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## WESTMINSTER PRIVILEGES.

THINKING of the high and glorious position Westminster once occupied among English Public Schools, when royal patrons delighted to honour her, when she had no rival but one, and that one content to divide the honours of a dual supremacy, one is often tempted to regret the loss through lapse or abolition of the great body of privileges and prerogatives she then enjoyed. But if her endowments have been shorn and her rights curtailed, there is yet much left for gratitude and satisfaction. Westminster has still privileges of very real and peculiar value. Several at once occur to us. Perhaps none is so familiar from frequent exercise, and at the same time so highly appreciated, as the right of hearing debates in Parliament. Though much restricted as to time and attended by other drawbacks, this is a most important

privilege: few excite more general envy. At the present day we may wish it could stimulate more Westminsters to swell the diminished and dwindling roll of O.W. Members of Parliament.

*Semper ego auditor tantum numquamne reponam?* might well be in our mouths.

Another is the right of raising the first cheer at a Coronation: it is to be hoped this may be recognised when next such an occasion comes round; though we may say without disloyalty that it is one of the very few disadvantages of a long reign that a privilege so considerable runs a risk of falling into abeyance.

Of even greater importance is the right of the School attending at Coronations and similar ceremonials; this is a right which, after the presence of seventy Westminster boys at the Jubilee four years ago, can hardly be in future called in question.



Many others might be instanced, some of them curious and valuable; but the question of our rights and privileges naturally leads to the consideration of the unwritten Privilege which is above them all. The sacred and classic ground of the School, the presence of Abbey, the associations of Abbey,—these are the greatest of privileges. Other rights sink into insignificance compared with the right of using as our chapel the most storied and beautiful church in England. It is a commonplace, but it is quite true, to say that Old Westminsters who forget almost every other link that bound them to Westminster, and some who even hated their days here, remember with affection and pleasure the familiarity with Abbey which as Westminster boys they enjoyed. We must depend now more than ever on our connexion with Abbey to differentiate us from other schools and raise us above their level, and we are therefore bound to consider it as our chief and prime Privilege.

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## WESTMINSTER WORTHIES.

NO. 29.—GEORGE COLMAN THE YOUNGER.

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As Colman was seventeen when he came into residence at Oxford, and the college tutors of his day never gave any practical acknowledgment of owing a duty to their pupils, it was only to be expected that he would soon find himself involved in a scrape; and so he was, in a very serious one, though through no fault but foolish good-nature. A friend of his, whose name he very properly suppresses, found himself during a trip to London short of resources, and proceeded to raise money on accommodation bills. With the inconsiderateness of youth he sent down bills for £500, which Colman accepted 'as a matter of form,' but the money-lender with whom the business was done professed to detect some informality in the documents, and further bills to the same amount were drawn and accepted. The 'informal' bills were not returned; they were all put into circulation, and at the end of three months Colman and his friend were called upon to pay £1,000 for a transaction out of which Colman had never gained a halfpenny and his friend had probably never touched more than a hundred or a hundred and fifty pounds. Of course the two young undergraduates had no means of discharging such a liability, and consequently the bill-holders attempted to bully their relations. The elder Colman was not a man to be frightened; he was furiously angry with his son, but he offered the claimants nothing but 'a prosecution at Bow-street, if they persisted in their impudence.' The relatives of the other undergraduate were less firm, and they

eventually compromised the matter by a considerable payment.

Such being the chief incident of Colman's first year of residence at Oxford, it may be imagined that at the end of that period he did not stand particularly high in his father's favour, but he soon sank still deeper into disgrace. His familiarity with the stage had not bred in him any contempt for it; he loved no place so well as the green-room of the 'little theatre in the Haymarket,' where the elder Colman had succeeded Foote. To an occasional frolic with 'young Jack Bannister' the father might have offered no objection, but in the summer vacation of 1781 young George began to pay marked attentions to Miss Catherine Morris, one of the actresses; and like the squire's son in the old ballad, he was sent on his travels 'because he loved her so.' Christ Church was given up, as Oxford, even in those days of mail-coaches, was too near London; and young George was sent to complete his education and forget, if possible, his infatuation at the King's College, Aberdeen. The discomfort of his lodgings there made him often regret his 'eight-foot-square sanctum' in Peckwater; but he had the satisfaction of forming with two other Englishmen the fast set of the University, and earning from the sober townfolk the nickname of the Muckle De'il in consequence of his escapades. The discipline was as conspicuous by its absence at Aberdeen as at Oxford. One of the tutors, Dr. Dunbar, expressed a wish to see Colman at his mathematical lectures. Colman told him frankly that he could not endure mathematics. 'Hoot, hoot!' was the reply; 'gin ye come aince to my lecture ye'll find me mak' mathematics sae entertaining that ye'll nae be able to keep awa'.' But the lecturer either overestimated his own power of attraction or underrated Colman's capacity for self-denial. The latter soon formed a habit of absenting himself, and when mildly taxed with his desertion, he coolly accused Dr. Dunbar of not keeping his promise.

But his stay at Aberdeen was not unprofitable. The very dulness of the place drove him to study and at last to composition, even while his indignation at his banishment found periodical vent in dating his letters to his father with three notes of exclamation after the name of his place of study, 'Aberdeen!!!' He found he could string rhymes together, and so sat down to write a poem. Like Lord Byron he 'wanted a hero—no uncommon want,' but finally fixed on Charles James Fox. 'The Man of the People' produced quite a furore in Aberdeen when it was published, but its fame never extended beyond that town. About the same time he completed his first farce, 'The Female Dramatist,' which was produced by his father in August, 1782, and was 'uncommonly hissed in the course of the performance.'

In the next year he quitted Aberdeen for Montrose without any opposition from his tutor. At Montrose he completed his first comedy, 'Two to One,' but missing the advantages of the University Library he returned to Aberdeen, where he found new lodgings



in a haunted house, the property of a merchant captain whose carpenter had fallen overboard in the Baltic and been drowned. For reasons which it would puzzle the Psychical Society to discover, his spirit straightway migrated to his old captain's house, where it worked from midnight to dawn with an industry never exhibited during life and much gratuitous turmoil. Colman had the courage on one occasion to force his way into the garret which the ghost had chosen for his workshop; but though he distinctly heard the noise of hammering up to the moment of his entrance, he saw nothing.

The next year (1784) Colman returned to town, and on June 19 his comedy of 'Two to One' was performed at the Haymarket with much more success than it deserved. The young author gives a very humorous description of his own elation as he trudged about London for more than an hour, 'in defiance of dirt and drizzle' in hope of meeting some friend who would congratulate him on his success. His banishment to Aberdeen not having quenched his love for Miss Morris, he was sent abroad in the August of the same year; but the gaities of Paris were no more effectual than the dullness of Aberdeen had been; and scarcely had he returned to settle in his chambers at Lincoln's Inn as a law-student—for his father wished his son to follow the career which he had himself in youth deliberately rejected—before he started on a second trip to Scotland. This time his companion was Miss Morris, and his destination Gretna Green; but the marriage was kept secret for four years, when it was re-solemnised at Chelsea Church.

In 1785 the elder Colman was attacked with paralysis, and a second stroke four years later rendered him incapable of retaining the management of his theatre, which consequently passed into the hands of his son. The younger Colman had already established his reputation as a dramatic author. 'Two to One' had been followed by 'Turk and no Turk' in 1785, 'Inkle and Yarico' in 1787, and 'Ways and Means' in 1788. Looking back in after years on his experience of a profession which, as he used to say, 'makes a good walking-stick but a bad pair of crutches,' he remarks: 'Were it possible that I could in the days of my youth have possessed my present experience, my resolution then would have been never to write for the stage if by another pursuit I can obtain an honest gentleman's livelihood.' For 'it is not agreeable to reflect that a handful of blockheads may in half an hour consign, first to disgrace and then to oblivion, your toil of half a year. To say the best of it, a dramatist's is a devil of a life.' He wrote his plays chiefly late at night, and remarks that often when he had grown warm with his subject he found that his legs were as chilled as if he had been sitting up to the knees in ice. He differed very much from his father in his manner of composition. The elder Colman set to work methodically, sketching out a rough draft of his plot, dividing it into scenes, &c.; but his son having once fixed on the central idea for his drama wrote it

'straight through,' trusting to inspiration for the minor details of stage business as he went on.

His next plays were 'mixed dramas,' 'The Battle of Hexham,' produced in 1789, and 'The Surrender of Calais' in 1791. Two years later Kemble made a great hit with the part of Octavian in Colman's 'Mountaineers,' which induced him to arrange for the production of another of Colman's plays at 'Old Drury,' for we may remark that Colman, unlike his father, wrote but little for his own management, the Haymarket trusting chiefly to O'Keefe's pen. Accordingly, Colman dramatised Goodwin's 'Caleb Williams' under the title of 'The Iron Chest,' and this drama, which has recently been revived at the Lyceum, was produced in 1796. It failed completely; and there can be no doubt that Kemble's indifferent performance of the chief character, and the general slovenliness of the company at rehearsal, were more responsible for the result than any shortcomings of the piece. Not only was Colman's vanity deeply mortified, but his pocket was seriously affected, for he was to have received a large sum if the drama had proved successful; and when he published his play he prefixed to it a preface couched in the most caustic language: 'Mr. Kemble,' he said, 'is a paragon representative of the *lusus naturae*, and were Mr. Kemble sewed up in a skin to act a hog in a pantomime, he would act a hog with six legs better than a hog with four. . . . Had one of King Charles I.'s portraits walked from its frame upon the boards of the theatre, it could not have afforded a truer representation of ancient and melancholy dignity. The picture could scarcely have looked better, but in justice to the picture it must be added that the picture could scarcely have acted worse. . . . He was not only dull himself, but the cause of dullness in others: like the baleful upas of Java, his pestiferous influence infected all around him.' There can be no doubt that Kemble, who was suffering from indisposition (in both senses of the word), did little more than walk through his part; and the subsequent success of 'The Iron Chest,' with Elliston in the chief character, clearly proves that it might have been made a success on its first production, although it may not commend itself to modern audiences; but it is hard to justify the bitterness with which Colman wrote of Kemble, and the dramatist's biographer must regret that he took advantage of Kemble's absence on the Continent to publish his attack. If Kemble was originally in the wrong, he gained the 'vantage ground' in the dispute by his conduct when they met, for he confined his retort to a smiling shake of the head and the comment, 'Ah, George, you're a sad fellow.' The following year witnessed the publication of 'My Night-Gown and Slippers,' written in an elbow-chair by George Colman the younger, and containing a very happy parody of Bürger's 'Lenore,' which then was at the height of its popularity all over Europe. The same year marks a distinct advance in Colman's dramatic work, for that season he produced the 'Heir-at-Law.'

(To be continued.)



### School Notes.

As several Old Westminsters have expressed a wish to become life-subscribers to *The Elizabethan*, we beg to inform our readers that, by a new arrangement, a certain limited number of O.W.W. can become life subscribers on payment of four guineas.

We are sorry to have to announce that since our last number was published, the influenza has spread rapidly through the School. The Head-Master is just recovering from the effects of a severe attack. Up to the present the Cricket XI. have escaped, with the exception of Burton. We are glad to be able to say that it now appears to be dying out.

Orations were held up School on Friday, June 5. The piece set for recitation was Wordsworth's sonnet on Westminster Bridge. There were only five competitors, and of these Watherston was adjudged best, Martin second, and Eady third. Eady's recitation showed signs of careful preparation, and he ought to do well next year.

We have heard with great satisfaction that P. Williamson, who was captain of the School last year, has obtained a Scholarship at Christ Church, Oxford.

We beg to congratulate C. J. B. Hurst and G. W. Grant-Wilson on obtaining a high place in the second class of the Law Tripos.

Most O.W.W. are probably aware that the boards in the pavilion, recording the names of the different Cricket XI.s, do not begin until the year 1868. W. Winter, Esq., has kindly offered to present a board recording the names of the cricket team of 1861; and C. M. Barker, Esq., that of 1862. It is hoped that some of those who were in the XI. in the years 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, will come forward and complete the series. The names of the teams are recorded in the *Town Boy Ledger*.

We regret to have to inform our readers that it was found impossible to have the Concert on Friday, June 12, and that it has been put off indefinitely.

The following Forms are still left in for the Form Cup Ties: Sixth, Science Fifth, and Science Sixth; the latter Form has obtained a bye in the semi-final.

Last week a Junior House Match was played between Junior Grants and Junior Home-Boarders. Home-Boarders won by 70 runs. Grants made 44 and 53, and H.B.B. 88 and 79. For H.B.B., Milliken, Newman, and Bowman batted well in both innings, and Miller in the second. For Grants, Moon, Anthony, and Severn did good service with the bat, and Severn and Woodbridge with the ball. Miller and R. Campbell bowled well for H.B.B.

The Theses for the Hall Epigrams are—  
'Optat ephippia bos'  
and

οἱ πλείους κακοί.

### THE FIELDS.

#### WESTMINSTER v. M.C.C.

This match was played up Fields on Saturday, May 23, and ended in a victory for the School by 25 runs. The team deserves great credit for winning this match, as we have not beaten the M.C.C. since 1886. There had been a good deal of rain throughout the week, and the ground was very dead and sodden, so it was most fortunate for the School that Blaker won the toss, and determined to go in. Our opponents had much the worst of the wicket, as the sun came out and made the wicket very difficult for the batsmen. Blaker and Agar as usual went in first and scored pretty quickly, Blaker as usual hitting about almost from the first, while Agar contented himself with stopping the balls. With the score at 30 Blaker was, unluckily, caught in the slips off Fothergill, whose bowling was rather difficult to play with any safety. Shearme took Blaker's place, and for some time the scoring was very slow; at last, after getting 7, Shearme was bowled with the score at 42. Campbell was the next comer, and runs then came much quicker: he hit Hay twice for four, thus bringing on Paget, who was very deadly on this wicket. Campbell and Agar came out almost together with the score standing at 74 for 4 wickets. Agar's 12 consisted almost entirely of ones, and whilst obtaining them he batted most carefully. Campbell was caught and bowled by Paget off a very smart catch. Sherring then came in, and began by making several risky strokes, but he afterwards settled down and played very well. Berens, who was in with him, was bowled without scoring, and then the game was adjourned for lunch. On resuming, Fevez and Barwell joined Sherring in succession, but found Paget too deadly on that wicket. Powell succumbed to the same bowler after making 3. But on Burton joining Sherring a very useful stand was made, realising 24 runs.

Burton knocked off Paget by hitting him for 11 in one over; one of these hits went straight into a







the score was 87. Shearme then came in again, but after making 7 more runs was bowled. Barwell succeeded him, and got 7 before he left. Berens next joined Powell, but with the score at 122 was caught, and Burton came in; before Burton had been in long Powell was caught and bowled for a very useful innings of 25. Burton had no time to make any more runs, as Fitzmaurice got out almost immediately. The innings closed for a total of 128. Our score would have been considerably smaller had not a large number of catches been dropped by the visitors, including two easy ones in the long field. Viscount Lewisham and Bridgeman came in first to face the bowling of Powell and Berens. They both scored very fast, especially Bridgeman, and it was not till the score had reached 53 that Fitzmaurice bowled Lord Lewisham. Two overs later he dismissed Leese by means of a very doubtful catch at the wicket. Bridgeman was well caught by Guy shortly after, with the score at 71 for three wickets. Gore was caught and bowled by Fitzmaurice after making 5. The next comer was Lord Henry Scott, who made a great difference in the game, for he hit all the bowlers about freely. Hardinge was bowled by Fitzmaurice with the score at 89, and Foley succeeded him. He and Scott took the score gradually up to our total, and when we were equal Scott gave a difficult catch which Shearme missed, and four overs later stumps were drawn, their innings resulting in a total of 142 runs for five wickets. It must be admitted that our opponents had still several good men to bat. Fitzmaurice bowled very well throughout the innings, and got all the wickets at the comparatively small cost of 47 runs. This is not the first occasion on which he has proved himself a most useful bowler to the School. Scores :

## WESTMINSTER.

H. R. Blaker, b. Gore .....	0
C. T. Agar, b. Gore .....	5
G. E. Campbell, c. Lewisham, b. Foley .....	0
F. B. Sherring, c. and b. Lord H. Scott .....	25
J. S. Shearme, b. Lord H. Scott.....	17
A. F. Guy, c. Lacey, b. Lord H. Scott.....	21
J. O. Powell, c. and b. Gore .....	25
W. T. Barwell, c. Sutherland, b. Lord H. Scott	7
E. Berens, c. Hardinge, b. Lord H. Scott.....	5
E. G. Burton, not out .....	6
D. Fitzmaurice, b. Lord H. Scott .....	0
Byes 16, leg bye 1 .....	17

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## I ZINGARI.

Viscount Lewisham, b. Fitzmaurice.....	21
W. C. Bridgeman, c. Guy, b. Fitzmaurice.....	45
W. H. Leese, c. Sherring, b. Fitzmaurice.....	2
F. Gore, c. and b. Fitzmaurice .....	5
Lord H. Scott, not out .....	44
Hon. H. Hardinge, b. Fitzmaurice.....	2
H. Foley, not out .....	19
Extras .....	4
F. E. Lacey	} to bat.
Capt. Stephenson	
C. M. Mongomerie	
Capt. Sutherland	

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## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

## WESTMINSTER.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
F. Gore .....	14	4	24	3
H. Foley .....	9	3	17	1
F. E. Lacey .....	23	7	26	0
Lord H. Scott .....	23	5	44	6

## I ZINGARI.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
J. O. Powell .....	4	0	25	0
E. Berens .....	20	9	29	0
E. G. Burton .....	7	1	29	0
D. Fitzmaurice .....	17	2	47	5
J. S. Shearme.....	4	1	9	0

## WESTMINSTER v. LORDS &amp; COMMONS.

This match was played up Fields on Saturday, June 6, and resulted in a victory for our opponents by 72 runs. This defeat must be ascribed partly to bad fielding on the part of the School, and partly to our inability to play underhand bowling.

Our opponents won the toss, and Lord Lewisham and Mills went in first against the bowling of Berens and Fitzmaurice. Runs came steadily at first, and it was not till the score had reached 21 that Berens bowled Mills. Capt. Grice-Hutchinson joined Lord Lewisham, and between them they brought the score up to 56 before Lewisham was caught by Campbell off Shearme's bowling. It must be said, however, that Grice-Hutchinson was missed twice before he had made many runs. Grice-Hutchinson and Long were in when the game was adjourned for lunch. On resuming, Grice-Hutchinson was immediately bowled, and Lord Hawke took his place. After making several hard hits he was most fortunately bowled by Fitzmaurice off his pad. Lambert played very steadily and gave our bowlers a good deal of trouble, but Bromley-Davenport was bowled without scoring, the score standing at 126 for 7 wickets. Jarvis, the next man in, had some very narrow escapes, but managed to hit up 30 before Berens bowled him. Fothergill and Smith-Barry both raised the score gradually until the innings closed for a total of 188. There were many more byes and leg-byes than usual, and the fielding generally was by no means good.

Blaker and Agar went in first for the School; but bad luck seems to dog Blaker's footsteps this season, for after making 6 he was caught. Campbell was once more unfortunate in being thrown out before he had scored a run. A 'Rot' seemed to have set in in earnest when Sherring too put up a catch in attempting to hit one of Mills' underhands. (12 for 3 wickets.) Shearme and Agar, however, then made a useful stand, and the score had reached 35 before Agar was bowled by a shooter after a careful innings. Two overs later Shearme was bowled by a precisely similar ball for a useful but lucky innings of 23. (5 wickets for 42.) Guy was bowled at the same total, but Powell and Barwell raised the score to 60 before the latter was bowled for 9. Powell, who played with great confidence, scored rapidly, and



repeatedly got the underhand lobs away to leg. Fevez made 6 and was out when the score stood at 71; Berens' wicket falling at the same total. More remained in while Powell made runs, and himself managed to secure a 5, including a 3 overthrow. The last wicket proved most productive, Fitzmaurice and Powell adding 30 runs between them. Fitzmaurice's 16 was a most useful score, helping us to reach the coveted 100. Powell was not out with a score of 26, which he had obtained by very good cricket. The innings resulted in a total of 116.

Scores :

LORDS AND COMMONS.

Lord Lewisham, c. Campbell, b. Shearme.....	26
Hon. C. Mills, b. Berens .....	13
Capt. Grace-Hutchinson, b. Berens.....	28
W. H. Long, c. Guy, b. Shearme .....	3
Lord Hawke, b. Fitzmaurice .....	16
C. Lambert, c. Powell, b. Berens .....	19
W. Bromley-Davenport, b. Berens .....	0
Sir W. H. Walrond, c. Sherring, b. Fitzmaurice	6
A. W. Jarvis, b. Berens .....	30
A. H. Smith-Barry, b. Shearme .....	9
G. Baird, b. Fitzmaurice .....	5
Fothergill, not out.....	11
Byes 14, leg byes 8 .....	22

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

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H. R. Blaker, c. Lambert, b. Mills .....	6
C. T. Agar, b. Fothergill.....	6
G. E. S. Campbell, run out .....	0
F. B. Sherring, c. Jarvis, b. Mills .....	0
J. S. Shearme, b. Fothergill .....	23
A. W. F. Guy, b. Mills .....	2
J. O. T. Powell, not out .....	26
W. T. Barwell, b. Mills .....	9
M. E. Fevez, b. Fothergill .....	6
E. Berens, b. Fothergill .....	0
J. F. More, b. Fothergill .....	7
D. Fitzmaurice, b. Lambert.....	16
Byes 14, leg byes 1 .....	15

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

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LORDS AND COMMONS.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
E. Berens .....	33.4	17	40	5
D. Fitzmaurice .....	22	8	57	3
J. Powell.....	12	1	33	0
J. Shearme .....	16	4	33	3

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Fothergill .....	30	16	30	5
Hon. C. Mills.....	25	8	54	4
Lord Hawke .....	3	0	15	0
C. Lambert.....	1.2	0	2	1

WESTMINSTER v. FREE FORESTERS.

This match was played up Fields on Saturday, June 13, and resulted in a victory for the Free Foresters by 204 runs. That our opponents made a large score was not surprising, as they had a strong batting team, but nothing can excuse the total failure of the School in the batting line (for the wicket was perfect) and the disgraceful fielding of most of the Eleven.

Mr. Rutter was kind enough to give us the innings without tossing, and Blaker and Agar started batting

for the School on a hard and true wicket. Matters went well with us at first, for Blaker managed to get some good hits, but with the score at 21 he was caught at the wicket for 15. Campbell came in next, and he and Agar played very good cricket, and a considerable increase was made in the score. It had reached 56 before Campbell was bowled for a good score of 26, and shortly afterwards Agar was caught for a carefully played 15. After he had gone, a 'rot' set in, the remaining eight wickets falling for 61 runs; Guy and Powell were the only two who did anything worth mentioning. Powell had hard luck in being run out, as he was playing very well. Guy's 18 was a useful performance; it included two or three big hits, and helped to make the score look a little less desperate. The innings eventually closed for a total of 117.

Toynbee and Bovill went in first for our opponents, and gave the bowlers a good deal of trouble. With the score at 54 Bovill was bowled by Shearme. Gibbs, the next comer, was well caught by Berens before he had settled down. Thursby succeeded him, and commenced hitting the bowling about freely. He and Murdoch raised the score very quickly, the stand producing 80 runs. When the score stood at 170 Thursby was bowled for 48. Farmer then joined Murdoch, who was scoring fast in spite of numerous changes in the bowling. At last Murdoch was out leg before wicket to Blaker with a very good score of 83. Burton disposed of the last three wickets pretty quickly, and the innings closed for the large total of 322. The fielding was in most cases bad, and the whole team seemed slack; the byes especially were very numerous. Scores :

WESTMINSTER.

C. T. Agar, c. Rutter, b. Bovill .....	15
H. R. Blaker, c. Bovill, b. Mason .....	15
G. E. Campbell, b. Bovill .....	26
F. B. Sherring, st. Farmer, b. Gibbs.....	4
J. O. Powell, run out .....	11
J. S. Shearme, b. Bovill .....	0
A. W. Guy, c. Paget, b. Bovill .....	18
W. T. Barwell, c. Paget, b. Bovill.....	0
E. G. Burton, c. Turnbull, b. Bovill .....	5
D. Fitzmaurice, not out .....	5
M. E. Fevez, b. Mason .....	0
E. Berens, c. Rutter, b. Bovill .....	6
Byes.....	12

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FREE FORESTERS.

B. R. Toynbee, c. Fevez, b. Berens .....	19
W. D. Bovill, b. Shearme .....	28
J. A. Gibbs, c. Berens, b. Shearme .....	7
Rev. H. Thursby, c. Burton, b. Berens ...	48
R. M. Turnbull, b. Powell .....	16
E. Murdoch, l.b.w., b. Blaker .....	83
Lord H. Scott, b. Berens.....	2
C. E. Farmer, b. Burton .....	40
C. E. Mason, b. Burton .....	15
S. J. Wilson, c. Sherring, b. Berens .....	7
L. C. Paget, b. Burton.....	0
G. Rutter, not out.....	10
Byes 30, leg-byes 16, no-balls 1 .....	47

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BOWLING ANALYSIS.

WESTMINSTER.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
C. E. Mason .....	15	5	28	2
L. C. Paget .....	10	1	28	0
J. Gibbs .....	8	1	19	1
W. Bovill .....	16.3	6	21	7
Lord H. Scott.....	3	1	14	0

FREE FORESTERS.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
D. Fitzmaurice .....	9	1	40	0
E. Berens .....	21.2	8	50	4
J. Shearme .....	15	3	55	2
E. Burton .....	13	3	33	3
J. Powell.....	8	0	32	1
Agar .....	3	1	15	0
Campbell .....	4	0	22	0
Blaker .....	9	1	27	1

Campbell bowled one no-ball.

WESTMINSTER v. UPPER TOOTING.

This match was played up Fields on Wednesday, June 17, and resulted in a victory for the School by 117 runs. Our opponents brought against us a strong batting team, and it is all the more credit to the School to have done so well. The visitors won the toss and went in to bat on a hard and fast wicket. Street and Thorne went in first, but were both out when the score reached 20. Sandilands gave some trouble, and it was not till he and Veitch had raised the score to 68 that he was caught by Sherring for a useful 20. Veitch played extremely well for his 32, his cutting being especially remarkable. With the exception of Bonner and Strode, no one else gave any trouble to the School bowlers. Powell was by far the most successful bowler, obtaining five wickets for the small total of 9 runs. Berens, who was on during most of the innings, bowled extremely well, getting three wickets for 21 runs. The fielding of the team showed great improvement on the last match.

Powell and Agar started batting for the School and made a very satisfactory beginning; Agar, contrary to his usual custom, played with great freedom, and very quickly hit up 18. With the score at 31 he was caught and bowled, and two runs later Powell was bowled by a good ball of Street's for a useful 13. Campbell and Blaker were then associated, and made a most brilliant stand; when the score stood at 85 Campbell was bowled for an excellent innings of 24. Sherring then joined Blaker, and both batsmen made runs fast. Blaker had made 31, including some superb cuts, when he was out leg before wicket with the score at 105. Shearme then came in, and while he and Sherring were together we passed their total. Shearme was caught after making 11. (129 for 5 wickets.) Guy took his place, but got out after making 6. Berens and Burton both got a few, and then Barwell joined Sherring. Runs came very quickly, and a decided stand was made. Barwell had some luck in getting a good many full pitches to leg, which he punished severely. With the score at 194 he was caught for a well-hit 21, and Fitzmaurice, the last man, came in. The game now began to get very

exciting, as Sherring had made over 40 and it was close upon time. Just before 6.30 Sherring sent the 200 up and completed his 50 amid loud cheers. It was determined to finish out the innings, and Fitzmaurice stayed in while Sherring scored 19 more runs. When he had made 69 and the score stood at 235, Sherring was bowled after a most brilliant innings. He did not give a single chance, and made only one or two bad strokes. The innings thus closed for a total of 235. Scores :

UPPER TOOTING.

F. G. Thorne, b. Berens .....	5
F. Street, c. Berens, b. Burton .....	5
R. R. Sandilands, c. Sherring, b. Fitzmaurice ..	20
J. G. Veitch, l.b.w., b. Powell .....	32
J. D. Gifford, b. Berens .....	8
E. Strode, b. Powell.....	14
G. F. Bonner, b. Powell .....	12
P. C. Probyn, not out .....	4
W. H. Du Buisson, c. Burton, b. Powell .....	0
L. A. Fevez, c. Sherring, b. Powell .....	2
C. G. Patrick, b. Berens .....	1
Byes 13, leg byes 2 .....	15

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J. O. T. Powell, b. Street .....	13
C. T. Agar, c. and b. Gifford .....	18
G. E. Campbell, b. Strode .....	24
H. R. Blaker, l.b.w., b. Sandilands .....	31
F. B. Sherring, b. Gifford .....	69
J. S. Shearme, c. Strode, b. Street.....	11
A. W. Guy, b. Veitch .....	6
E. Berens, c. and b. Veitch .....	2
E. G. Burton, b. Veitch .....	6
W. T. Barwell, c. Patrick, b. Fevez .....	21
D. Fitzmaurice, not out .....	6
Byes 25, leg byes 3 .....	28

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BOWLING ANALYSIS.

UPPER TOOTING.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Berens .....	24.2	11	21	3
Burton .....	16	2	49	1
Shearme .....	3	0	13	0
Fitzmaurice .....	5	1	11	1
Powell .....	10	4	9	5

WESTMINSTER.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
E. Strode.....	10	3	31	1
F. Street.....	31	11	55	2
J. D. Gifford .....	12	1	35	2
G. Bonner .....	3	1	3	0
R. Sandilands.....	11	1	29	1
P. Probyn .....	3	0	9	0
J. G. Veitch .....	7	1	28	3
L. A. Fevez .....	3	1	17	1

THE SCHOOL MISSION.

THE Mission Committee held a meeting at School on Friday, May 22, which was largely attended by the School members, but no O.W.W. were present. Mr.



Churchman, the Superintendent of the Mission, made a long statement with regard to a new scheme proposed by himself. It will be remembered that at the last meeting of the Mission Committee it was decided that the age at which boys must leave the Mission was to be 18. Mr. Churchman informed the Committee that if this rule were strictly adhered to, the Mission would lose more than half its members, and these the best boys of the Mission, who joined it when originally started. To obviate this difficulty, he proposed that a guild should be started at the Mission, consisting of boys over 18 who had been members. These boys were to form themselves into a company, and set about teaching the younger boys, and in return for this they would receive on certain nights higher-class technical teaching from voluntary teachers, whose willingness to undertake this duty Mr. Churchman guaranteed. Thus their connexion with the Mission would be kept up at the most critical period in their lives, and they would not keep any smaller or more deserving boys from enjoying the benefits conferred by the Mission. They would be of great assistance to the superintendents in keeping order and would take some of the simpler work off their hands. They were to teach the younger boys games of various kinds, and to take part in all the entertainments given by the Mission, and to make use of the gymnasium and all the other means of recreation available at the Mission. He was able to say that the instructions of the Committee had been faithfully carried out, as 15 new members had been admitted during the past three weeks, all of whom were under 13. He said that the boys of the Mission were doing well in whatever work they took up. He gave a most satisfactory proof of this, by informing the Committee that 10 boys who were or had been members of the Mission were now employed by Messrs. Elliot and Rawson, electrical engineers, and had given every satisfaction. These boys would have probably been errand boys under ordinary circumstances, but owing to the useful teaching provided at the Mission had been able to obtain good situations. He then read a draft of some rules for the Mission Guild. It was decided to put off the consideration of the question of the Guild and the rules until the next meeting, at which several O.W.W. would be able to attend. The meeting then adjourned.

### Correspondence.

#### FROM OUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

*To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'*

DEAR SIR,—I am sorry to see my last letter went in too late for your April number.

Williamson has just got a Moderations scholarship open to House men, for which he has our best congratulations, which are due also to Wason, who has got the Duke Prize at the House for French.

The Eights were not very interesting this year, and the weather not very favourable. Cox was rowing for, and Buchanan

coxing Queen's, and Gates was stroking Corpus; but in spite of these advantages, both boats went down.

Our fourth Annual Dinner is to be on June 12, at which Sir Augustus Phillimore has kindly consented to preside. Hoping that it may be as successful as the last,

I remain, yours obediently,  
BOSPORUS.

Oxford: May 25.

#### FROM OUR CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT.

*To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'*

DEAR SIR,—I can only attribute the absence of Cambridge news in your last two numbers to the sad fact that all of us have been so busy with our various exams, that we have had no time left to record the various stages of melancholy which we have been passing through. Even now that most triposes are over, and festivities are supposed to prevail, I am afraid I can find little to say; but I must not forget to congratulate C. J. Hurst and G. W. Grant-Wilson on their very creditable places in the Second Class of the Law Tripos List.

We have held two meetings lately in Hurst's rooms, at which the attendance was not large, but at which lack of numbers was amply compensated for by an almost reckless gaiety and joyousness such as only those who were present can thoroughly appreciate. A. E. Balfour has come up again after his travels in Egypt, which deprived us of his presence all last term.

Trin. Coll. Cambridge:

June 4, 1891.

#### RACQUETS.

*To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'*

DEAR SIR,—I feel bound to answer 'Onlooker's' letter which appeared in your last number, implying that I cheated when umpiring in the final of the Racquet Ties last term.

I think the following scores speak for themselves:—Burton lost the first game by two points, and in the second and third games he won by eight and ten points respectively, completely outplaying his opponent at every point, and beating him most decisively.

As most people know, the duties of umpire in any game are about the most thankless possible, and he is almost sure to be found fault with by someone.

I can only flatly deny 'Onlooker's' statement, and would suggest that the next time he makes a false accusation against a member of the School he should sign his name to his letter. I have no doubt that an affair of this kind could be settled in a much more satisfactory manner if the persons concerned were acquainted with each other's names.

'Onlooker' suggests that a master should umpire on these occasions. I should think this would be found most necessary after 'Onlooker's' letter, for surely no one would care to run the risk of his claims of friendship being thought to prevail over his judgment as an impartial umpire.

'Onlooker' is kind enough to say that he does not mean to imply that I cheated purposely; but what is cheating when not done purposely?

I am, yours truly,  
G. CAMPBELL.

*To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'*

DEAR SIR,—I was very sorry to see such a letter as that written by 'Onlooker' in your paper for this month, saying that Campbell umpired unfairly in the final tie for the Racquet Cup between Fitzmaurice and myself at the end of last term. I feel confident that all the decisions he gave were given as he thought they should be, whatever may have been 'Onlooker's' opinion.

I do not think that it is necessary to say any more about this matter, but I hope that 'Onlooker' is by this time thoroughly ashamed of himself for bringing such an infamous charge against any member of Westminster School.

I am, Sir, yours truly,  
E. G. BURTON.



## GYMNASTICS.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I am glad to see that more interest seems to have been taken in the Gymnastic Competition this year than was the case a few years ago. But considering the enormous good that a boy must receive from going through a course of gymnastics, I think that they do not receive the attention to which they are entitled.

I maintain that every boy should be compelled to go through a course in the gymnasium, say, for two evenings a week during the two winter months in his first two years in the School. And under an efficient instructor, as I believe Sergeant Cancell to be, I see no reason why, in a year or two, we should not send representatives to Aldershot who would do the School credit in the Public Schools Competition.

I am, yours truly,  
C. H.

## THE FOOTBALL REPORT.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—*The Elizabethan* has recently issued its numbers with such bewildering rapidity that I am afraid my protest will arrive somewhat late; but to ease my conscience it must be made. Your leader on the past Football season has produced plenty of protests by its personal criticisms, but they, although possibly annoying to the players concerned, and certainly unfair to the one who worked hardest for the team, are comparatively unobjectionable. A more serious offence against good taste seems to have passed unnoticed. The assertion that we should have beaten Charterhouse on a fair ground ought not to have been made, even if it were not at variance with the facts—and few, if any, unprejudiced judges can doubt that if we were to play them half-a-dozen matches under any conditions of weather and ground which can be conceived, we should be extremely lucky if we only lost four. I should be the last to wish to disparage the extremely plucky fight which our eleven made at Godalming; but no one who saw that match or who compared the previous performances of the two teams, could very well endorse the remark of your critic.

Apologising for being compelled to traverse a statement which has received your 'imprimatur,'

I am, &c.,  
"Αγιον προτιμῶν κ. τ. λ.

## FIVES.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Fives has now become quite an institution at Westminster; but if anyone had prophesied its present popularity five years ago, he would have met with much the same confidence as the Trojans reposed in Cassandra.

Even as lately as two or three years ago a sarcastic remark in one of *The Elizabethan's* humble contemporaries caught our eye, that, what with 'cats and masters,' the Fives-courts were in a fair way to be a great success.

But this year Fives has surpassed itself; the School Ties have been largely patronised; at 8.30 A.M. small Q.SS. and smaller but quite as energetic H.BB., with an occasional Rigaudite, can be seen struggling with a ball that has seen the triumph or defeat of its owners a little too often for its own private welfare.

But even in this state of excellence some improvement might be made. Inter-house Fives matches might be established, and the four best in each house chosen to play. This, I think, would do more than anything else to increase the interest in Fives, and I hope the proper authorities will see to it next year.

I should also add that the Fives-playing world has been

blest by a new code of rules, which certainly are praiseworthy in their attempt to supply a want, but also seemed to afford considerable mystery to various small youths who studied that notice till wind and weather only left the nails by which it was supported.

G. B. C.

## SOSTRATA IN 1808.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—Will you allow me to correct a mistake which occurs, either in your reprint, or, more probably, in the original of the extract from the *Globe* of December 1808, given in your last number under the head of Notes and Queries?

The part of Sostrata was played in 1808 by my uncle, Alexander J. Mure, whose name is, or was recently, on the walls of the dormitory. The spelling of Oschinus shows that the *Globe* was not over careful in the matter of orthography, and the name of Mr. Mare is no doubt due to an error of its printer.

The prologue in that year bid farewell to the old scenes which had run for 50 years, and which were replaced in 1809 by new ones presented by Dr. Carey. The epilogue was a skit on the Four-in-hand Club, then just established, and contained four parts, which were represented by E. M. Salter (the captain), George Preston, Granville Vernon, and John Salter. Both prologue and epilogue are given in the 'Lusus Alteri Westmonasteriensis.'

I am, Sir, faithfully yours,  
June 1, 1891. R. J. MURE.

## ERRATA.

May No., page 282, column 1, first line.—For 'threats of brandings' read 'threats of handings.'

May No., page 283, column 2, 20 lines from bottom of page.—For 'poetical conjugation of τῶπτω' read 'practical conjugation of τῶπτω.'

## Our Contemporaries.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following contemporaries: *Penn Charter Magazine*, *Clarinian*, *Pauline*, *Wellingtonian* (2), *Meteor*, *Durham University Journal* (2), *Blue*, *Lancing College Magazine*, *Felstedian* (2), *Geelong Grammar School*, *Cheltonian*, *Carthusian*, *Wykehamist*, *Rossalian* (2), *University College School Magazine*, *Haileyburian*, *Ousel*, *King's College School Magazine*, *Marlburian*.

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