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## FOOTBALL.

**T**HE subject which occupies most of our thoughts and energies during this term is football; and the first question which naturally occurs to us is whether we shall have a better or worse Eleven than we had last year. Now, to secure a good eleven the first thing necessary is a sufficient amount of practice, which it was certainly difficult to get while football was excluded from Green; but now that this is no longer the case, as we are able to play either up-fields or in Green as we please, we must still remember that no time ought to be wasted, but that we should all get ready as quick as possible to begin work directly. Last year's season was, on the whole, a successful one: out of 16 matches played, 10 were won, and 6 lost, none being drawn. This year, although 5 members of last year's team have left, we have several very promising players with whom to supply the vacancies; so that there is no reason whatever why we should not, by dint of practice, produce an eleven fully able to hold its own against all opponents.

One great incentive to our play is the coming match with Charterhouse, which is to take place at the beginning of next year. Now that this

match has again been revived, it is greatly to be hoped that we shall be able to continue it for a long time, as it will afford us an opportunity of meeting the Carthusians twice every year to try our skill in the two most popular games of the present day. In some ways it might have been better to have arranged this match for the present half, but considering the time and attention taken up by preparations for the Play, it was decided to postpone it to the beginning of next year. When it comes off, we feel sure that both Elevens will meet in a friendly spirit, and not allow themselves, by too keen a sense of rivalry, to be carried away into what is commonly called "vicious play." Probably there would be more of these Public School Football Matches, were it not for the diversity of rules in use among them: indeed, although Westminster and Charterhouse profess to play the strict Association game, we believe that their rules are not quite identical.

It now alone remains to give some hints for improvement in the ensuing season. The point in which we are at present weakest is our back-play, as we have only one back on whom we can perfectly rely, and even he is none too fast. For forwards we are pretty well off, although we shall not find it easy to supply the place of

H. S. Otter, our captain of last year. In some ways, however, it is better for the rest of the team that there should be no star (*par excellence*), as then every one learns to use his own wits more, and the whole work is more equally divided. And here comes in the advantage of knowing the method of passing on the ball at the right moment from one to the other, which is always the most successful of practices. Now it happens that by being accustomed to play with such dribblers as R. W. Sealy-Vidal and H. S. Otter, our Eleven has hardly ever got accustomed to this "passing on"; so that occasionally, as in last year's match with the Wanderers, we find ourselves utterly non-plussed by the enemy's proficiency in this style of play. This is the first point which ought to occupy our attention; but there is another only a little less important, and that is, to learn to take the ball straight towards the goal, rather than to go all the way round by the side, which generally ends in the ball being sent into touch. So much for what we ought to do; and now for one thing that we ought not to do, namely, on every possible occasion, to call "hands." The delay thus caused, which always acts as an effectual damper on the spirit of the game, is only necessary when the ball has been handled, intentionally or accidentally, in such a way as really to endanger the opposite goal. When some one who has been playing in a perfectly fair way, has the misfortune to come into contact with the ball on his arm or hand, by a fall or some such unavoidable occurrence, and by so doing gains no advantage to his side, it is as troublesome as it is obnoxious in any one of the other side to call "hands." Before we have finished we wish to recommend these few remarks to all those who play football at Westminster, whether the proficient of the Eleven and Twenty-two, or the tyros of Green who aspire to success in future years.

THE subject for the Gumbleton English Verse Prize was fixed for "Theodore at Magdala;" it has since been changed for "Livingstone." A laughable error occurred in the telegraphic message in which the conditions of the competition were stated, the words running thus, "Each poem is to contain at least one hundred lies."

WE stated erroneously in our last number that the times for the Under 15 Hurdle Race, and for the Consolation Race were not taken. We find, however, that these races were run in 19 and 39½ seconds respectively, and we beg to offer our apologies to the Old Westminsters who have been calumniated by this oversight of ours.

## School Notes.

MANY of our old Westminster readers will doubtless be surprised to hear that at Christmas next we are about to lose the services of our respected friend Ginger, who has been a continual vendor of pens, dips, and quaterns for the last forty years. For more than one hundred and thirty years the name of Ginger has figured on the unpretending door in Great College Street, and the trade and office of College Bookseller has been handed down from father to son for three generations. As one born in the old house in Great College Street, and as representing the third generation of his family, Ginger can well claim at our hands some tribute of affectionate regret at his departure. And we must bear in mind that Ginger is not retiring—as many a tradesman of our day—upon a princely fortune amassed by the profits of his trade, but upon a moderate annuity which he has been able to purchase, wherewith to procure a small house in the country, in which,—with an only surviving and invalid sister—to end his days in peace.

Let all unite, when the time comes, in bidding Ginger and his sister a hearty farewell.

THE poorness of the pole-jumping at the Athletics, with one single exception, and especially in the Under 15 competition, cannot fail to be a subject for remark; but considering the small opportunity there is of practice this is not to be wondered at. In former times pole-jumping was carried on in Green in the spring, and really we see no reason why this sport should not again be indulged in there. Green, with the exception of a few weeks in the football season, is allowed to lie fallow, while this jumping practice and such like amusements would not do a quarter of the damage to the grass which this short term of hard play effects.

WE were very much surprised to see the following statement in a book called "The School Lives of Eminent Men," that the name of Dryden, the poet, is preserved at Westminster School under a glass case, and set in gold. It is almost impossible to refrain from smiling at this last statement, and at the author's idea of the veneration in which our illustrious alumni are held here. We should very much like him to see the state of the aforesaid name, which being placed in the middle of the Shell-room, affords an opportunity for the athletic portion of the form of displaying their agility. Surely the relics of deceased celebrities educated at this school are not so numerous that we can afford to lose any, by leaving the few remaining ones to the tender mercies of the boots of the five-and-twenty boys who compose the shell. We must not forget to mention that the present Shell-master has done all in his power to preserve the form from rough treatment. Talking of the Shell-room, which most old Westminsters remember as the Remove-room, when we came back this term we found that the old oak ceiling had received another coating of white-wash. The only reason we can see for this is that the room might not be too dark for studying purposes;

in this case, if the windows were made of transparent instead of opaque glass, it would be needless. But then some one might object that the boys would always be up on the window-sills and flattening their faces against the glass to gaze on some fair prospect below. But surely boys in the form next to the sixth might be trusted not to behave like children seven or eight years old.

### The Fields.

#### FOOTBALL.

WE began football as usual directly we came back this half, although at first we found it rather a warm occupation. However, after a little time the weather gets cooler and we ourselves get into better training, and then, leaving off grumbling, we set really to work.

The first Tuesday in the half being a Saint's day, gave us an opportunity of opening the season with a game between sides picked up by Webb and Alington. H. S. Otter (last year's captain) came down for the afternoon, and though not in his best form, showed us some very pretty dribbling. Play was continued by common consent for the prodigious time of an hour and three-quarters, and goals were kicked plentifully on both sides. When at last time was called, Webb's side had scored 5 and Alington's 4.

On the following afternoon we played our first match—first Seven against next Eleven. The sides were as follows:—

<p>SEVEN.</p> <p>P. G. L. Webb (capt.).</p> <p>E. H. Alington.</p> <p>E. Waddington.</p> <p>F. D. Crowdy.</p> <p>C. Fox (back).</p> <p>F. Whitehead.</p> <p>J. H. Williams (goals).</p>	<p>ELEVEN.</p> <p>W. C. Ryde (capt.).</p> <p>W. H. A. Cowell (half back).</p> <p>C. S. Davson.</p> <p>W. C. Aston.</p> <p>G. M. Hill (back).</p> <p>C. C. Macnamara.</p> <p>F. Rawson.</p> <p>H. Robinson.</p> <p>T. Secretan (goals).</p> <p>A. E. Black.</p> <p>T. B. Jones.</p>
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This is an awful game for the Seven, as they have to be in all places at once, so that it usually happens that while at first they have it pretty well their own way, at the end they are hard pressed, and in fact, entirely penned up near their own goals, except when now and then a spasmodic effort transports them for a minute into the enemy's ground. This year was no exception, but though the Eleven had the best of it nearly all the time, none of their shots penetrated their opponents' goal, though they followed upon one another like hailstones. The chief perpetrator of these unsuccessful shots was Aston, whose dribbling was excellent, though his kicks were not so well judged. Perhaps it was partly to counterbalance his disappointment in never placing the ball between the goal-posts, that he was the same evening put into the Eleven. After Alington had by very good play four times secured victory to his side, Macnamara managed to place one goal to the benefit of the Eleven, and shortly afterwards time was called. For the Seven, Alington showed the best form, and Fox's back-play, though hardly as good as usual, was very effective. Aston was far the most conspicu-

ous of the Eleven, being well backed up by Rawson, Davson, and Rumball. Cowell also played carefully as back, and showed great improvement.

Partly the weather and partly the preparations for the Athletic Sports have prevented us having much football since, but now that the Sports are over we must really begin to practise hard, and get ready for the foreign matches that are soon coming on. The Eleven, as far as it is yet filled up, is as follows:—

<p>P. G. L. Webb (capt.).</p> <p>E. H. Alington.</p> <p>E. Waddington.</p> <p>F. D. Crowdy.</p>	<p>C. Fox.</p> <p>F. Whitehead.</p> <p>W. C. Aston.</p>
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The Twenty-two is thus composed:—W. C. Ryde (capt.), Cowell, G. M. Hill, Davson, Bolton, Brinton, Macnamara, J. Williams, MacMillan, Rogers, Vyvan, Black, Rawson, Rumball, Robinson, Secretan, Longstaffe, Leggatt, Dury, Borradale, Jones, and Olliffe.

Besides these there are one or two who have only begun to play since the Twenty-two was made up, but are quite worthy of belonging to it. The Eleven has lately been deprived of the services of Crowdy, who has unfortunately sprained his knee, while Cowell has hurt his ankle rather badly. Both are now recovering, and it is to be hoped that before long they will be able to play football as well as ever.

We subjoin a list of matches already fixed:

Oct. 28	.	.	.	Civil Service
" 31	.	.	.	Harrow Chequers.
*Nov. 11	.	.	.	Wanderers.
" 21	.	.	.	Clapham Rovers.
" 25	.	.	.	Gitanos.
Jan. 30	.	.	.	Clapham Rovers.
Feb. 3	.	.	.	Harrow Chequers.
" 20	.	.	.	Charterhouse.
Mar. 3	.	.	.	Wanderers.
" 10	.	.	.	Civil Service.
" 13	.	.	.	Gitanos.

\*Uncertain.

### Athletic Sports.

OUR annual Athletic Sports came off this year at the usual time, three weeks after we came back from the Long Holidays. The weather, though by no means brilliant the first day, improved very much on the second; and though there was not much sun on either day, there was fortunately no rain whilst the sports were going on. The names of the Committee, who were elected last half, have been printed in our former numbers: E. A. Northcote, C. W. Stephenson, A. E. Northcote, H. Curteis, and F. Noyes, Esqs., with other old Westminsters, rendered very valuable services as stewards, the first two acting as judge and starter respectively; Mantle also gave general satisfaction in the performance of his duties of preparing the course, &c. The heavy rain which had fallen during the week, and even on the night between the two days, made the course somewhat heavy: nevertheless, the times for the different races show a general improvement on last year. Those for the long races, the Mile and Half Mile with Hurdles, being especially good. The Open Long Jump and the Under 15 High Jump were also remarkably good. A. E. Black ran the Quarter under 16 in splendid style: and the races for

those under 14 and under 13 respectively were again run at a very good pace. The only alteration made in the races this year was the lowering of the hurdles for the Half Mile race, which proved too much last time for the health of the successful competitor. The height of the hurdles this year was 3 ft. in this race, instead of 3 ft. 3 in., as they were left in the open 100.

On Wednesday we came down from school at 12.15 p.m., and shortly before one we began the sports with

**No. 1.—Throwing the Cricket Ball—Under 15.**

For this, the first event, only ten appeared to try their skill. After some very fair throwing, C. Secretan and Robinson were found to have equalled one another at 61 yards, whereupon an additional chance was given, and Secretan proved victor by 3 inches, J. Fox being third.

C. Secretan 1, Robinson 2, J. Fox o, Arnold E. C. o, Bury o, Cuppage o, Fischer T. o, Leggatt o, Ritchie o, Tayloe o.

**No. 2.—1 Mile—Open to all.**

At 1.15 this, the most interesting contest of all, came off in the presence of fewer spectators than would have assembled, if it had been possible to run it later on in the day. Though the number of entries amounted to the preposterous total of 114, only 23 found courage to face the starter, who gave the signal by the simple word "Go," omitting the needless "Are you ready?" of previous years. Immediately the flag was dropped, Waddington, Whitehead, Macnamara, and Fox went ahead at a tremendous pace, followed closely by Rodocanachi, Reeks, and Williams, the rest running steadily in the rear. At the end of the first quarter, which was done in the unusually quick time of 62 seconds, Macnamara was leading, Waddington and Rodocanachi second and third, Whitehead having given in shortly before, while Bolton had not yet forced his way through the ruck. The same order was maintained pretty nearly throughout the second lap, at the end of which Waddington had had enough of it, but Bolton had slowly but surely improved his position to sixth, Rodocanachi running well within himself. In the third quarter no material alteration of the order occurred, but at the beginning of the fourth, Rodocanachi made his effort and soon passing Macnamara, whose pace had decidedly diminished, increased his lead at every stride, and won easily by about fifty yards. Bolton and Macnamara made a good fight for second place, but Bolton's final spurt in the last hundred yards was too much for Macnamara, who came in a good third two paces behind. Williams struggled in gamely fourth, with Ellis and Reeks, the only others who finished, 50 yards in the rear. The time was 5 min. 8½ secs., a very fair pace considering the heavy going, and the best done at Vincent Square since 1863, when R. Tomlinson did the distance in 4 min. 50 secs.

Rodocanachi 1, Bolton 2, C. Macnamara 3, J. Williams 4, Borrodaile o, Brinton o, Caiger o, R. Ellis o, T. Fischer o, C. Fox o, C. A. Jones o, Longstaffe o, Lush o, Olliffe o, W. Parker o, C. Reeks o, Robinson o, H. Rogers o, W. Ryde o, C. Secretan o, Waddington o, Webb o, Whitehead o. Time, 5 min. 8½ secs.

**No. 3.—Cricket Ball—Open.**

Waddington, whose first throws were not very successful, by his last easily gained the first place, Watson being second.

Waddington 1 (87 yds. 2 ft. 6 in.), Watson 2, Fox o, Alington o, Gamble o.

**No. 4.—Flat Race—100 yards—Under 15.**

Leggatt, the favourite, came away immediately, and won with tolerable ease; Ritchie, who, when older, ought to do well, was second; and Petrocochino, in spite of a fall at the last moment, came in third.

Leggatt 1, Ritchie 2, Petrocochino 3, Acton o, E. C. Arnold o, H. Bulkley o, Caiger o, Cobby o, Cuppage o, Druiit o, Egerton o, Fawcett o, J. Fischer o, J. Fox o, J. Frere o, N. McLaren o, Page o, Robinson o, B. Rogers o, Scott o, T. Secretan o, Sercombe o, Tayloe o. Time, 12½ secs.

**No. 5.—Long Jump—Open to all.**

When the roll was called for this contest, only 11 out of 46 entries answered their names. Waddington had a better jump

than the one by which he gained the prize, but it was disallowed, as he unfortunately struck his foot against the further edge of the tan-pit, which caused him to fall backwards.

Waddington 1 (distance 16 ft. 11 in.), Alington (distance 16 ft. 6½ in.), Watson o, J. Batley o, Brinton o, Davson o, C. Fox o, Gamble o, C. A. Jones o, T. B. Jones o, R. W. Mead o, J. Williams o.

**No. 6.—440 yards—Under 16.**

This was an excellent race, and by far the best contested during the day. Gamble went off with the lead at a rattling pace, followed by Fox and Black, and no change occurred until coming into the straight, where Gamble retired, and Black, passing Fox, won in beautiful style by about 10 yards, in a faster time than is usually done in this race.

Black 1, C. Fox 2, H. Macnamara 3, Beverley o, Borradaile o, C. L. Clarke o, J. Fischer o, E. Frere o, Kelly o, Noyes o, W. Parker o, Petrocochino o, Rawson o, C. B. Ryde o, Scott o, T. Secretan o, A. R. Smith o, Turner o. Time, 62 secs.

**No. 7.—Hurdle Race—100 yards—Over 8 Flights of Hurdles.**

This event was run in two heats and a final.

In the first heat the result was:—

Waddington 1, Rumball 2, Watson 3, Longstaffe o. Time, 15½ secs.

While in the second the order was:—

Alington 1, J. Batley 2, C. Fox 3, Aston o. Time, 15½ secs.

The final heat was won by Waddington, who jumped off with the lead, which he kept the whole way, Alington being a good second, and Watson, who came up with a rush at the end, third.

Waddington 1, Alington 2, Watson 3, J. Batley o, C. Fox o, H. Rumball o. Time, 15½ secs.

**No. 8.—Pole Jump—Under 15.**

This, in which four only contended, was not a very magnificent performance. The winner was a good deal better than his defeated rivals. Cotton's efforts, though plucky, were not very successful.

Druiit 1 (5 ft. 10. in.), Caiger 2 (5 ft. 8 in.), Cotton o, C. Secretan o.

**No. 9.—300 yards—Under 14.**

Leggatt, last year's winner, gave the rest of the field no chance, and finished in very good style.

Leggatt 1, Ritchie 2, Cobby 3, Caiger o, J. Fox o, Bury o, Eddis o, Fawcett o, J. Frere o, German o, Moody o, B. Rogers o, T. Rumball o, Sercombe o, C. Secretan o, Reece o, Thomps-son o. Time, 41 secs.

**No. 10.—High Jump—Open to all.**

Whether owing to the heaviness of the ground or the damping effect of the atmosphere, the jumping was not very good. Batley and Hyde-Clarke jumped better than the others, but none of the men seemed to have much spring in them. Both Batley and Alington jumped prettily and neatly, while Mead may be cited as an example of the other style of jumping. Hyde-Clarke ought to do well next year.

Batley 1 (4 ft. 6¼ in.), Hyde-Clarke 2, Alington o, Mead o, Barber o, Davson o, C. Fox o, Gamble o, Rumball o.

**No. 11.—Final Heat of Hurdle Race.**

**No. 12.—100 yards—Under 16.**

There were 16 starters for this race, of sizes varying from 6 ft. downwards. Barber, the biggest, led off, but was passed near the end by Frere. Gamble was a good third.

E. Frere 1, Barber 2, Gamble 3, C. Fox o, Aston o, Beverly o, Black o, J. Fischer o, Hayes o, T. Jones o, Noyes o, H. Macnamara o, W. Parker o, Tayloe o, Turner o, Clarke o.

**SECOND DAY.**

**No. 1.—Throwing the Hammer—Open to all—Challenge Hammer.**

Unfortunately it is our duty as impartial reporters to notice that this year's throws are worse than they have been for some years. This year's first, though no bad throw in itself, would only have come third last year. Aston's throwing was exceedingly creditable to him, but Mead nearly murdered several of the spectators by a side throw.

Waddington 1 (64 ft. 6 in.), Aston 2 (62 ft. 6 in.), Mead o, C. Macnamara o, Brickdale o.

No. 2.—*Throwing the Hammer*.—*Under 16.*

Though the hammer used in this contest is 4lb. lighter than that used in the preceding one, it is very unusual for the distance done in this to exceed that of the open contest by so much as 23ft. Barber threw exceedingly well, getting a tremendous swing and using it well, thus affording a marked contrast to all the others except Aston, who, although in several cases they got a good swing, never seemed to know exactly the right moment to utilize it. Aston again threw well.

Barber 1 (87 ft. 8 in.), Aston 2 (80 ft. 8 in.), C. Fox o, Gamble o, H. Macnamara o, Turner o.

No. 3.—*Half-mile, with Hurdles*.—*Open to all*.—*Challenge Cup.*

Out of 63 entries, 26 started for this race, which proved very exciting all through. An even start was effected, Macnamara leading the first half round. He soon fell out, however, and Cartwright led to the end of the first quarter, when he also succumbed. Rodocanachi then made the running, going away in very good style, closely followed by Alington. Williams was next, just ahead of Waddington. This order was preserved till the hurdles, but there several important changes were effected. Rodocanachi led over the first two hurdles, but Alington, who was sure of his jumps, soon passed him. Williams passed the first hurdle, but then gave in, Waddington coming in third, somewhat closely pressed by Batley.

Alington 1, Rodocanachi 2, Waddington 3, Batley 4, Williams o, Cartwright o, Macnamara o, Reeks o, Webb o, Arnold o, Brinton o, Turner o, Rumball o, Davson o, Fox o, Parker o, Jones o, Frere o, Brickdale o, Longstaffe o, Druitt o, Bolton o, Godfrey o, Black o, Borradaile o, Gamble o. Time, 2 min. 29½ secs.

No. 4.—*Long Jump*.—*Under 15.*

When the bell was rung for this competition, no less than 18 aspirants to fame presented themselves; to the disgust of many spectators, for, be it said with all humility, by most people the long jump is voted slow. Most of the jumpers were of somewhat diminutive size.

Leggatt 1 (14 ft.), J. Fox 2, T. Fischer o, Acton o, Caiger o, Cobby o, Cuppage o, Druitt o, J. Frere o, Guest o, Reece o, Ritchie o, Robinson o, Rogers o, Scott o, C. Secretan o, Tayloe o, Eddis o.

No. 5.—*150 yards*.—*Under 13.*

The small boys' race, as this is sometimes called, is generally a good one, and this year's was no exception to the rule. A fall in the middle produced an effect which was quite pantomimic, three or four rolling over the first in beautiful style.

Ritchie 1, T. Rumball 2, Bury 3, Bovill o, Fischer o, Cotton o, Robson o, German o, Sampson o, E. Thorne o, Titcomb o, Wilson o. Time, 20½ secs.

No. 6.—*High Jump*.—*Under 15.*

In spite of the slippery state of the ground, the height got over in this contest was the same as that of last year.

J. Fox 1 (4 ft. 3 in.), Leggatt and T. Fischer 2, Acton o, Caiger o, Cobby o, Cuppage o, Druitt o, Page o, Ritchie o, Scott o, Secretan o, Tayloe o.

No. 7.—*100 yards*.—*Open to all*.—*Challenge Cup.*

There were 15 starters for this important race. No one seemed to be considered an especial favourite, though one or two guesses were hazarded by the knowing ones. The start was not very even—in fact, starts for a hundred yards race rarely are.

Macnamara 1, Cartwright 2, Waddington 3, Horne o, J. Frere o, Barber o, Webb o, Whitehead o, Batley o, Bolton o, Brinton o, Rodocanachi o, Davson o, Ellis o. Time, 11 secs.

No. 8.—*440 yards*.—*Under 15*.—*Challenge Cup.*

This race was not a very exciting one, as Petrocochino had it all his own way. He led off at once, was never headed, and came in an easy winner, by 10 yards. Fox kept his second place all through, Cuppage, who ran well for his size, having a close race for third. The winner did not run in very good form; he should learn not to look behind him at every other step.

Petrocochino 1, J. Fox 2, Cuppage 3, Ritchie o, Druitt o, Guest o, E. C. Arnold o, Caiger o, Cobby o, Glen o, Robinson o, B. Rogers o, T. Rumball o, Scott o, T. Secretan o, Tayloe o, Moody o. Time, 68½ secs.

No. 9.—*Pole Jump*.—*Open to all.*

Only three competitors appeared to contest this jump out of entries to the number of 60. Crowdy, who hurt his knee in practice, tried one jump successfully, but attempted no more for fear of further injuring himself. It was rather hard for him, for he was a safe man for second place. Ryde, though small, jumped very pluckily. Waddington, the winner, had never jumped so high before, by several inches.

Waddington 1 (8 ft. 6 in.), C. Jones 2 (6 ft. 8 in.), Ryde o.

No. 10.—*Hurdle Race*.—*100 yards*.—*Under 15.*

This race produced so many competitors as to require a good many heats. Fox's style was a great deal the best; he had got a very good idea of taking the hurdles in his stride. Secretan also went a very fair pace. Leggatt scratched after the first heat.

1st heat—J. Fox 1, Leggatt 2, Fischer 3, Acton o, J. Frere o.

2nd heat—Page 1, Cobby 2, Tayloe 3, Robinson o, Druitt o.

3rd heat—Secretan 1, Scott 2, Ritchie 3, Rogers o.

4th heat—Fox 1, Fischer 2, Page o.

5th heat—Secretan 1, Scott 2, Ritchie o, Cobby o.

Final heat—J. Fox 1, T. Secretan 2, T. Fischer 3, Scott o. Time, 16½ secs.

No. 11.—*440 Yards*.—*Open to all*.—*Challenge Cup.*

(Winners of Mile and 100 yards excluded.)

The result of this race was a surprise, as few thought that Waddington would be able to do the distance. Cartwright and Webb led, followed by Waddington and Frere. Webb, however, fell out half way. Waddington spurred hard and he and Cartwright were neck and neck half way up the straight. Frere was third, though he nearly paid dear for stopping rather short of the tape, since Alington was but half a yard behind him, having put it on when he saw Frere slacken.

Waddington 1, Cartwright 2, Frere 3, Alington o, Batley o, Bolton o, Brinton o, Clarke o, Horne o, Hyde-Clarke o, Jackson o, Lush o, H. Rumball o, Webb o, Weir o, J. Williams o, Wordsworth o. Time, 59 secs.

No. 12.—*Consolation Race*.—*300 yards*.—*Winners excluded.*

When all the other races were over, 33 would-be winners presented themselves to be consoled if possible. As might have been expected, there was a great difference of size. Horne led the whole way, closely pressed by Whitehead, who gradually gained on him up to the finish, but could not quite pass him. A bad third.

Horne 1, Whitehead 2, Longstaffe 3, Jackson o, Ryde o, Reeks o, Mead o, &c. Time, 38¼ secs.

At the last an Old Westminsters' race was got up, and then in truth was a mighty gathering of heroes of the past. Harrison, winner of 5 first prizes in 1872; Ogle, who gained 3, and Boyd 4 prizes in the same year, besides numerous others in 1871; Leggatt and Webb, who distinguished themselves in 1871; Otter, who won last year's Mile and Hammer; Northcote, a winner in 1870; the Noyes brothers, of cricket renown, and Stephenson, twice winner of the Hurdles and the Hundred, were all gathered at the starting place. Harrison's long legs carried him in first, though Leggatt's equally long pair could not get him past Boyd's shorter members. The effect of the number of frock coats and tall hats tearing by was comical in the extreme.

The races and other contests having thus been concluded, the prizes were somewhat hastily brought out, and placed in front of the bat-room, in which they had been kept till this time for fear of rain. For a number of the best of these we have to thank the Masters, who contributed liberally, as in former years, to the prize-list.

Mrs. Scott then distributed these well-earned rewards to the various winners; when Waddington, J. Fox, and Leggatt elicited much applause as they came forward again and again to carry off their trophies.

The Captain then proposed in a few words three cheers for Mrs. Scott and the ladies, unfortunately

forgetting that a whole speech was to be devoted to the latter afterwards. The cheers were given with the time-honoured addition of "One more," and

DR. SCOTT then came forward, and whilst regretting that Mrs. Scott could not return thanks for herself, wished to thank those present for the hearty cheers they had given her. He congratulated the school on having at last seen the levelling of "Fields" completed; and alluding to the practice of athletic sports in old times, he said that no nation had ever risen to fame which had not paid attention to them. His hearers would remember the three things which every Persian boy was taught, as related by Herodotus: to ride, to throw the javelin, and to speak the truth. Of these, the first two were evidently forms of athletic sports: whilst the third was a rule as important now as then, and which he hoped no Westminster boy would ever forget. After the Persian supremacy came the Greek: and certainly no nation had ever paid greater attention to athletics than they. Then followed the Romans, whose exercises in the Campus Martius ought to be well known to every school-boy. And if it was permissible to touch upon so painful a subject as the late Franco-German war, it must be evident to all that the result of the struggle was in great part brought about by the superior athletic training of the Teutonic people. He hoped, however, that those present would not forget that training was at least as important for the mind as the body. In conclusion, he said that no one deserved the thanks of the spectators more than the Stewards, who were especially to be congratulated on having hurried on the sports, so that everything might be finished in daylight, which he remembered had not always been the case. (Applause.)

Cheers were then proposed and given for the Stewards, for whom

E. A. NORTHCOLE, Esq., rose to return thanks. Referring to the Head Master's remark, that punctuality had this year been strictly adhered to, he said that the great stimulus to Old Westminsters was certainly the presence of the ladies. For himself, ever since he had left school, he had adored all the fair sex (much laughter and applause): he repeated it, he had adored all the fair sex without distinction of age or colour (applause). He therefore called for three cheers for the ladies.

These were given, and the company then dispersed: the crowd outside continuing the cheers, which they had been giving for some time past, without much reference to the various persons in whose favour they were invited.

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No first prize has been awarded for the Ireland Verse competition. E. V. Arnold takes the second prize. In the Shell, G. A. Bolton was head in both the Verse and Prose competitions, but no prize was awarded.

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THE amount received at the School collection on September 29th was £19 os. 7d., which was devoted to the funds of the Chichester Training Ship.

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMISSION.

THE following regulations have been ultimately adopted by the Commissioners as regards examination and instruction in the School:—

1. At the annual examination of the School the Governing Body shall appoint or approve Examiners from without, competent to examine in all departments of study; and the Examiners shall superintend the conduct of the examination, with the view of ascertaining the condition of the School in all such departments. The Examiners shall have such assistance from the Masters as the Head Master shall provide. The Governing Body shall print and send School lists, showing the results of examinations, to the parents or guardians of the boys.

2. In any examination determining the position of a boy (not being one of the senior boys) in the School, or in any report of a general examination, the proportion of the marks to be assigned to Mathematics shall be not less than one-eighth, nor more than one-fourth, as the Governing Body shall think fit.

3. In any examination determining the position of a boy (not being one of the senior boys) in the School, or in any report of a general examination, the proportion of the marks to be assigned to Natural Science shall be not less than one-tenth, nor more than one-fourth, as the Governing Body shall think fit.

4. In any examination of the senior boys, the proportion of marks to be assigned to the several subjects of study shall be determined by the Head Master, with the approval of the Governing Body.

5. The Governing Body shall from time to time determine the point in the School list above which the boys shall be reckoned as senior boys, for the purposes of these regulations.

6. There shall be one Mathematical Master, at the least, for every 100 boys in the School, and there shall be one Science Master, at the least, for every 200 boys learning Natural Science in the School. All such Masters shall rank as Assistant Masters of the School.

7. Every boy shall learn Natural Science continuously from his entrance into the Remove, until he become one of the senior boys in the School, unless his parent or guardian express in writing a desire for his exemption from this Regulation.

8. The Head Master shall give facilities so far as he think practicable to any senior boy, at the request of his parent or guardian, to pursue any particular subject or subjects of study as may be deemed most expedient for him, and to discontinue any other subject or subjects of study for that purpose.

9. The Governing Body shall, as soon as possible, provide and maintain out of the income of the property of the School, or out of any other means at their disposal for the educational purposes of the School, laboratories, and collections of apparatus and of specimens.

10. Any boy entering the School above the age of twelve shall have the opportunity of showing acquaintance with Botany, Physical Geography, or some other branch of Natural Science, and with Arithmetic, or

Mathematics, in the entrance examination for the School.

11. Any boy in the School above the age of twelve who may evince an aptitude for Natural Science, shall have facilities for that study.

Made and Sealed by the Special Commissioners appointed for the purposes of the "Public Schools Act, 1868," this Fourth Day of August one thousand eight hundred and seventy four.

### THE ABBEY SERVICES.

WE have received the following letter on the subject of the school services in the Abbey, which seems to us to contain a good summary of the question, and some valuable hints for future improvement:—

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

SIR,—I think that every praise is due to those, who, whether boys or masters, endeavour to make our *few* school services in the Abbey more effective than when, as formerly, the voice and song of praise were almost silent. It is some consolation, that in the lack of a school chapel, and notwithstanding the weekly dispersion of the boys, the Saints' Day services should be maintained with some view to an adequate rendering of them as required by the Prayer Book. Still the various complaints, to which you have given insertion, show that there is much room for improvement, and I should like to be permitted to add one or two suggestions on the subject.

1. There can scarcely be a question, that a good and *compact* choir, as a leader of the musical portion of the service, is indispensable, especially in a building of such needlessly large dimensions for us as the Abbey. To disperse our musical force under existing circumstances, would be somewhat like putting a glass of wine into a quart of water, so as to spoil both.

2. The music "practices" should be regularly attended, not only by the members of the choir, but also by probationers who are training for it.

3. We surely want a little more heart with the voices, remembering in whose service the music is employed; and for this it is possible that the whole discipline of school attendance should receive more consideration; e. g. might not more care be taken that the lower forms of the school should sit in some order? As the Q.SS. sit in assigned places, so the T.BB. should go in and come out in some order of forms, and not as a mere mob? Why cannot the T.B. monitors do good service in marshalling the boys, and in spreading themselves eastwards in the upper pews, so as to take cognizance of the order of the lower forms, who cannot be accommodated in the regular T.B. seats?

4. It is said that a considerable portion of the school go to the services without Prayer Books or Bibles, and so take little interest, and that very few kneel down at the prayers.

If some, or all of these matters could be attended to, and every one could be encouraged to take his part, not only in the singing, but especially in making the

*responses* audibly, beginning with the "General Confession," I believe that a great change for the better would soon be effected, and we should be less liable than, I fear, we are at present, to have it alleged against us, that we are irreverent, as a school, in our attendance at the Abbey, and that we do not show that order and decency, which other public schools do, in going to and returning from their school chapels.

H.

### Poetry.

OID, TRIST. i. 3.

(*Phillimore Prize Translation.*)

WHEN in a dream the image of that night,  
The latest spent in Rome, does sad appear,  
When I recall to mind how much delight  
Forsook me then, falls even now a tear.  
Nigh was the day whereon the monarch bade  
My steps from Italy's fair shores depart;  
Nor time nor will had preparation made,  
The fatal blow had paralyzed my heart.  
I thought not friends to choose, nor slaves to hire,  
I thought not of the exile's garb or food;  
As one who, stricken by Jove's lightning fire,  
Lives though he knows not life, amazed I stood.  
But when this stupor was by pain removed,  
And all my nerves were braced with vigour new,  
To one or two of all I dearly loved  
I breathe before I go one last adieu.  
I wept. My wife beside me weeping sore  
Embraced me while I watched the tears bedew  
Her guiltless cheeks. My child, on Afric shore,  
But little of her father's sorrow knew;  
Around is lamentation heard and sighs,  
Funereal sobs the inmost courts beset;  
Men, women, children raise despairing cries  
For me, and every nook with tears is wet.  
If I may small with great events confound,  
When Troy was captured, this was Troy's sad plight.  
Anon was hushed the voice of man and hound,  
And the high moon controlled the steeds of night.  
Upwards on her I gaze, then think how near,  
How vainly near, my home those temples rise:  
"Ye powers," I cry, "thus nigh abiding, hear;  
Ye fanes no more to greet my longing eyes!  
Ye gods of Romulus' high city, wake  
To hear me ever when I bid you hail!  
Though late and wounded I my buckler take,  
Yet guard my flight when slanderous tongues assail.  
And to the god-like prince mine error show,  
Nor let him hold it as some heinous wrong,  
That you and he who fixed my fate may know  
My god appeased I cannot sorrow long!"  
So prayed I to the gods; yet further prayer  
Offered my sobbing wife with vain desire;  
Prostrate and wild with all dishevelled hair,  
She kissed with trembling lips the dying fire,  
And oft did she to the deaf Lares pray,  
Availing nought the object of her care.  
And now declining night forbade delay,  
And from his post was fled the Arcadian bear.  
What could I do? Dear country made me stay,  
Yet ere my flight this evening was the last.  
Ah me! how oft I asked, "Whither away?  
Say, whence or wherefore?" as they hurried past,  
Ah me! how oft the hour to know I feigned  
When I must to my destined exile go.  
Thrice to the door I went and thrice refrained,—  
True to the heart the foot itself went slow.  
"Farewell!" said oft, once more would I retreat  
To talk awhile, then gave the parting kiss,  
Then spake the same behests and self to cheat  
Gazed once more on the pledges of my bliss.

Yet stay ! Why haste so ? " Scythia lies before  
 And Rome behind. For either cause 'tis meet  
 To linger, ere I leave for evermore  
 My wife, my home, with home's enjoyments sweet.  
 Ye comrades that I loved with brother's love !  
 Breasts linked to mine with a Thesean chain,  
 Now while we may take this caress ; 'twill prove  
 Perchance the last. What hour is given is gain."  
 No time for more ! I leave the rest untold,  
 All I love most holding in fond embrace.  
 But while I speak and we lament, behold  
 All bright in the high heaven with unkind face  
 Beamed Lucifer. Reluctant I arise,  
 While half my frame seems severed from the rest,  
 And wake around me groans, and streaming eyes,  
 And hands in frenzy beating on the breast.  
 Clinging to me then as I left my home  
 My wife these sad words mingled with my woe :  
 " We cannot part ; together let us roam ;  
 An exile's wife I'll with the exiled go !  
 I see the road.—Far distant climes receive  
 Me when I sail the banished bark aboard.  
 The lordly wrath bids thee thy country leave ;  
 'Tis love bids me, and love shall be my lord."  
 So strove she then ; so had she striven before,  
 And scarce to duty had she yielded place.  
 Forth went I (since no bier my body bore)  
 With hair unkempt, bristling upon my face ;  
 Then mad with grief ('tis said) within the ball  
 She swooned, while gathered dark the shades around ;  
 And when, her locks with dust entangled all,  
 She raised her body from the icy ground,  
 She straight began to bitterly deplore  
 Herself and lonely hearth, calling awhile  
 Upon her spouse ; scarce had she sorrowed more  
 For child or husband on the funeral pile.  
 She courted death, by death her grief to sate,  
 Yet perished not 'midst all her love-lorn strife :  
 Long may she live, and, since 'tis willed by fate  
 That I be exiled, cheer me in her life.

P. G. L. WEBB.

### TO CORRESPONDENTS, &c.

All contributions for our next number must be sent in by Nov. 25th, and should be carefully copied out, on one side of the paper only, and addressed to the Editor, St. Peter's College, Westminster.

The subscription to the Elizabethan up to Christmas next will be 2s. We appeal to our friends at Oxford and Cambridge to do their best to secure for us new subscribers, as the freer use of small type of course entails additional expense.

We had intended to give our readers in the present number an etching of Little Dean's Yard, but an unfortunate accident in the preparation of the plate, which was owing to a mistake of a chemist, will prevent us doing so in the present number.

Some letters have been unavoidably postponed from want of space. The "Recollections of a Home Boarder" will be continued in our next number.

### Correspondence.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—Surely "Robustus" has misnamed himself. When a person speaks in the same breath of football and personal comfort, he can hardly be an authority on the former subject. If football were postponed till after the Athletics what would he substitute for it? There would be no time for cricket or rowing,

and the whole interval could not be devoted to training, to which a fortnight's football is an excellent preliminary. Perhaps, however, "Robustus" has written his letter in the spirit of the Editor's first recommendation on correspondence, and deliberately taken the wrong side. Anyhow, it is doubtful whether his opinions, being so obviously absurd, are worth the trouble of refuting.

CANTAB.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—“A Lover of Fair Play” is, I presume, an Under Election, and Under Elections are proverbially discontented. To grumble is considered a privilege of Englishmen, and as such is no doubt valued. Still there are different modes of grumbling, and some of these are decidedly objectionable. Such I take to be the mode of “A Lover of Fair Play.” For an Under Election to appeal to a newspaper for redress of grievances is at least unprecedented, the usual course being a complaint to the Captain, or Captain of the Eleven, whose duty it is to see things put right. The ground played on may be hard, but it is probably on a par in that respect with the rest of Fields, and whining on such a very trivial point can hardly meet with much approval from

AN OLD Q. S.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly bring before the notice of the public the bad state of our racquet courts? Not only is the wire so bent about as to be almost useless for the purpose for which it was intended, but the flags have in many places sunk down, so as to prevent anything like true playing. Since they are very much out of repair, and a good deal of expense will be incurred in making the necessary alterations, this would also be a good opportunity of opening a subscription for having all the courts asphalted, as asphalt lasts much longer than flags, without getting out of order, and I am sure many old Westminsters would be most happy to subscribe, and certainly every boy in the school ought to, as many of them derive their only exercise from them. Some, I believe, object to the wire on college court, because they say that it interferes with a free draught of air across the yard, and wish to remove it altogether, but if this is done, it will certainly stop in a large extent the amount of racquets played, because so many balls must then necessarily be lost, and although it may make the yard a little more airy, yet it will deprive those who are unable to play football or to go to “gym” of the only exercise they can get ; and I doubt whether the little more air they will have, will counterbalance the loss of exercise. Might I suggest that the wire should be cut down about one half, if any of it (which I think unnecessary) must come down, as that would sufficiently answer both purposes. Hoping you will find room for this in your valuable paper, I sign myself

RACQUET.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

SIR,—Following the very sensible advice which you gave in your last number, I desire to submit to your notice the fact that while you mentioned a short time back how few incentives there were to boating, the case is precisely the same with another of our school games—football ; and yet no notice has been taken of it in your valuable columns. Of necessity the number of boys who play in the Eleven and Twenty-two must be small, but why should there not be in addition to these other Twenty-twos or Elevens ; and why should not the Twenty-two play matches with the Second Elevens or Twenty-twos of other schools? This is, I believe, the custom in most schools, and why should we form an exception to the rule? I believe this would greatly tend to popularize football, as every one would then have a chance of being in some eleven. I beg to subscribe myself

A LOVER OF FOOTBALL.

Floreat.