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AMBITION.

MOST men have at some period of their lives probably felt the promptings of strong ambition of one kind or another, and it is very common to say that such ambition would have borne fruit had he who felt it only had opportunity. Common as the saying is, we think it may be worth while examining it a little closely.

The usual objects of a man's ambition, whether lofty or the reverse, seem now-a-days pretty much the same as they have ever been, and can in fact be varied but slightly by the conditions of time and country. In most men, unhappily, ambition shows itself in the desire of wealth or social position, and though denounced by the moralist and sneered at by the satirist for ages, these are so far from losing their influence over the minds of men that a great statesman in addressing the boys of one of our public schools thinks the best advice he can give them is an earnest warning against worshipping the twin gods of gold and rank. We do not intend, however, discussing these as objects of life, important as they may seem to so many, partly because we do not consider them as

having any great bearing on our life here, and partly too because they form a subject on which it is scarcely our province to enlarge. We would rather consider the case of one who is actuated by "that last infirmity of noble minds" the desire of fame, the wish to be honourably distinguished above his fellows, to do great things, in one word, to make himself a name. Whether it be as statesman or lawyer, author or man of science, the motive is the same, and it is in this relation that the complaint of want of opportunity is so often heard. We are told over and over again that the world knows not her greatest men, that we have among us those who if only placed in a different sphere of life, in a different country or in a different age, would have made the world ring with their deeds, or would have left us the noblest legacies of thought. This is true, but it seems to us hardly so in the sense in which it is ordinarily used, which is that a man born with certain powers has had no chance of exerting those powers so as to make himself famous, that is, for his own aggrandizement. And yet we hear it said too that circumstances influence an ordinary man, but that a strong man will influence circumstances. And there can be but comparatively few

who setting out in life with sufficient talents and indomitable energy have failed to achieve fame owing to adverse fortune. To take some instances, we believe that in ancient times Pericles and Cæsar, and in later history Charlemagne, Edward I., and Cromwell were men inspired with great ambition and ambition of no ignoble type, but resting its claim to respect on the good it should accomplish for its own and future ages. The struggle against oligarchy, the attempt to build up a strong state out of discordant elements, the legislation which aims at the strict administration of justice among a growing people—these are among the noblest efforts of statesmanship. Such ambition may be observed too in other fields of labour than politics; Thucydides and Gibbon, Cicero and Macaulay, Virgil and Shakspeare are linked together by the desire of giving to the world something that might be prized in after-generations, something that the world would not willingly see obliterated, and however we may differ as to the respective merits of their works we can but admire the spirit which prompted their execution. It can hardly, we think, be doubted that opportunity had but little to do with the achievements of these men, and that any one of them would probably have been famous in however different a sphere he might have had to work. We have seen too that their deeds were such as to properly entitle them to fame; the question is, whether their glory is the highest that men are capable of attaining to, or are they surpassed even on their own chosen fields of action? The answer can hardly be doubted. Even their names are not those that will live longest in the memory of men. Great as were Cæsar and Charlemagne, were they as great as the Gracchi, as Alfred or St. Louis; is Edward I. the equal of William the Silent, or can any hero of ordinary history compare with Washington?

These men were great in the ordinary sense, for statesmanship found in them its highest expression as did literature in Milton, and yet there is a hard-and-fast line that separates them entirely from the former roll, one quality, which is their peculiar characteristic. This quality is their complete unselfishness and determined disregard of anything by which they themselves might be gainers, to such a degree, that in the case of one of them at least, it almost inflicted an injury on those for whom he was striving. We cannot say that Cæsar in the midst of his legislation had no thought for his own glory, we can say that William of Orange and George Washington in the middle of their struggles disregarded all that the world might say or think of them. And here it is that the question of opportunity starts up. Had Philip II. been an enlightened

and tolerant ruler, or the government of Lord North less obstinate, we might never have heard the names of the two men we have singled out as examples of true greatness. Perhaps so; perhaps Washington and the Dutch William might never have been famous, but they would not have been less great on the smaller stage on which their deeds would have been exhibited. And we may be pretty sure that they would have cared but little whether fame touched them or not; it was not the object for which they worked, it is not the object for which those who desire to imitate them work. The great motive that did actuate them was duty, and duty would have found a way of using their talents which would have made them great whether in a lofty or humble sphere, whether it made them famous or not was a minor question to which they paid no heed. It is thus, as it seems to us, that opportunity affects fame it cannot affect greatness, for it is almost a common-place that there is hardly any position of life, hardly any combination of circumstances in which great talents are utterly thrown away, and it depends on the spirit in which a man's talents are applied whether he will become great or simply famous. To sum up, then, this question of opportunity as we conceive of it, we believe, that—talents always presupposed—it depends chiefly on a man's energy whether he acquires fame or not, that the fame he can attain to by his own exertions may be of a noble kind, but that the very fact of his making it an object detracts to an appreciable degree from his title to true glory. That true glory is theirs who have during great opportunities applied their talents simply to the advantage of others, and whilst it is opportunity alone in such cases which will give fame, all men have the chance of being great in ordinary circumstances, the test of true greatness being found in the fact that it can afford to stand by itself and disregard what men may think of it.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

III.

HAVING in a former number briefly sketched the history of the Abbey, the cloisters now claim some share of our attention. Passing the quaint little noiseless cherub which keeps guard over the bust of Edward Tufnell, who, as the inscription informs us, restored the south cloister, we see the monument to Daniel Pulteney, with its long inscription and huge claws, as of some ancient dragon. Among other monuments and inscriptions, there is a tablet to the memory of James William Dodd, for thirty-four years a master in Westminster School, who died in 1818; another to the Rev. George Preston, under-master, who died in 1841; also the epitaph, lately noticed in *The*

Elizabethan, of Edward Webber, who was drowned in the Thames at the age of seventeen; and lastly, the Rev. E. Smedley, from 1774 to 1820 one of the masters of Westminster School: this, we think, completes the list of monuments in any way connected with the School. In the Chapter House close by, it is said, the Parliament used once on a time to meet, till growing too noisy and quarrelsome, they disturbed the monks at their devotions and were turned out to seek other quarters, for the Parliament was not of much consequence then; here also the business of the Abbey was conducted and the chapter sat. The rough stone wall with the blind arches opposite the Abbey, above the cloister, formed part of the old monastic buildings; the remains of the monks' dormitory form part of School, and their refectory is now College Hall. In cloisters the monks walked and wrote, and in the green in the centre they were buried, except the Abbots, who were for the most part buried beneath the pavement in the south cloister. The oldest portion of cloisters is the passage leading to Little Dean's Yard and Little Cloisters, which are remnants of the Confessor's Abbey, as is also the Pyx Chapel, of which we would now speak. The massive iron door which guards the entrance to the Pyx is only opened by the agency of seven huge keys, which are deposited with various officials, and are required only at the trial of the "pyx," which takes place at stated times in the year. The pyx, it may perhaps be as well to state, is a strong case opened with three keys, which are retained respectively by the Warden, Master, and Controller of the Mint; and in this case is placed a certain number of gold and silver coins, taken at random from all money coined during the year; these are examined by certain goldsmiths appointed for the purpose as a check on the operations of the Mint. When the king's palace stood at Westminster, the pyx was the royal treasure-house where not only money, but also tribute in kind, was stored up in safety; at least it has only once been robbed, and then in the reign of Edward I. It was on one of the doors of the chapter house that a fragment of the skin of a Dane was found preserved during the lapse of many centuries by being protected by the rim of a broad-headed nail used to fix the skin to the door. Its being found in such a position is accounted for by the fact, that where even the Saxons caught one of the Danes, who were great church and everything-else robbers, they nailed the skin on a church door, somewhat on the same principle, we suppose, that the game-keeper nails up the cats, hawks, and other vermin he catches, to the barn-door. There is, we believe, a crypt or underground passage running under nearly all cloisters and leading away towards the river; of this, however, we are not in a position to speak positively.

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School Notes.

WE are very pleased to see that the monument, at the corner of the cloisters near "Gym," to Daniel Pulteney, has been restored; perhaps we ought not to say

restored, inasmuch as it was not going to pieces or decaying, but was looking very dirty and dusty, and the epitaph was becoming very illegible. It was never in our opinion a handsome monument, though no doubt a costly one; and in the state we were accustomed to see it in last term, it might very properly be termed an eyesore. We are therefore very pleased to see that it has been thoroughly done up, and made to look very much nicer than we have ever seen it before. Might not the same steps be taken with several of the other cloister monuments and epitaphs, which are certainly, if not as large as the one in question, more handsome and interesting?

OWING to the Board and the Headmaster not being able to come to a suitable agreement, the Certificate Examinations will all take place at one time this year, and that time will be the 10th and following days of June. It was at first thought that the papers on the prepared work would be given at Whitsuntide, and the examination on unseen subjects would take place on our return after the Whitsuntide holidays; but inasmuch as so long a time would elapse between the two examinations, the Board have decided to give us all the papers at once; nor do we think this is a bad arrangement, although it will necessitate the sixth-form candidates for certificates having two papers on the prepared subjects. We may as well remind intending candidates that the authors to be prepared are Æschylus, Eumenides, Plato's Gorgias, and the Epistles and Ars Poetica of Horace, besides the usual Divinity, Grammar, and Mathematics.

WE have received several communications from different sources on the subject of Lawn Tennis. There appears to be a rather strong feeling in its favour among a nondescript set in the School, Fellows who care not for cricket or for Gymnasium, mostly boating Fellows who fancy that the reintroduction of Lawn Tennis up Fields would just fill up the gap which they feel in the middle of the day, and have not the will or the ability to occupy with Cricket, Racquets, or Gym: for our part we cannot understand how those who do not think that cricket sufficiently recompenses them for the trouble of going up Fields, should consider it worth their while to perform that same journey for the sake of Lawn Tennis. Lawn Tennis is essentially not adapted for a school game; it was started two years ago, and lingered on for a couple of seasons, but it was very seldom that the apparatus was brought into use; occasionally, say one night out of three, the net would be put up, and a game would go on for an hour or so; in the morning it was even less in requisition; as a rule the spot marked out for a Court was vacant, though at the time it was introduced there existed an even stronger feeling in its favour than there is now. Water Fellows say that they must keep in training, and they cannot do so as the case stands now; if they are really anxious to keep in training, we are sure that the three resources we have mentioned before would be quite sufficient for the purpose, without the addition of Lawn Tennis.

BESIDES the idea of starting Lawn Tennis there is a much more sensible scheme afloat, for reproducing Pole-jumping in green. Pole-jumping is undoubtedly a very graceful event for an athletic programme, and it would be a great cause for regret if it had to be dropped out of our card; but our show has been so very poor in this respect when compared with that of other schools, that evidently there is some cause at work which hinders Westminster from gaining any proficiency in this admirable branch of athletics; this cause, it must be plain to all, can be no other than the utter absence of all opportunity of training, we say utter absence, for the few weeks immediately preceding the athletics is virtually of no use whatever; Pole-jumping is an exercise which calls into play many muscles which are not used in the ordinary School routine, and the only way that these muscles can be kept in working order is by continued training; a few weeks will not suffice, months of practice are necessary to enable an athlete to attain any proficiency in this. Pole-jumping in green, not many years ago, was a part of the regular School games, we know not how it dropped out of use; all regret its loss, but none seem able to give any reasons for it, nor any reasons why it should not now be re-introduced. It lies entirely with the Fellows, we believe; green is at our service if we choose to make use of it; little, if any, apparatus is wanting, only a little energy is needed in those who would like to practise Pole-vaulting, to have this once more established as a regular Westminster amusement.

A GENEROUS old Westminster subscriber at the Bridge of Allan has kindly sent us the sum of one guinea for Mead and O. Bury, as a recompence for their unrewarded exertions on Shrove Tuesday. At the same time he gives us some useful ideas about the word "Greeze," referring us to Ash's Dictionary.

SOMEBODY signing himself O. W. sent us one of the most peculiar contributions, we should think, that ever

	£.	s.	d.
Sept. 29, Michaelmas Day, 1865,	24	3	11
Nov. 1, All Saints Day, 1866,	16	7	5
Oct. 18, St. Luke's Day, 1867,	16	2	6
Sept. 29, Michaelmas Day, 1868,	16	10	5
..... 1869,	13	13	7
..... 1870,	14	7	10
..... 1871,	19	14	9
Nov. 1, All Saints Day, 1872,	20	18	6
Oct. 18, St. Luke's Day, 1873,	19	15	7
Feb. 24, St. Matthias Day, 1874,	17	3	10
Sept. 29, Michaelmas Day, 1874,	18	2	1
Feb. 24, St. Matthias Day, 1875,	19	8	8
Sept. 29, Michaelmas Day, 1875,	16	3	6
Feb. 24, St. Matthias Day, 1876,	20	8	7
Oct. 18, St. Luke's Day, 1876,	15	2	1
Feb. 24, St. Matthias Day, 1877,	15	19	8

It would seem from the above Table that our Offertories have not varied very much from year to year since they were instituted. The two Half-yearly Collections, which from the year 1874 have been customary, have not been smaller than when the collection was only an annual one. The numbers, however, of the School have increased largely since 1865, without any corresponding increase, but rather a fall-

came under knowledge of man. He abuses the concert, he abuses the singers, and abuses College Hall. He kindly gives us his opinion how a concert programme should be composed; the promiscuous way he intermingles sacred and comic, bringing an Anthem directly after "Mother says I mustn't," is startling in the extreme. After that we think no more comment is needed. We know not whether it is meant for a joke, if so it is, in our opinion, about the most ragged and feeble pretender that ever put on the garb of a jest. Another letter too has been sent signed "*a Stumper*;" in this the punctuation is peculiar; the spelling, to say the least of it, is imbecile; "carn't" being a word of his own invention. Here and there we can get a faint glimmer of what *a Stumper* means, but an impenetrable air of mystery surrounds the greater part of his original production. He seems anxious to have some arrangements made in the small games up Fields by which each Fellow can have an equal allowance of batting, bowling and fielding; we do not see our way to such an arrangement even if we thought it was necessary.

J. A. TURNER has gained the second prize for Greek Prose; no first being awarded.

At Cambridge, H. L. Randall won the one-third of a mile handicap; and E. V. Arnold, Trinity, gained the first prize for Latin Declamation.

ON February 24th, St. Matthias Day, we had our usual School Offertory, for the present half-year, the object selected for aid being the National Society for the Education of the Poor. The collection amounted to 15*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.*, and as some dissatisfaction has been expressed at the smallness of our contributions, it may be of interest to set before our readers, as we have been kindly enabled to do, a statement of the various School collections that have been made since the year 1865, when such collections appear to have been first instituted. The collections were as follows:—

Bishop Cotton's Indian Middle Class School.
Westminster Spiritual Aid Fund.
Bishop Patteson's Melanesian Mission Schools.
Sick and Wounded in Franco-German War.
Bishop Milman's Indian Schools.
Reformatory and Refuge Union.
Bishop of Rupert's Land Missionary College.
National Society for Education of the Poor.
"Chichester" Training Ship.
St. Augustine's College, Oriental Fellowship Fund.
"Chichester" Training Ship.
Melanesian Mission Schools.
"Chichester" Training Ship.
Bishop Rupert's Land, St. John's College.
Bulgarian Sick and Suffering.
National Society for Education of the Poor.

ing off in smaller offerings. As a remedy for this it is suggested that perhaps the contributions of the School would be larger, if a wider notice were given beforehand (as, e. g. in our columns) whenever a collection is about to take place, so that offerings might be *laid by in store* for the purpose, instead of being, as now given, without any systematic remembrance of the duty of self-denial and of alms-giving.

THE results of the Challenges are as follows :—

Greek.

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| 1. | 2. |
| 1. Maconochie, A. F. | Maconochie. |
| 2. James, H. R. | James. |
| 3. Lewin, F. E. | Bere. |
| 4. Langhorne, J. | Lewin. |
| 5. Bere, S. | Langhorne. |
| 6. Hughes, H. | Hughes. |
| 7. Bedford, E. C. | Markham. |
| 8. Markham, C. S. | Bedford. |
| 9. Radcliffe, W. C. | Radcliffe. |

Latin.

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| 1. | 2. |
| 1. Lewin. | Lewin. |
| 2. Maconochie. | Maconochie. |
| 3. James. | James. |
| 4. Bere. | Bedford. |
| 5. Bedford. | Bere. |
| 6. Langhorne. | Markham. |
| 7. Hughes. | Langhorne. |
| 8. Markham. | Hughes. |
| 9. Radcliffe. | Radcliffe. |

INTERESTING RELIC.

WE have lately had sent to us by the kindness of Major Gresley a very interesting relic of days gone by, those days which we are accustomed to call the palmy days of the School. It is the original challenge sent us by Eton in the year 1820. As will be seen below, the conditions of the race are rather peculiar. The race was to be rowed anywhere between Datchet and Richmond, in order that neither crew might profit from their greater knowledge of their respective pieces of water. We make the following extract from the Water Ledger of the year 1820 :—

“The Westminster were this year challenged by the Etonians. The race was at length fixed from Westminster to Kew Bridge, against tide, the Etonians *refusing to row back*. The following are the names of the Westminster boat :—

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| W. Gresley | } K.S. |
| C. R. Pemberton | |
| R. Hussey | } T.B.'s, who were admitted as being at that time the three next best rowers. |
| E. Willis | |
| F. Grant | |
| H. Withy | |

“The match was put an end to by the positive orders of Dr. Page.”

The challenge was found among the papers of the Rev. W. Gresley who died some few months ago, and who would, have rowed in the race had it been rowed. We subjoin a copy of the challenge :—

Direct to H. Bulteel,
C. Yonge's, Esq., Eton Coll.

SIR,—We, the undersigned, having heard much of the Westminster *pulling*, and being ourselves desirous to put it to the test, trust there is no apology necessary for challenging any four Westminster gentlemen, provided both sides row in six-oared boats. The reason for making this request is, that there happens to be no regular built *four-oar* now at Eton. As we have heard that the Eton and Westminster vacations commence at the same time, we would wish the match to be rowed on Monday, the 27th of July. In order that neither side may have any advantage from better knowledge of their respective pieces of water, we would wish to row anywhere between Datchet Bridge and Richmond. We would wish to have an answer as soon as

possible, naming your place and the distance you would wish to row.

- H. BULTEEL.
R. C. H. TUCKFIELD.
J. WILSON.
J. HENNIKER.

Steerer, J. TUCKFIELD.

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Football.

WESTMINSTER v. UPTON PARK.

THIS match was played at Vincent Square on the 10th of February, and should have appeared in the March number of *The Elizabethan*. We are unable to give a long account of it as we have mislaid our notes, and in fact the whole account may be summed up in this short sentence; a most signal defeat for us by four goals to none. The second match of the season, and therefore we claim some excuse for our poor display.

Sides :—

Westminster.—W. C. Aston (capt.), A. F. M. Gamble, H. Abernethy, and R. Mead (backs), W. A. Cuppage, A. E. Black, J. A. Turner, H. C. Benbow, W. F. F. Williams, and W. R. E. Egerton (half-backs), C. Secretan (goals).

Upton Park.—T. Micklem (capt.), E. Beauchamp, (back), W. Bouch, H. Spreckley (half-backs), T. M. Day, S. R. Bastard, T. Spreckley, W. H. Roberts, F. G. Guy, F. Winterbotham, and F. Wilton (goals).

WESTMINSTER v. WANDERERS.

THIS match was played at Vincent Square on the 21st of February, and ended, after one of the hardest-fought matches of the season, in a victory for the Wanderers by one goal to none. It will be seen that the Wanderers brought up an averagely strong team, and we were deprived of the services of Benbow and Turner. The ball was set in motion soon after three by Kenrick for the Wanderers, who almost immediately brought it into our territory, where they kept it for the first ten minutes, but after a short time the game was carried on in neutral territory. Although Gamble and Black had made several good tries at the Wanderers' goal no result ensued, and at half-time the game was love all, Ryde having saved in very fine style some unpleasantly good shots at our goals. After half-time, though we had the wind in our favour, they pressed us for a short time, till we got together and then ran the ball down to the quarters, where we kept it till they got it back, and by some mismanagement on the part of our backs a goal was got by Kinnaird, though Ryde all but saved it. After this Aston tried hard to make the match a draw, and though ably backed up by all his side, his efforts were unavailing, and another defeat for us by 1—0 had to be chronicled. Hubert Heron and Kenrick were always to the front for the Wanderers, while Aston and Black played admirably, for us of the forwards, and Mead, Abernethy, and Egerton all kicked with precision. Sides :—

Westminster.—W. C. Aston (capt.), A. F. M. Gamble, H. Abernethy, R. Mead (backs), W. A. Cuppage, A. E. Black, C. B. Ryde, (goals), H. P. Robinson, H. Westmoreland, C. Secretan, W. R. G. Egerton (half-backs).

Wanderers.—A. Kinnaird, C. Kenrick, C. Sparkes,

H. Heron, E. Field, F. Maddison, M. Betts, H. S. Jackson (goals), C. Stafford, C. J. Chenery, and another.

WESTMINSTER *v.* HERTFORDSHIRE RANGERS.

THIS match was played on Saturday, the 24th, and ended in the sixth consecutive defeat for us this term. Benbow was still unable to play for us, the results of his hack received in the Civil Service match proving more serious than at first anticipated; Turner also was unable to lend his valuable aid. We may here remark on the in and out playing of our Eleven this term: against a much stronger team of Wanderers on the previous Wednesday we suffered a one goal defeat, while we allow the Rangers to beat us 3—0. On Public form—by which I mean the fact that we had tied them last term—we ought to have either beaten them or at least only allowed them to make it a draw; but instead of that we allow them to score three goals and don't get one ourselves; nor is it easy to discover the reason. It may be the temperature, or it may be laziness; but whatever it is, we must say we hope the play of the Eleven will be more consistent for the future. We can say no more about the match itself; we are sorry to have to record the defeat, but what can't be cured must be endured, and we must therefore put up with the mortification of knowing that it is now out of our power to avenge the result of last term's match. Sides:—

Westminster.—W. C. Aston (capt.), H. Abernethy, (back), W. A. Cuppage, R. Mead (back), A. E. Black, H. Westmoreland, W. R. G. Egerton (half-back), J. Abernethy, C. B. Ryde, H. P. Robinson, T. Secretan (half-back).

Hertfordshire Rangers.—R. Barker (capt.), Edgar Field, J. F. Smith, W. J. Jervis, S. T. Holland, W. L. Bicknell, G. Pratt, J. Shute, W. F. Richmond, F. J. Sparkes, E. Humbert.

WESTMINSTER *v.* GITANOS.

THIS was a well-contested game, ending in a victory for the Gitanos by 3—2, played on Wednesday, the 28th of February. Benbow was still unable to play for us, and to that partly we may perhaps attribute our defeat; though no doubt the goal-keeper was somewhat to blame; only one goal was got before half-time by the Gitanos, which ought to have been stopped, but during the first ten minutes of the last half of the game they pursued us and got two more. After that, however, we never left their territory, and two goals were got for us by Aston and Cuppage; the former out of a scrimmage before goals, the latter by a good run, half way down the ground; where all played so well, it is hard for us to make individual mention, but we feel we ought to say that Aston and Cuppage played in excellent form, and that the backs were invincible, while the half-backs, Egerton and Williams, proved very useful. We played twelve a side, which was only agreed to at the very last moment, and was in our opinion very detrimental policy. Sides:—

Westminster.—W. C. Aston (capt.), A. F. M. Gamble, H. Abernethy, W. A. Cuppage, R. Mead (back), A. E. Black, J. A. Turner, C. B. Ryde, T. F. F. Williams, W. R. G. Egerton, H. Westmoreland, C. Secretan.

Gitanos.—Pratt Barlow (capt. and half-back), A. A. Hadow, M. P. Betts, J. Kenrick, A. F. Kinnaird, C. W. Daly, J. H. Stronge, R. Hart Dyke, R. Philpot, (goals), W. A. Baillie Hamilton, S. H. Goodhart, R. Sedgwick.

WESTMINSTER *v.* OLD HARROVIANS.

THIS match came off on Saturday, the 3rd of March, at Vincent Square, and after a really well-fought game was lost by one goal to none; the only goal of the match was got by the Harrovians soon after the game began, and was in our opinion a somewhat fluke one. We played up in our very best form, and made a very good fight for it, but through the superior weight of our opponents, and our marked inability to shoot at goals, we were unable to make it a draw. It is a remarkable fact that not one of the present Eleven has any idea of shooting at goals. Some very good runs and scrimmages were made, but no goals were got by us, and this should teach our men to practise that branch of Football more than they do. For Old Harrovians, A. A. Hadow played in a very unsatisfactory manner, standing so near our backs that had he not been conspicuous by his 'Gitano' shirt, he might easily have been taken for one of our side. None of their forwards were of much use, but their backs were invaluable; while for us, Aston, Black, Cuppage, and Westmoreland all played up admirably, Cuppage's dribbling being superb. The backs too and half-backs were of very great service, Williams making some very plucky charges, which in more than one instance proved successful. Sides:—

Westminster.—W. C. Aston (capt.), A. T. M. Gamble, H. Abernethy (backs), W. A. Cuppage, R. Mead (backs), A. E. Black, J. A. Turner, W. R. G. Egerton, T. F. F. Williams (half-backs), C. B. Ryde, (goals), H. Westmoreland.

Old Harrovians.—R. de C. Welch (capt.), G. Macan (back), M. P. Betts, E. S. Gibney, A. A. Hadow, L. W. R. Carnac, C. J. Longman, W. B. Paton, C. C. Bowlby, W. H. Hadow, A. J. Webb.

WESTMINSTER *v.* CIVIL SERVICE.

THIS match, nominally against Civil Service, but in reality against an 'Amalgamation' team, was played at Vincent Square on Thursday, the 15th of March. The ball was kicked off soon after three by the Civil Servants, and was kept for the first ten minutes almost in the centre of the ground, though a trifle nearer our goals than theirs; we had just settled down, when a plainly audible hack at the hands, or rather the feet of C. J. Fox—who played all through the game in his usual reckless and brutal manner—compelled Benbow to retire into goals at half-time, though he played up most pluckily till then; and at this period of the game the Servants had been shooting at our goal for some time in vain, till their efforts at last were crowned with success, a goal being got from a free kick, which they obtained on a call of hands in front of our goals. This was almost instantly followed up by another goal after we had kicked off. Now at last our men, who had been playing rather despondently, roused themselves, and Aston backed up by Cuppage and Black, threatened our enemies' goals, without however any definite success being gained, and at call of half-

time the game was 2—0. The last half of the game we might describe as being a fac-simile of the first, and when time was called two more goals had been got by our enemies, though Gamble and Cuppage had each made some capital shots, in each case the ball either grazing the tape or posts. We agreed to play for another quarter of an hour, in which we had certainly the best of it, though the result was a goal for each side, Aston scoring our only one by a splendid run the whole length of the ground, and thus, at the conclusion of the match, we had to own ourselves defeated by 5—1. Of the winning side Kenrick played best of the forwards, while Rawson and White proved very useful to their side by always being as near offside as possible. Fox, too, of the backs kicked with his accustomed brilliancy and hacked with his usual barbarity. Of our men, Aston and Cuppage and Turner were indefatigable, among the forwards, and Abernethy was as usual all there. Sides:—

Westminster.—W. C. Aston (capt.), A. F. M. Gamble, H. Abernethy (back), W. A. Cuppage, A. E. Black, J. A. Turner, J. Fox (half-back), H. C. Benbow, A. M. Hemsley (half-back), C. Secretan (back), C. B. Ryde (goals).

Civil Service.—A. Kinnaird, W. H. White, C. Kenrick, F. L. Rawson, C. J. Fox, J. Maynard, L. Heygate, J. Kirkpatrick.

SOUTH NORWOOD.

ON Saturday, the 10th March, we played our last foreign match of the season with South Norwood. The visitors being two short we gave them two substitutes, Westmoreland and Secretan, but on the arrival of one of the missing men the former retired. Westminster won the toss, and chose the Hospital Goal towards which a moderate wind was blowing. For a short time neither side seemed to obtain any advantage owing to the good play of the backs of both sides, but Turner and Aston making a run down to the Norwood Goal the latter took a fine shot, which the goal-keeper smartly returned only to be sent through eventually by Ryde, who took it full volley. Nothing worth notice occurred until half-time, except the runs made by Wilson for Norwood. Immediately after half-time, however, Westminster carried the ball to their opponents' goal, at which they had some unsuccessful shots; Aston at last seeing a space, put the ball well through amid the cheers of the "unwashed" outside the railings. Norwood now made a dash out, and the ball was once uncomfortably near the Westminster goal, but it was well got away by Black. Aston then got another goal for Westminster from a corner kick, which was splendidly placed by Abernethy. Ryde and Turner each had shots before time was called, but without success. For the Visitors, Wilson and Gray, forwards, and Leeds, back, played well; while for the School, Aston and Cuppage, forwards, and Abernethy and Mead, backs, were most conspicuous. The sides were:—

Westminster.—W. C. Aston (capt.), A. F. M. Gamble, H. W. Abernethy (back), W. A. Cuppage, R. Mead (back), A. E. Black, (goals), J. A. Turner, H. C. Benbow, C. B. Ryde, T. F. F. Williams, W. R. G. Egerton (half-backs).

South Norwood.—W. H. White (capt.), C. F. Leeds (back), C. W. Haig-Brown, C. Secretan (half-backs), C. Wilson, H. W. Wilson, H. B. Gray, A. F. Stevens, F. White (goals), H. C. Frere, D. Rennoldson.

TOWN BOYS v. QUEEN'S SCHOLARS.

ON Wednesday, March 14th, this match as usual finished our football season. The Q.S.S. had nine "shirts," and were consequently expected to obtain an easy victory. At a quarter past three, Aston, who had lost the toss, kicked off from the Hospital Goal, and for a short time the ball was kept well in the middle of the ground, both sides making very determined runs, which were always stopped by the backs. Aston, backed up by Turner, now took the ball right up to the Town Boys' goal, and after some scrimmaging it was put through by Cuppage. After being kicked off again, the Town Boys, making a rush together, took it down to the Q.S.S. lines, but it was immediately returned to the other end, and there, in spite of the untiring efforts of J. Abernethy and Westmorland, it remained some time, until it was eventually put through a second time by Cuppage. Nothing of interest occurred till half-time, except the well-sustained moves of the Q.S.S. into the territory of the T.B.B., which were always well returned by Abernethy, Rogers, and Patrick. At half-time the wind, which had been blowing before moderately in favour of the Q.S.S., rose considerably and tended to diminish the accuracy of the kicking of the backs. In spite of this, however, the T.B.B., who were playing a losing game very pluckily, were completely penned, and several ineffectual shots were made at their goal. Once or twice they made efforts to free themselves, but always without success. They were thus beaten after a good fight by two goals to none. There is not the least doubt that the Queen Scholar team was far superior to that of the T.B.B., as indeed it ought to have been, and also that they were very unlucky, for they were unable to get a single goal after half-time, though they were within twenty yards of their adversaries' goal for the last twenty minutes, and made several shots, not one of which was successful. The Town Boys played most pluckily, and in the players of the losing team we no doubt have some future members of the Eleven. For the Town Boys, J. Abernethy, Patrick, and Westmorland were most energetic, and H. Abernethy was excellent as usual. For the Q.S.S. Aston, Cuppage, and Turner were in very good form, playing well, and backing up hard. The backs too were very accurate. Sides:—

Q.S.S.—W. C. Aston (capt.), W. A. Cuppage, R. Mead (back), A. E. Black, J. A. Turner, H. C. Benbow, C. B. Ryde (goals), T. F. F. Williams, W. R. G. Egerton (half-backs), A. R. Smith (back), H. P. Robinson.

T.B.B.—A. F. M. Gamble (capt.), H. Abernethy (back), J. Abernethy, H. Westmorland, D. Patrick, G. Stephenson, F. L. Learmonth, W. Ritchie, O. Bury, B. M. Rogers, C. Secretan (half-backs).

ELEVEN AND TWENTY-TWO.

THIS match was played for the second time this season on March 7th, and again resulted in a victory

for the Eleven by two goals to none. The ground and weather were both unfavourable for football, but notwithstanding, the game was spirited throughout. For some time the Twenty-two repelled all attacks made by the Eleven, and succeeded in penning them in before their goals, but the superior training of the latter soon became manifest, and the game was evenly contested until just before half-time, when Aston made a fine run, being well backed up in the centre, and succeeded in securing the first goal for the Eleven. After half-time the Eleven, who were now playing from the Hospital Goals, got decidedly the best of the game, but Smith was equal to the occasion, and by some brilliant back play kept the ball well away from the goals of the Twenty-two, but just before time was called Aston again sent it between the posts. For the Eleven Aston and Cuppage, forward, and Abernethy, back, played best; while for the Twenty-two, Ritchie, Westmorland, and Patrick forward, and Smith, back, were most prominent. Sides:—

Eleven.—W. C. Aston (capt.), A. F. M. Gamble, H. W. Abernethy (backs), W. A. Cuppage, R. Mead (backs), A. E. Black, J. A. Turner, H. C. Benbow, C. B. Ryde (goals), T. F. F. Williams, W. R. G. Egerton, (half-backs).

Twenty-two.—A. R. Smith (capt. and half-back), Robinson, Eddis, Guest, Rogers (back), Patrick, Westmorland, Ritchie, Bulkley, Stephenson, Mirehouse, Rumball, Sandwith, Owen, Learmonth, Pole, Cobby, De Sausmarez, Sykes, Whitehead, Clarke (back), Bury.

LAMPROBATICS.

THIS match was played on Thursday, the 15th of March, and resulted in a victory for the Under Elections, by one goal to none. The ball was kicked off by Abernethy at about half-past twelve, the Town-boys playing with the wind. For the first half time the ball was kept very much in the middle, Cuppage making many good shots at goals; which were, however, nearly all frustrated by the good play of Abernethy, two or three being stopped by Stephenson in goals. Westmorland and Ritchie then made repeated efforts, but did not succeed in getting past the backs; just before half-time the ball was very nearly put through by Benbow. After half-time the Under Elections kept the Town-boys pretty well penned in front of their goals. Soon after Eddis and Rumball had shots from a scrimmage, in front of goals; both, however, ineffectual. Westmorland, who throughout played far the best of the Town-boys, then made two or three good runs down the side. About five minutes to time Cuppage suddenly sent Mead up, Eddis going back. The good effects of this were at once perceived, as Mead rushed straight through and kicked a goal for Under Elections, which brought forth loud cheers from the Q.S.S. Nothing more was done on either side, as time was called in about three minutes after; the Under Elections thus winning a well-fought game by one goal to none, and achieving a victory which has not been recorded for three years, when the Town-boys were beaten for the first time for many years. The Town-boys played very pluckily, being so much lighter than their opponents, Westmorland, Patrick,

and Learmonth being very useful forward, while without Abernethy's good back-play the defeat would have been much more severe; for the winners Cuppage dribbled in fine form, being well backed up by Sandwith and Eddis, Mead and Egerton playing very well back. The sides were, Under Elections, W. A. Cuppage (capt.), R. Mead (back), Benbow, Egerton, and Clarke (half-backs), Sandwith, Eddis, Owen, Guest, Rumball, Jones, (goals). Town-boys, H. Abernethy (back), Secretan and Rogers (half-backs), Westmorland, Patrick, Learmonth, Ritchie, Bury, Stephenson, Newman, and G. Stephenson (goals).

SIXTH v. SCHOOL.

THIS match was played a second time this year, to give the School an opportunity of showing how ridiculous the result of the former game was, which ended in a tie—one all. Somehow the School did not come out much more brilliantly this term. The School started with the wind, and kept the ball very fairly down at their opponents' goal; but nothing was scored before half-time, though Gamble made frequent efforts, some of which were very nearly crowned with success, and in one case he actually put the ball through, but just before his final shot he patted the ball with his hand, and so losing the goal which he well deserved. After half-time the Sixth at first had the best of it, and then Smith by a real shot from half-back scored the first goal for the Sixth; it now looked as if the School would be beaten, but Gamble and Cuppage began to play up hard, and before long Gamble bore the goal-keeper, ball and all, through the Sixth's goal-posts. His good example was very soon followed by Cuppage, who got a goal in very much the same style as Gamble. The Sixth towards the end were all to pieces, offering hardly any opposition to the good forward play of Gamble and Cuppage; though Aston and Black did all they could, while Williams and Smith played well behind. For the School, besides Gamble and Cuppage, Abernethy and Egerton played well back, as did also Mead. The sides were:—

Sixth.—W. C. Aston (capt.), A. E. Black, J. A. Turner, T. F. F. Williams and A. R. Smith (half-backs), H. P. Johnson (back), E. A. Bulkley, L. Renouf, R. S. Owen, and C. W. R. Tepper (goals).

School.—A. F. M. Gamble (capt.), W. A. Cuppage, H. Abernethy and A. Mead (backs), W. R. G. Egerton (half-back), H. Westmorland, B. M. Rogers (half-back), D. Patrick, O. Bury, Ritchie, F. Learmonth.

JUNIORS v. GRANTS.

THIS year the Juniors (a very large election) thought themselves strong enough to challenge Grants, who had just been beaten by Home-boarders, in the first tie for the Challenge Shield. A very good game in Green on Monday, March 19th, which ended in a draw, was the result. Unfortunately the Juniors were deprived of the services of H. C. Benbow, their captain, and R. S. Owen, or doubtless they would have won easily. For the first part of the game, notwithstanding the good back-play of Whitehead, the Juniors were somewhat pressed, Westmorland making a very fine side shot at their goal, which was well got away by Tepper.

Shortly after this Sandwith passed all the opposing backs, but his shot was stopped by the goal-keeper; almost immediately a united rush carried the ball up to the Juniors' goal through which it was put by Patrick, off a free kick for "hands."

After change of ends the Juniors played much better together, and Dale, getting hold of the ball, ran it up the side, and kicked a goal. Nothing of importance occurred after, save a disallowed goal, which Rumball dribbled up, and Sandwith put through the posts. Rumball was off-side when he first touched the ball. Thus the game ended in a draw, 1—all. For the Juniors, Rumball, Sandwith, and Dale among the forwards, and Whitehead (back), played well and hard. Sandwith especially having many shots.

For Grants, Westmorland, Patrick, and Clarke in goals were most conspicuous. The sides were:—

Juniors.—J. D. Rumball (capt.), A. C. Whitehead (back), W. F. G. Sandwith, G. Dale, C. W. Tepper (goals), H. W. De Sausmarez, and H. S. Jones (half-backs), S. H. Godfrey, T. Jermyn, A. A. Sikes, G. H. Reece.

Grants.—H. Westmorland (capt.), D. Patrick, Batley, F. G. Clarke, Campbell, Burrigge, Newington, C. Soames (back), Langhorne, De'Ath, E. Soames.

GRANTS v. HOME-BOARDERS.

This match, the first one for the Challenge Shield, was played in Green, on Friday, March 9. The game was very slow on both sides, and needs little description. Grants' back-play was very weak, while it was Home-boarders strong point; Secretan and Ritchie both playing remarkably well. For the first few minutes the game was carried on well in the middle, Secretan repulsing all attacks, and making some very good shots at goal. About this time Clarke handed the ball just before Home-boarder's goal. At length the ball was put through Grants' goal by J. C. Frere, from a loose scrimmage in front. After this reverse Grants played up hard, but were unable to score, though they had some very near tries.

For Grants, Westmoreland, both as forward and back, played splendidly, being always on the ball. It is a pity he was not backed up better by the rest of his team, or doubtless the result would have been very different. Patrick and Batley also played well in their respective spheres. For Home-boarders, Secretan, Ritchie, and Frere perhaps did most. Sides:—

Grants.—W. Westmoreland (capt.), D. Patrick, and Soames, Langhorne, Newington, R. Batley (half-back), Clarke, Burrigge.

Home-boarders.—C. Secretan (capt.), W. Ritchie, J. Troutbeck, E. C. and J. C. Frere, Sandwith, Radcliffe, Sandwith, E. P. Caiger, Battersby, Ingram.

RIGAUDS v. HOME-BOARDERS.

Since the Home boarders had beaten Grants they now had to play the final game for the shield with Rigauds. This game was played in Green, on Wednesday, March 21st; Rigauds started favourites, and fully justified the estimation in which they were held. The ball had hardly been kicked off five minutes before Gamble made a good run up, and scored the first goal for Rigauds. Soon after this German kicked

a second from a sort of loose scrimmage in front of goals, and then, within a few minutes, Gamble kicked the third. After this goals were added to the Rigaud score, about one every ten minutes, so that at half-time the game stood, Rigauds 6, Home-boarders 0. The last half differed but slightly from the first; the Rigaudites now getting five more goals, so that when time was called the Rigauds had won 11—0; they played up hard for the last ten minutes, but could not score the dozen. Thus Rigauds have won the shield the two first years since it was started. For the winners, Gamble and Learmonth played well up, and Abernethy and Rogers, backs; and for the losers, Secretan was useful back, and Battersby and Ingram forward. The sides were as follows:—

Rigauds.—A. F. M. Gamble (capt.), H. Abernethy (back), J. Abernethy, B. M. Rogers (half-back), Learmonth, Petrocochino, German, Mirehouse, Stephenson, Bury, Robson (goals).

Home-boarders.—Secretan (back), Caiger (half-back), Ritchie, Sandwith, E. P. Sandwith, Battersby, Ingram, McLaren, E. C. Frere, J. C. Frere.

The Eleven is now full, and stands as follows:—

W. C. Aston (capt.)	J. A. Turner.
A. F. M. Gamble.	H. C. Benbow.
H. Abernethy (back).	C. B. Ryde (goals).
W. A. Cuppage.	T. F. F. Williams (half-back).
R. Mead (back).	W. R. G. Egerton (half-back).
A. E. Black.	

RACQUETS.

THE drawing for the two Racquets has taken place, there being only eight competitors in for the wooden, who have been drawn as follows:—

W. C. Aston v. T. F. F. Williams.
 A. E. Black v. H. Robson.
 H. P. Robinson v. B. M. H. Rogers.
 W. R. Beverley v. P. V. Wilks.
 A. B. Boyd—a bye.

The entry for the wire is not much larger, being thus:—

J. A. Turner v. H. Westmoreland.
 C. B. Ryde v. G. Dale.
 A. E. Black v. W. R. Beverley.
 E. W. Pole v. D. Patrick.
 R. Batley v. R. Forrest.
 W. A. Burrigge—a bye.

The first ties will be played without delay.

Obituary.

AMONG the old Westminsters who have died since our last number appeared, the following may be noticed:—

1. The Rev. John Salter, Rector of the Christ Church living of Iron Acton, Gloucestershire, and Honorary Canon of Bristol. Mr. Salter was elected to Christ Church, Oxford, so far back as 1810, and so belonged to a generation of old Westminsters, who are, as we cannot fail to notice, fast passing away; the present Precentor of St. Paul's, the Rev. Charles

Almeric Belli (who was appointed to his office in 1819), being one of the few survivors of the same year. Both Mr. Salter's father, and also his two brothers were King's Scholars.

2. Lord George Gordon Lennox, brother of the present Duke of Richmond and Gordon. Formerly M.P. for Lymington. The family of the Lennoxes were once a familiar name in the School, as representing the Conservative side in politics, in contradistinction to the Russells and the Grosvenors, who represented the other side. The present Duke of Richmond and Gordon is an old Westminster, and a Busby Trustee, but has seldom appeared among us for many years past.

3. Hon. W. F. Byng, who died suddenly in London, within the last month.

4. W. H. Hyett, Esq., of Painswick House, Gloucestershire, formerly M.P. for Stroud. As Mr. Hyett was in his 85th year, he adds another name to those of the older generation, who have recently died. Mr. Hyett was educated as a T. B., and was known at Westminster as W. H. Adams, being the son of the Rev. H. Cay Adams, of Shrewsbury. He assumed the name of "Hyett" in the year 1813, on succeeding to the Painswick estate, by the will of the former owner, Benjamin Hyett, Esq. It is recorded of Mr. Hyett that in one of his travels abroad, after leaving Ch. Ch. Oxon, he accomplished the famous feat of swimming across the Hellespont, in an hour and fifty minutes, on Leander's course, from Sestos to Abydos, which was a more difficult course than that taken by Lord Byron. Mr. Hyett soon gave up his career in Parliament, and appears to have devoted his long life to public business in his own neighbourhood and county. His accomplishments as a scholar, a linguist, and a man of science, though known only within a comparatively small compass of friends, were of no mean order. As a country gentleman he appears to have been most popular, as was shown in his election to Parliament in the year 1832, when he is said to have received the votes of 151 out of a total of 152 electors, who lived in the Painswick district. His efforts also in the work of spreading education among the poor of his neighbourhood were attended with remarkable success.

If it is allowable, in the case of one of such varied attainments, to recall an old pun, which Mr. Hyett's old schoolfellows are said to have sometimes perpetrated upon his name, his loss must be to his friends and neighbours in Gloucestershire—"Hiatus valde deflendus,"—or as our Kennedy's Grammar would say, "Multis ille bonis flebilis occidit."

FROM OUR CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT.

CAMBRIDGE, FEBRUARY 10.

We have been unusually lively up here this last week, two events of no slight importance having taken place, the conferring of the degree of Doctor of Music on Professor Joachim, and the usual Lent boat-races. On Thursday, the 8th, the Senate House was crowded to witness Professor Joachim's initiation, and the celebrated musician was greeted with enthusiastic and repeated cheers. He was introduced by the newly-elected Public Orator, Mr. Sandys, in an elegant

Latin speech, with the correct proportion of Greek quotations and Latin verses in it. The only foreigner who has before received this degree was Haydn, but it had been proposed to confer the same honour on Herr Brahms, who was, however, unable to come over to England. In the evening the University Musical Society gave a special concert, with a picked orchestra. The programme consisted of Sterndale Bennett's overture, "The Wood Nymphs," a concerto for violin and orchestra by Beethoven (Op. 61); Brahms' "Schicksalslied," or "Song of Destiny," for chorus and orchestra; a violin solo from Bach, an "Elegiac Overture in commemoration of Kleist," composed expressly for the occasion by Professor Joachim, and Brahms' Symphony in C minor, now performed for the first time in England. The Guildhall was full, and Professor Joachim most warmly welcomed: it is needless to say that both his performances on the violin and his new orchestral composition, supplemented as they were from the works of Brahms and others, provided a rare musical treat for those who were fortunate enough to be within the Hall.

The Lent races have been continued during the last four days. The vacant places at the bottom of the river, caused by the disappearance of 2nd Trinity and St. John's boat clubs, were taken by a fourth boat from Caius, and a third from Jesus. The races were unusually good, and the number of bumps made large. The most successful clubs were 1st and 3rd Trinity, Caius, and Corpus. First Trinity lost two places with its 4th boat, the highest rowing this term, but its 5th and 6th boats went up regularly. Third Trinity 2nd gained three places, over Christs, Trinity Hall 3rd, and Queens': the second of these bumps were obtained almost at the last moment after a splendid race. In this boat C. F. Reeks was steering, and J. H. Williams rowing. Third Trinity 3rd gained a place the first night by the kindness of the Emmanuel coxswain, who ran his boat into a tree; and it maintained this place to the end by some hard work, especially on the last night when Caius 4th pressed it close. In this boat, H. L. Randall, E. H. Holthouse, F. Whitehead, A. H. Lefroy, G. A. Bolton were rowing. In Corpus 2nd A. A. N. Jackson, and in Trinity Hall 2nd J. R. Reid rowed. We hope that you will send us up some good oars this year, that we may have as long a list next year.

The result of the Craven Scholarship Examinations was published a fortnight ago. It fixes almost certainly the senior classics for the next three years. Two of these are Eton men, and an Eton man will also probably head the list this time.

A proposal to lengthen the period for compulsory residence here has been rejected by a large majority in the Senate. One of our mathematical "coaches" (Mr. Routh) put the matter very clearly. The reading men, he said, did already quite as much work as was good for them; the poll men had quite sufficient time to do all that was required for their degrees. So that a lengthening of the terms would be injurious to the one, useless for the other. This common-sense view of the matter seemed to recommend itself to the listening Senators.

If some Westminster men do themselves justice in

an approaching examination, I shall have some more remarks for you next month.

I am sorry to find that some of your readers took my remarks last month about our late "head of the water" seriously. The boat which we hope to bring down at the end of next term to beat you will be sufficient proof that no complaint of want of energy can be made in that quarter.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

WE beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of *The Ulula*, *The Radleian*, *The Meteor*, *The Bloxhamist*, *The Salopian*, *The Wykehamist*, *Our School Times*, *The Wellingtonian*.

The Ulula has a long article on "Roman Satire," the author of which, "Tyro," seems to us to flourish his classical knowledge rather too openly; it also contains a somewhat pointless article on "Sympathy." There is a lengthy piece on Welsh Literature.

We cannot say much in praise of *The Radleian*; some correspondence is going on in it about the advisability of holding their athletics on the road! allow us to recommend the railway lines as a very suitable spot, as Road Surveyors seem to be the chief objection to the highway.

"*Our School Times*" has found a very lucrative method of filling their columns, by inserting advertisements; surely they might find something more suited to a school paper. "Remarks on Medicine," too, seem somewhat out of place.

According to *The Bloxhamist*, Debating Societies seem to thrive at All Saints' School much better than does football. The paper contains a rather interesting article on "Superstitions," but one on "Music and Musical Pretenders" is poor. The programme, however, of their last Concert held at Deddington is very interesting.

The Salopian now reappears after an absence of nearly twenty years. We are glad to see it attributes its former failure to the "absence of topics generally interesting to the School,"—a very common fault, we think, in School Magazines; to avoid the same error occurring again this first number contains little besides four articles on "The Steeple-chase," "Football," "Cricket," and "Boating."

The March number of *The Meteor* is quite up to the usual standard. It opens with an article advocating Lawn Tennis. A game of La Crosse was played there on Feb. 17th, but it is thought inadvisable to introduce it as a School game. It also contains a descriptive account of the ordeal fellows had to pass through on entering a higher form about sixty years ago.

The Wykehamist is a very average number. It contains a very fair metrical translation of Faust Walpurgisnacht, as well as others from Simmias and Martial. There is also the first of a series, entitled *ovris*, of sketches of School Characters, which bids fair to be very entertaining. The parody, too, on "The Charge of the Light Brigade," "The Race of the Steeple-chasers," is good.

Correspondence.

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Those who intend having all the numbers bound had better wait till May, the number for which month will close the first volume. With the May number an index will be issued to the whole of the first volume.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

SIR,—Although the last number of your paper did not blossom forth into letters from many correspondents, still one of those letters which did appear seems worthy of attention. E. A. B. comes forward again as the champion of an old cause with renewed vigour in a fresh year. Surely we had a right to suppose the battle of "Westminster amusements" fought out with last season; and it must be to the chagrin of many readers that the question has reappeared like one of the heads of the famous Hydra. If E. A. B. has any personal knowledge of the North Country, he may in his travels there have heard the cottage matron vituperate a child, which persistently cries for something that its mother wisely refuses it, with the following terse expression, "Why wilt ta' never be said?" and we would apply the same remark to E. A. B., and those who are associated with him in his persistent crusade. If we remember right, the question was treated of at length in the form of a "leader" to a number of this paper about July last year. In that article it was clearly shown, *firstly*, that it was against reason, with the numbers of the School as they stand at present, that any new forms of amusement would be likely to serve the interests of the School, or, indeed, establish a permanent footing in it; *secondly*, that it was better for the School that its members' energy should be concentrated on as few pursuits as possible, with a view to the greatest excellence in those few; *thirdly*, that at the present time with the recent institution of boating, which required additional energy to keep up, it would be a dangerous experiment to bring into vogue any new game; and *lastly*, it was hinted (and wisely) that suspicions had been raised of the presence of a latent disease in the School vulgarly termed "*loafing*," which put forth the introduction of Lawn Tennis, Chess Clubs, Spelling Bees, &c., only as a cloak for idleness and the shirking of the orthodox traditional games, which it is a privilege to play as much as it is a duty to read Latin Grammar and construe Homer. E. A. B. will excuse us if we seem to include him among such a class of malcontents. Indeed, we know better things of him, and should be sorry to disparage his energy "by flood and field." His suggestion of Hockey, though it may appear plausible at first sight, is really quite unnecessary. He points to Charterhouse and the success it has attained there, and we would answer him as follows:—(1) It is a poor argument that Westminster should take to Hockey simply because Charterhouse has done so. (2) E. A. B. forgets that the number of boys at Charterhouse is more than double our own, and that therefore it is very much more practicable, and (3) we would tell E. A. B. that from information we have received we are obliged to believe that even at Charterhouse the success of the game is equivocal, and that we can only prophesy for it a temporary existence at that school. In conclusion, let us warn E. A. B., N., and other enthusiastic writers that it is possible that their enthusiasm is misdirected, and that it is to the real interest of Westminster that she should not struggle after every novelty suggested by the sensation-stricken brain of her well-wishers, but should do her best to excel in those branches of the "*artes ingenue*" which have of yore rendered her famous among her compeers. Apologizing for trespassing to such a large extent upon your columns,

I am, sir, yours truly,
J. O.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—Whilst reading through your last issue I chanced upon a paragraph, contained in the letter from your "Cambridge Correspondent," alluding to myself, and I must say I was very much astonished at it, inasmuch as I failed, and still fail, to see the reason for his unprovoked attack upon myself. I beg to state that his assertion as to the fact of my having deserted the river is incorrect, to say the least of it, and the only way I can account for its being so is the marked absence of your correspondent himself, though a rowing man, from the river. I need hardly say, and your correspondent ought to be aware of the fact, that it is not usual to offer your services as a coach, but to wait till they are asked of you. My dog and myself felt much honoured and pleased at the interest shown by your

correspondent in us and our walks, but since we know that it was only in order to publish details of our private life, even though it was in your estimable paper, the pleasure, at least was considerably lessened, if not wholly destroyed. Hoping that you will find space to insert this,

I remain, yours, &c.,
J. A. B.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

SIR,—I wish to call your attention to that deliciously illogical effusion which appeared in your last number signed E. A. B. Your correspondent appears to get on swimmingly for the first few lines, but I should like to attract your notice to this: "The time of year which N. suggested was, as all your readers know, between the conclusion of football and the commencement of cricket. I venture to suggest this is the best time of year." Does he really? What an original and withal brilliant suggestion! To think that he should actually have the boldness to make a suggestion which he allows was only made some months back! But look here: "When the evenings grow longer, after afternoon school appears to me the best time of day, especially when the 'Green' has to undergo the yearly harrowing and ploughing process." Are we then to play Hockey over the furrows? or does he intend Little Dean's Yard to be the scene of his Hockey exploits? That would truly be well fitted for the purpose! How very agreeable for the boarding-house masters! How extremely well suited gravel and paving-stones are for Hockey to be sure! Of course it would be no impediment to those who wished to practise for the Racquet tie, of course not. E. A. B. I should think, moreover, could hardly be aware that in the year 1840, and may be later, Hockey was a regular school game (though even then it was never attempted to introduce it into Little Dean's Yard), but it never, although started most vigorously every autumn, lasted for more than ten days at any time; as the head master invariably had to put a stop to it in consequence of the accidents which were the result of the first week's play; and the accidents would hardly be prevented by transferring the scene of action from a soft soil to gravel. Again this enthusiastic correspondent says, "I very much fear the suggestion of N. will fall to the ground, as nearly all sensible suggestions do here." What pet design of his has been unmercifully trampled on? He disowns the Skating Rink; was it the Chess Club, or was it the Debating Society? I should like to know extremely, it might prove an interesting case of "blighted hopes," "projects nipped in the bud," &c., &c. Soon after that bitter sarcasm he brings up as a proof of Hockey being beneficial to Football that at Charterhouse five or six of the Football eleven are also in the Hockey eleven; I fail to see that this is any proof whatever; Football was in existence before Hockey, and several members of the Football eleven were enabled, by the practice in dodging which they had gained at Football, to win places in the Hockey eleven. Doubtless that shows that Football prepares one for Hockey, but need the converse naturally be the case? This seems to me a most palpable *non sequitur*. In fact I think if Hockey has no more arguments in its favour than those brought forward by E. A. B., we would be foolish indeed to accept it as a school game. With sincere apologies for intruding so much on your space, but I really could not rest with that ridiculous letter unanswered,

I remain, yours, &c.,
H. P. R.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

SIR,—I was surprised to read in your last leading article, "The Past Year," the statement that "although the Town-boys distinguished themselves by carrying off the chief exhibitions, the examinations passed were quite up to the usual standard." I think the logical connexion of the sentence would be greatly improved by reading "among whom" in the place of "although;" indeed, the sentence as it now stands seems to me meaningless. The Law Studentship, you mention, was won at Trinity Hall, not Trinity, Cambridge. There are no such studentships at the latter college.

I remain, sir, yours, &c.
A FORMER TOWN BOY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—Out of justice to our "representative in the first boat," I must ask you to insert a few lines in your valuable paper, to refute the would-be sarcasm levelled at him by your Cambridge correspondent in your last number, the wit or humour of which I must say I fail to see, as his statements are as grossly inaccurate as his attack is uncalled for. If your correspondent was not suffering from the same torpor and indifference which he falsely imputes to another, and had not himself deserted the river, he would scarcely have made such an unfounded attack on an O. W., who may frequently be seen at the river, coaching not only the eights of his club either from the stern or from the bank, but also the eight of another club; and I think the allegations of your correspondent are all the more contemptible from the fact that it is owing in a great degree to the energetic coaching of our torpid and indifferent representative in our first boat that so many O. W.'s are now occupying thwarts in Third Trinity boats. I would advise your correspondent in future to make himself more conversant with the subjects he alludes to, and above all to confine his correspondence to matters which purely concern the public, and not to introduce into it remarks upon the private life of individual O. W.'s.

I would fain make a few remarks on other portions of his correspondence, which are equally out of place, but am deterred through fear of encroaching too much on your valuable space; so hoping you will find room for this in your next number,

I am, yours, &c.,
A. C.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

SIR,—In the leader of your last number I was rather surprised to see this statement:—"Lawn Tennis has, we are glad at last to state, died a natural death." Surely Lawn Tennis has only "died," as they call it, during the winter months, when football is going on, and will again rise from the dead as soon as cricket begins. And for this reason. Several water fellows, who have no idea of playing cricket, know they only spoil any game in which they join, and as they need exercise in the middle of the day to keep them in training, resort to Lawn Tennis. There are some who protest that it is a mere excuse for shirking cricket; but if there was a rule that no one who is not on the water should be allowed to play, this objection would be overcome.

I would also venture to suggest that not only Seniors and Third Elections, as has been the practice as yet, should play, but all water fellows, of whom a great many, especially of the smaller boys, loaf about looking on at the cricketers. Those who object to Lawn Tennis can hardly be the cricketers, for they, most likely, would only be too glad to get rid of those who have little or no notion of handling a bat. And again it cannot be those who themselves play Lawn Tennis. Therefore it can only be those who walk about during the summer term under the impression that they are put here as ornamental appendages to the School. Hoping that these remarks may be inserted in your columns,

I am, yours truly,
"ENTHU."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—In spite of his politics (?) (which he might have conveniently left out of the question) your correspondent N. has, I am afraid, brought his suggestion to the wrong place. It is perfectly clear that we have as many games as we can well find time or numbers for. Might I suggest to N. to be a little more accurate with regard to his facts? He says *most* of our *big* schools play Hockey. I should very much like to know which they are. I think he will not find more than three at the most. From what I hear small private schools seem to be the places where it is in greatest request. N. can hardly be cognizant of Westminster affairs to propose Hockey as a game for the latter end of this term, when all spare time is wanted for election work. I sincerely envy N. his constitution if it will stand Hockey immediately after a good breakfast. From what I can see at present, Hockey would be decidedly detrimental to Westminster football, and I feel sure that in this point most will agree.

I am, sir, yours truly, L. C.

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