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EDITORIAL.

It is with great regret that we have to announce that in consequence of the serious loss incurred by the *Elizabethan* through the publication of the weekly supplement, it is quite impossible to continue the supplement any longer.

It is now nearly two years since the discovery was made that people at Westminster are more impatient than at other schools: thus fellows are so anxious to know all about the matches—although their anxiety does not cause them to go 'Up Fields' and see them—that they cannot wait three weeks or less for the accounts in the monthly numbers of the *Elizabethan*. To satisfy this impatience, there was started, in September 1887, a weekly paper called the *Westminster Review*. This paper was well supported, and was able to send a large subscription to the School Mission: altogether, it was, while it lasted, very successful. But after two terms it was, for various reasons, discontinued.

The success of the *Westminster Review* showed that there was a large number of Old Westminsters who cared enough for the school to be glad to hear news of it every week. Moreover, it appeared that the school would support a weekly paper or none at all: most of those who had been so eager to see accounts of all that happened at Westminster within a few days after the event, when they found that they could not do so, took the strange course of going entirely without these accounts, and ceased to support any school paper at all. The numbers of subscribers to the *Elizabethan*, instead of increasing, as was expected when the *Westminster Review* ceased to exist, continued to decrease, and we fell into debt. Altogether it was thought that a weekly paper was needed, and the *Elizabethan* Committee decided to try the experiment of publishing a weekly supplement to the *Elizabethan*, reprinting all that was most interesting in it in the usual monthly number. It was hoped that members of the school would be induced by the supplement to give the school paper that support which it ought to have, and

these hopes were, to some extent, justified by the result: the number of subscribers in the school did increase a great deal. But after the first term, the novelty of the supplement began to wear off, and the number of subscribers again decreased. The supplement never really paid its expenses; for it to have actually done so, we wanted about four hundred and fifty subscribers, and we never had more than one hundred and eighty; so, even allowing for the increase of ordinary subscribers which it brought, it never paid more than about two thirds of its cost. We thank those who have supported the supplement, and we are sorry that we cannot continue to give them any pleasure which they may have derived from it, but we think they will see that, encumbered with debt as the *Elizabethan* is, it is impossible for us to go on losing in this way.

Several subscribers to the supplement have said this term that they do not want it, and its failure proves that a weekly paper is not needed: the only reason why it should not be stopped is that some subscriptions to it have been paid for the whole year, but this can be rectified by the reduction of next year's subscription in these cases.

We hope that the discontinuance of the supplement will not cause the withdrawal of any subscriptions. With our small numbers it is hard to support the school paper; very little more than half the school now subscribes to the *Elizabethan*, and if we cannot at least keep the present number of subscribers, we shall have great difficulty in paying our expenses, and cannot hope to pay our debt.

There is another matter which we do not like to mention, but necessity compels us to do so. We refer to the difficulty which the Treasurer has in getting subscriptions which are due paid. Over seventy applications for subscriptions were sent out last month, and in reply the Treasurer received twelve shillings. When we say that a sum of between twenty and thirty pounds is due to the *Elizabethan*, it will be admitted that we have just cause for complaint. The payment of these subscriptions would not actually make us free from debt, but it would reduce the debt to an amount which could soon be paid if we had proper support from the school. It is the duty of the school to support its paper, and it is absurd not to do so because it is published only once a month; other schools are satisfied with a monthly paper, and there is no reason why Westminster should not be satisfied also.

WESTMINSTER WORTHIES.

NO. 19.—JEREMY BENTHAM.

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THE most important friendship which Bentham contracted abroad was with Dumont, the friend, and afterwards the biographer of Mirabeau. It was Dumont who, fired with the warmest admiration for the Utilitarian philosophy, translated and recast the majority of Bentham's works for publication; although it seems strange that he was allowed the privilege, when we consider how strongly Bentham expressed his opinion that all Dumont's alterations were for the worse. But setting aside Bentham's own opinion—and it is hardly an exaggeration to say he was the last man in the world to depreciate his own or overpraise another's work—it can hardly be doubted that much of Bentham's popularity abroad was due to the skill of his editor. It may be an exaggeration to say that 'Bentham owed as much to Dumont as Socrates to Plato'; none the less the debt was very real, and but poorly paid even in gratitude.

On the death of his father, Bentham took up his residence at Queen's Square Place; he used to speak playfully of his house as the Hermitage, and of himself as the Hermit. Here he enjoyed the society of his intimate friends, Burdett, Brougham, and Daniel O'Connell; James Mill, with whom he concerted measures to render the childhood of his friend's son a burden to him, and Sir John Bowring, his biographer, who was already in training for his literary executorship. Here he from time to time entertained many famous or notorious characters. Talleyrand, who was introduced to him by Dumont, Santander, the lieutenant and enemy of Bolivar, and Burr, the deliberate murderer of Colonel Hamilton, may be taken as representative specimens of his guests. His hospitality was, however, not universal; and Madame de Staël was not by any means the only person whom he repulsed with something approaching discourtesy. Her visits he declined with the remark that he had nothing to say to her, and he could not see the necessity of an interview for anything she might have to say to him.

It was in Queen's Square Place that the *Westminster Review* was first projected as the organ of the infant Radical party. Under Bentham's auspices it attained considerable success, although on more than one occasion it was very roughly handled by the *Edinburgh*, the organ of the Whig party, with which it came into constant collision. Meanwhile, Bentham's labours at the science of legislation were zealously pursued to the extent, says his biographer, of fifteen folio pages a day. Yet he had time to spare on almost every conceivable scheme for the amelioration of mankind. The 'Panopticon' had indeed received its death blow; but the codification of English law, the removal of abuses from our equity courts (what these were long afterwards may be gathered from

'Bleak House'), and the education of the Irish in New York, were all favourite schemes of his. But at home Bentham's popularity was never very great; in the public mind he shared the condemnation of those 'who swore on their honour for Arthur O'Connor, and fought hard for Despard against country and king,' and it was left for a foreign legislature to hail him as 'legislator of the world.' So the laborious, uneventful life drew quietly to its close; and at last Bentham faded out of life, rather than died, on June 6, 1832, in the eighty-fourth year of his age. In judging Bentham's character as a whole, we must divest ourselves of the prejudice against him which a study of his biography is almost certain to foster. The laborious playfulness of his conversation with his intimates is scarcely less irritating than his intellectual Pharisaism; and both these qualities Sir John Bowring has contrived to bring into unenviable relief. Yet we cannot but award the highest commendation to his disinterested love of truth, his unflagging industry, and his world-wide philanthropy—a philanthropy which was the result rather of a strong sense of duty than of a warmly sympathetic nature. 'To love mankind,' he remarked, 'it was necessary not to know too much of them.' Bentham's judgments on his fellows were invariably harsh. He was not more severe on his opponents—Burke, Peel, Wellington, and even Althorp—than on his friends. Dumont, to whom he owed so much, was 'a pig-headed Conservative'; of James Mill he remarked, 'His dislike of tyranny was due rather to hatred of the oppressors than to love for the oppressed.'

Of Bentham's own work it is impossible to speak here with any detail. In the minutiae of legislation he displayed unrivalled acuteness and indefatigable industry. In one of his own memoranda, after alluding rather slightly to the services which Locke and Newton were supposed to have rendered mankind, he concludes, 'But I have planted the tree of utility. I have planted it deep and I have spread it wide.' The great principle that all legislation—nay all individual conduct—should be directed to secure 'the greatest happiness of the greatest number,' was formulated by Bentham, if it cannot be exactly called his own discovery. A recent French writer has truly said of great men: 'Tous ces hommes n'ont fait que dire le secret de tout le monde,' and it suffices for the establishment of Bentham's claim to greatness that he should have put into words the unexpressed thought of many. From his time, Utilitarianism is the spirit of legislation, the only conceivable system of intelligible ethics. John Stuart Mill has only marred it by his attempt to make it square with popular prejudices.

Bentham's prose style was as characteristic as Carlyle's, and occasionally becomes as obscure as the most involved passages in 'Sordello.' There are passages in some of his works, which did not have the benefit of Dumont's revision, which remind one of nothing so much as a literal and unintelligent rendering of a Thucydidean speech, thickly studded with the uncouth compounds to which Bentham was so partial.

He believed that his own pet words were more exact than ordinary English, but I doubt whether he could have proved his assertion to the satisfaction of impartial judges. But it would be ungrateful to complain of the vehicle conveying such thoughts as Bentham's; they are often of the purest gold, even if it does need a crushing-mill to get at them. There are, however, some pieces which it would be well for Bentham's reputation as a logician to suppress—notably his address to the French people after the three days of July, and the letter of Pacificus on the Conquest of Ireland; and there is sometimes something worse than bad logic in his writings. No sane man could write that the priesthood in Ireland were the instruments employed by the English Crown to keep the Irish peasants impoverished, unless he had a purpose to serve by deliberate misrepresentation; and it is sad that Bentham should have stooped so low.

Of his private life, comparatively little need be said. It has been remarked, and I think truly, that Bentham was pre-eminently a happy man. Though his constitution was never strong, he rarely, if ever, suffered from ill-health, and though at one time he was tormented with fears for his eyesight, it remained unimpaired to the end of his life. In early middle age he was left in possession of a competence which, though moderate, was sufficient for his wants, and even during his father's lifetime he had been allowed no inconsiderable freedom in managing his own affairs. His labours were congenial, and in his own social set he was as absolute as a Johnson. His disappointments in love and ambition, if they touched him deeply—which may be doubted—were never too great for his fortitude, and, so far as we know, his passions were always well under his control. His childhood may have been darkened by the injudicious pushing of his father, but he was early emancipated from parental supervision, and it may be said, without fear of contradiction, that thousands of men have built up happy lives from far less promising materials.

His personal appearance was sufficiently characteristic to repay a passing notice. 'Out of doors he ordinarily wore a narrow-rimmed straw hat, from under which his long white hair fell upon his shoulders or was blown about by the winds. He had a plain brown coat cut in the Quaker style, light brown cassimere breeches, over whose knees outside he usually exhibited a pair of white worsted stockings. List shoes he almost invariably used, and his hands were generally covered with merino-lined leather gloves. His neck was bare; he never went out without his stick "Dapple" for a companion. He walked, or rather trotted, as if he were impatient for exercise, but often stopped suddenly for purposes of conversation.' Space would fail to tell of his various quaintnesses, not to say affectations: of the *trinoda necessitas* to which he made every 'secretary' or 'reprobate' swear fealty, viz. 'the asportation of the candle, the transtration (*sic*) of the window, *idem* of the trap-window; of his cat, the Reverend Doctor John Langborn, and his teapot 'Dick.' He 'loved

everything on four legs,' notably cats and mice, though he confessed that he found it difficult to reconcile the two affections.

We need dilate no further on his harmless, if somewhat irritating, eccentricities. Suffice it to say that his intellectual stature was gigantic, his disinterestedness and industry beyond all praise. If his unjust prejudice against moderate reformers led him to hamper the movements and asperse the motives of those who were doing invaluable work for their country—as when he opposed the election of Romilly to Parliament—it is easy to pardon him in view of the great benefits he conferred on mankind, and the still greater benefits he strove to confer. His faults were of manner: his virtues were genuine. A true son of Westminster will feel it hard to forgive him for speaking slightly of his old school, but there is little else to forgive.

FLOREAT.

School Notes.

In the senior fives ties, which took place at the end of last term, C. H. Gregory and Armitage beat Winslow and Paget in the semi-final by two games to none (15-4, 15-9), and in the final, Agar and Clark beat Gregory and Armitage by two games to one (14-17, 15-9, 15-10). The junior ties were won by S. H. Gregory and Helder.

We beg to offer our hearty congratulations to the Rev. E. H. Askwith on his appointment to the Head-Mastership of the South-Eastern College, Ramsgate, and wish him all success. At the same time we must express our great regret that Mr. Askwith's time at Westminster should have been so short.

The Athletic Committee beg to thank the following Masters for the prizes they kindly gave at the sports. Mr. Fox, for a cup given for the mile; Mr. Heard, for a silver mug given for the 300 handicap; Mr. Marklove, for a silver cup given for the hurdles; Mr. Raynor, for a set of fruit knives and forks given for the quarter; and the Masters, for a clock given for the half-mile with hurdles.

Sterndale Bennett's difficult work, the 'May Queen,' will be performed at the Concert on Friday, May 24. We are glad to hear that Mr. Pownall, Mr. Rawson, and other well-known musical O.W.W., have promised to assist, and we hope they will balance by their excellence the rumoured weakness of trebles.

L. James has gained a first-class in Moderations at Oxford.

The Ireland Prizes were awarded last term as follows: Greek Verse, S. Liberty; Latin Prose, E. H. Marsh; Bible Knowledge, Senior, G. G. S. Gillett, and H. C. Jonas, equal; Junior, J. D. Miller.

The Exeat this term will last from Saturday, June 8, until the morning of Wednesday, June 12.

The football elevens were filled up as follows:—

FIRST ELEVEN.

F. Street (captain)	R. E. Olivier
E. A. Everington	E. W. Woodbridge
R. O. Mills	W. V. Doherty
J. Gifford	A. R. Hoskins
G. L. Edwards	C. H. Gardiner

SECOND ELEVEN.

P. J. Preece	J. A. Willett
H. L. Stephenson	B. F. Pendred
A. R. Knapp	A. G. Clark
P. Armitage	S. H. Gregory
G. O. Shattock	P. Williamson
H. T. Whitaker	A. L. Longhurst
C. H. Gregory	

THIRD ELEVEN.

A. J. N. Booker	J. H. Clarke
J. S. Shearne	F. P. Farrar
A. W. F. Guy	R. Waterfield
E. H. Winslow	J. O. T. Powell
G. E. S. Campbell	H. C. Jonas
J. Hollocombe	

The Glee Society beg to thank the following for their kind donations: Mrs. Marklove, Mrs. Tanner, Mr. Raynor, Mr. Grenfell, and Mr. Fox.

THE PAVILION.

THOSE interested in the pavilion scheme will be glad to hear that the Committee believe they have found a suitable architect in the person of Mr. Richard Creed, F.I.B.A., who has had considerable experience in building cricket pavilions. He has consented to undertake the building operations, and met the Committee in Vincent Square on May 10, to form all necessary arrangements.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

THE athletic sports took place 'Up Fields' on the last Friday and Saturday of last term, April 5 and 6. Although they were not marked by many brilliant performances they were altogether satisfactory, and up to the average. Much the best performance was the high jump, under fifteen, in which Wallis jumped 4 feet 11 inches, beating the previous record by three inches, and Davidson also beat the record. The best results in the open contests were those of the long jump and throwing the cricket ball. We were sorry to see so few entries for some of the open events; this fault could certainly not be found with those under fifteen. Another year some of these races

should be run in heats, and trial competitions ought to be held before the sports for the jumps and throwing the cricket ball; several of those who entered for these competitions showed remarkable incompetence, and only made more tedious what can never be very interesting. A great improvement was made this year by the wearing of colours; this both enabled strangers to distinguish the competitors and considerably brightened the appearance of the field.

The first day the weather was dull and rather cold, but fortunately there was no rain; there was a very fair number of spectators. J. G. Veitch, R. T. Squire, and J. Watt kindly officiated as starter, judge, and timekeeper.

300 YARDS HANDICAP. OVER 16.

It was intended to run this race in heats, but owing to the small number of competitors this was unnecessary. Winslow (11 yards) took the lead, but was passed by Preece (3 yards) and Street (scratch). Street gradually drew ahead, and finally won by two yards. A good race for second place ended in Preece winning by a few inches.

1. Street. 2. Preece. 3. Winslow.
Time, 35½ seconds.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL. UNDER 15.

This event was very tedious, as there were about twenty competitors, and several of them never had the slightest chance of winning. Sherring won with a rather poor throw of 58 yards 1 foot, and Wallis threw about a yard less. Campbell also threw well.

1. Sherring, 58 yards 1 foot. 2. Wallis.

HIGH JUMP. OPEN. LADIES' CHALLENGE CUP.

There were six competitors, and there was a good contest between Waterfield, Whitaker, and Olivier. Olivier failed at 4 feet 11 inches, and Whitaker, who won last year with a jump of 5 feet 1 inch, could only clear 5 feet this year.

1. Waterfield, 5 ft. 1 in. 2. Whitaker.

FLAT RACE, 100 YARDS. UNDER 16.

Howlett took the lead from the start, and won easily by four yards. Fairchild was second by about a yard.

1. Howlett. 2. Fairchild.
Time, 11½ seconds.

HURDLE RACE, 120 YARDS. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

There were only four starters, so it was not necessary to run the usual heats. There was a good race between Woodbridge and Olivier. Woodbridge just led at the last hurdle, and won by two yards. Whitaker was third, about six yards behind Olivier.

1. Woodbridge. 2. Olivier. 3. Whitaker.
Time, 18 seconds.

FLAT RACE, 150 YARDS. UNDER 13.

Only three could be found to start for this race. Agar led all the way, and finished six yards ahead of Ridsdale.

Time, 22 seconds.

LONG JUMP. UNDER 15.

There were a great many entries for this event, and twenty-three jumped. Balfour won by half a foot, Everington taking second place. Sherring, Nye, and Holland also jumped well.

1. Balfour, 14 ft. 10 in. 2. Everington.

FLAT RACE, ONE MILE. CHALLENGE CUP.

There were fourteen starters for this race, the most important on the card. Whitaker started very fast, and led for the first quarter; but half-way through the second lap he was passed by Winckworth, and dropped out. Winckworth continued to increase his lead, and was forty yards in front of the rest when he began the last lap. Jonas, who was running second, then spurred, but he could not catch Winckworth, who finally won by more than twenty yards. Jonas was second, and C. H. Gregory was a bad third. Winckworth ran very well, but the others made a mistake in letting him get such a long start, as he could not have kept his lead if he had been pressed in the last lap.

1. Winckworth. 2. Jonas. 3. Gregory.
Time, 5 minutes 11 seconds.

HURDLE RACE. UNDER 15. HEATS.

In the first heat Balfour led all the way, and won easily. Everington was second.

1. Balfour. 2. Everington.
Time, 20½ seconds.

In the second heat Sherring had still less difficulty in winning. Wallis was easily second.

1. Sherring. 2. Wallis.
Time, 22½ seconds.

FLAT RACE, 300 YARDS. UNDER 14.

C. G. Woodhouse led from the start, and, though B. Howlett tried hard to catch him, won easily by five yards.

1. Woodhouse. 2. Howlett.
Time, 46 seconds.

FLAT RACE. HALF-MILE HANDICAP.

Throwing the Cricket Ball, which stood next on the programme, was postponed until the next day, and the Half-mile, the last race of the day, was run next. This event seemed to be more popular than ever, and there were a hundred and four entries, of whom fifty-one started. Chatterton, with 115 yards start, led easily until the last two hundred yards, when he had to give up. Winslow (40 yards) then took the lead. Twenty yards from home he was passed by Helder, and after an exciting race Helder won by a yard. There was a good race for third place

between Gardiner and Andrews, but Andrews fell just before he reached the post. There were a great many others close up.

1. Helder. 2. Winslow. 3. Gardiner.
Time, 2 minutes 18 seconds.

The second day was again fine but dull. There was a very large attendance of spectators, including a great many ladies, and, in spite of the match at the Oval, a large number of O.W.W. H. T. Clarke, J. Watt, G. Stephenson, and A. Armitage were the officials.

THROWING THE HAMMER. OPEN. CHALLENGE HAMMER.

Five threw. Preece, the holder of the Challenge Hammer, was unable to throw as far as he did last year, and failed to get a place. C. H. Gregory won with a throw of 60 feet 6 inches, Olivier throwing two feet less.

1. Gregory. 2. Olivier.
Distance, 60 ft. 6 in.

HIGH JUMP. UNDER 15.

This was perhaps the most successful event in the programme. Eleven jumped, and there was some splendid jumping by Wallis, Davidson, and Everington. All three cleared 4 feet 8 inches, the under 15 record made by S. H. Gregory last year. Everington then failed, and Davidson had to stop after clearing 4 feet 9 inches. Wallis went on and jumped 4 feet 11 inches.

1. Wallis, 4 ft. 11 in. 2. F. Davidson.

FLAT RACE, 100 YARDS. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

Won by Street by two yards, in the poor time of 11 $\frac{2}{3}$ seconds. It is strange that the Under 16 100 Yards was done in faster time than the Open, if the time given for that race is correct; but this is rather doubtful, especially as Howlett was only fifth in this race. Preece was second, a yard in front of Blaker. Eight ran.

1. Street. 2. Preece. 3. Blaker.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL. OPEN.

This was a foregone conclusion for Blaker, who won easily with a good throw of 100 yards 1 foot. W. D'Arcy was second with 86 yards.

1. Blaker. 2. D'Arcy.
Distance, 100 yds. 1 ft.

FLAT RACE, 440 YARDS. UNDER 15. CHALLENGE CUP.

There were no less than twenty-six competitors for this race—a great deal too many to start conveniently at once. As soon as he could get clear of the crowd, Sherring took the lead, and keeping it the rest of the way, won easily by six yards. Two yards separated the second and third.

1. Sherring. 2. Everington. 3. R. Campbell.
Time, 67 seconds.

LONG JUMP. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

Won by Street with a very good jump of 19 feet 7 inches. Woodbridge jumped 17 feet 9 inches.

1. Street, 19 ft. 7 in. 2. Woodbridge.

FLAT RACE, 100 YARDS. UNDER 15.

Another large crowd entered for this. Sherring took the lead from the start, and won easily by five yards; a yard and a half between second and third.

1. Sherring. 2. Everington. 3. Wallis.
Time, 12 $\frac{2}{3}$ seconds.

FLAT RACE, 440 YARDS. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

Gifford, starting off very fast, led for half the race, but was then passed by Preece. Coming into the straight, Street passed Gifford and Preece, and won easily by six yards; a bad third.

1. Street. 2. Preece. 3. Blaker.
Time, 56 $\frac{2}{3}$ seconds.

As Street could not hold both challenge cups, for the 100 yards and the quarter, the first prize and the cup for the quarter were given to Preece, and Street took the second prize.

HURDLE RACE. UNDER 15. FINAL HEAT.

This was another easy victory for Sherring, who won by two yards.

1. Sherring. 2. Balfour.
Time, 20 $\frac{2}{3}$ seconds.

FLAT RACE. 440 YARDS. UNDER 16.

Fifteen started for this race. G. Howlett took the lead at once, and won without any difficulty by four yards; there was about the same distance between second and third.

1. Howlett. 2. Lambton. 3. Fairchild.
Time, 61 seconds.

HALF-MILE. WITH HURDLES. CHALLENGE CUP.

Of the six starters for this race, Gardiner and Olivier took the lead during the first quarter of a mile. On entering the second lap, Olivier passed Gardiner, and, gradually increasing his advantage, led by about twelve yards when he reached the hurdles. Jonas gained slightly at the hurdles, but could not catch Olivier, who won by eight yards. Gardiner, who was running third, had the misfortune to fall at the last hurdle, and before he could recover himself Edwards came up and just won the third prize.

1. Olivier. 2. Jonas. 3. G. L. Edwards.
Time, 2 minutes 24 $\frac{2}{3}$ seconds.

CONSOLATION RACE. 300 YARDS.

Forty-one unsuccessful competitors entered for the Consolation Race, and were handicapped according to their size. In the straight, Gifford led by several yards, and was winning easily, when he tripped and fell about ten yards from the tape, leaving Pendred to

take the first place. A small prize was afterwards given to Gifford as some compensation for his bad luck.

1. Pendred. 2. Lock. 3. S. H. Gregory.

SERVANTS' RACE. 150 YARDS.

A good race, won by Bailey by two yards.

1. Bailey. 2. Ruston. 3. Green.
Time, 19 seconds.

O.WW. RACE. 150 YARDS.

A great many O.WW. entered for this race. An exciting race ended in C. A. Sherring winning by two yards, and A. Armitage just getting second place.

1. Sherring. 2. Armitage.
Time, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ seconds.

BANDSMEN'S RACE.

This was won easily by Sergeant Vale, who is, we believe, a professional runner.

1. Vale.

T. OF WAR. Q.SS. v. T.BB.

The victory of Q.SS. last year caused more than usual interest to be taken in this event. Although much the lighter team, the Q.SS., by pulling better together than their opponents, and having a slight advantage in their station, gained the first and third pulls, and won by two pulls to one. Names and weights of the teams:—

Q.SS.

	st.	lbs.		st.	lbs.
R. E. Olivier .	9	9	H. F. Stobart .	9	10
A. L. Longhurst .	10	3	F. Street .	10	8
J. H. Clarke .	10	3	P. Williamson .	11	1
H. T. Whitaker .	9	11	P. J. Preece .	11	8

T.BB.

	st.	lbs.		st.	lbs.
E. A. Everington .	10	3	H. Jonas .	11	6
B. Southey .	11	0	J. A. Willett .	11	9
F. Schwartz .	10	11	P. Armitage .	12	0
W. Doherty .	10	2	C. H. Gregory .	12	1

Mrs. Rutherford, with her usual kindness, then presented the prizes to the successful competitors. When this had been done, F. Street, in the absence of the captain, thanked Mrs. Rutherford in the name of the School, and cheers were given for Mrs. Rutherford. The Head Master, in reply, alluded to the pavilion which is to be built 'Up Fields,' and thanked the O.WW., especially those who had helped the Committee as officials, for their efforts to make the sports a success. H. T. Clarke replied that O.WW. took a great interest in the sports, and would always be glad to do all they could to assist at them, and announced the victory of O.WW. that afternoon at the Oval. Cheers were then given for the Old Westminsters, the Ladies, and the Head Masters, and the proceedings were brought to an end with 'God Save the Queen,' played by the band of the A Division of Police, which had played at intervals during the two days.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS' GYMNASTIC AND BOXING COMPETITIONS.

THIS gymnastic competition was started about ten years ago with a view to encouraging and raising the standard of gymnastics at our public schools, and is held annually at the North Camp Gymnasium, Aldershot, under the management of the Inspector-General of Gymnasia. It has succeeded admirably in its object, the competition being keener and, consequently, the standard of excellence higher every year. The boxing competition has been added more lately, and has proved so popular that it is intended to have a fencing competition as well next year. The number of schools competing has also steadily increased, seventeen schools having entered this year, and among them Westminster for the first time. Last year the National Physical Recreation Society presented a very handsome silver challenge shield, to be held by the school obtaining the highest aggregate score in the competition, each school being allowed to send in two competitors. The competition was held this year on Friday, April 12, and there was a good muster of spectators, some of the schools being well supported by past and present members. The competitors were divided first of all into two squads, who went through exercises on the vaulting horse and bridge ladder at the same time. When these were finished, each squad was further sub-divided into two, and the four squads went through exercises simultaneously on the parallel bars, horizontal bar, vertical rope and pair of rings. The exercises were first of all set by the military instructors at the gymnasium, the judging being done by Colonel Onslow Inspector-General of Gymnasia, Captain Quill, Captain Smythers, and Lieutenant Godwin. Following the fortunes of the squad in which our representatives, Olivier and Woodbridge, found themselves, we think it will be interesting to give some account of their performances. Commencing with the vaulting horse, the form shown on the whole was very good, and both Olivier and Woodbridge did very fairly, the former being a shade the better. Some very difficult exercises were set on the bridge ladder, and here we did very well, Woodbridge being especially good, and our performance was all the more creditable as there was no proper bridge ladder in our gymnasium before this term. At the parallel bars, Olivier had the misfortune to get cramp in his arms, and though he very pluckily struggled through the exercises, yet he was unable to do himself justice. At the vertical rope, the form shown all round was good, and both our representatives acquitted themselves creditably. The exercise set on the rings was a difficult one, and had not been mastered by our representatives, so that we lost considerably at this point. Some of the competitors, however, were faultless, and to our mind did a better performance than the instructor. At the horizontal bar we were treated to some very pretty work by the instruc-

tor who set some combination exercises in faultless form. We ought to have done better here, but it requires long practice to execute these combinations without breaking down, though the several parts of them are comparatively easy. The Hock swing, too, was set in the course of them, and this, which is often easy enough to comparative beginners, not unfrequently causes considerable difficulty to even good athletes. At the end of the gymnastics, the gymnasium was cleared for the final rounds of the boxing competition, the preliminary ties having been contested in another building. In the heavy-weight division (over 10 st. 10 lbs.), Le Fanu of Haileybury and Taylor of Rugby were adjudged equal, after some punishing rounds, in which the former showed far the better science, but was overmatched by the superior weight of his opponent. Hawkins of Rugby won the light-weights, after a tough struggle with Flower of Malvern. The result of the gymnastics was then announced, Clifton (holders of the shield) being again first, closely followed by Harrow and Cheltenham, who tied for second place. Westminster were only fourteenth, a lower place than we had hoped to get, but not so bad as it appears at first sight, as the schools were very close together towards the end of the list, but 15 marks separating the seventh and fourteenth, and these are at most accounted for by our breakdown at the parallel bars. It must be remembered, too, that it was our first appearance, and our representatives had never been tested so severely before, and were naturally a little nervous competing the first time with the pick of the public schools. We may look forward confidently to a much higher place next year. We cannot hope to get the shield, at the first or even second attempt, but we mean to bring it back to Westminster before we have finished. Our instructor knows now what is required, and is very sanguine as to the future. Woodbridge will very likely be with us, and there is some very promising material among the younger fellows. In conclusion, we would urge all fellows to support the gymnasium heartily. The benefit obtained by steady work there is great, and of lasting physical value.

THE GLEE SOCIETY.

THE last entertainment of the spring term was given on Wednesday, April 3. The opening chorus was an old favourite, 'The Hardy Norseman.' This was followed by G. H. Viner, Esq., who, at his second appearance at these concerts, gave us a capital rendering of 'The Three Beggars.'

After this, we had a madrigal by F. M. Yglesias, Esq., entitled 'Out upon it'; the composer taking the part which stood second in importance. The general impression left upon us by the work was very pleasant; but we cannot avoid the belief that a little more care by the minor parts would have ensured a more faithful representation. The next item was a

violin solo by Anthony, of which we need say nothing, as he has been before this the subject of constant and well-earned praise in these columns. Another part-song followed, this time Flemming's 'Integer Vitæ.' This was probably the best rendered of all the part-songs, though slight differences in pronouncing the Latin would occasionally make themselves perceptible. C. A. Madge then gave us 'Annie Laurie.' He did not attempt the Scotch accent, but he gave us a clear pronunciation and very sweet tones. Unfortunately, these were by no means always easy to hear in the remoter parts of the school. Moore's 'Canadian Boat Song' was then given as a trio, but the flat note on which one of the singers started greatly marred the effect. Next we were favoured with a zither solo by G. W. Grant-Wilson, Esq. Far be it from us to criticise his performance; former reporters have shrunk from the task. Suffice it to say that he treated us to some very pleasant music, the lower notes of his instrument especially being soft and full. After he had repeated this in response to a hearty call, G. H. Viner gave us Marzial's, 'Leaving yet Loving,' in a style that produced a request for his recall; but he declined to do more for us that night. Another part-song, 'A Franklyn's Dogge,' had considerable justice done to the quaintness of Mackenzie's music; and then the 'March of the Men of Harlech' concluded the entertainment, the first verse being given in unison, and the second with Barnby's harmonies.

It may be said that the enthusiastic kindness of our audience made up for many defects in our work; but this cannot be taken into account in drawing auguries for our concert. The Glee Society has shown us where to look for soloists, but no more; and in the choruses, despite occasional good singing, there is deficiency in attack and heartiness. These will no doubt be diminished by the familiarity of our concert work and the presence of a conductor; but we certainly need general attendance—and attention—at all singing practices.

FOOTBALL.

O.W.W. v. SWIFTS.

THIS match, the final tie for the London Charity Cup, was played at Kennington Oval on Saturday, April 6, and resulted in a victory for O.W.W. by six goals to three. The attendance was fairly good, though a great many people were kept away by the Sports, which took place on the same day.

Bambridge won the toss, and Veitch kicked off from the gasometer end. O.W.W. immediately attacked, and nearly scored in the first minute; they continued to have the best of the game until, after a good run and centre by Sandilands, Veitch scored the first goal, and, a few minutes later, followed it with

another. After this the Swifts played up better, and the game became more even. Several good shots were made by both sides, and, after forty minutes' play, Lindley took the ball down and Cotterill put it through, and ends were changed with the score at 2-1 in favour of O.W.W. Soon afterwards a good run by Sandilands resulted in a corner, which was well placed by Janson, and Veitch headed a third goal; five minutes later Heath scored a fourth. The Swifts now began to play harder, and Lindley scored twice for them. The game was now getting exciting, but Veitch destroyed the hopes of the Swifts by ending a fine run with a brilliant shot which passed just under the bar, and Sandilands quickly added another point. There was no further score, and O.W.W. thus won a splendid match by 6-3.

The Swifts were, on paper, much the stronger team, but the O.W.W., owing to their superior combination, had the best of the game all through. Of the forwards, Veitch has seldom played better, and he was well supported by Sandilands, while the rest played very well together. The back division were all good, Harrison and Janson being the best. For the Swifts, Cotterill and Lindley were best forward, and Wreford-Brown played splendidly at half. The following were the teams:—

O.W.W.

W. R. Moon (goal), R. T. Squire and A. H. Harrison (backs), F. W. Janson, W. N. Winckworth, and H. Wetton (half-backs), O. Scoones and C. W. R. Heath (right), J. G. Veitch (centre), and Rev. E. H. Alington and R. R. Sandilands (left) (forwards).

SWIFTS.

H. A. Swebstone (goal), E. P. Anderson and W. C. Wells (backs), T. E. B. Wilson, C. Wreford-Brown, and C. H. Holland (half-backs), W. E. Pryce-Jones and G. H. Cotterill (right), T. Lindley (centre), and G. Brann and E. C. Bambridge (left) (forwards).

Umpires, R. A. Ogilvie (Clapham Rovers), and R. E. Hetherington (Casuals); Referee, N. L. Jackson (Corinthians).

RACQUET TIES.

FIRST ROUND.

A. J. Booker, scratched to H. E. Oliver.

E. A. Everington beat G. E. S. Campbell
(11-7) (11-10).

C. H. Gardiner beat H. Allen
(11-0) (11-0).

P. Armitage beat — Burton
(11-8) (11-5).

H. V. Anthony beat J. Gifford
(7-11) (11-7) (15-11).

D. Fitzmaurice, a bye.

After a good match Everington beat Campbell; Gardiner's tie with Allen resulted in an easy victory for the former; Armitage did not have much difficulty in beating Burton; and Anthony just managed to score a victory over Gifford after three close games.

SECOND ROUND.

E. A. Everington beat P. Armitage
(11-5) (11-6).

C. H. Gardiner beat H. V. Anthony
(11-7) (11-3).

D. Fitzmaurice beat H. E. Oliver
(6-11) (11-5) (15-13).

The two first ties were easy wins for Everington and Gardiner. Fitzmaurice beat Oliver after three good games, chiefly owing to his steady play.

THIRD ROUND.

E. A. Everington beat D. Fitzmaurice
(11-7) (11-3).

C. H. Gardiner, a bye.

Everington won his tie easily.

FINAL.

E. A. Everington beat C. H. Gardiner.

Everington again won easily, and became holder of the cup for this year.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I should like to make a suggestion with regard to Football. Could not the Captain arrange a few 2nd XI matches, say five or six during the season? It seems to me that fellows are not as keen as they might be, until they have a chance of getting their 'Pinks.' I think my suggestion, if carried out, would arouse much more keenness in the games 'Up Fields,' and fellows would think more of getting their 'Pink-and-whites,' if that meant *playing* for Westminster School 2nd XI. It would be a great advantage for the 1st XI too, as it would have given them some previous experience in playing against those whose play is not so well known to them, as is that of most of the school, an experience which they now have to gain after they begin playing for the 1st XI.

There can be no doubt that this experience in playing against strangers would be a great help to the school team, in cricket as well as football, and would give confidence, and render all the XI less liable to losing their heads.

Hoping to see on next season's card a fixture, 'Westminster 2nd v. Charterhouse 2nd,'

I remain, yours truly,

E. L. G.

[This letter came too late for insertion in our last number. ED.]

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—It does not seem to the credit of the School that visitors playing against the School at cricket should pay for their luncheons. I believe that most of the other public schools stand their visitors luncheon, and why should not Westminster, one of the best public schools, do the same. If the games subscription was raised 2s. 6d. for the whole school, it would pay this additional expense, and even leave something towards the luncheons of the school eleven, which presses rather heavily on those playing every match. I hope this suggestion is not too late for the present season. It would certainly look better for the school if this alteration were made, especially as regards visitors.

Yours truly,

April 30th, 1889.

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Our Contemporaries.

WE beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following contemporaries: *The Carthusian, Wykehamist, Cambridge Review* (2), *Meteor, Cliftonian, Cheltonian, Salopian* (2), *Haileyburian, Pauline, Malvernian, Newtonian, Forest School Magazine, Norfolkian, Felstedian, Ousel, Bradfield College Magazine, Raven, Berkhamstedian, Brighton College Magazine, and Launceing College Magazine.*

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