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HENLEY.

FOR the first time for many years the Westminster School Boat Club was represented in an important race. On the last day of last term permission was granted us to enter for the Public Schools' Challenge Cup at Henley; and on Wednesday, June 16, after about four or five weeks' practice at Putney, the School Four arrived on the scene of action, and took up their quarters at Wargrave, about three miles from the town of Henley. The boat was sent up in the morning, and at six in the afternoon the crew, after having had a look at some of their competitors, went for a practice over the course. Their performance, whether owing to the shortness of the time they had had for practice, or to the change of scene, or both causes combined, was certainly not calculated to inspire their friends with any great confidence of their success next day. All their old faults, instead of having disappeared altogether, being at all events less conspicuous, were

more pronounced than ever. 'They have no finish at all' was the remark of an experienced oarsman on the tow-path. Individually, stroke was only half rowing his oar through. Three was feathering under water every stroke, and thus rendering it an impossibility to keep the boat steady. Two did not appear able to use his slide properly, and was finishing over his oar; while bow was throwing up water, and had, apparently, other objects to bestow his attention upon than three's back. It was clear that a month, even of Phelps' coaching, was not enough to teach them to slide and to sit a light boat.

Next morning the crew went out for a short spin about 10 o'clock, and rowed so much better than on the previous evening that hopes were entertained of their winning their heat. The race was set down on the card for half past three, and punctually to the time the three boats took up their respective stations. Magdalen College School had the Berks station, the best; we were in the centre, and thereby had the worst of the stream against us; while

Derby, with the Bucks station, had less stream, but the outside course. When the signal was given, Derby caught the water first, and, rowing a fast stroke, soon began to forge ahead, Magdalen, who were a weak crew but very well together, going second. After racing a quarter of a mile, Derby had drawn a length and a half in advance, and Magdalen were leading us about half a length; but by the time the Horse-barrier had been reached, Derby, who had nearly led us sufficiently to take our water, came back to the other two boats, and we had begun to gain on Magdalen. A little further on Clarke, answering gamely to shouts from the bank, spurted, and at about the half-distance drew our boat a few feet in front; then, for about a quarter of a mile, a neck-and-neck race ensued; but before the corner was reached Magdalen's superior style began to tell, and they drew slowly ahead, while Derby dropped behind us. At the corner Magdalen on the inside drew clear, and from this point the race was virtually over. In spite of the gallant efforts of our crew, Magdalen increased their lead, and finally won by three lengths, Derby being about the same distance behind us.

In the race the crew rowed very pluckily, but the unsteadiness of the boat prevented the success of their efforts, most of the faults we noticed before being more or less manifest. Clarke, however, rowed very much better, and showed himself distinctly the best man in the boat. We shall certainly find it difficult to replace him next year. The other three have all the making of good oarsmen, and with another year's practice will doubtless effect a great improvement on their present style, which this year, through no fault of their own, was undoubtedly rough and unfinished. A word of praise is due to our diminutive coxswain, who discharged his by no means easy duties in a most creditable manner.

I. BERKS—MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL.

		st.	lbs.
<i>Bow.</i>	F. P. Davis.....	8	10
2.	E. R. Ward.....	9	6
3.	J. Reade.....	9	13
<i>Str.</i>	W. S. Unwin.....	9	5
<i>Cox.</i>	E. O. Davies.....	6	0

2. CENTRE—WESTMINSTER.

		st.	lbs.
<i>Bow.</i>	R. T. Squire.....	10	2
2.	W. W. Bury.....	9	9
3.	R. H. Coke.....	11	6
<i>Str.</i>	F. G. Clarke.....	11	5
<i>Cox.</i>	G. G. Phillimore.....	4	11

3. BUCKS—DERBY.

		st.	lbs.
<i>Bow.</i>	W. W. Weston.....	9	7
2.	J. G. Coutts.....	11	0
3.	A. Coutts.....	10	2
<i>Str.</i>	W. H. E. Spreckley.....	8	13
<i>Cox.</i>	J. H. Nicholson.....	6	9

'OLD WESTMINSTERS.'

No. VII.*

THE REV. RICHARD BUSBY, D.D.

MANY are the byways that lead to fame, the main roads to which may be said to pass through war or peace; and proud though Westminster is, and very rightly is, of the distinction gained by so many old scholars as soldiers, and a few as sailors, there is just as much love and veneration for those 'O.Ws.' who have made their mark in more peaceful occupations. Of the latter none has done more to gain the lasting affection of 'Westminsters' than he whose name heads this article. The Head Master of a great public school holds a position that in the eyes of his pupils is second only to that occupied by the sovereign, and that by the world at large is regarded with becoming deference and respect. No public school chief has attained more honourable or wider distinction than the famous Busby. I, the writer of these memoirs, subject as I was sadly too often to the chastening discipline of the rod during my sojourn at Westminster, rejoice that in my time a Busby did not wield the instrument of wholesome correction for schoolboys' little sins of commission and omission, for I doubt if I should have survived to relate the fact. He was perhaps the most frequent and hardest flogger that ever ruled a little kingdom of schoolboys with a rod, not of iron, but of apple-tree twigs, and it cannot be said that his reign was any the less successful because he administered government with such *heavy* if even-handed justice. In fact, we are rather the more proud of the good old doctor on account of his celebrity 'in the Library.' (The phrase will not carry a twofold meaning to the ears of 'Old Westminsters.' Some of us know what it signifies from practical experience, alas!) We can well imagine with what respectful awe the doctor must have been regarded by his pupils when we are told that he marched up the old School room, wearing his 'mortar board,' by the side of King Charles II., and excused himself for keeping his head covered on the ground that were he to adopt the usual etiquette, the boys would perceive that there was a greater man in the land than their head master, and would never look up to him again with the same fear and respect as before. Doubtless, King Charles knew how on the morning his father was murdered by men who forgot their allegiance to their sovereign, and disgraced their names for all time, Westminster proved its loyalty; how South, the 'monitor' of the day, repeated before the kneeling doctor and other masters a prayer for the King's Majesty—a right worthy and brave act.

Descended, it is said, from the Busbys of Ad-dington, in Buckinghamshire, the subject of this notice was born at Sutton, in Lincolnshire, on Sep-

* The author of these articles wishes us to explain that the conclusion of No. VI., 'Field-Marshal Thomas Grosvenor,' commenced in our last number, has been postponed for some promised particulars until next month.

tember 22, 1606, and was named Richard after his father, a gentleman residing in Westminster, of whom he was the second son. He received his early education at the school of which he was destined to become Head Master, and was elected to Oxford in 1624, in company with Edward Fulham, who died a Canon of Windsor at the advanced age of ninety years, William Thelwall, and Roger Heyrick, Fellow of All Souls, 1628. While at the University he acquired great power in oratory, and gained such applause in acting the part of Cratander, in Cartwright's 'Royal Slave,' on an occasion where the King and Queen were present, that he had serious intentions of adopting the stage as a profession. However, he did not persevere in this idea, but worked steadily on in the more serious university business, so that when he left Oxford he did so with the honourable reputation of being one of the best Latin and Greek scholars of the day. He took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1628, being then twenty-two years of age, and graduated as M.A. three years later. In 1638, Lambert Osbolston, Head Master of Westminster School, being ejected, and otherwise severely punished, for having made reflections upon Laud in a letter to Archbishop Williams, Busby was appointed provisionally to the vacant office, and on December 23, 1640, was confirmed in the post. In 1639 he had been installed Prebendary of Wells, and assigned the Rectorship of Cudworth in Somersetshire, but in the Civil War both these offices were taken from him, although he was allowed to retain his Studentship of Christ Church and the post he held at Westminster School. Certain men did all they could to have the Head Mastership snatched out of his hands, but the reputation Busby had already gained as a master of more than ordinary ability and administrative faculties saved him from the designs of his enemies to overthrow him. The chief of Busby's foes on this occasion was his second master, Edward Bagshaw, himself an 'Old Westminster,' who was turned out of his post in 1658 for his insolence to his chief. This man, who was learned to an excellent degree, was unfortunately possessed of a hasty, turbulent, and ungovernable temper, to which was added an overweening self-conceit, and he had quarrelled with his superior because he had been told by him to take the Under School in his charge (the Second Master's lot) instead of one of the forms in the Upper School. Bagshaw afterwards published an account of this quarrel in a quarto pamphlet, which is now considered very rare. When that happy event came to pass to which all loyal Englishmen had been looking forward with great anxiety and hope, the 'Restoration,' King Charles the Second, 'The Merry Monarch,' took care that justice should be done to his faithful subject Richard Busby, and bestowed upon him, on July 5, 1660, a stall at Westminster, to which honour he added on the 11th of August by making him Treasurer and Canon Residentiary of Wells. In the same year, on October 19, the University of Oxford, anxious to confer a mark of respect upon this eminent man, raised him from Master of Arts to the highest degree—Doctor of Divinity—without putting him to the necessity of being

first a B.D. Our 'worthy Westminster' was on two occasions an active and prominent actor in courtly pageants. When, in April 1661, Charles was crowned second King of that name, Doctor Busby was selected to carry the *Ampulla*; and in the coronation ceremony of James the Second, in the year 1685, he was honoured with the office of Bearer of the Orb with the Cross. In Convocation Busby appeared as Proctor, being the delegate of the Chapter of Bath and Wells. Among others he signed his name as approving the Book of Common Prayer in June 1661. As an author, the Doctor approved his ability in the publication of an edition of 'The Satires of Juvenal and Persius' in 1656, an edition of 'Martial's Epigrams' in 1661, some grammars and other works for the use of his scholars. We have the evidence of his most beloved pupil, his most eminent captain, Philip Henry, that he always took especial care to thoroughly prepare his pupils for the reception of the Eucharist. The mention of that distinguished man, Philip Henry, brings us to the consideration of the many other eminent people whose foundation of greatness may be said to have been laid by the good doctor in the days when they dwelt under his excellent rule. On this subject it has been observed that Busby 'educated the greatest number of learned scholars that ever adorned at one time any age or nation.' What a glorious epitaph to have recorded on the memorial stone of any man's grave! Let us glance at a brief list of the men who by reason of their celebrity made the master famous, by whom they themselves were first taught the way of becoming notable. Richard Hill, Canon of Salisbury, the founder of exhibitions at Christ Church for Westminster scholars; John Dolben, at one time a soldier, a major in the King's service, severely wounded at the battle of Marston Moor and at the Siege of York, afterwards entered the Church and became Archbishop of York in 1683; Martin Clifford, Master of Charterhouse; Thomas Millington, eminent as a scholar and as a physician, in which capacity he was attached to King William the Third and to Queen Anne, was President of the College of Physicians, and received what in those times was an honour—kighthood; Richard Booker, a man who at the early period of his death was considered very able as a scholar, a Fellow of Trinity, Cambridge, is interred in the Cloisters of Westminster Abbey; Nathaniel Hodges, an excellent physician and writer, greatly distinguished for his courage and humanity in assisting those stricken by the Great Plague, when most of the London doctors had fled from the Metropolis; James Heath, an historian of note; Henry Stubbe, a celebrated physician, one of the most learned men of the day, an author of some mark, and at one time a soldier; Richard Lower, a very clever physician and writer on medical subjects, the discoverer of Astrop Waters in Northamptonshire; William James, showed signs at an early age of being a fine writer, was Second Master of Westminster School 1661, and was buried in the Abbey when he died in 1663; John Dryden, one of the most distinguished of 'Old Westminsters,' Poet Laureate and Historiographer to King Charles and

King James the Second, whose fame will never die. Robert South, the brave boy who read prayers on behalf of King Charles the First as related before, a celebrated wit, an eminent divine, Prebendary of Westminster, Canon of Christ Church—he could have been an Archbishop had he chosen to accept the offer. William Godolphin, Member of Parliament for Camelford 1661, knighted in 1688, Under Secretary of State to Lord Arlington, and Ambassador to the Court of Spain. John Locke, a Commissioner of Appeals, &c., more celebrated as a writer and philosopher, in which capacities he was pre-eminent. Francis Vernon, a great traveller and writer, was murdered by Arabs in Persia. Thomas Gale, Regius Professor of Greek, High Master of St. Paul's School, Prebendary of St. Paul's, Dean of York, a great historian and antiquary, and one of the finest Greek scholars of the day. Edward Wetenhall, Bishop of Cork and Ross 1678, Bishop of Kilmore and Ardagh 1699. Benjamin Woodroffe, Dean of Christ Church, Principal of Gloucester Hall, Oxford, Chaplain to the Duke of York, and was present in that capacity at the sea fight with the Dutch off Southwold Bay. Thomas Knipe, Prebendary of Westminster, Head Master of Westminster School. Robert Salisbury, or Salusbury, elected to Oxford 1657, a ripe scholar; George Hooper, Dean of Canterbury 1691, Bishop of St. Asaph 1703, and Bishop of Bath and Wells 1704—he declined the Primacy of Ireland, the Bishoprick of London, and the Archbishoprick of York—a great Arabic scholar. Edward Jones, Bishop of St. Asaph. Henry Aldrich, Dean of Christ Church, composer of the well-known glee 'Hark, the bonny Christ Church bells.' Corbet Owen, celebrated as a poet. Henry Rider, Bishop of Killaloe in Ireland. Elkanah Settle, Poet Laureate to the City of London, the rival of Dryden. William Ellis, Secretary of State to King James the Second, with whom he was a great favourite. Charles Hickman, Bishop of Londonderry in Ireland; Philip Ellis, was kidnapped from School by the Jesuits, entered the Church of Rome, and became a bishop. Sir Jonathan Trelawney, Baronet, Bishop of Bristol 1685, Bishop of Exeter 1689, and Bishop of Winchester 1707—the lines

'And shall Trelawney die? And shall Trelawney die?

We're twenty thousand Cornishmen, and we'll know the reason why'

apply to this eminent divine, and refer to his being sent by James II. with five other bishops to the Tower in 1687, the Archbishop Sancroft being at their head. Gilbert Dolben, eldest son of the Archbishop, judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Ireland, created a baronet by Queen Anne, member of Parliament at divers times for Ripon, Peterborough, and Yarmouth (Isle of Wight). James Smalwood, chaplain to the 1st Foot Guards in the campaign in Holland under the Duke of Marlborough. Lancelot Blackburne, Archbishop of York, and Lord High Almoner; Charles Montague, Chancellor of the Exchequer 1694, was created Baron Halifax 1700, Viscount Sunbury and Earl of Halifax 1714, a very distinguished statesman. Nicholas

Brady, translator of the Psalms into metre, Chaplain to King William and Queen Mary, and to Queen Anne, was paid unusual honour by the University of Dublin, which sent him the diploma of D.D. by the hands of their Senior Travelling Fellow. Francis Atterbury, Bishop of Rochester, an exceedingly eminent Divine, one of the chief workers in the erection of a new dormitory for the Westminster Scholars. Harry Mordaunt, second son of John, Lord Peterborough—he was a Lieutenant-General in the army, and member of Parliament for Brackley, and afterwards for Richmond. Francis Gastrell, Bishop of Chester. Welbore Ellis, Bishop of Kildare 1705, Bishop of Meath 1731, father of the first Lord Mendip, and grandfather of the first Lords Clifden and Normanton, both of whom were sons of his daughter, the wife of H. Agar, Esq. Charles Saunders, when a 'King's Scholar,' wrote a tragedy called 'Tamberlain the Great,' which was received very well, and to which Dryden wrote an epilogue. William King, a witty writer, Secretary to Princess Anne of Denmark, judge of the High Court of Admiralty, and Vicar General to the Primate of Ireland. Matthew Prior, the celebrated poet, whose name alone is sufficient description. George Smalridge, Bishop of Bristol. Edward Haunes, an eminent physician and poet—he left £1,000 to build a dormitory, and gave the goblet to the Scholars of St. Peter's College, Westminster School, known as the Pocolum. George Stepney, Commissioner of Trade 1697, several times employed as Ambassador to Continental Courts, and a poet of some repute; Edward Wells, author of several geographical and divinity works. Robert Freind, Head Master of Westminster School, Canon of Westminster, Prebendary of Westminster, and Canon of Christ Church—under him many of the most eminent men who attained celebrity in the reigns of the early Georges received their education. Edmund Smith, so distinguished a scholar that the two Universities almost quarrelled as to which should have the honour of receiving him, author of *Phœdra and Hyppolytus*—his life has been written by Dr. Johnson; William Thomas, a famous antiquary, editor of Dugdale's *Warwickshire*; Nicholas Rowe, the celebrated Poet Laureate, of whom no more may be said than was said of Prior, his fame is too well established to need further notice here; Henry Brydges, brother of the Duke of Chandos, Archdeacon and Prebendary of Rochester; William Shippen, a famous parliamentary orator; Dixey Windsor, brother of Lord Windsor, Member of Parliament for Cambridge in six successive Parliaments, storekeeper to the office of ordnance; he was brother-in-law to the last named; John Freind, physician to Queen Caroline, an eminent medical professor and a clever writer; Richard Newton, Canon of Christ Church, founder of Hertford College 1740; Charles Whitworth, a very distinguished diplomatist, ambassador to several courts, created Lord Whitworth; he wrote 'An Account of Russia as it was in the year 1710,' being the year he visited that country as ambassador to the Czar. The names given above are those of a few of the men who, under Doctor Busby's tuition,

rose to eminence. The list is the strongest possible testimony to the ability of this most justly celebrated Head Master. Now let us look at our 'Worthy Westminster' from another point of view. Let us glance at the charitable works he wrought for the benefit of his fellow-creatures. To Christ Church he left a maintenance for a lecture in the Oriental tongues, which was not completed, and for the same in mathematics. He gave a stipend of £30 per annum for a Catechetical Lecture to be delivered in one of the Oxford parish churches; a present of £100 towards the erection of a common room under the west end of the great hall, and also for the setting up of a pulpit there, wherein the two former lectures should be read. Towards the rebuilding of Christ Church, at the Restoration, he put down £250. The Catechetical Lecture he reserved that the vicarage of Willen, Bucks, should be given to one of his favourite school, he having given the advowson of the vicarage to Christ Church. He rebuilt the church, and endowed the vicarage with great tithes. A library was also given for the use of the clergy in the neighbourhood, and twenty-two lectures appointed to be delivered on the Catechism annually in the church. The Doctor was not neglectful of Wells Cathedral in dealing out his liberality. And now to his generous treatment of Westminster Abbey. Those black and white diamond-shaped marble slabs that form the pavement over which the Westminster boys pass to their places in the choir of the Abbey were the outcome of old Busby's generosity. The Doctor appointed in his will, dated July 10, 1693, thirteen trustees to carry out his charitable designs. These were: The Earl of Nottingham; Lord Laneshoro'; the Honourable Heneage Finch, afterwards Earl of Aylesford; Sir Thomas Dyke, baronet; Sir Thomas Millington, knight; Sir John Babor, knight; Dr. George Hooper, Dean of Canterbury, afterwards Bishop of Bath and Wells; Dr. Robert South; William Thursby, Richard Newman, William Busby, Esquires; Thomas Knipe, clerk; and John Nedham, gentleman. He decreed that any vacancies that might occur were to be filled up by the choice of those remaining. These trustees are invariably 'Old Westminsters' of good repute and influential standing. Two meetings are held every year, and on the occasion of the second a dinner is partaken of in the Jerusalem Chamber. There is a picture, by Riley, of Doctor Busby and his favourite pupil, Philip Henry, hung in the hall at Christ Church; and there are or were portraits of him in the Chapter House and in the Common Room, where is also a bust of him by Rysbrac. It is said that these have all been executed from a cast in plaster taken after death, he having been averse to being depicted during his life. The character of this genius, this excellent man, has been lovingly described by Philip Henry; and Wood has written it in the following words: 'He was a person eminent and exemplary for piety and justice, an encourager of virtuous and forward youth, of great learning and hospitality, and the chief person that educated more youths that were afterwards eminent in the Church and State than master of his time.' It is said also that

he was 'not only witty, learned, and highly accomplished, but also modest and unassuming; his piety unaffected, his liberality unbounded.' The doctor left an estate of £525 per annum, and personal property to the amount of nearly £5,000 to charitable purposes and £50 to indigent housekeepers in the parish of St. Margaret, Westminster. In his will he declared that it had been his constant resolution, from the age of thirty-one, to settle such estate as God in His Mercy should entrust him with upon such charitable uses as might lead to God's glory, and the relief of good people in necessity. This distinguished captain of Westminster School, this most excellent Master of Westminster School, this most worthy 'Westminster,' both as boy and as man, died on Saturday, April 6, 1695, aged 89 years, and his remains were laid in that most fitting place for a 'Westminster' of such repute, the fine old Abbey, where there is a handsome monument to his memory.

Would that there were more men in the world at large, would that there were more boys in the smaller world of Westminster, like in character to honest, kind, generous, noble, hard-hitting Richard Busby!

THE HEAD MASTER'S REPORT.

ELECTION, 1880.

WE are glad to see that, in spite of the unabated violence of our detractors, the numbers of the School still continue steadily on the increase; nor is it unworthy of comment that it is to the boarder and half-boarder element to which this increase is due. The remarks passed this time last year on the need of more class-rooms are, accordingly, equally pertinent now.

The materials which the school possesses for forming an interesting museum and library have received an important addition in the kind gift of a collection of minerals, 'well adapted for instruction, though not containing showy specimens,' from the brother of the Head Master, Mr. Robert H. Scott, F.R.S., Secretary to the Council of the Meteorological Office. On this subject the Report says: 'As yet the School has no museum or library in which such collections would be exhibited to advantage. Nor is the space adequate for the ordinary teaching with the present numbers, in spite of the relief given by the use of the Hall in the forenoons.'

The clause 'There have been no changes in the staff or in the general system of the School during the year' is a welcome one, and somewhat difficult to reconcile with the theory of some of our friends that we are continually losing Masters.

As regards the work of the School, the first report which we meet is that of the Examiners for the School Exhibitions, Foundation vacancies, Minor Candidates. There was an unusually large number of candidates for the School Exhibitions, twenty-five, four of whom were already in the School. The Examiners appear to have been fairly satisfied with the work, which was 'decidedly better than in the previous year.' The plan of having the Fifts, Removes, and Fourths ex-

amined independently of the University Board has been followed for a third time with a satisfactory result.

The report of the Sixth Classics is very fairly favourable; the book work is most commended and pronounced 'quite satisfactory,' while the weak points seem still to be, except in a few cases, Greek and Latin prose composition. The Virgil again proved a stumbling block, especially in vivâ voce. The Report of the first three Mathematical Divisions is also on the whole fair. The Arithmetic and Algebra papers are favourably mentioned, and Euclid and Trigonometry problems seem to have been the weakest points.

On the whole there is a marked improvement on last year's Report (which was by no means unsatisfactory), an improvement which we hope will be maintained and continued.

FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* OLD HAILEYBURIANS.

THIS, the opening match of the Season, was played at Vincent Square on Saturday the 17th of April, and ended most disastrously for us. They won the toss and elected to go in, and it was not until 44 runs had been scored that the first wicket fell, Sandwith in his sixth over taking four wickets in five balls. Baker, after making 33 in good style, was stumped at the wicket off Mirehouse, and Pawle and Gripper increased the total to 122. When we went to the wickets we fared very badly, as when only 16 runs had been scored Benbow, Sandwith, and Wetton all succumbed to C. Gurdon, whose wicket-keeping was admirable throughout. Higgins alone reached double figures, and the innings closed for the paltry total of 38. Owing chiefly to his wicket-keeper, Stanley took seven wickets for 18 runs. Score:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

H. C. Benbow, c. Gurdon, b. Gripper.....	3
F. T. Higgins, c. Pawle, b. Stanley.....	12
H. Wetton, st. Gurdon, b. Stanley	0
W. F. Sandwith, st. Gurdon, b. Stanley.....	4
R. S. Owen, c. Gripper, b. Stanley	4
F. C. Ryde, c. Baker, b. Stanley	2
H. N. Robson, b. Gurdon	3
G. Mirehouse, b. Gurdon	0
G. Beaumont, b. Stanley	0
W. A. Burridge, st. Gurdon, b. Stanley	1
W. C. Dale, not out	2
Wides 6, bye 1	7

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OLD HAILEYBURIANS.

W. Deedes, b. Sandwith	23
G. Coldham, b. Robson	19
C. Gurdon, b. Sandwith.....	0
G. T. Gurdon, b. Sandwith	0
R. C. Ponsonby, b. Sandwith	0
C. E. Baker, st. Benbow, b. Mirehouse	33
A. J. Stanley, c. Dale, b. Owen	13
E. E. Baker, b. Owen	1
G. S. Pawle, not out	14
H. Gripper, c. Beaumont, b. Higgins	8
G. Baker, b. Higgins	0
Bye 1, legbyes 5, wides 5	11

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BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Runs.	Wkts.	Overs.	Maiden overs.
Mirehouse	20	1	8	0
Higgins	13	2	12	7
Sandwith	37	4	19	5
Owen.....	24	2	14	6
Robson	9	1	5	2
Wetton	7	0	2	0

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* M.C.C. AND GROUND.

This match was played at Vincent Square on Saturday, June 5, and as we had only returned a little over a week we were somewhat anxious about the issue; but the result was far better than we had expected, and if some members of the eleven had retained the chances offered them we should have been easy winners. The M.C.C. went first to the wickets, and when Studd, Foljambe, and Ross were disposed of, the telegraph board showed 90 runs for 3 wickets. Little resistance, however, was afterwards shown, and the innings closed for 118. For us, Higgins and Mirehouse bowled remarkably well, and show promise of turning out well. We began our innings badly by losing Dale before he had scored, and Higgins, who did not seem much at home with the bowling, had to retire with the total at 16. Shortly after Reece was clean bowled by Studd for a well-played 12. Robson did not remain long, and with the total at 43 for 4 wickets Benbow joined Sandwith. By good and steady play the score was carried up to 74, when the former was taken in slips. Ryde followed, and after hitting in quick succession a brace of fours, threes, and a two, returned the ball to Studd—one of the smartest pieces of batting we have seen this season—(6 for 93). At this critical time, when only 16 more runs were required, Farrands performed the 'hat trick'; and when our score was only 9 runs below that of our opponents he also disposed of Wetton, leaving Sandwith not out for a really well-played innings of 30, after being at the wickets for considerably more than an hour. Farrands' analysis is worthy of notice, 25 overs, 12 maidens, 8 wickets, 30 runs. The second innings of M.C.C. was noticeable for the magnificent innings of Studd, while Foljambe, Bircham, and Templar raised the score to 178. As the wicket was now somewhat bumpy, Beaumont at point was kept well employed.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

F. Higgins, c. Foljambe, b. Farrands	11
W. C. Dale, b. Farrands	0
G. H. W. Reece, b. Studd	12
W. F. G. Sandwith, not out	30
H. N. Robson, b. Farrands	3
H. C. Benbow, c. Studd, b. Farrands.....	21
F. C. Ryde, c. and b. Studd.....	16
W. A. Burridge, b. Farrands.....	1
G. Beaumont, c. and b. Farrands.....	0
G. Mirehouse, b. Farrands.....	0
H. Wetton, b. Farrands.....	4
Byes 8, wides 2, no balls 1.....	11

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M.C.C. AND GROUND.

<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
J. E. K. Studd, c. Ryde, b. Mirehouse	28	b. Higgins	80
G. S. Foljambe, b. Sandwith...	23	c. Beaumont, b. Mirehouse	18
H. Ross, run out	30	c. Sandwith, b. Mirehouse	4
E. Phillips, b. Mirehouse	10	c. Beaumont, b. Higgins	4
A. Ireland, c. and b. Higgins	6	c. Beaumont, b. Mirehouse	0
S. Bircham, b. Higgins	5	c. Beaumont, b. Wetton	33
R. B. Templar, b. Mirehouse	11	c. Beaumont, b. Mirehouse	11
E. Doyle, b. Higgins	0	b. Wetton	0
Farrands, b. Higgins	2	not out	10
Flanagan, b. Sandwith	1	b. Higgins	0
J. H. Giffard, not out	0	b. Wetton	14
Leg-byes	2	Byes 3, l.-bye 1	4
	118		178

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

<i>First Innings.</i>				
	Runs.	Wkts.	Overs.	Maidens.
Mirehouse	52	3	25	6
Higgins	38	4	16-1	3
Sandwith	26	2	10	4
<i>Second Innings.</i>				
Mirehouse	80	4	24	4
Higgins	47	3	18	4
Sandwith	26	0	5	0
Wetton	21	3	4	0

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. INCOGNITI.

In miserable weather, which continued throughout the day, this match was played at Vincent Square on Wednesday, June 9. The visitors, who were a very strong batting team, by winning the toss had much the best of the wicket for their innings, which was not concluded until after lunch. The tenth wicket fell for 250, to which Moon, Dalbiac, Hemming, Winter, and Fellowes were the chief contributors, the latter being a very good display of batting, especially when it is taken into consideration that he was suffering from the effects of an accident to his hand. For us Higgins bowled very effectively, but our fielding lacked dash and spirit, although the dispiriting condition of the weather may have had something to do with it. We started our innings very tamely, as Dale, Higgins, Sandwith, and Robson succumbed in quick succession; but meanwhile Ryde was scoring very briskly, and, when Benbow joined him, had made 25 out of the 34 runs scored; but shortly after, in attempting a short run, he was unfortunately run out. Beaumont and Wetton failed to score, and matters now looked very bad, as seven wickets had fallen for 47 runs. When Burridge, however, joined Benbow runs came more rapidly, and the score was raised to 73, when the former was bowled. His innings of 17 included a four, three threes, and a two. Another unexpected stand took place when Crowdy partnered Benbow, and it was not until several changes of bowling had been tried that the latter was clean bowled by Trollope for a freely hit innings of 41, in which were a six, two fours, two threes, and six twos

(9 for 105) Some smart batting on the part of Crowdy carried the score up to 122, when he was bowled, after a useful but somewhat lucky innings of 17.

On having to follow on, Benbow and Higgins appeared to face the bowling of Moon and Colt, but neither batsman seemed at all at ease, while Dale and Ryde were both run out in attempting short runs. Sandwith and Wetton also reached double figures, and time only prevented us from being defeated in an innings, as eight wickets were down for 38 runs. During our second innings a dull mist hung over the ground, which rendered the light very bad and treacherous. Full score:—

INCOGNITI.

G. B. Colt, b. Sandwith	2
A. G. Moon, l.b.w., b. Higgins	42
P. H. Dalbiac, c. Benbow, b. Higgins	28
C. Awdry, b. Higgins	9
F. E. Street, b. Sandwith	14
A. W. L. Hemming, b. Higgins	29
W. Winter, b. Higgins	39
H. Ross, c. Ryde, b. Higgins	7
Capt. A. Bircham, c. Benbow, b. Higgins	19
A. R. Fellowes, not out	29
W. S. Trollope, b. Higgins	8
Byes 16, l.-byes 3, wides 5	24
	250

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
W. C. Dale, b. Colt	0	run out	0
F. T. Higgins, c. Winter, b. Trollope	3	c. Bircham, b. Moon	0
F. C. Ryde, run out	25	run out	1
W. F. Sandwith, b. Trollope	2	c. Winter, b. Moon	14
H. N. Robson, b. Trollope	1	b. Colt	2
H. C. Benbow, b. Trollope	41	st. Winter, b. Moon	6
G. Beaumont, b. Trollope	0	not out	0
H. Wetton, b. Colt	0	c. Awdry, b. Moon	10
W. A. Burridge, b. Colt	17	not out	5
C. W. Crowdy, b. Trollope	17	c. Street, b. Colt	0
H. P. Adams, not out	3	to bat	—
Byes 8, l.-byes 5	13	Bye 1	1
	122		38

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Runs.	Wkts.	Overs.	Maidens.
Higgins	106	8	26	1
Sandwith	65	2	20	3
Robson	21	0	5	0
Wetton	34	0	7	0

Our bowling was considerably weakened by the absence of G. Mirehouse.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD WESTMINSTERS.

This match was played at Vincent Square on Saturday, June 12, against a very moderate team of O.W.W. We won the toss and elected to defend the wickets, sending in Dale and Higgins; but with the total at 33 the latter was run out. Benbow now joined Dale, and they together put on more than a hundred runs, knocking the bowling all over the ground. Dale was the first to go, after having scored 44 by very sound play, and a few balls later Benbow

was well caught in slips for a hard-hit and chanceless innings of 63, which included seven fours. Ryde and Wetton brought on many changes of bowling, to which both batsmen were equally impartial, and scored respectively 32 and 53. The last wicket offered considerable resistance, both Burrige and Beaumont contributing 31, and swelling the total to 334. The extras also scored largely.

When the O.W.W. appeared to bat they were almost worn out by the extreme heat of the weather, and by the amount of exercise they had already had, and were all disposed of for the insignificant sum of 70, Waddington and Alington alone reaching double figures, the former's innings being made up of some very big hits. Score:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

W. C. Dale, b. Black	44
F. T. Higgins, run out	17
H. C. Benbow, c. Hill, b. Wright	63
H. N. Robson, b. Wright	5
W. F. G. Sandwith, b. Black	6
F. C. Ryde, c. and b. Hill	32
G. T. Mirehouse, b. Black	0
H. Wetton, c. Waddington, b. Hill	53
C. W. Crowdy, b. Waddington	9
G. Beaumont, b. Alington	31
W. A. Burrige, not out	31
Byes 23, leg-byes 2, wides 16, no balls 2 ...	45

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OLD WESTMINSTERS.

F. D. Crowdy, b. Mirehouse	1
W. B. Clode, c. Dale, b. Higgins	2
E. M. Hill, b. Higgins	7
E. Waddington, b. Higgins	35
Hume Williams, b. Higgins	0
A. E. Black, b. Mirehouse	2
E. H. Alington, b. Higgins	10
J. H. Williams, b. Higgins	0
F. R. Clarke, b. Mirehouse	5
E. Wright, not out	8
C. C. Macnamara, b. Higgins	0

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BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Runs.	Wkts.	Overs.	Maidens.	Balls Bowled.
Mirehouse	28	3	13	5	65
Higgins	42	7	13	2	65

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD CARTHUSIANS.

This match was played at Vincent Square on Wednesday, June 23, and resulted in a victory for us by 105 runs on the first innings. We won the toss, and on a beautiful wicket sent in Higgins and Dale to face the bowling of Jeffreson and Le Bas. The former at once set to work, and opened his score with seven threes and a four; and it was not until 59 runs had been made that he lost his partner, whose innings of 16 was the result of good and steady play. Sandwith failed to score, but Wetton and Higgins raised the total to 88, when the latter was caught for a capital innings of 45, which combined hard hitting and sound defence. Benbow now joined Wetton, and both men scored freely until luncheon, when Benbow was taken at point, but Wetton continued to score until he was cleaned bowled by Jeffreson for an excellent innings

of 47. By the aid of Robson and Bain the tenth wicket did not fall until 185 was reached. The Old Carthusians on going in fared very badly, as they lost five of their wickets for 13 runs; but Connell and Smythe were not separated until 42 had been scored. With the exception of Searle, Connell had no one to stay with him, and was eventually left not out for a good but luckily innings of 41 out of 80 runs scored. Higgins bowled remarkably well, taking eight wickets at a cost of only 32 runs. On again going to the wickets to follow on Old Carthusians were more successful, as Connell and Abdy raised the score to 35 before the first wicket fell. The former again played well for 35, and the latter for 27. When time was called six wickets had fallen for 91 runs. Score:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

F. T. Higgins, c. Abdy, b. Jeffreson	45
W. C. Dale, b. Lant	16
W. F. Sandwith, b. Lant	0
H. Wetton, b. Jeffreson	47
H. C. Benbow, c. Jeffreson, b. Abdy	21
F. C. Ryde, st. Connell, b. Abdy	2
C. W. Crowdy, b. Jeffreson	5
H. N. Robson, l.b.w., b. Lant	13
G. T. Mirehouse, b. Lant	1
F. W. Bain, not out	10
G. Beaumont, b. Jeffreson	0
Byes 4, wides 20, no ball 1	25

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OLD CARTHUSIANS.

First Innings.

A. J. Abdy, c. and b. Higgins	8
A. J. Wake, b. Mirehouse	1
A. R. Connell, not out	41
H. J. Jeffreson, c. Beaumont, b. Higgins	0
Lord A. Seymour, b. Higgins	0
J. Lant, c. Robson, b. Higgins	0
G. E. Smythe, l.b.w., b. Higgins	17
W. Knappe, b. Higgins	0
R. Le Bas, c. Benbow, b. Mirehouse	0
G. Searle, b. Higgins	10
G. F. Keene, b. Higgins	0
Byes 2, l.-byes 1	3
	80

Second Innings.

b. Sandwith	27
c. Dale, b. Higgins	8
c. Sandwith, b. Mirehouse	35
c. Bain, b. Higgins	3
b. Higgins	8
c. Benbow, b. Higgins	3
not out	0
not out	2
Byes	5
	91

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Runs.	Wkts.	Overs.	Maidens.
Mirehouse	33	2	19	7
Higgins	32	8	16	4
Sandwith	12	0	3	0

Second Innings.

Mirehouse	40	1	16	2
Higgins	25	4	12	3
Sandwith	12	1	6	0
Wetton	6	0	3	0

FIRST ELEVEN v. NEXT TWENTY-TWO.

THIS, the opening game of this term, was played at Vincent Square at the commencement of the term. The twenty-two were a very weak lot, and were beaten by an innings and 167 runs. Higgins took 10 wickets and 11 respectively in the first and second innings, while Robson and Ryde were top scorers with 60 and 45.

FIRST ELEVEN.

W. A. Burridge, c. Roller, b. Bedford.....	6
H. N. Robson, b. Bird	60
W. F. G. Sandwith, b. Bedford	3
F. T. Higgins, c. Bethune, b. Bird	18
H. C. Benbow, c. and b. Healey	23
F. C. Ryde, run out	45
H. Wetton, b. Healey.....	17
G. T. Mirehouse, c. Fulcher, b. Bird	8
G. Beaumont, b. Bethune	33
W. C. Dale, b. Bethune.....	0
C. W. Crowdy, not out	13
Byes 15, wides 4	19

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The Twenty-two scored 36 and 41.

FIRST ELEVEN *v.* NEXT NINE WITH MANTLE AND HOLMES.

THIS match was played up Fields shortly after the Eleven and Twenty-two match, and resulted in favour of the eleven by 46 runs. The Eleven went first to the wickets, but only realised the small total of 53, while the nine, owing to the contributions of Holmes, Bain, Hart, and Roller, scored 87. The Eleven in their second attempt fared better, as they made 151, the chief scorers being Ryde and Benbow, the latter of whom had injured his eye. The nine, with 118 set them to win, now fell all to pieces; and had it not been for Spillman, who played as substitute for Holmes, and a very nicely played innings of Bain, would barely have reached double figures at all. Higgins for the eleven took five and six wickets in the two innings. Score:—

THE ELEVEN.

<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
F. T. Higgins, b. Mantle	18	b. Holmes.....	18
W. C. Dale, c. Bonus, b. Mantle	0	c. E. Bedford, b. Holmes.....	17
H. N. Robson, b. Holmes.....	0	c. Bain, b. Mantle ..	1
F. C. Ryde, b. Holmes	9	b. Mantle	39
H. Wetton, c. and b. Mantle... ..	1	b. Spillman	6
G. Beaumont, b. Holmes	11	b. Spillman	13
W. A. Burridge, b. Mantle	3	b. Mantle	11
C. W. Crowdy, c. Bedford, b. Holmes	0	b. Spillman	1
G. T. Mirehouse, not out	0	b. Spillman	8
H. P. Adams, b. Holmes	0	not out	2
H. C. Benbow, c. Bird, b. Holmes	0	b. Mantle	31
Bye 1.....	1	Byes 4.....	4

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NEXT NINE WITH MANTLE AND HOLMES.

<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
W. Bonus, b. Mirehouse	0	c. Higgins, b. Robson	0
H. Hart, b. Higgins.....	14	b. Higgins	2
S. A. Bird, c. Dale, b. Higgins	9	c. Mirehouse, b. Higgins.....	1
C. Roller, c. Benbow, b. Mirehouse	11	b. Robson	0
F. W. Bain, b. Mirehouse	18	c. and b. Higgins ...	23
Mantle, b. Mirehouse	7	c. and b. Higgins ...	0
Holmes, c. Mirehouse, b. Higgins	16	Spillman [sub.], b. Robson	35
E. Bedford, b. Higgins	7	b. Higgins	0
A. Bedford, c. Dale, b. Higgins	0	c. Mirehouse, b. Robson	3
M. R. Bethune, b. Mirehouse ...	2	not out.....	1
H. A. Fulcher, not out.....	0	b. Higgins	0
Byes 2, wide 1.....	3	Byes 4, 1.-bye 1, wide 1	6

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VERSES.

'But it was thou, mine own familiar friend.'

I.

My life's frail barque on the ocean dark
 A shattered wreck is lying,
 Tossed to and fro o'er the billows of woe
 As the fitful gust is sighing:
 At morning tide in all her pride
 She danced o'er the rippling sea,
 Now tossed mid waves of wild despair—
 Sport of the ocean and the air—
 No hand to steer, no star to cheer,
 O'er the waste of the pitiless sea.

II.

What! what the wind, what blast unkind,
 Has wrought such a tragedy?
 'Twas not the north this storm sent forth
 To disturb th' unruffled sea!
 'Twas not the east its blasts released
 To wreck my barque and me!
 But 'twas the wind I love the best,
 That whispers from the fragrant west,
 The nurse of flowers, of sun and showers,
 As a wayward child smiles tearfully!

III.

The Zephyr that played in the woodland shade,
 That fanned my hair and brow,
 That dried my tears in boyhood's years,
 Is the wind that wrecks me now!
 Dauntless beside the quivering mast
 I'd stand to face the wave and blast,
 With sea and sky I'd fighting die,
 If it—were any wind but thou.

H. C. B.

THE WATER.

UNDER ELECTION GIGS.

THE whole of the week following Henley was devoted solely to school races. The first on the programme was Under Election gigs, for which there were a great many entries, although the rowing was of a very inferior description.

<i>Bow.</i> Forster.	<i>Bow.</i> Vavasseur.	<i>Bow.</i> Crouch.
<i>Str.</i> Hawkins, F.	<i>Str.</i> Clarke, S. H.	<i>Str.</i> Williams, R. H.
<i>Cox.</i> Brookes.	<i>Cox.</i> Shebbeare.	<i>Cox.</i> Peck, H. C.

<i>Bow.</i> Druitt.	<i>Bow.</i> Fawcett.	<i>Bow.</i> Trevor.
<i>Str.</i> Scoones.	<i>Str.</i> Waterfield, H. W.	<i>Str.</i> Dale, W. C.
<i>Cox.</i> Sampson.	<i>Cox.</i> Webb, C. J.	<i>Cox.</i> Francké.

The boats were in this order from the Surrey side to the Middlesex, and consequently, as the race was rowed against stream, Dale's boat had a great advantage over Hawkins', which was really far the stronger. At the start Dale and Hawkins went well ahead of the others. The race was virtually between these two, and Dale (Middlesex) eventually won a good race by half a length. Williams a bad third, the rest nowhere.

THE TOWNBOY RUDDER.

On the same night the 'Townboy Rudder' was rowed for. For this race there were five entries, but Batley had to scratch his boat, through indisposition.

SURREY.	SURREY CENTRE.	MIDDLESEX CENTRE.
<i>Bow.</i> Westmacott.	<i>Bow.</i> Frere, J. C.	<i>Bow.</i> Whiston.
<i>Str.</i> Clarke, F. G.	<i>Str.</i> Poland.	<i>Str.</i> Ingram, C.
<i>Cox.</i> De Carteret.	<i>Cox.</i> Crews, A.	<i>Cox.</i> Mansell-Jones.
MIDDLESEX.		
<i>Bow.</i> Morison.		
<i>Str.</i> Squire.		
<i>Cox.</i> Phillimore, G. G.		

The four boats went off at a good start, and remained fairly level until the bend, when Clarke's boat drew ahead and won easily by fifty yards. A good race for second place between Poland and Squire ended in the former's favour.

SCRATCH FOURS.

The first heats for this race were rowed off on Tuesday, June 22. The following were the boats for the first heat.

SURREY.	CENTRE.	MIDDLESEX.
<i>Bow.</i> Frere, J. C.	<i>Bow.</i> Lewin.	<i>Bow.</i> James, H. R.
2. Morison.	2. Ingram, C.	2. Bere.
3. Clarke, H. T.	3. Westmacott.	3. Batley, R. C.
<i>Str.</i> Coke.	<i>Str.</i> Squire.	<i>Str.</i> Brandon, E.
<i>Cox.</i> De Carteret.	<i>Cox.</i> Trevor.	<i>Cox.</i> Jenner.

Coke went off with slightly the best start, but Brandon soon caught him up, and gaining on him all the way won easily by three lengths; several lengths between second and third.

There were only two boats for the other heat.

SURREY.	MIDDLESEX.
<i>Bow.</i> Berens.	<i>Bow.</i> Crews, C. B.
2. Poland.	2. Langhorne.
3. Whiston.	3. Stephenson, G.
<i>Str.</i> Clarke, F. G.	<i>Str.</i> Bury, W.

This was a grand race. Bury got off the quickest, but at the bend Clarke was level, where they remained until about forty yards from the bridge, when Clarke's boat, by their superior weight, forged ahead, and won by three quarters of a length.

The final heat was decided next day.

SURREY.	MIDDLESEX.
Clarke.	Brandon.

This was expected to be a good race, but Brandon's boat, by rowing a faster stroke than their heavier opponents, gained on them the whole way, and won easily by three lengths.

SCHOOL PAIRS.

Thursday, which was a half-holiday, was devoted to the trial heats for 'School Pairs.' The following were the boats for the first heat:—

SURREY.	CENTRE.	MIDDLESEX.
<i>Bow.</i> Batley.	<i>Bow.</i> Langhorne.	<i>Bow.</i> Coke.
<i>Str.</i> Clarke, F. G.	<i>Str.</i> Squire.	<i>Str.</i> Brandon.
<i>Cox.</i> Phillimore, G. G.	<i>Cox.</i> Clarke, S. H.	<i>Cox.</i> Trevor.

The race between Clarke and Brandon was the most exciting one during the whole week. Clarke got ahead at first, but Brandon soon brought his boat very near, and about thirty yards from home put on a tremendous spurt, but was not quite able to pick up Clarke, who beat him by four feet. Squire did not finish the course.

There were three boats also for the other heat.

SURREY.	CENTRE.	MIDDLESEX.
<i>Bow.</i> James, H. R.	<i>Bow.</i> Frere, J. C.	<i>Bow.</i> Stephenson, G.
<i>Str.</i> Bere.	<i>Str.</i> Ingram, C.	<i>Str.</i> Bury, W.
<i>Cox.</i> Waterfield, H. W.	<i>Cox.</i> Crews, C. B.	<i>Cox.</i> De Carteret.

Ingram got off with far the best start, and was ahead at the bend, but there Bury drew up and won a good race by two lengths. Bere and James, who were very light, rowed the course pluckily, but failed to get within less than four lengths of Ingram's boat.

The final heat was rowed the next day:—

SURREY.	MIDDLESEX.
Bury, W.	Clarke, F. G.

Clarke's boat was decidedly the favourite before starting, but Bury soon proved that he was no mean opponent, as at the bend he was level with Clarke, and from there came away and won by three lengths. Great credit must be given to Bury and Stephenson for the plucky way in which they rowed against their heavier opponents. We must also say a word for their coxswain, who steered them capitally, especially in the way he made Clarke's boat hug the shore.

Obituary.

WE notice the death, since our last number appeared, of another distinguished 'Old Westminster' of the elder generation—that of Mr. William Watkin Edward Wynne, of Peniarth, Merionethshire, who died on June 9, at the advanced age of 80. According to the notice in *The Times*, Mr. Wynne represented his county in Parliament from 1852-65. Among other offices he was Constable of Harlech Castle. Mr. Wynne was well known in North Wales as a very distinguished antiquarian, and he was also possessed of a valuable collection of old manuscripts, illustrative of Welsh history—the finest extant in the principality. He was an active and valued contributor to several journals of an archaeological character.

Yet another 'Old Westminster' of about the same standing has passed away in the death of Rev. George Randolph, formerly Rector of Coulsdon, Surrey, aged 83. He was elected head to Oxford in 1815, and graduated M.A. in 1821, in which same year he was appointed Vicar of Eastry and Worth, Kent. He was the son of the Bishop of London and brother to T. Randolph, elected second to Oxford 1806, and J. H. Randolph, elected second to Oxford 1809. He was appointed Rector of Coulsdon, Surrey, in 1841. Mr. Randolph always took a kindly interest in his old school, and one of his last acts before he died was to promise a donation of £5 towards the cleaning and revival of the Liberty Boy tablets in the dormitory, though he was not himself a Liberty Boy. The work of renewing these tablets is now going on, and it is hoped that the restoration may be completed in a few weeks.

School Notes.

AFTER the dismal apprehensions and sinister prognostications generally expressed or felt about Westminster Cricket this year, it is both comforting and encouraging to find our eleven making a good fight

with the M.C.C., and afterwards winning two signal victories over an eleven of Old Westminsters and another of Old Carthusians. Under any circumstances this would be creditable, and it is especially so considering the difficulties which an eleven composed, with three exceptions, entirely of recruits has had to contend against: it, at least, says much for their pluck and perseverance.

We hope, and we have good reason to trust, that the impetus given to 'Water' by the appearance of our Four at Henley, and the general energy of all among us connected with the river, will be lasting and gradually increasing in force. The day may even now be not far distant when Westminster will once more assume the position she once occupied with such distinction in Thames aquatics. When the shortness of the time for practice and the other difficulties encountered by our Four are taken into consideration, their performance at Henley is far from disappointing. Next year, when many of these difficulties have been smoothed away, and our arrangements altogether are in a more settled state, we may well expect considerable improvement. It is, perhaps, ambitious as yet, but we hardly think a modest hope for the revival of the ancient and glorious race between Eton and Westminster before many years have passed is either presumptuous or idle. May the event, indeed, prove that such hopes are not vain and groundless! It is, in conclusion, our pleasing duty to render hearty thanks to all those who have helped us in any way towards this result. First, we beg to thank Sir Robert Phillimore for the kind interest he takes in 'Water,' and for using his influence so successfully to get our Four to Henley, and for the practical assistance which accompanied it. Next, we thank Dr. Scott for permitting and facilitating our entry for the race. The masters also must not be forgotten for so kindly presenting us with an eight at such an opportune time, and particularly thanks are due to Mr. C. Tracey for the very valuable personal help he has given and still gives to 'Water.'

Our correspondent 'P. Q. R.,' and all who are anxious for the revival of swimming races at Westminster, will rejoice to hear that Mr. H. H. Robinson, who is taking the Upper Fifth during Mr. Dale's absence, has very kindly offered to have the rather dilapidated and neglected swimming cup cleaned and brightened. This will be a real boon to the school, and we may safely hope that the race may be swum at the Charing Cross or some other convenient Baths before the end of the term.

Owing to the kindness of Old Liberty Boys and other O. W.W., sufficient funds have been obtained to admit of the restoration of the Old Liberty Boy Tablets which adorned the walls of dormitory till dimmed and all but effaced by time, and which have long been mutely appealing for a little attention. All those who value old associations and the curious relics of the past more highly than the spruce neatness

and mathematical exactitude of the modern gilder will rejoice that, chiefly owing to the influence of the Rev. H. M. Ingram, the Under Master, it has, after considerable controversy, been decided to clean and renew the ancient gilding on precisely the old lines. We think that the slight sacrifice of appearance, and even the many irregularities of style exhibited by the different artists, will be more than compensated by the reflection that the very letters which have watched over dormitory for a hundred and fifty years will actually remain. By the other plan proposed every trace of the old gilding would have been obliterated, and the names reinscribed, with modern precision and regularity indeed, but still with letters which would not have been the same.

We are glad to see that L. S. Bristowe, of Christ Church, has won a First Class in Finals at Oxford. P. J. Lush also obtained a third. H. P. Robinson a third in Mods.

The School Concert which was announced to take place on Wednesday, July 7, has now, through an unforeseen contingency, been postponed till Thursday, 8th. We lament that this notice will probably not appear till *after* the concert, but the omission is unavoidable. The well-known face and voice of Mr. Gumbleton, who is now travelling on the Continent, will, we fear, be greatly missed on that evening. We regret, too, that we shall lose the customary duet from Mr. Dale and Mr. A. L. Ryde, as both will unfortunately be unable to attend, the former owing to reasons already given.

The School Confirmation was held as usual in Henry VII.'s Chapel, on Saturday, June 19. The number of candidates this year amounted to thirty. The confirmation service was again performed by the Archbishop of Dublin. The customary anthem, Sterndale Bennet's 'God is a Spirit,' was beautifully sung by the Abbey Choir. There was no school after the service.

Those who have taken an interest in the rearrangement of the books in library will be glad to learn that in consequence of the newly-awakened interest in it a working committee has been appointed for its management. The following regulations were first made:—

(1) That a Committee be annually appointed at the commencement of the summer term to superintend the affairs of the College Library.

(2) That such Committee consist of the captain, the third election captain, and three upper elections in the sixth or shell, appointed by ballot of that body. That any vacancies that may occur during the year be filled up in the same manner.

(3) That such Committee transact all business connected with Library, subject to the approval of the Head Master.

The Committee this year will be as follows: H. R. James and F. W. Bain (*ex officio*), F. E. Lewin, S. Bere, and E. C. Bedford. There is still upwards of

£25 left for the purchase of books, and we hope the good example of assistance set by one or two Old Westminsters will be followed by many more.

We regret that by a foolish error, S. Williams instead of J. H. Williams was written in our last number as having won a scholarship.

Our Contemporaries.

WE beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of *The Alleyman*, *The Blue*, *The Blundellian*, *The Cinqve Port*, *The Cliftonian*, *The Durham University Journal*, *The Fettesian*, *The Geelong Grammar School Quarterly* (April), *The Harrovian*, *The International College Gazette*, *The Melbourneian*, *The Meteor*, *The Newtonian*, *The Ousel*, *The Radleian*, *The Rossallian*, *The Wellingtonian*.

The Alleyman opens with a well-written article on 'Junius,' interesting to those who, like ourselves, have not studied the history of that famous but mysterious personage. We have long wondered, as page upon page of colloquial rubbish under the imposing title 'Hamlet at the Imagination (?) Theatre' has appeared in successive numbers, what force or meaning could possibly be attached to it. We are wondering still. The end seems as far off as ever, and the indefatigable author, after 36 long stanzas, is to be continued in our next without any apparent diminution of vigour. This is 'sweetness long drawn out' with a vengeance. An ode to 'Spring' may be ideal, but is certainly not realistic. The particular grounds on which the claim of a morsel entitled 'Epigram' to that distinction rest are not apparent.

After a typical editorial in *The Blue*, an essay on 'Poetry and Civilisation' is readable, but must be a crushing blow to some of those aspirants to poetic fervour the fruits of whose genius figure in various school magazines. The once popular ballad 'Ten Little Niggers' does not sound classical, but in the hands of *The Blue's* contributor runs as well as most nonsense into Latin Elegiacs. Cricket does not seem to flourish—we cannot say at—under the auspices of Christ's Hospital.

The Blundellian commences with a deprecatory editorial, more so, perhaps, than is justified by a perusal. The articles in *The Blundellian* are rather too miscellaneous for our taste, but we have read worse ones. Old Tivertonian's 'Memorable Half-holiday' might, however, have been transferred with advantage to the pages of the 'Infant's Delight' or some such innocent periodical. The writer of 'Hyptias Minor' has hit off some of the peculiarities of Plato fairly, and the moral is excellent. The Oxford Letter is very digressive, whether that be a fault or a virtue.

The Cinqve Port is more suited to our average capacity than usual. The article on 'Time' is good, though it savours in parts of a fault not uncommon in this magazine, of dressing up materials borrowed from handbooks of an elementary character. An abstract from the 'Oxford Guide Book' follows. The 'Science Notes' are as unintelligible as usual to the uninitiated.

After a short Editorial *The Cliftonian* commences an account of the birth and rise of that estimable magazine in 1867. It seems a trifle early to begin accounts of antiquities, but the hint may prove useful to embarrassed editors, by opening the way to a regular cycle of histories, to be recommended every few years. A faint glimmering of the purport of Manes' letter dawned on us, though we are still uncertain whether he is trading on his own humorous inventive powers or retailing the witticisms of his ghost-hunting friends. Some of the touches are amusing. Four minutes 55½ seconds struck us as not bad time for the mile.

The Durham University Journal is decidedly more useful than ornamental. Its news is all of a severe and heavy description, and the very type looks formidable. It requires a consi-

derable amount of moral courage to tackle it. Such being the case, though it may be eminently valuable to members of the University, it is somewhat uninteresting to outsiders. Examination Papers and advertisements are also in considerable force. Verily, the journal must rest on as solid a foundation as the University!

The Fettesian contains an account of the distinguished mercantile career of Sir William Fettes, presumably founder of that eminent seat of education. It is perhaps the fault of the Trustees (whose circular is reprinted) rather than the Editor that the account is devoid of interest or elegance, and exhibits a too painful attention to details of that worthy's wills and bequests. Great advances are constantly being made in civilisation and intellectual development, but it seems slightly extraordinary to meet an elaborate account of certain speeches for Founder's Day while that important event is still in the future. A criticism on the probable performance would have made it perfect.

'Advance Australia' is the watchword which heads *The Geelong Grammar School Quarterly*, and a very good one too. A vivid picture of the woes entailed by the imprudent indulgence in the 'noxious weed' follow as a warning to young fire-eaters. There is a variety of other matter, which does not reach a particularly high standard, including verses of all descriptions and a budget of school news.

The Harrovian is mostly interesting. French views of English public schools generally are so. The writer of the article, however, has scarcely acted wisely, we think, in leaving his readers in such horrible suspense of the verdict to be pronounced in the next number on their intellectual life, nay, with a dim and undefined horror of something hanging over their heads. The Old Photograph Book is cleverly and feelingly written. Matriculation is one of those descriptions of Exams not uncommon of late, but is more amusing than most. The poetic attempts are not so successful the first particularly being a good subject tamely handled.

The International College Gazette is decidedly unique. There is a repetition of the breaking-up supper which we have had occasion to mention once before. It not being Christmas time, many of the numerous speakers were somewhat posed, but an ingenious method of escape was invented by wishing one another in turns a happy holiday. Very nice; but they need not have printed it! They seem proud of having had an international quartette at their concert, performed by an Englishman, a German, and two other individuals of different nationalities. There might perhaps be two opinions on this point. A thrilling account of a bicycle ride has not much merit, either as a literary composition or an interesting subject. The bun and cow episodes may have been meant for delicate humour, and such phrases as 'doing bitters,' &c., for a profound knowledge of the idiosyncrasies of the English tongue.

We read the heading of *The Melbourneian* leave with inward trepidation and a sinking at the heart, for we know what is again coming—the Old Boys' Dinner: that harrowing combination of touching remembrances, weak speeches, fervent toasts, well-meant but commonplace sentiment, combined with pet crotchets of head masters, past, present, and future; and, in this case, plentifully interlarded with songs, patriotic, topic, comic, and sentimental. They are no doubt very excellent things in their way, and perfectly harmless, if once people could be restrained from enthusiastically attempting to immortalise them. The indefatigable zeal of the reporter may, however, well excite our admiration. They seem fairly sociable out there. Head masters, professors, and ecclesiastics of high and low degree sing comic songs and conduct themselves generally in a jovial manner. The author of the 'Walking Tour' has not impressed us with a favourable idea of the scenery of his native country, nor his own literary ability. There is also a decent translation of Catullus, and a mournful ditty of a questionable character.

The Meteor contains a large amount of well-written School News, two lectures on numismatics, of practical value to

collectors, a rather formidable obituary, *Our Contemporaries*, chiefly noticeable for wholesale freedom of quotation, and a number of letters.

'The New Bath' at first sounds the reverse of romantic as the heading of *The Newtonian*, but that does not diminish the advantages accruing to swimming thereby. Such an institution would be an incalculable blessing to us. We have read a great many digressive Oxford letters lately, but they are quite eclipsed by the correspondent signing himself, not perhaps inaptly, 'Scribbler.' He himself allows his news has probably reached the Antipodes, so his case must have been desperate. There is but one allusion to old Newtonians throughout, and when we add that the Election, flanked by the University College business and aquatics, still forms the *pièce de résistance*, further words are superfluous. Otherwise it is amusingly written enough. We cannot commend the lines on H.M.S. Atalanta: they are heavy and tame, and the following somewhat difficult of comprehension. H.M.S. Atalanta *lequirit*:—

'Oh! my heart aches, *my timbers groan* to feel
These once warm breasts upon me cold as steel:
Those faces erewhile *streaked with lines of light*
With sightless eyes of everlasting night.

The Ousel is not particularly remarkable, except for a good biography of Sir Erskine May. Bedfordians are indeed modest when this sentence heads their boating 'Prospects': 'Contrary to all expectation, the crew is going up to Henley this year.' Their well-merited success must be all the pleasanter as a surprise.

The redeeming feature of *The Radleian* is another amusing social article on 'Manners,' wherein some of the little weaknesses and eccentricities peculiar to poor fallen man in divers countries are skilfully and humorously portrayed. Cricket accounts do not look well on the gigantic sheets of this magazine.

The Rossallian commences with part of a readable life of Samuel Johnson, though his particular connection with Rossall does not appear. There is also a graphic account from the 'Times of India' of the gallant defence of Dubrai by Major Waudby, an old Rossallian, of whom the School may well be proud, and his death at his post, during the Afghan campaign last April. A rather extraordinary letter occupies a conspicuous position towards the end. A correspondent, signing himself 'Punctum Tullit,' has a grievous complaint to bring against that venerable 'School Institution,' the Rossallian Tuck Shop. If, as would seem from the writer's words, Rossallians have been reduced to Fives balls as articles of consumption—and even they are now unobtainable for love or money—the case would indeed appear a bad one. O ye frequenters of Jekyl's classic shrine devour your matutinal ice and sponge cake and be thankful!

In *The Wellingtonian* we meet the continuation of some remarks on the whole (fair) duty of fields, which, though somewhat lengthy, contains many sensible hints, and is founded on excellent principles. Some of the suggestions, however, are more easily made than carried out. A variety of School views and correspondence complete the number.

Correspondence.

'THE WATER.'

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—Having seen the Westminster 'Four' both in practice and at Henley, I venture to offer a few observations with regard to it particularly, and the rowing at the School generally. I think the School has no reason to be dissatisfied with its first appearance at Henley. Considering the difficulties the crew almost of necessity laboured under, and which probably will not occur again, of having a very limited time in which to practise, the fact that not one of the crew had ever before been in a light ship or on sliding-seats, it was, I think, highly creditable that they should have held the Magdalen crew as they did as far as Poplar Point, and that, too, from the outside station. At the

same time it cannot be denied that if the crew had been well together and able to use the strength which unquestionably they possessed, the result would in all probability have been a different one. In venturing to make one or two observations on the rowing generally, I desire them to be understood by way of suggestion rather than criticism, appreciating fully, as I do, the services rendered by those at the School who have devoted their time to the 'Water,' and the difficulties of time and place with which the rowing has to contend. It seemed to me that the rowing showed an absence of that marked beginning, clean finish, and quick recovery (in particular) so essential to getting the work on in a light ship. The stroke also was not always rowed out. Possibly this may in some measure be due to the very lumpy state of the water at Chelsea, which may tend to induce a style of rowing in which the first part of the stroke is not well marked and the work is principally done opposite or aft the rowlock. Whether it would be practicable hereafter to erect or hire a boathouse for the School at Putney, and to go up by train from St. James's Park to Putney Bridge, which can be done in twenty-five minutes, is a matter which may be worth considering. I am aware that at present the times of the departure and arrival of the trains preclude the notion, but this might perhaps be remedied. Taking things, however, as they are, there is, I believe, plenty good material at the School to work upon; and given plenty practice in tub pairs and a heavy four before taking to the racing ship (much needed this year), I see no reason why the School should not be able to turn out quite as good, if not a better, crew than the winners of this year's Public Schools Challenge Cup.

I remain, yours truly,
H. M.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—In your last issue I observe that 'Johannis' seconds the proposal of L. E. G. S. that the Football Eleven should wear white knickerbockers, with the exception of the captain, who should wear coloured. I am in a position to state for the benefit of 'Johannis' and the School generally that an Eleven meeting was held or rather holden on June 2, when the uniform of the Football Eleven for the coming season was unanimously agreed upon, viz. pink cap and sash, pink and white shirt, black knickerbockers and stockings, the captain alone reserving the privilege of wearing white knickerbockers. This rule will be strictly adhered to in all matches, and we think the School will have little reason to cavil at the choice of uniform which has been made.

I am, Sir, yours truly,
COLLEGIUS JOHANNIS.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—I see that in your June number you again call attention to the fact of 'the small amount of assistance that the Elizabethan Committee receive from the School at large.' This, Sir, has been the complaint of several generations of Editors; in fact, for the last four years or so it has been regularly brought forward at certain intervals in the columns of 'The Elizabethan.' I venture therefore to offer some defence for the apparent lack of literary ability, to say nothing of patriotic spirit, at present manifested by the School.

In the first place, I conclude that the 'assistance' alluded to in the passage above quoted is *literary*, not *pecuniary*, assistance. With regard to the small amount of pecuniary aid proffered by members of the School, I can only say that I consider it eminently disgraceful. Very little excuse, too, can be offered for the increasing remissness of O. W. subscribers; though some of them have complained that owing to the carelessness of former secretaries (I beg to state that I do not attack the present administration, which I believe to be admirable) they have not received *The Elizabethan* when paid for. The Masters of the School, for reasons which no doubt are excellent, but which I believe have not been divulged, decline to countenance the proposal which has often been made, of making the subscriptions, like all other subscriptions, compulsory; but it does not speak highly for the School that compulsion should be necessary.

With regard, secondly, to the assistance received or not received in literary matters. Here, I think, a much better case for the defence can be made out. The great cause of the failure is in my opinion the very small ground over which literary contributions can range. *The Elizabethan* is essentially a school paper. Very many so-called school papers with which I am acquainted are crammed with information on every subject on earth except the history of the school to which they belong; such, I rejoice to say, is not the character of *The Elizabethan*. When *The Elizabethan* was first set on foot, six years ago, it was set on foot for the purpose of giving a monthly record of all school events—all reports or publications concerning Westminster matters—and all subjects exciting interest within or without the School. This programme was adhered to with tolerable fidelity for some time; but when about two years ago the paper was filled with accounts of 'A Day on the High Alps,' 'Celebrities at Home,' and so forth, and real school news was reduced to a minimum, universal disgust was excited, and the finances suffered so severely in consequence that the debt incurred then in the struggle to keep *The Elizabethan* alive has not been quite paid off to the present day.

The Elizabethan now, Sir, appears monthly with an almost uniformly regular series of contents, which I for one, and I think many others, would be very sorry to see changed. First, a leader, which for the past year and a half has invariably dealt with some subject of School interest—in strict accordance, be it observed, with the plan originally laid down. Next, an instalment of a regular series of O. Ws'. Biographies from a regular contributor. Then Cricket and Water, or Football and Racquet news; School intelligence, under the head of 'School Notes'; 'Our Contemporaries,' which did not hold a place in the original scheme, but which are useful as giving some insight into other schools; and the Correspondence Column. This editorial programme is varied at different seasons of the year with accounts of the doings of the Debating Society, the Athletic Sports, the School Concerts, University Correspondence, &c.; and the Special Number containing a full account of the Play is published at Christmas. Prize Poems, &c., are occasionally inserted; but in all the above table of contents I do not think you will find a single subject which could be safely left to a chance contributor in the School who was not actually on the Committee. The correspondence column is the only vent for their literary ability. I quite well remember when I was on the staff of *The Elizabethan* that we received several contributions—chiefly in prose—from unknown hands, some of which were quite up to the standard of similar productions in other school papers, but none of which were ever inserted in our own because such insertion was *contra normam*. If, however, such anonymous contributors as possess evident ability would only come forward and relieve the Editor of some of the drudgery which is too apt to accumulate on his shoulders, instead of wasting their time in preparing contributions which are useless because they are irregular, they would not only, under his direction, prove useful auxiliaries now, but would also lay in a valuable stock of experience against the time when they may be called to the post of Editor themselves. Apologising, Sir, for a somewhat lengthy trespass on your space—a phrase which I know is not always now the mere form of words which it once was,

I remain, yours truly,

OMEGA.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Although I, in common with all other 'Old Westminsters,' rejoice to find the old School again established on the 'Water,' and hope that ere long the 'pink' once so justly celebrated will be again to the fore in rowing contests, yet I confess that I am sorry that Westminster did not withdraw from the mis-named 'Public Schools Challenge Cup' race for

fours when it was seen that, with the exception of Westminster, there was not a single public school entered which Westminster would have acknowledged as such in days gone by. Winchester, Westminster, Eton—that was the order in which they ranked in time past, and these were the three Public Schools. I would like to see the dear old School again in its proud position of being *nulli secundus*, or but second to one, but I should be sorry to see this object essayed by lowering in any way its pride. Let Westminster in every way maintain its proper position.

Yours truly,
AN OLD RIGAUDITE.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

In answer to the complaint we made in an editorial last month of lack of assistance from the School, we have received a variety of literature from different patriots, some of which are not without considerable merit, but all of which have for some reason to be declined, especially as the amount of school news is much greater this month. We thank all these contributors for their kind efforts on our behalf, and regret to be unable to derive the intended benefit from them.

R. C. B.—We reserve your article, though the style is somewhat too colloquial.

O. W. Poets.—We should have been much obliged for your valuable article were we not already in receipt of a series of biographies of eminent O. Ws. We, however, reserve it.

TENTAREVIAM.—Your lines are not without touches of poetry, but in parts sink merely to metrical prose. Blank verse is dangerous. Try again.

KETTLEDUM.—We omitted to state last month that having printed a letter containing similar arguments yours was superfluous.

A SINGER.—Endeavour to obtain a rudimentary knowledge of English grammar and punctuation before you again attempt satire.

ÆRARIUS.—We have several times attempted to carry out your suggestion, but without success.

WESTMONASTERIENSIS.—We are quite tired of the subject.

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