the happiest, the best
Of all our lives; and doing so we grieve,
And say with tears, "Mutandus locus est."

But when, life's toils and labours all o'erpast,
We leave the world and sink into our rest,
Then may we look around with joy at last,
And say with smiles, "Mutandus locus est."

WE are sure that all our readers will be glad to hear, that the Rev. Dr. Scott, under whose able management the school has lately so much increased in numbers, has been elected an Honorary Senior Student of Christ Church, Oxford, and on Wednesday last celebrated the event by attending a dinner there.

WE also learn with great regret for ourselves, that we are about to lose the Rev. F. H. Tatham, one of the most efficient of our staff of Masters, who has lately been elected to the Head Mastership of the Hereford Cathedral School, where we are sure that he will soon become as deservedly popular, as he has always been at Westminster.

IT is our sad duty to be obliged to record the death of S. F. Lucas, Esq., who has so often lent us his able assistance at our School Concerts, within a week of the last of which he died very suddenly of pleurisy.

FINAL HEAT SCRATCH FOURS.

WE were unable to pull this off on Monday last, because of an extremely low tide in the evening, which left us no water to row in; but on the following day, although the river was again rather empty, we managed to get them over. This heat produced very much better racing than the previous nights, the finish being especially exciting: the course was the usual short one, the first two boats in the former heats contending. Immediately the word was given, Crowdy and Brinton went to the front, and the racing throughout was chiefly between these two leading boats, Macnamara kept the whole distance about three lengths astern, Jones bringing up the rear. Off Salters Crowdy was

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We beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of *The Carthusian*, *The Wykehamist*, *The Meteor*, *The Blue*, *The Cholmeleian*, and *Ulula*.

L.—If you came up-Fields oftener, you would see that particular care is taken that the same boy should not be too often made to pick up.—ED.

Correspondence.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—Having seen several letters in your columns relating to the present system of fagging up-fields, I venture to express my opinions upon the same subject. There can be no doubt that it is unfair as well as bad policy to compel the same fellows to pick up day after day—I know that in my day I have objected to it mightily. Now, Sir, I by no means object to boys "shirking at gymnasium" (as one of your correspondents not very happily expresses it), but I think that if among the Town Boys the station lists were kept more carefully and regularly, and leave upon patched-up and unnecessary excuses not quite so frequently given, there would be a wonderful difference in the number of little boys who would make their appearance up-fields.

There would not be the slightest difficulty in making a few rules to this effect, and at a meeting of the School Council (consisting of the body of Monitors) everything could be settled in a few minutes.

That some steps will be taken in this direction as soon as possible, is the wish of your correspondent, L.

nearly clear of Brinton, but, unfortunately for him, the rough water proved too much for his bow oar, who indulged in sundry crabs, greatly to the discomfort of his crew. Brinton thereupon spurted up, and got a lead of half a length, which Crowdy, although he rowed on most pluckily, failed to make up, and consequently lost one of the closest and best-contested races ever rowed. Macnamara and Jones paddled in leisurely, seeming perfectly well satisfied with their performance, which by the way was not a very brilliant one.

The next races to be held are the Under Election Gigs and the T. B. Rudder, both of which we hope to clear off on one afternoon.

Floreat.