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THE PAST YEAR.

IN this, the first number of a new year, it naturally occurs to us to take a retrospect of School history during the last twelve months. This has not been uneventful. It is, first of all, satisfactory to notice that the numbers of the School have in no way diminished, and that the boarding-houses are still full to overflowing. What is more important, there has been no falling off in the Head Master's Report for 1875, which was quite as satisfactory as the excellent one given in the previous year. The Major Candidates were in no way inferior to their predecessors of former years, whilst the Captain especially distinguished himself by winning a Foundation Scholarship at Trinity College, Cambridge, to which he was also elected head, and also by obtaining, by special vote, a Triplet Exhibition.

Several of our Masters, we are sorry to say, have left us; one of whom had been among us for many years, and had endeared himself to the hearts of both past and present generations of Westminster boys. No doubt his mantle may fall on his successors, and his example inspire

them to fulfil with equal zeal the trust which has been transferred to them; yet so long as the school lasts so long will the name of Mr. Marshall be associated with it, as that of one of the most devoted and hard-working Masters it has ever known.

An introduction, which may perhaps have a most important influence on the future of Games at Westminster, was seen last year. We refer, of course, to Lawn Tennis. A school is the most conservative of all bodies, and the newcomer has experienced, as was natural, a cold, if not unfriendly reception. It seems to us that this game has the true elements of vitality, and that (except perhaps to those stern enthusiasts who turn a game into a business, and do not play it for any pleasure to be derived from it) this game should become deservedly popular.

We will next briefly mention the other and more firmly-established games.

In Cricket we had last summer a fair Eleven, and some of the averages were extremely creditable. Our great match of the season with Charterhouse was a draw. We are glad to be able to notice the revival of the matches with the Lords and Commons and I Zingari Elevens,

both of which had been discontinued for several years.

Last summer saw the reinstatement of the race with the Leander Boating Club. This was the first foreign race which Westminster has rowed for many years, but we hope that next season will see Westminster competing with more than one foreign crew. In this our first race, though unsuccessful, our defeat could scarcely be considered a disgraceful one. The Eight of last season was certainly the best that Westminster has seen since the revival of the water. But it had the great advantage of containing several members of last year's crew. This year nearly all in the two Eights are leaving; this, however, should only spur on to greater exertions those who are left, and we do not despair of having as good an Eight in this as in the past year.

Our Football season was auspiciously commenced last term, and the Eleven plays well together. The Charterhouse Match was revived at the end of last season, and we hope it will be regularly played in future years. Judging from the results of matches already played, our Eleven seems to be a very fair one. Out of nine matches, we have won five, two have been drawn, and two lost.

The Athletics were greatly marred by the unfortunate state of the weather. On the second day rain fell continually during the whole proceedings. Taking this fact into consideration, many of the events were very creditable.

A somewhat important point as to the Heads of Elevens and Water was decided last year. As the decisions finally made were substantially identical with suggestions that had been previously made in *The Elizabethan*, we have a natural satisfaction in chronicling the fact.

The Concert, which has become an annual institution, was very successful, and there was a large attendance of visitors. We were as usual much indebted to the able assistance of Old Westminsters, without which the concerts could never have been continued.

The year was, as usual, ended by the Play. This was the "Andria," which is always a favourite. All the characters were adequately represented, and, judging by the applause, the audience seemed thoroughly to appreciate the efforts of the actors. The Epilogue was somewhat novel, containing a Latin song in rhyme, with a chorus.

On the whole, we may consider that the last year of the history of the School was marked by steady progress and increasing prosperity. Let us hope that the one, on which we have just entered, may be equally productive of good to the school and all connected with it.

School Notes.

A YEAR has now passed away since we last gave our readers any information on the subject of the *Elizabethan*, and we are happy to inform them that we can now without hesitation repeat the assurances we then made. Our paper is still flourishing, and as it has now passed through a year and a half we hope that it has by this time permanently impressed itself as a fixed institution upon the minds of our successors. We have only one cause of complaint, and that is the neglect our paper meets with within the pale of the School itself. The contributions received from the members of the School (of course excluding those who are on the *Elizabethan* Committee) could not at the most be made to fill more than one column in a whole year. The subscriptions received from them are certainly more numerous, but not by any means what they ought to be; certainly half the School never think of taking in the *Elizabethan*, while many others only do so now and then. It is a great pity that more patriotism cannot be infused into their minds. Of Old Westminsters, however, we have no cause whatever to complain; they have done for us all that could have been expected of them, and we here beg to thank them for their kindness, especially our Oxford and Cambridge correspondents.

WE are sure that every one was very much pleased on returning to see that fresh gravel had been laid down in Little Deans' Yard. The improvement, however, was not made before it was absolutely necessary. Let us hope that this is only a beginning, and that before long the Racquet Courts will either be newly paved or some other material laid down.

IT HAS been found necessary to add a new panel for the names of the two new benefactors of Westminster, namely, the Rev. James Marshall and G. Gumbleton, Esq.; the former of whom has given a sum of money to be expended upon an annual prize to the Shell; the latter a like sum upon a School prize for English Verse.

THE Queen's progress to open Parliament was, or rather was to have been, viewed by us on Tuesday the 8th from an erection put up for us in Abbey Green. Its temporary nature was certainly prematurely displayed, as long before the Royal Procession hove in sight the entire edifice "went to smash." No one, we believe, was seriously injured, and only one or two slightly hurt; the nerves of all were, however, greatly shaken, and through fear of Abbey's toppling over, the greater part returned to watch Her Majesty in the mind's eye over the fire. Some, however, through the kindness of their friends were enabled to obtain steeds, who bore them valiantly through the seething masses of human beings. A peculiar feature in this equestrian array was that horse and rider changed places very often, and allowing for the short-sightedness of our special reporter we must conclude these animals were competitors in the human race. The moral of this

episode in our annals is, that at Westminster as well as in the outer world School Boards have a tendency to come to grief.

So far our Football season has been a fortunate one, as will be seen by the list of matches already played, which was given in the December number, and the Eleven may compliment itself on having attained a pitch of excellence above the average. They are getting to play better together than they have ever donè before. On the whole the forwards are fast, some of them very fast indeed, while the backs and goal-keeper are generally to be depended on. We have won *the* match of the year, and have only lost two, those two being against very strong teams. The vacant places, what few there were, have all been filled up, and are remarkably lucky in having so many of last year's Eleven, and many of those of the best. The one great fault at present seems to be the want of abstaining from all eatables that are likely to be injurious to the wind and stamina. Not that a *strict* diet training is at all desirable, for that would of course be too much to expect from boys, but that such known evils, as too much liquid, pastry, and butter, should be abstained from. If this were attended to the result would soon manifest itself, for if there is one point in which schools excel clubs it is the superiority of their training. At school the food comes regularly, and it is to be hoped good, while most members of football clubs, being in offices of some description or another, are constantly irregular with their meals. This cannot be too strongly urged upon all who intend to *play* football, and we hope it will be carried out, so that the team may end the year as successfully as it has begun it.

THE date for the Cricket match against Charterhouse has been fixed for the 22nd of July. A match has been arranged with the Incogniti, but the date is not yet fixed.

Election.

THE subjects for examination this year for the Major Candidates are as follows:—

Easter.

Homer, Il. vi. viii.
Virgil, Eclogues.
Greek and Latin Translation and Composition.

Whitsuntide.

Sophocles, Philoctetes.
Thucydides, Bk. viii.
Cicero, De Natura Deorum, Bk. i.
Juvenal, Satires.
Greek Testament.
Golden Treasury Psalter.
European History, 1088—1228.
Homer, Il. ix. } *vivà voce*.
Virgil, Georg. i. }
Mathematics.

The Minor Candidates have already had two examinations. The subjects for the first examinations were as usual: Latin and Greek Grammar, Latin and Greek Translations, Latin Prose and Arithmetic; for the second examination, Mathematics and French.

We subjoin the total of marks in each examination.

	First Examination (Full Marks). 315	Second Examination (Full Marks). 175	Total (Full Marks). 490
1. G. Dale	224	120	344
2. H. De Sausmarez	222	110	332
3. C. W. Tepper	237	83	320
4. A. A. Sikes	196	114	310
5. R. S. Owen	212	96	308
6. H. C. Benbow	186	106	292
7. W. A. Peck	193	88	281
8. T. D. Rumball	185	45	230
9. C. S. Sandwith	124	40	164
10. S. Godfrey	112	37	149
11. A. C. Whitehead	105	25	130
12. T. Jermyn	85	43	128
13. G. Reece	107	21	
14. H. German	94	16	110
15. H. Sotheran	97	12	109

The Fields.

THE CHARTERHOUSE MATCH.

THIS was the year for Charterhouse to visit us, and the date was fixed for Saturday, the 19th of February. Charterhouse had five members of their last year's Eleven, while we had eight, so that we might be thought to have the best chance. They won the toss, and elected to play against the wind, which gave us a slight advantage. At a quarter to three Alington kicked off for us, and in a few minutes a cry of "hands" caused us to fall back a little, but, rallying in the middle, we ran the ball down and kept our opponents in the right corner, Aston, backed up by Crowdy, making some very neat runs. In a few minutes T. B. Jones got a shot at their goals, but with no effect. Up to this time we had been playing with J. Fox as a substitute in goals, as Gamble had not arrived; but about three o'clock he made his appearance, and took his usual place. After a very quick piece of play on the part of our adversaries a goal was thought to have been kicked from a scrimmage, but a dispute arising, it was referred to the umpires. They decided that the ball had not passed through the posts, and it was therefore disallowed. Upon kicking off we again took the ball right down the ground, and for a few minutes the Charterhouse goal was in imminent danger, several shots being well stopped by Powell, who played in goals with remarkable coolness. A cry of "hands" against them caused a scrimmage right in front of goals, but weight told against us, and we were gradually forced back. The advantage thus gained by them was but trifling, owing to the splendid dribbling of Alington, Crowdy and Aston, all of whom took shots at their goal, which the wind alone pre-

vented from being accurate. Short here succeeded in passing both Fox and Waddington, and the cheering from the Carthusians was vociferous, but he was well stopped by C. A. Jones, who had plenty of work owing to the repeated charges of Tod, Cornish, and Page. We then had two free kicks from "hands," following each other in rapid succession, and by degrees worked ourselves into their quarters; a kick from Alington shortly after nearly scored a goal for us, the ball striking the tape and passing over it.

At half-time ends were changed, and Williams, by a smart piece of dribbling and charging, got an easy shot but missed. However, in a few minutes, Crowdy, well supported by his side, was able to avail himself of an opening to score the first, and, as it afterwards proved, the only goal. To make amends for this, Charterhouse played up hard, and Cornish, ably assisted by Growse and Keightley, almost obtained a goal, the ball being splendidly stopped by Gamble, who up to this time had little or nothing to do. By a long kick Fox sent the ball to the other end of the ground, where it was kept for some time. Nothing of any importance occurred for the rest of the game, the ball being kept nearer to the middle, though each side had several tries from a distance. A moment before time was called another shot all but added to our score, and finally we were declared winners by one goal to none. The game throughout was very fast, and nothing could have been pleasanter than to see the thoroughly unselfish manner in which the Carthusians played on together, their crossing to one another being a pattern for any club. Among the forwards, Cornish, Growse, Page, and Short were most prominent, the runs made by the first two being very fast, while their backs, Hayter, Wilson, and Wake were particularly good, Powell in goals also showing some very fine play.

For us all the forwards were extremely good; perhaps Crowdy, Aston, and Alington were the most conspicuous. Fox and C. A. Jones (the latter of whom received his colours after the match) were invaluable; and Waddington, though at some points of the game his kicking was somewhat erratic, worked hard. Unfortunately, for more than a week before the match we were unable to obtain any practice, owing to the bad state of the weather, and this no doubt partly accounted for the difference in the condition of the two teams at the end of the match.

A. H. Gipps and A. A. Jackson officiated as umpires, and R. V. Le Bas as referee.

The sides were:—

WESTMINSTER.	CHARTERHOUSE.
*E. H. Alington (Capt.)	*E. M. Short (Capt.)
*E. Waddington (half-back)	*W. R. Page
*F. D. Crowdy	*A. H. Tod
*C. J. Fox (half back)	*A. W. F. Wilson (half-back)
*W. C. Aston	*C. A. Reeve
*J. H. Williams	C. J. Cornish
*A. F. M. Gamble (goals)	R. S. S. Baden-Powell (goals)
*C. S. Davson	A. J. Wake (half-back)
G. A. Hicks	W. T. Hayter (back)
T. B. Jones	G. D. Keightley
C. A. Jones (back).	E. F. Growse.

* Played in last year's match,

The following is a list of the results of the previous matches:—

1863—Westminster	2 — 0
1864—Westminster	2 — 1
1865—Drawn	0 — 0
*1866—Charterhouse	1 — 0
1875—Charterhouse	2 — 0

* Disputed.

PAST *v.* PRESENT.—December 23rd, 1875.

THE match after the Play Supper is always a tremendous undertaking, and this year was no exception to the rule; the Old Westminsters were rather a strong lot, being ably captained by Rawson, and as we had not played together for about a month nothing was effected on either side. Throughout the game was evenly contested, all our efforts at goal kicking being frustrated by Rawson, who as usual was all there, while once or twice our goals were threatened by good runs on the part of Bruce and Otter; our back play was weakened by the absence of Fox, but Waddington and Jones were equal to all emergencies, and ably maintained the honour of the backs. For our opponents, Rawson, Randall, Otter, and Bailey were of the greatest service, while Bruce showed that his dribbling powers were by no means impaired; for us Alington and Crowdy made some good runs, Aston, Davson, and Williams were also prominent. Sides:

Present.—E. H. Alington (Capt.), E. Waddington (half-back), F. D. Crowdy, W. C. Aston, J. H. Williams, C. S. Davson, A. F. M. Gamble (goals), F. L. Rawson, T. B. Jones, C. A. Jones (back), and R. D. Brinton.

Past.—W. S. Rawson (Capt. and half-back), H. S. Otter, H. S. Jackson (back), H. L. Randall, N. C. Bailey (back), R. J. Boyd, P. G. L. Webb, J. Bruce, A. H. Lefroy (goals).

FIRST SEVEN *v.* NEXT ELEVEN.—February 2nd, 1876.

The year 1876 began with a disappointment, as the Engineers who had arranged a match with us were not forthcoming; we were therefore obliged to do as well as we could with the Seven *v.* Eleven. The result was a tie, nothing being scored before half-time. Shortly afterwards Brinton got away and scored the first goal for the Eleven by a long shot, there being no goal-keeper to stop it. The Seven then played as hard as they could, but failed to score, owing to Gamble's excellent play, who saved several goals in splendid style; however, just before time was called Waddington ran the ball down the whole ground, and kicked a very good goal. For the Seven, Crowdy and Fox were most prominent, while for the Eleven, C. A. Jones (back) and Jones and Cuppage (forward) did the most work. Sides:

Seven.—E. H. Alington (Capt.), E. Waddington, F. Crowdy, C. J. Fox, W. C. Aston, J. H. Williams (goals), C. S. Davson.

Eleven.—A. F. Gamble (Capt. goals), G. A. Hicks, T. B. Jones, C. A. Jones (back), E. R. Frere, J. Fox (half-back) W. N. Tayloe, W. A. Cuppage, R. Mead, B. M. Rogers, R. D. Brinton.

ELEVEN v. TWENTY-TWO.—Feb. 9, 1876.

A ONE-SIDED match won by the Eleven by six goals to none; the Twenty-two played hard for the first quarter of an hour, and then fell off; the goals were kicked by Crowdy (2), Williams (2), Alington and Davson; for the Twenty-two C. A. Jones and J. Fox played very well, as also did Cuppage among the forwards. Sides:

Eleven.—E. H. Alington (Capt.), E. Waddington (back), F. D. Crowdy, C. J. Fox (half-back), W. C. Aston, J. H. Williams, C. S. Davson, A. F. Gamble (goals), G. A. Hicks, T. B. Jones, E. R. Frere.

Twenty-two.—R. D. Brinton (Capt.), C. A. Jones (back), R. F. McMillan, H. R. K. Rogers, J. Fox (half-back), H. P. Robinson, C. B. Ryde (goals), W. A. Cuppage, R. Mead, W. R. Egerton, E. U. Eddis, C. Secretan, T. Secretan, G. Dale, H. Hollis, A. Hemsley, H. Abernethy, H. Stephenson, B. M. H. Rogers, H. Benbow, R. Clarke, W. Tayloe.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. HARROW CHEQUERS.—
Feb. 12, 1876.

Played at Vincent Square, resulting in a draw, no goals being scored on either side. The ground was very hard and slippery on account of the frost, but notwithstanding the play was very fast. At first the visitors were considerably pressed, and we had several shots and corner kicks, but Colbeck at last got away and restored the game to the middle of the ground, where it remained for the rest of the time, though several good runs on our side took place with no effect. For them the most prominent were Colbeck, Bowen, and Gibney; while for us, Waddington and Fox were extremely useful, and Crowdy, Davson, and Aston maintained the honour of the forwards. Sides:—

Westminster.—E. H. Alington (Capt.), E. Waddington (half-back), F. D. Crowdy, C. J. Fox (half-back), W. C. Aston, J. H. Williams, A. F. M. Gamble (goals), G. A. Hicks, C. S. Davson, T. B. Jones, and C. A. Jones (back).

Harrow Chequers.—R. C. Welch (Capt., and goals), E. S. Gibney, C. Colbeck, F. E. Marshall, C. C. Bowley, C. Moyes, E. E. Bowen (back), A. A. Hadow, C. J. Longman, F. L. Shand (half-back), and H. S. Jackson.

The following matches have been arranged for the rest of the season:—

Feb. 26	v. South Norwood.
„ 29	Sixth v. School.
March 4	v. Crystal Palace.
„ 8	v. Royal Engineers.
„ 11	v. Gitanos.
„ 15	v. Upton Park.
„ 18	v. Harrow Chequers.
„ 22	T. B. B. v. Q. S. S.

FROM OUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

WE returned so short a time ago that hardly any events of importance have as yet occurred. The Honour list of last term, however, contained the

names of several Old Westminsters. In Greats, E. J. Webb was placed in the second class, and in the Natural Science School, H. B. Dixon in the first, while J. Ogle obtained a third in Mods. To turn to lighter matters, W. Brinton, though not yet in the Eight, has been rowing in the Reserve Four as often as it has gone out. In the first Ch. Ch. Torpid, R. W. S. Vidal is rowing sixth, and W. C. Ryde is at present cox. C. F. Brickdale was to have rowed fifth in the same boat, but, owing to future examinations, has been removed to the second Torpid, where by kind and special permission of the Boat Club authorities, he will keep in his hand for next year. By this arrangement the second Torpid will be half composed of Old Westminsters, viz. C. F. Brickdale, J. C. Fraser, W. H. A. Cowell and W. A. Evans. In the Trinity Torpid A. B. Cartwright is rowing sixth. Our Football Eleven played against Cambridge at the Oval last Saturday, and, as I suppose you know, W. S. Rawson and H. S. Otter were particularly conspicuous.

I should have said before, that in Smalls last December a band of Westminster men joined in pursuit of Testamurs, but up to the present date no information has arrived of their having obtained the slippery desideratum.

FROM OUR CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT.

CAMBRIDGE, Feb.

TERM time has now begun again at Cambridge, and from all I can gather this term seems likely to be very much the same as most of those that have gone before have been, and as most of those that are to come will be. In the Christmas Triposes honours have been obtained by F. Leeman, Trinity, in the Law Tripos, head of the third class, and C. J. Boden, Jesus, a third in the Theological Tripos: the names in which were unfortunately arranged in alphabetical order. Westminster was unrepresented in the Mathematical Tripos, the list of which has been lately published; but will not be so in the Classical, which comes off at the end of February.

We have so lately come back that there is nothing as yet to chronicle as to the Rowing or Athletic sports at the different colleges. There is, however, every prospect that Westminster will be very fairly represented in the third Trinity boats this term, especially if that club puts an additional boat on the river. In some of the other college boats we may also expect to see Westminster men rowing.

What seems likely to become a popular institution at Cambridge is a New Musical Society, which proposes to give short weekly concerts of a sufficiently popular character during term-time. As admission will be by subscription only, and will be confined to members of the University, these will probably rank very high among Cambridge entertainments. Many of the best known musical men in Cambridge are said to have offered their assistance towards carrying out

this plan, thereby both insuring its success, and making it likely to become most useful in developing the musical resources of the University.

Of the doings of the University in general, all that can be said is so well known to your readers through the papers that it will be unnecessary to repeat it here. The University Eight goes out every day regularly for an hour or so, and though there are frequent changes in its composition, it is certain that whatever the result of the race with Oxford may be we shall have no reason to be ashamed of our representatives. That our boat will be superior to last year's is also beyond question.

Poetry.

I.

AGAIN the sun shines forth,
No more from the grim north ;
Strong driving blasts sweep billows to the shore,
Swift, towering, helpless waves that break with deafening roar.

II.

No more the sea and sky,
To mingling darkness fly,
Black waves that gleam beneath the lightning's glare,
Tossing their snow-white flakes high in the blacker air.

III.

No more is heard around,
The pealing thunder's sound ;
Loud angry bursts that shake the firmament,
Till with the waning storm the murmuring roll is bent.

IV.

Hail is driven now no more,
Pelts no more the storming rain,
Night's wild raging wrath is o'er,
Day's bright colours born again.
Cheerily the sun has bathed
Sea and sky in kindly light,
Clouds in gentle breezes swathed,
Float as feathers soft and white.
Loudly fall the billows yet,
Ocean sobbing though at play ;
Still the rocks and cliffs are wet,
Tears of passion pass'd away.

V.

Of night's long storm the swell,
Full soon will cease to tell ;
Bright noonday waves lit by the sun on high,
Gently shall kiss the shore and smile back to the sky.

VI.

Then will the sun descend,
Till day with twilight blend ;
Pouring through height and depth late torn by strife,
Fresh healing warmth that loves and fills all things with life.

VII.

At last when from afar,
Shines forth the evening star ;
Cool hovering breezes fan the languid deep,
Shedding o'er all the world a calm and silvery sleep.

SCHOOL BATTLES.

WE have found in turning over the pages of an old Westminster paper a most interesting account of a battle which took place between the School of Westminster and a mixed body of "Bargees" and labourers about fifty years ago ; the School at that time numbering nearly 400 ; and which, for the severity of the struggle and the extreme daring manifested by the Westminsters, stands unparalleled in the annals of our School battles. We will give it in the words of the Correspondent who related the story in the pages of the paper from which this is copied :—

"My story lies in those days when that part of Westminster now called Vincent Square was a large open space of ground unbuilt upon and unpolluted by dirty streets and narrow alleys ; when the Westminsters had to fight desperately for their rights, and were in consequence the universal objects of anger throughout the neighbourhood. Severe battles had been already fought, and were fought nearly every day, for no single evening did the Westminsters return from cricket but that they were attacked by parties of men who generally came off second best.

"It was when these skirmishes were assuming a more threatening aspect, and the mob increasing daily, that we determined, one evening, to muster our entire forces, and make one desperate effort for the long-disputed mastery. Nor were our opponents slow in making their preparations ; for though in our progress to Tothill Fields we encountered no opposition, yet upon our return we met with a large and formidable-looking body of men awaiting our approach in silence. Nothing daunted at the sight of so large a body on we came. I myself very well recollect heading a party, and being engaged for some time in single combat with a coalheaver a great deal bigger than myself, but whose want of science secured me an easy victory. The *mêlée* was now become general, and hard work it was. The shouts of the two parties, as either gained a slight advantage, were terrific, we making up for deficiency of strength by the ferocity and determination of our onset. Long and dubious was the strife, but at length fortune declared in favour of the Westminsters ; for, upon our making a tremendous rally, a panic seized our adversaries, who had by this time had quite enough of it. As they dispersed on all sides we pressed after them, and woe to those whom we overtook ; for, excited by the contest and enraged by the brutal conduct of some of our antagonists, we showed no mercy. We reached Westminster just in time for lockers, though I verily believe (so great was our joy at the victory) that if we had all been late none would have cared.

"Henceforth we were the fear and wonder of the whole neighbourhood, and were not, for some years, molested ; for, from our never going out except in parties, we were well calculated to repel any attack that might be made, though I am quite sure of this, that could any of us have been taken at a disadvantage we should never have forgotten it all our lives, if indeed we were not murdered outright."

Correspondence.

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TYRO.—This question has been settled some time ago.

RETICULUM.—Further communications on this subject are needless.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—There appeared in the December number of the *Elizabethan* a letter signed "Consistency," the contents of which I scarcely understand. Whether it is possible or not to have a Library or Reading Room at Westminster with the present limited space is a question I do not enter upon. But it is, surely, a strange statement that if the space necessary for the purpose were attainable, the books themselves would not be required. And this, in fact, is the statement made by your correspondent. Why the members of the Sixth and Shell should rarely enter such a room is a mystery to me. Surely the only risk in such a case would be that its advantages would only be sufficiently appreciated by the members of those forms. The mysterious stock of books of reference to which he alludes is to me *in nubibus*. There are certainly some dusty old volumes mouldering in Library, and a few of these may be interesting from an antiquarian point of view: as books of reference their value must be infinitesimal.

I remain, yours,
COMMON SENSE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

SIR,—I was sorry to see an article of a somewhat revolutionary tendency in a recent issue of your paper. I allude to a School Note on the Rod-drawer. I do not quarrel with the abandonment of the old custom in connexion with this venerable piece of furniture, and this not because it was an old custom, but because it was an inconvenient one. Far from wishing eagerly to grasp any and every opportunity of doing away with old customs, we should wish to maintain them as long as possible, and, if it is at last found absolutely necessary to abandon them, we should do so with regret, or, at all events, not with an exulting cry of triumph.

I remain, yours,
A CONSERVATIVE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—I noticed in your issue for November a letter from a correspondent signing himself "An Old Westminster," inquiring into the accuracy of a certain statement which appeared in two of the London papers, as to the Challenge Cup for the Half Mile with Hurdles at the end, having now become the property of the winner, as he has already won it for two years previously. And not feeling quite certain in my own mind as to what the rules on the subject at present in force may be, I anxiously awaited a reply in the number for December, of which I was disappointed; wherefore I now write to you to push for an

answer to the letter of "An Old Westminster." If there are now existing any precise regulations upon the contingency, I should feel obliged to you if you would explain them to me and any others who may be in the same state of uncertainty with myself in the pages of the next number of the *Elizabethan*, but if there are no such rules, why in that case I quite agree with "An Old Westminster," that it is absolutely necessary that the matter should be satisfactorily arranged at once.

I am, Sir, yours,
A SUBSCRIBER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—Will you allow me a little space in your columns for another letter upon the much-vexed subject of Lawn Tennis? In the *Elizabethan* of November I noticed a letter from "Cantab," with the conservative good sense of which I was as much struck as I was a month later with the radical fanaticism and ill-timed sarcasm of two letters signed respectively Bo! and A Homeboarder. I will not proceed to answer any of their arguments, as they speak for themselves to the mind of every intelligent reader. At the time of its publication I was very much pleased with the letter of Cantab, but I cannot help thinking that results have shown it to be premature. Lawn Tennis has apparently died a natural death, for there have been no signs of it in its appointed place up fields for a good many months past, and at present there does not seem to be much prospect of its ever starting into life again. Sir, when Lawn Tennis was started I was adverse to it, now I feel no animosity, I only laugh.

I remain in triumph,
Yours, &c.,
A. P. L.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—Your school note and W.'s letter in the *Elizabethan* for November have remained both up to this time alike unanswered. The old proverb, "Where's there's a will, there's a way," is very applicable in the present case. If the world at Westminster had any wish to have a Skating Rink, I have not the smallest doubt a means of making it could be found; if it is considered generally an undesirable improvement it will of course come to nothing. The result depends entirely on the goodwill or animosity of the School to the idea. But it is absurd to talk a lot of rubbish about a subject, as you did in your School note, instead of bringing arguments of weight to bear upon it.

I remain, Sir,
Yours, &c.
H. P.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

SIR,—In a former number there was a list of subscriptions for the "School Improvement Fund." As one of the chief objects the School seems to be wanting is a workshop, I hope that will be one of the things to which the Fund is devoted. In past numbers complaint has often been made of the number of idlers at Westminster—those who neither attend Fields or Gymnasium. A workshop, I venture to suggest, would be the very thing to meet their wants. I should be the last to wish to see boys shirk station, for that is what has always kept Westminster football at such a high standard, but a workshop need not interfere with station. The cost of starting one would be small, and I feel sure that there are many Old Westminsters and parents of boys who would be glad to contribute to so useful an object. Hoping you will be able to insert this,

I am, Sir,
Yours truly,
TOOL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

SIR,—Allow me to propose a subject for the next number of *The Elizabethan*, which would interest a great many of your readers; viz. a slight account of the position and extent of the different buildings, which composed the monastery, from which this city of Westminster takes its name. A few of us have some indistinct ideas on the subject, but by far the larger part of the School know nothing at all about it. Many of us have often been asked by our friends about the old buildings which we have all around us, and have been obliged to confess our ignorance, which must seem strange in those who ought to be especially interested in the Abbey, and everything connected with it. Now, sir, if some competent authority would kindly undertake to supply us with the necessary information, we should for the future, be spared such ignominious confessions, and he would confer a great benefit on any one who, besides myself, may wish to become an

ANTIQUARY.

P.S.—You would naturally refer us to the Dean's excellent work on Westminster Abbey, but to those who cannot obtain it a short notice in your columns would be most acceptable.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

SIR,—As the rage for "Spelling Bees" seems spreading all over the country why should we too not follow Dame Fashion, and make trial of our spelling powers. Besides affording amusement, a report of it would help to fill your columns, a subject (I venture to say) of great importance to the Editor of a School paper. Not long ago the experiment was tried at Rugby with great success, and I do not know that there is any reason why there should not be the same success at Westminster. Hoping that my suggestion will take,

I remain, Sir,

A. B. C.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

SIR,—It is with great grief that I have noticed the small meed of support which *The Elizabethan* receives from the School at large. Not only are very few letters on articles received from

any one save a few members of The Sixth, but the greater part of the School do not even think it their duty to take it in. One hears a great amount of grumbling about the paper, but apparently no one for a single instant entertains the idea of putting his shoulder to the wheel and trying to improve it. I should have thought that everybody would have been happy to take in the paper even if he could not support it with his pen, but the case is far otherwise. I think a great deal of this apathy is due to the defective arrangements for the circulation of the paper. If the head-fellow on the committee in each house would personally distribute a paper to every one in his house without doubt every one would take it and pay for the same, but they do not think it worth the trouble of applying for one themselves. Hoping that this suggestion will be favourably received, and that more patriotism will be shown in future,

I remain, Sir,

PATRIOT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

SIR,—Now that the season for Boating will soon return, I should like to suggest that some less troublesome and lengthy manner of getting to Wandsworth should be tried. My idea would be that arrangements should be made with the penny steamer company to run one of their steamers at the time convenient to the boys, and perform the journey rather quicker than they generally do, by not stopping at all the piers. As it would probably not pay them to run a special steamer for the school, I should allow them to take in general passengers as well. I really do not see that they would interfere much with the boys, and the journey would certainly be accomplished both more quickly and more comfortably than in a train which starts at an inconvenient hour, and may perhaps be overcrowded. Westminster rowing, though of so recent a date, is already taking a good position at the Universities. We, at Oxford, have Brinton in the reserve four, and Cartwright, Ryde, Cowell, Evans, Fraser, Brickdale and Vidal, all in their College Torpids. At Cambridge, I believe that both Reid and Batley, among others, have come out very well.

Yours truly,

E. M. R.

Floreat.