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## THE PAST YEAR.

**A**T such a period as this our thoughts naturally carry us back to the past, to see, first, what progress we have made during the year, and, secondly, to make new resolves for the future. We are happy to be able to state that there is no falling off in the numbers of the School. The Head Master's Report for the last year is quite as good as that of the two previous years. With regard to the major candidates, although the Town boys distinguished themselves by carrying off the chief exhibitions, the examinations passed were quite up to the usual standard. The number of University distinctions is, we are proud to state, gradually increasing, among the chief prizes being the Newdigate, at Oxford, and the First Bell at Cambridge, carried off respectively by W. M. Hardinge, and E. V. Arnold (captain, 1875), besides a scholarship at Jesus College, Cambridge, a Law Studentship at Trinity, and numerous other honours.

We regret to announce the death of the second mathematical master, C. H. H. Cheyne, Esq., M.A., F.R.A.S. Mr. Cheyne's loss will be felt

most by the Home Boarders, of whom he had the charge for the last thirteen years. Mr. Cheyne also interested himself very much in the general introduction of music at Westminster, and it was mainly owing to his untiring efforts that the concert became an annual institution. He has been succeeded by the Rev. Watson Failes, M.A. And now let us turn to the other side of the picture, and see how we have employed the time allotted for amusements. Lawn Tennis has, we are glad at last to state, died a natural death, and there is no chance whatever of its being restored up Fields. Hockey has now been suggested as a substitute, but at present does not seem to find many supporters, at any rate no one but our correspondent "N" has come forward to introduce us to the stranger. For our own part it seems that we have as many games as we can find numbers for, and that to introduce new games in our present condition would only be detrimental to those we already play.

Our Cricket Eleven experienced a succession of defeats, in fact bad luck seemed to attend them on every occasion, but the cause may in some measure be found in the fact that eight of

the eleven were new choices. Our match with Charterhouse ended in a complete defeat for us, as also did the Lords and Commons, I Zingari and Incogniti. We can only hope for better luck this year, although we should like to impress on the Eleven the importance of the saying that a match is never lost till played out. With regard to Water, although the numbers continued as large as usual, the Eight underwent an almost thorough clear out. No foreign races were of course rowed, but we can see no reason why the Leander and Old Westminster's races should not be rowed next year, as the coming Eight bids fair, with a proper amount of coaching, to be above the average.

At Football we have not been so successful as last season, mainly owing to the fact that only three of the previous team remained. We would remind the Eleven that there is still time to retrieve their lost laurels.

In the Athletics, in spite of the inauspicious weather, a marked improvement was manifested in many of the competitions, while very few events were below the average of former years, the throwing the cricket-ball being an instance among many of the former. The Annual Concert passed off with *éclat*, although we were sorry to notice the absence of so many Old Westminster performers. We understand, however, that it was quite unavoidable, and can only hope to see them again helping us at Easter.

As most of our readers are aware there was no play this year, in consequence of the sad death of the captain, H. R. K. Rogers, at Oxford.

One suggestion we should like to make before closing this, that the coming year may see pole-jumping reintroduced into "green," as we are perfectly certain that unless it is that event must be scratched off the Athletic card and some new one substituted.

We have received many communications on this subject, and all point one way. Handicaps have also been suggested, but unless they were arranged by a committee we feel sure that they would only breed discontent. Not that by this we wish to express our total disapprobation of them, as, when well managed, they give more chance to outsiders, to whom the present method is, we feel bound to confess, rather hard.

To sum up the above then, although there are some things that we can hardly look back on with pride, there is still much cause for congratulation, and we are sure that we cannot be accused of presumption if we say there are high hopes for the future.

FLOREAT.

## School Notes.

ON Shrove Tuesday, as has been the custom from time immemorial, the annual ceremony of tossing the pancake in school took place amid as much excitement as ever. On that day (as all acquainted with Westminster are aware) the College cook or his representative, who on the present occasion was one of the porters, dressed in the orthodox fashion and preceded by the Abbey Beadle, makes his appearance up School after prayers at twelve. There he has to perform the somewhat difficult task of tossing that peculiarly greasy composition which serves as a pancake over the bar, which in former days separated the Upper and Under Schools. We say difficult advisedly, not so much because of the actual difficulty in sending it over the bar, as that it requires a good shot to land it in the middle of the eager crowd anxiously awaiting it in the somewhat narrow space between the forms on either side. On this occasion, though it came over the bar at the first throw, it fell to the ground by the wall among the desks of Mr. Gibson's form. Here O. Bury was the first to pick it up, and, though he stuck to it well and was supported by a few near him, Mead soon managed to get the greater part of it, which he kept till the end, notwithstanding the mass of fellows clinging on to him. The "greeze"<sup>1</sup> was kept up for about ten minutes, till after some trouble the Head Master eventually succeeded in putting a stop to it by his own personal intervention.

We were glad to see that a larger proportion of Home Boarders went in for the "greeze" this year than last, probably partly owing to the remarks made with regard to them in *The Elizabethan* for March, 1876. Although the struggle was maintained the whole time in the middle of the forms, none of the desks were torn up as is generally the case, nor was any personal damage done of any kind.

Now the question naturally arises, why is every one so anxious to get possession of this singularly uninviting delicacy? It would hardly seem possible for any one to wish to become owners of such an article of food(?) but the reason is that if any one can present it in a tolerably complete state to the Dean, after it has passed through the trying ordeal, he shall be entitled to receive the sum of one guinea, and this same amount is presented to the cook if he is successful in his throw. This year, like most others, though Mead magnanimously gave up what he had got to Bury, the money was refused because the pancake was broken. It is, moreover, now five years since any one succeeded in securing the whole, the last occasion being in 1872, when R. W. S. Vidal received the much-coveted reward.

There were a few ladies present, who with the Masters watched the proceedings with great interest from a safe distance at the other end of the School.

<sup>1</sup> We have no very reliable authority concerning the spelling of this word; in previous numbers of *The Elizabethan* it has been spelt both "grease" and "greeze," which latter method we are rather inclined to adopt, as being more suggestive of the way in which the word is pronounced at Westminster, but we should be much gratified for information on the subject from any O.W.'s who may know the correct way. [Ed.]

WHEN shall we be left in peace, and when will the British workman desert our precincts? Does he ever know what he is doing? Let us hope he does for his own sake. Last term at corners ladders obstructed our passage, over our heads pulleys and ropes suspended hung, and something was done, but what it was we could scarcely tell. On our return we discover that a wall of the Courts has been pulled down, and that another has been erected in its stead. This was, we believe, necessary, as the old wall was out of the perpendicular; but do they intend to leave it as it now stands, an unplastered brick wall? The Raquet ties draw near, and we do hope that before then we shall see the Courts in a fitter state to play in than they are now.

At the end of last term, to supply as far as possible the want felt from the loss of the "Play," Mr. Hallett kindly entertained us with some readings in College Hall. He first read Charles Dickens' "Lieutenant Richard Doubledick." This was followed by Tennyson's "Dora," into which he threw a great amount of pathos. After that he changed to the comic, first giving us the ludicrous "Jerusalem Pony," which kept the whole audience in roars of laughter. But that was even surpassed by the splendid way he delivered the Frenchman's speech in the "Charity Meeting of the Society for the Distribution of Blankets and Top-boots amongst the Natives of the Cannibal Isles."

BE it known to those of our readers who are ignorant of the fact (and their number surely is not legion) that her Majesty opened Parliament in person on Thursday, the 8th inst.; the weather was delightful, and we were enabled to see her Majesty pass in safety, as through the personal superintendence of the Clerk of the Works our stand proved efficient and trustworthy, showing a marked contrast to the one last year, which deposited some fifty or sixty of us on the ground. What need for us to go into details? Are they not written in the chronicles of the daily papers? Suffice it to say we enjoyed the spectacle, and saluted her Majesty with true Westminster cheers.

THAT "green" should present a most barren appearance experience has taught us to expect—we don't expect anything verdant *there*. But fields, for them to appear brown and sterile, is indeed a cruel and unexpected cut. We suppose the pest that is destroying so voraciously all the grass on our "pitches" is carrying out the aims of Providence, and we have no wish to be looked upon as defeating those aims; but still, we heartily hope that Mantle may meet with all success in his philanthropic endeavours to get the ground into a cricketable state.

THE Rev. W. Failes is now Under Mathematical Master, in the place of the late Mr. Cheyne.

THE subjects for election are:—

- Virgil: "Georgs. ii., iii., iv."
- Quintilian: "Inst. Orat. ii."
- Homer: "Ils. x., xi., xii."
- Æschylus: "Eumenides."

Plato: "Gorgias."

Davison on "Prophecy."

Greek Test.: "Epistles to the Corinthians."

Kitchin's "History of France."

The subject for the "Phillimore Essay" is, "The Success of the Drama at Athens, and its comparative Failure at Rome."

THE "Minor Candidates" stand after their preliminaries thus:—

A. F. Macnochie . . . . . 125	H. Hughes . . . . . 75
F. E. Lewin . . . . . 124	W. C. Radcliffe . . . . . 69
H. R. James . . . . . 123	E. C. Bedford . . . . . 67
J. Langhorne . . . . . 113	C. J. Markham . . . . . 58
S. Bere . . . . . 82	

J. McMillan . . . . . 36	F. C. Ryde . . . . . 29
G. Stephenson . . . . . 34	T. Hoskins . . . . . 26

### The Fields.

#### WESTMINSTER v. CLAPHAM ROVERS.

THE ground was in a complete slosh, which considerably favoured our opponents. Indeed, for the first half of time we were penned, and seldom passed the half-way flag. When the ball was in front of our posts Black unfortunately handled it, and from a free kick which ensued Smith got a goal, Secretan slipping in consequence of the slippery state of the ground. Woollaston very nearly scored a second goal, a little after the kick off, but the ball went just over the tape. Aston now hurt his leg again, and was obliged to retire to goals; and at half-time the game was one love. We now had a little the best of it, and for a short time kept the Rovers back, but Woollaston getting the ball ran it down, and scored another goal. Rawson added a third goal soon after, by a little goal-sucking, and Buchanan made it four a little before "time" was called. We were deprived of the services of Gamble and Jones, who would have made the game a little more even, had they been able to play. Sides:—

*Westminster*.—W. C. Aston (capt. and goals), H. Abernethy (half-back), W. A. Cuppage, R. Mead (half-back), J. A. Turner, A. E. Black, J. Fox (back), J. Abernethy, H. C. Benbow, H. P. Robinson, C. B. Vyvyan, T. Secretan.

*Clapham Rovers*.—R. A. Ogilvie (capt. and half-back), A. J. Stanley (half-back), Edgar Field (back), A. Ogilvie (back), E. G. Smith, W. F. Richmond, C. H. R. Woollaston, D. R. Hunter, F. L. Rawson, G. Molesworth, W. S. Buchanan, E. Cazenove.

#### WESTMINSTER v. OLD WYKEHAMISTS.

THIS was played on Saturday, Dec. 9th, a pouring wet day, and the ground was one sheet of water, so that no wonder only seven of our opponents turned up. However, we gave them two of our men, and arranged to play nine a side. The game needs very little comment, as perhaps, owing to our greater experience of the wet ground, we penned them the whole time, and eventually won by 5 goals kicked by

Black (2), Cuppage, Jones, and Abernethy to none. Gray was the only one who showed any form, and we were materially aided by their goal-keeper, who was new to his office. Gamble was unable to play for us. Sides :—

*Westminster.*—W. C. Aston (capt.), T. B. Jones, H. Abernethy (half-back), W. A. Cuppage, R. Mead (half-back), J. A. Turner, A. E. Black, H. C. Benbow, C. Secretan (goals).

*Old Wykehamists.*—F. H. Birley (capt. and half-back), C. Awdrey (half-back), P. Thornton (goals), A. Bradley, S. Tatham (back), E. J. M. Teesdale, H. B. Gray, A. M. Hemsley, J. Abernethy.

#### WESTMINSTER v. OLD WESTMINSTERS.

OTTER offered to get up an Old Westminster match, though it seemed a hard undertaking as there was no play. He was, however, only able to get 5 O.W.'s, who, with three of our men, played us on the 16th Dec. We had a very pleasant game except that the ground was not in the best possible condition, and eventually won by 6 goals to none; they were got by Turner (3), Black, Benbow, and Hemsley. Sides :—

*Westminster.*—W. C. Aston (capt.), T. B. Jones, H. Abernethy (half-back), R. Mead (back), A. E. Black, J. A. Turner, H. C. Benbow, J. Abernethy, A. M. Hemsley.

*Old Westminsters.*—H. S. Otter (capt. and half-back), P. G. L. Webb, E. H. Alington, R. J. Boyd, H. C. Frere, H. P. Robinson, B. M. Rogers, J. R. Fox (back).

#### SEVEN v. ELEVEN.

THIS was a tough match and resulted in a draw, no goals being got on either side. All played up hard, though Black and Turner were conspicuous for the Eleven, and Abernethy's back play served the Seven in good stead. Sides :—

*Seven.*—W. C. Aston (capt.), A. F. Gamble, T. B. Jones, H. Abernethy, W. A. Cuppage, R. Mead, J. Fox

*Eleven.*—J. A. Turner (capt.), A. E. Black, W. R. Egerton (half-back), H. Westmorland, C. B. Ryde (back), G. Dale, H. P. Robinson, T. F. F. Williams (half-back), J. Abernethy, B. M. Rogers, H. C. Benbow, A. M. Hemsley.

#### SIXTH v. SCHOOL.

THIS was a very good game, and ended in a draw, much to the surprise of everybody. Every member of the School Eleven, with one exception, had played in foreign matches, and though there was only one "pink" in the Sixth Eleven, they managed to make it a draw. The School ought to have won by six or seven goals, and they were only able to get one. All the Sixth played up hard, and Tepper kept goals well, while for the School Secretan and Hemsley did their best. Each side got a goal, Hemsley getting that for the School, and Black a little before time made an excellent run, the whole length of the ground, and got one for the Sixth, making the game a draw. Sides :—

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

*School.*—A. F. Gamble (capt.), T. B. Jones, H. Abernethy (half-back), W. A. Cuppage, R. Mead

(half-back), J. Fox, J. Abernethy, A. M. Hemsley, C. B. Ryde, H. C. Benbow, C. Secretan (goals).

#### WESTMINSTER v. CLAPHAM ROVERS.

THIS match, the first of this term, was played on Saturday, the 27th of January, and ended as might have been expected, considering the short time we had been back, in a disastrous defeat for us. A drizzling rain fell, nearly all the time, as usual, and the ground was somewhat slippery. The Rovers turned up a very strong team, lacking only a goal-keeper, which office was held by O. Borradaile, whom, I am sorry to say, we troubled very little. The ball was kicked off soon after three by Ogilvie, and the Rovers soon took the ball down to our quarters, where indeed they kept it all the first half, and most of the last half of the game. Goals were kicked in rapid succession, 3 being got before, and 4 after half-time. It is a hard task and an unpleasant one to record a defeat, especially such a one as this, and still more to have to censure one's own side; but there is no doubt that our fellows played very badly, scarcely ever backing each other up, or working hard; indeed, Aston and Turner, who really played up energetically, were the only ones who appeared to us to play up to their true form. We feel, however, that our bad display is in a great measure due to our having had only one game since we returned, and no doubt our fellows had scarcely got over the effects of luxurious holiday living. Be that as it may we ought never to have been beaten 7—0, and unless we improve we shall stand a very poor chance of defeating Charterhouse. We cannot but give the Clapham Rovers their due, and mention Buchanan, Sparkes, and Jarrett of the forwards, while we must say Bailey and Edgar Field seldom have kicked in more elegant style. Sides :—

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

*Clapham Rovers.*—R. A. Ogilvie (capt. and half-back), H. E. Ogilvie (back), A. J. Stanley, E. Field (back), C. C. Tayloe, W. E. Buchanan, N. C. Bailey (half-back), H. Jarrett, F. E. Sparkes.

#### SEVEN v. ELEVEN.

THE 2nd match of this name was played at Vincent Square, on Wednesday, 31st of January, and resulted after a good game in a victory for the Eleven, by one goal to none. The solitary goal was kicked by Egerton after a very good run by Ritchie, who, we may remark, played exceedingly well; Robinson and Hemsley played well for the Eleven, and Aston, well backed up by Cuppage and Gamble, was of great service to the Seven. Sides :—

*Seven.*—W. C. Aston (capt.), A. F. Gamble, H. Abernethy (half-back), W. A. Cuppage, R. Mead (back), J. A. Turner, and A. E. Black.

*Eleven.*—C. B. Ryde (capt.), H. P. Robinson, H. C. Benbow, A. M. Hemsley, T. F. F. Williams, Ritchie, W. R. G. Egerton, G. Dale, Secretan, Westmorland, and Guest.

UNDER ELECTIONS *v.* GRANTS.

THIS match was played on Thursday, and resulted in a victory for the Under Elections by four goals to none. Grants won the toss, and elected to play from the Hospital goals. Mead for the first half-time played forward, and made some brilliant runs down the sides. Cuppage, after a good run, kicked the first goal for Under Elections. He soon afterwards scored another, and Rumball put through the third from a scrimmage just before goals. No further success was gained on either side till half-time. After this the game was more even, but shortly before time Sandwith scored the fourth and last goal for the Under Elections. For Grants, Jones, Patrick, and Westmoreland (forwards), and Hemsley (back), distinguished themselves; for Under Elections, Egerton and Mead (backs), and Cuppage (forward), did most work. The Elevens were as follows:—

*Under Elections.*—Cuppage, Mead, Egerton, Eddis, Guest, Clarke, Benbow, Sandwith, Rumball, Whitehead, H. Jones.

*Grants.*—T. B. Jones, Patrick, Westmoreland, Hemsley, Soames, Gilbertson, Kitchen, Burrige, Batley, Spearman, De'Ath.

## CHARTERHOUSE MATCH, 1877.

THIS match was fixed for Feb. 17th, at Godalming. The Football Eleven accordingly started by the 11.30 train from Waterloo, hoping that we should have the same success as in the previous year. Nothing worthy of note happened until the Eleven reached Godalming, where we found a drag awaiting us, in which we were conveyed to Charterhouse in time for a good dinner before the match commenced, at 2.30. The ground was in excellent condition, being perfectly destitute of grass, and a smart wind blew straight down the ground, which threatened to increase as the day advanced, and by which the small ball with which we played was treated like a feather. We lost the toss, and played for the first half-time with the wind. For the first ten minutes or a quarter-of-an-hour we played up with great dash and form, and worked the ball well up to the opposite goals, but, unfortunately, without any result, as Black delayed too long before goals without "shooting," and our opponents gradually worked down upon us until we were forced across the centre of the ground, notwithstanding the fine sallies made by Cuppage and Aston. They were far stronger than we were in the centre, and also more accustomed to the small ball, which fairly puzzled our backs. To the end of half-time we were penned up, while they had a good number of corner-kicks and tries, but without any definite success, owing to the excellent manner in which Ryde kept goals; but towards the end of half-time, owing to the lax play of our backs, Eddis breasted the ball between the posts from a loose scrimmage in front. After half-time play was resumed with vigour, for then Page and Hayter made some fine runs, which were stopped by our backs. For us Gamble, to the left side, played in fine style, as in

some of his runs he passed the Charterhouse backs several times. Cuppage was indefatigable, especially in the scrimmages, in which he was particularly prominent. Aston, Black, and Turner, also endeavoured hard to avert defeat, but their efforts were not well backed up, as we had four of our men down with cramp, brought on by the hardness of the ground. Page was again conspicuous before our goals, but without success, as the Eleven appeared to be getting fagged, and Westminster seemed in a fair way of making the game equal; when Parry, by a good piece of backing-up, frustrated our hopes by sending the ball for a second time between the goals. After this, however, Westminster played up with the energy of despair, and by some good play forced the ball across the centre, and towards their goals, but Devenish was equal to all emergencies, and the game was very evenly contested until time was called, which was greeted by the Charterhouse boys with loud shouts; while the Westminster Eleven left the ground somewhat crestfallen at the thought that they had thus lost at Cricket and at Football. Our spirits, however, gradually rose under the soothing effects of a good supper which they had hospitably prepared for us before our departure, and we can only hope that they will be as well received at Westminster as we were at Charterhouse. For us, Aston, Turner, Black, and Cuppage, played well; and for them Page was the mainstay of the Eleven, being well backed up by Hayter, Eddis, and Parry.

The Elevens were as follows:—

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

*Charterhouse.*—W. R. Page (capt.), W. T. Hayter, G. D. Keightley, T. F. Eddis, E. F. Growse, J. F. M. Prinsep (half backs), H. W. Devenish (back), A. C. Parry, C. F. Smith (goals), E. G. Wynyard, O. Evan Thomas.

Umpires, E. M. Short and H. C. Benbow.

## ANALYSIS OF MATCHES, PLAY TERM 1876.

School <i>v.</i> H. S. Otter's Eleven,	Lost	0—3
„ <i>v.</i> Old Wykehamists,	Drawn	1—1
„ <i>v.</i> Upton Park,	Lost	1—2
„ <i>v.</i> Herts Rangers,	Drawn	0—0
„ <i>v.</i> Wanderers,	Lost	0—2
„ <i>v.</i> Civil Service,	Won	2—1
„ <i>v.</i> South Norwood,	Drawn	1—1
„ <i>v.</i> Old Hafovians,	Drawn	1—1
„ <i>v.</i> XXII.	Won	1—0
„ <i>v.</i> Old Wykehamists,	Won	5—0
„ <i>v.</i> Clapham Rovers,	Lost	0—4
„ <i>v.</i> Old Westminsters,	Won	6—0

Goals kicked for us, 18; against us, 15. Matches played, 12; won 4; drawn 4; lost 4.

## WESTMINSTER HEROES.

## IV.

“*Non diu sed multum vixit.*”

Of the readers of this paper, it may be that many are by no means intimate with the character and history of its subject, while some perhaps may be entirely ignorant who *George Herbert* was, and what he did to render himself the object of the veneration of all ages. Most people think of him as a devout recluse, completely estranged from their sympathy by singular austerity of life and extraordinary abnegation. His poetry they regard as a collection of quaint dissonances; with his other works of surpassing merit they are unacquainted. He was born and bred in an age fertile with great men and their great learning, which has given to it the proud title of the *Elizabethan* age of literature. The characteristic of that epoch was a spirit very different from that which marks our own. The feverish influence of speculation “which in commerce makes or destroys a fortune in a day,” and which amongst us reigns supreme over literature and philosophy alike, was altogether absent in the society of the Elizabethan era. The advantages of our own day, the rapid advance of physical science, the extended range of our intellectual horizon and the greater complexity of our acquirements, are truly things to be thankful for, but it must be remembered that in this very diffusiveness of aims there is great danger: it might be well if we had more of the closeness of concentration which stamps the age in which *George Herbert* moved, and of which he was in many ways a characteristic type. He was no mere devotee. He neither neglected nor misused his rare natural advantages. He was born of a wealthy and noble family, one of the noblest of the great English houses. Of prepossessing exterior and cultivated manners, the great drawback to him throughout the course of his short life was an extreme delicacy of constitution. He distinguished himself both at Westminster and also at Cambridge, where at twenty-five years of age he had attained the dignity of Public Orator. This post was at that time particularly valued as an introduction to the Court. But although such a brilliant career of courtiership was held out to him, *Herbert* turned from it to dedicate his powers to a higher use. He entered upon Holy Orders not as one escaping from worldly disappointments, but as feeling himself unworthy of the high office to which he was called. His great aim was to raise the status of the country clergy, who at that time had become a by-word throughout the land. He was appointed to the living of Bemerton in 1630, and soon afterwards married a daughter of *John Danvers*, a name well known in the county of Wiltshire. His married life was essentially happy, but of very short duration. In less than two years from his marriage *George Herbert* had passed away.

His influence, like that of the “saintly poet of Hursley,” whom he so much resembles in forming the highest type of Christian character for laity and clergy, has been extended beyond that little parish on Salisbury plain of a hundred souls, far beyond the age in which he lived. His picture of the “*Country Parson*”

is a good representation of his life at Bemerton. As parish priest really at the head of his flock he brought the weight of his personal advantages to bear upon his work. It is said that he made his knowledge of Platonic dialogues useful in the public catechism of his village school. On Sunday his table was open to all comers. His influence with the rich was as great as with the poor. His was the irresistible charm not of mere external polish but of innate sweetness of disposition and unselfishness. His religion was not something distinct from the routine of his life, it penetrated and ruled every action. Among his accomplishments we must notice his great musical powers, and the charm which music always exercised upon him. We commend his life to admirers of “Muscular Christianity:” he prescribes manly occupations for all grades of society; truly his “wisdom has not a cloistered tone.”

*Herbert* as a poet can never be a general favourite. He exhibits want of poetic diction, and his poems are too quaint and homely to create the admiration of the ordinary reader. Moreover we see in them often confusion of ideas and intricate expressions. Yet all true lovers of poetry may find hidden treasure beneath the rough appearance of the external form. “Religious Poetry is seldom of the highest order.” The subject transcends human capacity. To this rule of course we must make exceptions in the persons of *Milton*, *Cowper*, and *Keble*. To compare *George Herbert* with *Milton* is absurd. With the third name he exhibits the greatest likeness. Without doubt, moreover, his influence upon *Keble* was very great, and although he wants the musical diction and natural imagery of the latter, he has more terseness and animation. Men like *Herbert* are rare. It was not his wide learning, his refined taste, his amiability, or his strictness of life, but a combination in one man of qualities so “diversely beautiful” that commend him as our pattern and our guide. Men of less evenly-balanced mind may create a greater sensation in the world, but it may be questioned whether men like *George Herbert* and *John Keble* do not possess a wider and deeper influence though it be less perceptible. May the race of men like these never be extinct among our statesmen and clergy!

(*To be continued.*)

## FROM OUR CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT.

CAMBRIDGE, February 8.

DURING the last few weeks I have been gaining my first experience of Cambridge vacation. The condition of things then appears to be exactly what the ideal Cambridge of a learned Professor, somewhat of a bookworm, would be; perhaps something like what the Oxford reformers who wished to abolish Commem. would wish Oxford to be. The Senate-house full from nine till four with pale and sleepy faces going in for all manner of Triposes and Exams.; the rest of the town deserted, many of the shops shut, the river enjoying a holiday, the football fields unvisited. At various hours of the day men cramming for the

Classical, which comes long after the other Triposes, appear along the Trumpington Road snatching a hurried constitutional. At Hall the men from the Senate-house appear in full force: the majority eat, and pretend to enjoy, their dinner in perfect silence; at the head of the table two men discuss vigorously the doings of the candidates for the Senior Wrangler-ship; once, and once only, I saw an attempt at a laugh, but such a laugh as I wish never to see again. Yes, Cambridge is very steady and very industrious in January, but is rather more lively in term.

The arrears of news from last term are not large. H. L. Randall won the 440 yards in 3rd Trinity and Kings Athletics. Six Westminster men rowed in 3rd Trinity Trial Eights, and those who were in the successful boat were successful. This term, J. H. Williams is rowing in the second boat, which C. F. Reeks is to cox.; H. L. Randall, F. Whitehead, G. A. Bolton, A. H. Lefroy, J. Gilbertson, and H. M. C. Macpherson in the third. But alas! torpor and indifference seem to have come over our representative in the first boat, who has deserted the river, and is now to be seen every day walking out to Girton with his "little dawg." I suppose the warm winter has unnerved him; let us hope that some of the winds which will soon pay us a visit will waken him to a sense of his duty before he is required to take his place for the May races.

In the examination world, I am glad to be able to report that no Westminster men have been ploughed for any Tripos, Special, General, Little-go, or other examination. At least I know of none such.

In accordance with your suggestion last October, a select band of Westminster men have set about reforming Cambridge by sitting at the same table in Hall; an arrangement highly agreeable to themselves, and certainly not injurious to any one else. But I cannot perceive all the good results which you prophesied would follow such a step. But perhaps time enough has not yet been given; but the worst point is, that the happy company themselves do not yet appear to be inspired with the lofty aims suggested by your article, and would perhaps be rather surprised to hear all you expect of them.

For all other Cambridge news, consult the London daily papers, which will tell you all you want to know, much more concisely, accurately, and punctually, than any one here could possibly do.

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#### FROM OUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

OXFORD, FEBRUARY 16.

My letter, I fear, will for want of material be inevitably short and uninteresting. The Torpid crews are already in training, but W. H. A. Cowell and Y. H. Wilson, Ch. Ch., are the only O.W's. in the boats. In Association Football, however, Westminster education tells as strongly as ever, and you doubtless observed with pride that the Eleven which vanquished Cambridge contained the frames of the five well-known O.W's. H. S. Otter, W. S. Rawson, E. Waddington, E. H. Alington, and F. D. Crowley.

A busy-body lately remarked that your Oxford correspondent should write you full descriptions of the University Boat, the Races, the Athletics, &c., but I would beg leave to observe that on these subjects the best Sporting papers, which are published in London, are generally more or less trustworthy authorities, and that any details would be either false or superfluous.

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#### Obituary.

SINCE the opening of the year we have lost another of the older friends of the School, whose family roll of Old Westminsters has recently been chronicled on School walls. At the age of eighty-six, and after an illness of only three days, Lord Gage, the 4th Viscount, died on January 20th, at Firlie Place, near Lewes, Sussex.

Both the 2nd and 3rd Viscounts appear to have been educated at the School, and were stewards of "The Westminster Dinner," respectively in 1757 and 1789. Moreover, among the names of noblemen that were present at an earlier Westminster Gathering in 1730 or 1731 appear those of "Gage Maj.," and "Gage Min.," who were probably at that time boys in the School.

The late Lord Gage succeeded his father in 1808, and was a steward of the Annual Dinner in 1815. The elder of his two sons, Colonel the Hon. Henry C. H. Gage, and heir to the title, was educated at Westminster, but pre-deceased his father in 1875. The title therefore passes to his Lordship's grandson, Henry Charles Gage, eldest son of the late Colonel Henry Gage, who was born in 1854, and was not educated at the School. The late Viscount was a constant supporter of "the Play," and his uniform kindness to his old School will long be remembered by both Young and Old Westminsters.

It is now our sad office to record the death of one who has for many years been associated with the School as Under Mathematical Master. C. H. H. Cheyne, after thirteen years' teaching at the School, retired at the end of last term from weak health; he died, however, on New Year's day at Torquay. He had always taken a leading part in the arrangements for the concert, in which we fear that we shall feel his loss very deeply this year.

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#### OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

WE beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of *The Carthusian*, *The Wykehamist*, *The Ulula*, *The Melburnian*, *The Ousel*, *The Glenalmond Chronicle*, *The Blue*, *The Radleian*, and *The Meteor*.

*The Carthusian*, good as it usually is, in this number even surpasses itself—we have not seen such a good number for some months. It is good all through. The leader is, we think, to the point and interesting. It contains a really clever and amusing "Parody on

Gray's Elegy." The private theatricals appear to flourish at Charterhouse, as does also lawn tennis.

*The Wykehamist* is hardly up to its usual standard, the principal features being an article on egg-flip, an account of the doings of the debating and natural history societies, and a description of the confirmation, from *Church Bells*.

*The Ousel* is very good; though as yet in its infancy we feel sure it will prosper. It has our good wishes.

In *The Glenalmond Chronicle*, after a pretty lengthy review of the doings of the cricket club, rifle corps, &c., we come to the second part of a very clever series of papers on Terrestrial Magnetism; there is a neat little bit of "Poetry" by "W. E. F.," and a good piece by "F. C." on Classical Literature.

*The Blue* is very well suited to boys' reading. It contains some very interesting experiences of "R. N.," an "old Blue," on the Island of Borneo. Also a thrilling account of a combat between a tiger and a buffalo, as well as some verses by "H. E. S." entitled, "A Night in the Bush."

*The Radleian* is very common-place, with the exception of some verses, one set, "A Dirge" over "Shop," contains the following stanza:—

"We can look through the window on  
Its solitude and grief,  
Though even that's but little consolation or relief!"

Some Latin verses too there are, "found by the librarian on the fly-leaf of a novel," in which we find the following picture:—

"Ecce! pueri frequentes  
Aulâ taciti sedentes  
Dum discipulos regentes  
Ambulantur domini."

"An adestis? sileatur;  
Vox nullius audiatur;  
Huic qui garrulus loquatur  
Malo fiet omni."

*The Ulula* contains a very complimentary letter to the retiring head-master, Mr. Wallner. We believe he deserves all that was said of him. There is little else remarkable in the paper.

*The Meteor* begins with, we think, a very just appeal against the disadvantages under which they are forced to play at Prince's for the racquet cup. The Debating Society at Rugby seems to flourish.

## Correspondence.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS, &c.

"Violin."—Your idea is too absurd for insertion.

"H. F.," "L. Y."—Your letters have been omitted for want of space.

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### TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

SIR,—In your last number appeared, as every one knows, a letter from N. on the subject of Hockey, proposing that Hockey should become a school-game here. His arguments were good, and all objections that might be raised by opposers to the scheme he mentioned, and showed how that instead of being detrimental to football it was quite the reverse. Since the last *Elizabethan* appeared a *Carthusian* has come out, containing a leader on the subject of Hockey. It is a most sensible article, and as the Carthusians have tried and found Hockey useful to football, why should not we? The difficulty seems the selection of the most suitable time, both of year and day. 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, but the time of day seems to be a more difficult matter. I cannot say I agree with N. when he says between nine and ten would suit, because, though there are a few boys who apparently have no work to do, the majority have a great deal to prepare. When the evenings grow longer, after afternoon school appears to me the best time of the day, especially when the Green has to undergo the yearly harrowing and ploughing process which ends in its appearing really green. I very much fear the suggestion of N. will fall to the ground, as nearly all sensible suggestions do here, we all seem so very apathetic. I must say I wish others would give their opinions on the subject, and if the majority say "Yes," let us rouse ourselves and set to work to start a Hockey Club. What need for me to repeat what N. has said, that it is beneficial to football? What more conclusive proof of it than that at Charterhouse five or six of the Football Eleven are also in the Hockey Eleven? I do hope before the next number of the *Elizabethan* comes out that letters will be received to settle the question, and my wish is that they may be satisfactory. I fear I have taken up a large amount of your space, but before I conclude I must correct an unintentional error of your correspondent N. He ends his letter with the hope that he may not be "included among the list of radical innovators such as Spelling Bee and Rinkomania." As the writer of the letter using the latter *nom de plume*, I must beg to inform N. that I was not an advocate of that absurdly ridiculous idea which was the subject of the letter, but that I showed, in greater length I acknowledge than the occasion required, how absurd the suggestion was, and ended by saying that "I was not as yet a sufferer from Rinkomania." With many apologies for intruding on your space,

I am, yours, &c.,

E. A. B.

### TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

SIR,—It seems to me to be a great shame that the Library should, in spite of frequent remonstrances, be permitted to remain in its present disgraceful state. Does dust improve books pray, that no measures are taken to dislodge it, but rather that it is encouraged to take refuge on library shelves? Surely if some servants were set to clean it out thoroughly on a half-holiday, and if then a librarian—for I conclude there is one nominally at least—were to catalogue all the volumes in some comprehensive manner, a great blessing would be conferred upon the School. Trusting that this appeal will receive more notice than has been given to others to the same effect,

I remain, yours, &c.,

T. L. D.

### TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—I wish to call your attention to a slight inaccuracy in the letter of your correspondent N. contained in your last number. In his great zeal he talks of the Conservatism of this School. Till I read N's. letter I always fondly imagined that Westminster was the great Whig School to which in the last century and in its palmy days the great Whig families (such as the Russells, &c.) used to send their sons to be brought up in accordance with the family politics. But I suppose I was mistaken and must live and learn.

Yours truly, W. G.

Floreat.