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A FAREWELL.

THE holidays are close at hand, and in a few days examinations will be over, prizes awarded, Election festivities finished, and the school deserted. Everybody looks forward to the Whitsuntide holidays, perhaps more than to any others; for in these alone our enjoyment is overshadowed by no unwelcome reminders of school-work in the shape of holiday tasks, whilst both the spring weather and the long spell of school routine that we have just passed through, urge us to make the best of the three short weeks before us.

It is only when one is coming near the end of one's time at school, and one's last half is almost over, that it seems possible to think of holidays as not being absolutely the most delightful things ever invented. Till that time we look upon everything connected with school as something to be found fault with: then, we have nothing but praise for all that we meet with. And as this change in one's feelings (which occurs every year with the most perfect regularity) is somewhat curious in more ways than

one, it may not be out of place to say something about it.

When we first came to school, we had a good many vague ideas of different kinds floating about in our heads; but we had also one fixed idea and determination, which was, that, whatever happened, we would do as others did. After this lapse of time such a resolution does not strike us as particularly manly or wise, but then it seemed the only thing any sensible fellow would think of doing; and no doubt it has seemed so to others also. We found that every one we met grumbled; in fact, that it was the correct thing to grumble; and so we grumbled too, and if by any chance we could grumble a little louder or a little longer than any one else, we felt very proud of it. At the same time, we found that the subjects of grumbling were strictly defined for us: and whilst it was correct to complain about our food, or work, or anything of that kind, it would be very bad form to acknowledge that there was anything unpleasant in a hack at football, or a hit from a racquet. Of course we had remedies at the same time for everything we complained of, and could have set everything right in a week, if we had only been

allowed to manage things ourselves. We did indeed find out from time to time that most of our remedies were absurd or impracticable, and though this slightly diminished our self-confidence, it certainly had no effect upon the number of our complaints.

Grumbling, however, if scientifically studied, is a harmless, if not very profitable, way of spending time. The golden rule is to complain of what you do not mind, and to leave alone what you do. If this rule is adhered to strictly, it avoids the absurdity of imagining that you have a grievance, and always provides occupation for leisure moments, at least as rational and useful as any other kind of grumbling, and quite as likely to produce a good result. So let every one grumble away to their heart's content, till by becoming Third Elections or getting into the Sixth, they enter upon the peculiar state of mind which is so well known as belonging to novices in those positions.

For ourselves, it remains but to bid a sad farewell to Westminster, wishing it all success in all that it undertakes, and hoping that our school paper, now passing into new hands, may receive a fresh accession of vigour, and a pleasant variety of style, and more general support from the school itself; and not the least glad in leaving Westminster, that it is a school to which it is an honour to belong, and one which offers unusual privileges to its *alumni* after they have left, of each and all of which we hope to avail ourselves to the fullest extent possible.

School Notes.

A CORRESPONDENT asks why the motto on the frontispiece of *The Elizabethan* is "Dat Deus incrementum," instead of 'In Patriam Populumque,' and our readers may remember that a similar question was asked by "an Old K.S." in some verses that he sent us when *The Elizabethan* was in its first days. Of the two mottoes, the former is undoubtedly the older, although Westminster seems never to have been particular as to its watchword, but the second had been so long connected with the school that it might have retained its place had it not been for its unfortunate meaning. To assert that Westminster School was founded, or carried on, or whatever we please, 'against the country and the people' is somewhat too much for its friends, and few can be sorry for the change which has lately been made. "Det Deus incrementum" is suggested as a better motto. Perhaps it is, though we prefer ourselves the exact quotation, but there is a difference between restoring an old motto and inventing a new one.

WE are glad to see that one of our "Imminent Questions" has been settled, in very nearly the same

way as we proposed ourselves two months ago, the only alteration which has been made, namely, bringing the rules into force in rather less than a year's time, being at the least but a doubtful improvement. We hope that the rules will be found to work well, it is at least a good omen for them that they have been equally supported by Queen's Scholars and Town Boys.

A GREAT deal of correspondence has been received this month dealing with the subject of fagging at cricket in the morning, while the elevens are practising. The custom of picking up at cricket is no doubt beneficial both to those in the eleven and those whom they fag, because it saves one party the nuisance of waiting till they can get hold of some stray individual to throw up the ball, or in case they cannot do so, having to go after it themselves; while it gives the others practice in fielding, which is a most important branch of cricket, and one which is too often neglected. Of course it is very hard that one fellow should always be picked up, and there might be various rules formed with advantage to prevent such a thing taking place, as it is by no means desirable that cricket should become an object of aversion to those who will one day become influential in the school.

A VERY good letter has been received in favour of the House Challenge Shield, but our Correspondent seems to forget that in the course of a very short time, if all the names of the victorious eleven were inscribed on it, it would have been filled up, and disputes would have risen as to who could claim it.

E. V. ARNOLD has obtained a Foundation Scholarship at Trinity College, Cambridge, of the value of about £100 for seven years; this is the first time that the Foundation Scholarships have been thrown open to all comers.

THE Phillimore Essay Prize has been awarded to W. H. A. Cowell; proxime accesserunt, W. C. Ryde and C. F. Brickdale. For Greek Iambics no prize has been awarded.

Obituary.

SINCE our last number was published we have received the news of the death of Lancelot Shadwell, an old Westminster, who died on the 9th inst. He came to Westminster in 1853, and remained there as a Town Boy till 1858, when he obtained a Triplett, and went to St. John's College, Cambridge; he was called to the bar in 1866, and joined the Western Circuit. He was taken ill at Rome last month, and died on his way home.

The fields.

THE cricket season opened on Wednesday, 15th, with the Eleven v. the Twenty-two as usual. The Eleven took first innings, and scored 136 before they were all disposed off, the chief contributors being Waddington, 34, and Borradaile and Watson with 21 each, the latter carrying his bat. The Twenty-two were then represented by Whitehead and Leggatt, neither of whom succeeded in scoring, and when play ceased for the day the telegraph announced 7 wickets for 17 runs, of which Muir had made 3 and Ryde 4, not out. Play was resumed the following day, and the innings closed for 70, just saving defeat in one innings. Of the Twenty-two, T. F. Williams made the most runs, 14, Fischer 8, and Rogers, who played a very good innings, following with 6. Matters did not look very promising for the Eleven when one wicket had fallen for only one run, and two for 18, both off Simson's bowling. Fox and Alington then raised the score to 143, Fox giving the field plenty of work to do. Alington's wicket was the first to fall, and Waddington was soon after caught by the long-stop, and when time was called Fox (not out) had scored 114 and Jackson (not out) 7. The match was brought to an end on Wednesday, the 21st. The Eleven

finished their innings for 236 runs; Fox was only able to score 11 more, and Jackson made 25 and Davson 9 (not out) Aston was absent, so did not bat.

The Twenty-two did not make much of a stand against the bowling of Fox and Waddington, who was bowling slows underhand, but was not so successful as Fox, who obtained 13 wickets for the moderate amount of 6 runs. The top scores of the Twenty-two were Leggatt, 9; J. H. Williams (who played as a substitute for Whitehead) 7; and B. Rogers, who carried his bat for 4. The innings closed for 46, thus leaving the Eleven victors by 256 runs. Fox's bowling analysis is as yet very good, but at present he is not very straight, as may be seen by the number of wides that he bowled in the first innings; however, he improved a good deal in the second innings; Horne's bowling was straighter, but he was not so successful in obtaining wickets. The batting of the Eleven seems very promising, if it continues as it has begun, but still it had great advantages in the weak fielding of the Twenty-two, the only exceptions being Gamble, who secured three catches, and Parker, who caught Jackson well at long-leg, but we must take into consideration the state of the ground, which, especially for the long fields, is difficult and uneven, so that brilliant fielding is rendered impossible.

First Innings.

THE ELEVEN.

Second Innings.

W. C. Ryde, c. Gamble, b. Hicks	13
C. R. Borradaile, c. Leggatt, b. Simson	21
W. C. Aston, c. Gamble, b. Simson	6
E. H. Alington, b. Hicks	11
E. Waddington, c. Muir, b. Hicks	34
C. J. Fox, c. Shearman, b. Whitehead	6
E. A. Horne, b. Hicks	0
A. N. Jackson, c. Parker, b. Simson	4
J. H. Watson, not out	21
F. L. Rawson, run out	0
C. S. Davson, c. & b. Whitehead	10
Byes, 3; Wides, 7	10
Total	136

c. Gamble, b. Simson	0
b. Simson	4
did not bat	
b. Tayloe	32
c. B. Rogers, b. Tayloe	6
c. Simson, b. Hicks	125
b. Hicks	6
b. Simson	25
b. Hicks	4
c. Frere, b. Parker	11
not out	9
Byes, 11; Leg-bye, 1; Wides, 8	20
Total	236

First Innings.

THE TWENTY-TWO.

Second Innings.

F. Whitehead, b. Horne	0
A. Leggatt, b. Fox	0
E. H. Parker, b. Horne	1
W. Tayloe, b. Fox	0
A. E. Black, c. Borradaile, b. Horne	0
C. Muir, c. Borradaile, b. Fox	3
W. Hicks, c. Rawson, b. Horne	1
C. B. Ryde, b. Fox	4
H. De Ath, b. Fox	2
H. P. Robinson, b. Fox	0
C. V. Simson, c. Aston, b. Fox	0
T. F. F. Williams, c. Alington, b. Horne	14
T. Hemsley, c. Fox, b. Horne	0
E. Frere, run out	2
H. Rogers, b. Fox	2
B. Rogers, b. Fox	6
J. Fox, b. Fox	3
H. Reece, c. Jackson, b. Horne	1
T. Fischer, b. Fox	8
H. Abernethy, run out	1
A. F. Gamble, run out	0
J. Reece, not out	6
Byes, 2; Leg-bye, 1; Wides, 13	16
Total	70

(sub.), c. Alington, b. Waddington	7
b. Waddington	9
b. Fox	4
(sub.), c. Jackson, b. Waddington	2
b. Fox	0
b. Waddington	0
b. Fox	1
b. Fox	0
c. & b. Fox	2
st. Rawson, b. Waddington	3
b. Fox	1
b. Waddington	3
st. Rawson, b. Waddington	0
b. Fox	1
b. Fox	0
not out	4
c. & b. Fox	0
b. Fox	0
b. Fox	4
c. (sub.), b. Fox	0
(sub.), c. (sub.), b. Fox	1
c. & b. Waddington	0
Byes, 3; Wide, 1	4
Total	46

BOWLING ANALYSIS.—*First Innings.*

	Balls.	Overs.	Maidens.	Wickets.	Runs.	Wides.
C. J. Fox	155	29	10	13	22	10
E. A. Horne	146	28.3	14	7	35	3

Second Innings.

C. J. Fox	105	21	16	13	6	1
E. Waddington	103	20.3	4	8	35	0

Swimming Races.

THE first races for the new swimming cup which has lately been presented to the school, were held at Baths on the 20th inst., the competition being confined to members of the water only, seventeen of whom gave in their names for it, but somehow or other, most probably on account of the smallness of Baths, and the consequent difficulty of obtaining a clear and fair race, only nine actually competed. Three heats were drawn, which were won by Batley, Courtenay, and Macmillan respectively; in the first heat Courtenay got off with a slight lead, closely followed by Randolph, who, however, was never able to pass him, and was eventually beaten by three yards. The next heats did not produce any good races, as Macmillan and Batley won with comparative ease. In the final heat Batley, getting a good lead from the first, drew rapidly away, and, gaining at every stroke, won easily. The same evening several new fellows passed the requisite examination in swimming, before they are allowed to go on the water.

Racquets.

AFTER a good many delays, owing partly to general preoccupation and partly to a break of wet weather, which effectually put an end to all play, the wooden has at last been finished. The ties have not been productive of many interesting games: in each case public opinion has seemed greatly to affect and unnerve the weaker of the pair, and in consequence one has been lazy or despairing in each case, giving an easy victory for the others as a natural result. For the second ties, Whitehead was matched against Crowdy, while Waddington drew Williams, Fox drew Watson, Horne was opposed to Ferrers, and Ryde drew a bye. The latter, however, scratched, and Ferrers, being out of school, also had to retire and give in to Horne, who was thus left odd man. Whitehead and Crowdy were pretty evenly matched, and, contrary to general expectation, Crowdy won the first game to Whitehead's nine. Then, however, Whitehead set to work with a will, and won the second easily, and although Crowdy made a desperate rally in the third, he proved no match for Whitehead's superior skill and hard hitting, and the latter won the two games. The game between Waddington and Williams proved eventually an easy victory for Waddington, though at first he was very slow in getting into form, and let Williams run away from him. He pulled himself

together, however, when Williams had scored nine, and won the game. During the next game his play was very wild, and he let Williams win easily at eleven to five. In the third game Waddington ran up eight, before Williams scored one, and then after a short interruption, of one from his adversary, finished the game. Fox nearly beat Watson at game to love, but just at the end Watson gained an ace, thus rendering a second game necessary, the second game rather resembled the first. The total score of the second ties was thus as follows:—

F. Whitehead, Q.S., 9, 11, 11 beat F. D. Crowdy, Q.S., 11, 3, 9.
E. Waddington, Q.S., 11, 5, 11,, J. H. Williams, Q.S., 9, 11, 1.
C. J. Fox, T.B., 11, 11 ,, J. H. Watson, Q.S., 1, 2.
E. A. Horne, T.B., odd man.

The third round was looked forward to with great interest, as Waddington and Fox had drawn each other; and a good game was expected to result from it, but the execrable state of the court, combined with the badness of the balls, prevented any fine play on either side, and these misfortunes told more against Waddington than his opponent, who, playing very steadily, had it all his own way, and eventually won as he liked. In the next tie between Whitehead and Horne, the former appeared to have it all his own way, as he quickly ran up his score to ten before his adversary had gained an ace, but here he allowed Horne to get two before he won. The second game was much more even and rather the opposite of the former, for Horne got five to his opponent's love, but Whitehead at this point managed to score two, which Horne supplemented with another two, each then added two, the score standing at nine to four in favour of Horne, but Whitehead then put on a good spurt and secured the victory without allowing his adversary to make any addition to his score.

Fox, 11, 11 beat Waddington, 4, 1.
Whitehead, 11, 11 ,, Horne 2, 9.

Opinions differed as to the result of the final tie, but the majority were in favour of Fox; nor were they disappointed, for though Whitehead played up hard in the first game, in the second he allowed Fox to get ahead of him, and never was able to pick him up. As in Fox's previous tie, although the balls were better, yet the execrable condition of the court prevented any sure hitting, and neither came up to the form which is generally seen in the final tie of the wooden. The full volleys of Fox were particularly good, but, owing to election work, Whitehead was unable to get much practice, which in all games is most important. The result was:—

Fox, 11, 11 beat Whitehead, 7, 3.

As Fox has won the Wire also, and is prohibited from holding both, he has resigned the Wooden, which thus falls to Whitehead.

In the second round of the Wire the opponents were very fairly matched, and consequently some interesting games were played. Glyn played very well in his first game, and beat Bolton without much difficulty: in the second, however, matters were reversed, as Glyn relaxed his efforts a good deal, and Bolton was thus enabled to score a game with comparative ease. In the deciding game the score mounted to eleven all, without varying much at any period, when Bolton ran out easily. Rawson and Fischer were the only other pair in the second round, and here again a hard fight was witnessed, Fischer leading in the first game until he had scored ten, when Rawson passed him and won. In the second game Fischer again took the lead, and this time succeeded in scoring fourteen, but the same bad luck attended him as formerly, for Rawson, by dint of good play, passed him and won the match. Rawson had now to play Bolton, but the games were not very exciting, as Bolton had the best of it, and won pretty easily. It now remained for Bolton to play Fox, last year's winner; but the issue was never in doubt, as, in spite of Bolton's scoring first in each game, Fox's superior wrist play secured him the Wire for the second time. Score:—

Second Ties.

G. A. Bolton, 7, 15, 15 beat C. Glyn, 15, 8, 11.
J. L. Rawson, 15, 15, " T. Fischer, 10, 14.

Third Tie.

Bolton, 15, 15 beat Rawson, 8, 7.

Final Tie.

Fox, 15, 15 beat Bolton, 6, 8.

RIGAUD'S RACQUET HANDICAP.

The ties for this racquet, which is a handicap, were played off very quickly, commencing on Tuesday, the 6th, and ending on the following Monday, the results of the ties were as follows:—

First Ties.

W. N. Tayloe, (2) 15 beat W. Beverly, (5) 9.
C. J. M. Fox, (owes 5) 15 " A. F. M. Gamble, (1) 5.
H. N. Robson, (5) 15 " H. S. German, (6) 7.
J. L. Littlehales, (scratch) 15 " A. Weir, (8) 9.
C. J. Wilks, (5) 15 " A. A. N. Jackson, (scratch) 14.
H. W. Macnamara, (8) 15 " H. Lowry, (8) 10.
P. Randolph, (2) 15 " H. Cobby, (6) 0.
E. Horne, (1) 15 " W. A. Cuppage, (3) 11.
E. V. Eddis, (3) 15 " C. A. Reece, (6) 13.
H. Abernethy, (6) 15 " H. Crawley, (6) 12.
J. Fox (5) a bye.

Second Ties.

Tayloe, 15 beat Randolph, 13.
Wilks, 15 " Eddis, 7.
Horne " C. Fox, scratched.
Littlehales, 15 " Robson, 7.
Abernethy, 15 " Macnamara, 9.
J. Fox, a bye.

Third ties.

Littlehales, 15 beat Tayloe, 7.
Horne, 15 " Abernethy, 8.
Wilks, 15 " J. Fox, 14.

Fourth ties.

Littlehales, 15 beat Wilks, 7.
Horne, a bye.

Final tie.

Littlehales, 15 beat Horne, 7.

Tayloe easily beat Beverly; and Fox, although he owed the heavy penalty of five, gave Gamble no chance. Robson and Littlehales had both easy tasks to beat their opponents, who could only score one each; the game between Jackson and Wilks only winning a very close game by one. Cuppage began well and got a long lead of ten to three, but the effort exhausted him, and he only scored one more. Eddis and Abernethy, who both played well, won by two and three respectively. In the second ties the only exciting game was between Randolph and Tayloe, and the former had bad luck, or he probably would not have been beaten.—Third ties. Littlehales was much better than Tayloe, and Horne beat Abernethy rather easily; in the final tie Littlehales, contrary to expectation, easily beat Horne and won the Racquet.

Fencing.

WE ought to think ourselves very lucky this year. Not that there were more entries than usual; nor was the fencing of any specially superior quality; but whether it be a mere chance or no, yet the fencing for the badge this year has reached a standard never before attained. The constant reader may scan the pages of this periodical in vain for any record of former years, this is the first time since its institution by the late Mr. Weare that the result has been thought worthy of eternal preservation in these pages. We may be forgiven for dilating a little more than may be absolutely necessary upon so auspicious an occasion as the present. Learn the facts.

Out of nine entries this year only seven survived. C. C. Macnamara, Q.S., and R. D. Brinton, Q.S., retiring before the time. The remainder assembled in School, or rather in the schoolroom, whence they adjourned for more light—on the morning of Thursday, April the 15th.

First ties.

W. C. Ryde, Q.S., 3 beat Beverly, 0.
A. A. N. Jackson, 3 " F. Macnamara, 0.
C. F. Brickdale, Q.S., 3 " C. J. Fox, 0.
F. L. Rawson, odd man.

It will be observed that these fights were not very severe.

Second Ties.

A. A. N. Jackson drew F. L. Rawson, who retired.
C. F. Brickdale, 3 beat W. C. Ryde, 0.

The same remark may apply here, at least in the first case.

For the last fight the number of hits was raised to four, one less than last year. A detailed account of this exciting contest can never be given. The combatants were too much occupied in the present exigencies of the battle to have any recollection of the various phases of the conflict; while the spectators were fully occupied in keeping pace with the retreat of Brickdale, as Jackson made his onslaught, and in wondering whether it reminded them most of the Iliad or Æneid. Suffice it to say that when Jackson was at three Brickdale had only scored one, but by a more cautious policy, however, he managed to improve this capital, till it reached four, which decided the matter in his favour.

The Concert.

ON Wednesday, April 21st, our annual school concert was held in College Hall. The hall was well

filled, about two hundred guests being present, besides almost the whole of the school. The Rev. J. Troutbeck conducted, and Mr. Jekyll kindly consented to preside at the pianoforte. The programme was as follows:—

PART I.

1. DUET, PIANOFORTE	"Overture to Ruy Blas"	<i>Mendelssohn.</i>
2. FOUR-PART SONG	"The Hemlock Tree"	<i>Hatton.</i>
3. SONG	"The Mermaid's Song"	<i>R. F. Dale.</i>
4. QUARTETT	"Absence"	<i>Hatton.</i>
5. DUET, PIANOFORTE AND VIOLIN	"Cavatina"	<i>Raff.</i>
6. SONG	"The Message"	<i>Blumenthal.</i>
7. FOUR-PART SONG	"You stole my Love"	<i>W. Macfarren.</i>
8. SONG	"May-dew"	<i>Sir W. S. Bennett.</i>
9. QUARTETT	"Go, speed thy Flight"	<i>Otto.</i>
10. FOUR-PART SONG	"The Hardy Norseman"	<i>Pearsall.</i>

PART II.

1. CHORUS	"The Carnival"	<i>Rossini.</i>
2. SONG	"The Wanderer"	<i>Schubert.</i>
3. SOLO PIANOFORTE	"Fantasia"	<i>Handel.</i>
4. QUARTETT	"Silent Night"	<i>Chwatal.</i>
5. SONG	"Three Fishers"	<i>Hullah.</i>
6. MADRIGAL	"Come again, sweet Love"	<i>Dowland.</i>
7. SONG	"The Shades of Evening"	<i>F. Clay.</i>
8. DUET	"O wert thou in the could Blast"	<i>Mendelssohn.</i>
9. QUARTETT	"Good Night, Beloved"	<i>Hatton.</i>
10. FOUR-PART SONG	"Good Night, thou glorious Sun"	<i>Smart.</i>

After the overture, which was played with great spirit by Rev. R. F. Dale and P. G. L. Webb, "The Hemlock Tree" was sung by the chorus, which, partly owing to some hesitation at the beginning, was not rendered as effectively as it might have been. Chope then sang Mr. Dale's song "The Mermaid," and obtained an encore, which was perhaps as well deserved as any during the evening. This was followed by the first of those quartetts which have now become so essential a part of Westminster concerts, and for which we owe so many thanks to the Old Westminsters who come down to assist us, sometimes at no little personal inconvenience. The first piece which they had chosen was Hatton's graceful part-song "Absence," which elicited well-merited applause from the audience. On the violin we missed very much the skilful hand of A. C. Haden, who has often contributed so much to the success of our concerts by his exquisite playing, but who has been obliged to give up his violin to the sterner duties of his profession. At the same time we may congratulate the school on having at last been able to produce a violinist of its own: Lush, if a little nervous at present, yet promises well for the future. He was well accompanied on the pianoforte by Strong. Mr. Gumbleton, who has shown his interest in the school in more ways than one, was enthusiastically received in Blumenthal's popular song "The Message," and gave as an encore "Le Bayadère de Java." The conductor's bâton was then raised, and "You stole my love" was given with great effect by the chorus, which was all the more satisfactory because of the difficulty of the piece itself; the audience seemed thoroughly to appreciate the effort, and demanded a repetition, which was of course given. The next song was Sterndale Bennett's "May Dew;" and here again one hearing would not suffice the audience, so that Bolton, who sang well the first time, made the best of his opportunity by singing still better the second time. Another quartett was then given by the Old Westminsters:

after which so old a favourite as the "Hardy Norseman," though perhaps taken a little too slowly, was encored as a matter of course. This ended the first part.

After an interval of a quarter of an hour, Rossini's "Carnival" opened the second part: and, in spite of the protestations of the chorus to the contrary, we still maintain our opinion that it is not usual for "blind beggars" to appear in evening dress; however, the audience were troubled by no such scruples, and applauded it heartily. Mr. Pownall's powerful bass voice was employed with great effect in "The Wanderer;" he was deservedly encored, and gave another of Schubert's Lieder, which was equally appreciated. Webb then played very effectively a Fantasia by Handel, which was followed by another quartett, "Silent Night," which was vociferously encored: and the audience were successful, as in former years, in obtaining the "Three Chafers" in return; nor would they be content with once hearing their favourite, but again demanded an encore. This song has now been given, generally as an encore, for so many years, that we are beginning to look upon it as quite a regular part of the proceedings. In the "Three Fishers" Borrodaile did his best; but his voice is no longer what it was, and we are afraid that this is the last time that we can expect to hear him as a treble. "Come again, sweet love," is a madrigal of the old style, and was apparently thought rather monotonous by the audience. The real treat of the evening was, however, to come, and "The Shades of Evening" was well suited to Mr. Bray's melodious tenor; he was of course encored, and gave David's "O ma maîtresse" in return. A duet by Caiger and German followed, "O wert thou in the cauld blast." Caiger's voice is very sweet, but we should like to have heard rather more of it; German's second was all that could be wished. The last quartett, which came after this, was Hatton's "Good night, beloved," which was fully as successful as the others. "Good night, thou glorious sun," formed an appro-

appropriate conclusion to the whole; and the National Anthem, the solos in which were well sung by Radcliffe and Brinton, ended the evening's entertainment, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all parties concerned; we have only to regret the absence, through serious illness, of one of our masters, whom we are sure nothing but absolute necessity would have kept away from any Westminster festivity.

THE NEW RULES.

ON Thursday, April 15th, a meeting was held in the Upper Fifth Room, to discuss the rules suggested in a former number of *The Elizabethan* for the election of Captains of Elevens and of the Head of the Water. The meeting was held at 12 o'clock, and members of the Sixth, Eleven, and Eight were invited to attend. The rules were proposed in the following form:—

1. The Senior or Town Boy in the Sixth or Shell, over sixteen, who has been longest in either Eleven or in the Eight, is Captain of that Eleven or Head of the Water respectively.

2. If there is no one satisfying the above conditions in either Eleven or in the Eight, the member of that Eleven or of the Eight who has been longest in it, is Captain of that Eleven or Head of the Water respectively.

3. These rules will not come into force till the end of the next Football Season.

The rules were proposed by E. V. ARNOLD, who first spoke of the idea prevalent that the member of an Eleven who had been longest in it had a 'right' to be Captain of it, and contended that such rights only arose from the rules existing, and that the only real right was that of the Eleven and of the School to have the best possible Captain: and he thought that a Captain low in school position could never perform the duties of Captain properly. With reference to the question of Queen's Scholars and Town Boys, he thought that it spoke well for the rules that they were opposed by each as unfair to them: and he thought that the rules suggested the only possible way of dealing fairly with both.

A. B. CARTWRIGHT seconded the rules, with the principles of which he entirely agreed.

J. H. WILLIAMS then proposed the first amendment, which was to the following effect:—

"If a third election shall have been longest in either Eleven or in the Eight, and there is no senior in that Eleven or in the Eight, he shall not be excluded by these rules from being Captain."

He said that the rule that a third election should give way to a senior was a private college rule, and therefore that if there was no senior in the Eleven there was no reason whatever why the third election should give way, since the Town Boy might be even in a lower form than he.

G. A. BOLTON seconded the amendment, remarking that, as the rule stood at present, the third election would be Captain when he was senior, and therefore would have to turn out the Town Boy, which he thought would be very unpleasant for all parties concerned.

E. V. ARNOLD thought that no such rule could be carried without a corresponding rule made for the Town Boys: and did not see any reason for introducing any such exceptions.

E. H. ALINGTON saw no reason why a Queen's Scholar should not have as much chance of being Captain two years as a Town Boy.

E. V. ARNOLD said that the same difference existed at present, and had never caused any difficulty: but

J. H. WILLIAMS pointed out that in the particular case dealt with by the amendment, the new rule would make a change.

The amendment was then put to the vote, and lost by 24 votes against 17.

J. BATLEY then proposed the second amendment:

"These rules shall not come into force until all who are at the present time members either of the Elevens or Eight have left."

Though he approved of the rules in general, he thought it would be unfair that they should apply to any one who was already looking forward to the post of Captain under the present rules.

The amendment was seconded by A. L. WHITLOCK: and A. B. CARTWRIGHT said that although he had seconded the original rules, he thought they would be improved by the amendment.

P. G. L. WEBB opposed the amendment, which, he said, would place the rules in great danger of not coming into force at all. By the time proposed the rules would be almost entirely forgotten; or, at most, only preserved in some old and unread ledger. It was impossible to avoid a certain amount of apparent harshness in changing the rules; but it would not be diminished by postponing the time.

J. H. WILLIAMS and W. H. A. COWELL also opposed the amendment, which on a division was lost by 25 votes against 17.

There being no further amendments for discussion, it seemed likely at first that the rules would pass without opposition: however, at the last moment,

E. H. ALINGTON said that he would oppose the rules, as he thought that whoever had been longest in the Eleven had the best right to be Captain.

G. A. BOLTON also opposed the rules: but, on being put to the vote, they were carried by a majority of 29 votes against 12, or of more than two-thirds.

A copy of the rules was afterwards sent to the Head Master for approval; and the following answer was afterwards received from him:—

"No master could object to the rules you send me, and I fully approve of them. It is evidently not satisfactory that a boy low in the school should have the responsibility of managing either Fields or Water, and be the representative of the School to the outside world. The only thing that surprises me is that as many as 12 voices should be found in the minority.

"I suppose it is intended that when a Q.S. is head of the Cricket Eleven, the Head Town Boy in that Eleven would be determined by the same rule: and *vice versa* if a Town Boy were head. Probably it may be needless to define this expressly."

In the final division on the rules, 11 Queen's Scholars voted for the rules, with 17 votes; 4 Queen's

Scholars voted against, with 7 votes: 10 Town Boys voted for the rules, with 12 votes; 4 Town Boys voted against, with 5 votes. The votes for and against were composed as follows:—for the rules: Sixth, 13; Cricket Eleven, 3; Football Eleven 6; Eight, 7; total 29. Against the rules: Sixth, 5; Cricket Eleven, 3; Football Eleven, 4; Eight, 0; total 12. It was provided before the meeting that the rules should not be enforced unless carried by a majority of at least two against one; it will be seen that this has been obtained.

FROM OUR CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT.

CAMBRIDGE appears more than usually active and pleasant this May Term, in the unexpected spring sunshine which throws a strange halo of picturesqueness over the old colleges and the avenues of tall trees just struggling into leaf; while the beauty of some hidden quadrangles and quaint architectural corners, under the changing accidents of light and shade, must be seen to be imagined.

The river is crowded with eights, getting into form for the May races, and the cricket-fields with men, practice-nets, and flying balls; but there have been no matches yet. At the University Cricket Ground the new pavilion is finished.

I really don't think there is anything else worthy of special mention here, except E. V. Arnold's well-earned success in gaining a scholarship at Trinity, which I hear the school has already celebrated in the most agreeable manner possible.

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Correspondence.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—In the columns of your last number, I chanced to come upon an article, evidently written by a bitter opponent of the Town Boy Football Challenge Shield. One of the reasons, and indeed the principal one, which he brought against it was, that up to the present time, Football, owing to the absence of all such external attractions as cups, &c., had always been the most popular game at Westminster, and indeed seemed to imply that it would suffer in consequence. Would he kindly tell me if, when rowing was the most popular amusement here, there were no cups, &c., to be rowed for, and *cups*, moreover, on which were inscribed all the names of the winning crew? Was rowing less studied at Westminster on this account? I think not. Hoping, by thus destroying his main argument, to vindicate myself and the rest of the subscribers from the motives which he so charitably implies had actuated us, I beg to remain, yours truly,
ONE OF THEM.

N.B. There is only the cup for the T.B. and Q.S. race on which all the names of the winning crews are inscribed.—[ED.]

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—Now that cricket is beginning, do you not agree with me that it would be better for all parties if a regular system of fagging up-fields was introduced? Hoping this will meet your approval, I beg to subscribe myself, yours truly,
A MEMBER OF THE ELEVEN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—Will you allow me, by means of your paper, to draw attention to Fagging at cricket? It is certainly not bad practice for the small fellows, as it teaches them to field and throw; but could not there be some plan adopted to prevent the same boys being "picked up" day after day, and thus getting thoroughly sick of cricket? It seems to me very hard lines on those who really want to learn to play, that they should scarcely ever be able to get any practice in batting, because others, instead of taking their share of Fagging, are shirking at gymnasium, yours truly,
A QUONDAM SUFFERER.

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