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ROWING.

ROWING at public schools has of late years come very much more into the general routine of games; and so at all schools where there is a river of any reasonable pretensions, we see a rowing club, who generally have an eight or at least a four. Originally, and that not so very many years ago, Eton and Westminster were the only two schools that ever rowed at all, and some of the earliest races were between these two schools; indeed, there is a record of a race at Westminster as early as 1817, and doubtless others which have not been recorded were rowed before that time.

The celebrity that Westminster gained in athletics was in a great measure due to the splendid form and the well-judged and perfect training of her crews. These crews, in order to have 'done the best row' upon record, would rise at any hour in the night, or rather early morning, and row for almost any length of time without leaving their boat. Now, however, rowing has become so general, it is almost im-

possible for a school to be well known as a rowing school unless it enters for races or for some of the many regattas that now-a-days are the fashion. Innumerable quantities of boats are seen passing up and down the river at all times of the day, and of these there are not very many that row in order to practise for races. Are then the Westminster boats to be classed with the ordinary pleasure boats? 'Surely,' some will say, 'the Westminster form has not so far degenerated that her representatives are no longer above the ordinary run of London pleasure seekers.' This may be, and it is to be hoped is the case; but the fact, nevertheless, remains that the boats simply row up and down the river every night without having any end in view beyond the ordinary school races which cannot raise Westminster into any prominence in the rowing world; and after all, what more is it than ordinary pleasure seeking, with perhaps a little excitement thrown in now and then in the shape of 'scratch fours,' 'the pairs,' or some other school race, which interest none but those immediately concerned in them. All schools have such races as these if there is any

room for rowing, whatever may be their numbers; and almost every school rows against clubs, or at all events scratch crews. Westminster then, it seems, is to be debarred from any claim to importance in rowing, and, it is to be feared, will sink down to a very low position among rowing clubs as long as she does not enter into contests with some other crews. The old reputation of Westminster as a school where rowing has flourished perhaps more than anything else, has still kept the School up in the rowing world and among the first of English rowing clubs, and long may Westminster retain that position. But unless she is pressed more into public notice by competition with others before the eyes of the world, she must inevitably sink to such a position that the name of rowing will be almost unknown at Westminster, and the palmy days which are already amongst things of the past, will be almost forgotten and altogether without prospect of being renewed.

This is, however, a very gloomy view to take of the prospects of 'The Water,' and at present the School has not so utterly degenerated that it is without hopes of regaining some of its former fame. Besides, it must not be forgotten what difficulties Westminster has had to contend against during the last few years. In the year 1867 all rowing entirely fell through, notwithstanding strenuous efforts made by O.W.'s to keep it up; from that time until 1872 no rowing went on at all; then at last the 'Water' was re-established, and was beginning to regain some of its old prestige, when, owing to a change of hours made by the L. & S. W. R., Water fellows were prevented from going up to Wandsworth, where the School boat-house then was. 'Water' then again fell through, and for that year nothing more could be done. Then a steam launch was kindly presented to the School by the Elizabethan Club, and a new boat-house was started at Battersea under the usual difficulties, and from this all rowing now has to be carried on; and it is to be hoped that with this start Westminster will soon be seen rowing against other schools, or at all events the clubs in her neighbourhood. What less can the Elizabethan Club expect of the School than that it should enter for some 'foreign' races? Indeed, letters have been received expressing the strong feeling that is entertained by members of the Club on that subject.

It may not be out of place to add, in conclusion, some suggestions to Water fellows at Westminster. They may, and very possibly do, object to rowing in tubs, as they now have to do, but how can it be expected that the rowing can

at any time be of any quality if fellows do not care to take pains enough to exert themselves for an hour or two a day? Fellows do not seem to realise that they will never be able to get into a light boat and row at all decently if they do not go through the regular routine of rowing. Another great improvement to the rowing at Westminster would be an extension of the time for practice; this could easily be managed by *tubbing off Westminster Bridge*, which has already been often proposed, but for some unaccountable reason has never been attempted. This would soon enable fellows to get into light boats when they went up in the evenings, and necessarily the form and standard of rowing at Westminster would soon improve. If this is acted up to, and strenuous exertions are made, there is every hope that Westminster may be again looked upon as one of the first rowing clubs of England.

THE WATER.

SCHOOL Pairs, which have not been rowed now for some years, were the opening race of the season. There were seven boats entered for it, and some very good racing came off. This year they were rowed with coxswains, which is an addition since former races, but it was almost necessary, as the new course is narrower than the old one, and the river more crowded.

The first heat was rowed on Thursday, June 19; it consisted of three boats, whose crews and stations were as follows:—

SURREY.		CENTRE.
<i>Bow.</i> H. S. Westmorland.		<i>Bow.</i> T. D. Rumball.
<i>Str.</i> C. Campbell.		<i>Str.</i> H. W. De Sausmarez.
<i>Cox.</i> A. S. Blackett.		<i>Cox.</i> H. W. Waterfield.

MIDDLESEX.
<i>Bow.</i> R. T. Squire.
<i>Str.</i> W. G. Bell.
<i>Cox.</i> C. B. Crews.

The start was not a very good one, Bell and Campbell both getting away before De Sausmarez. Bell at first shot ahead, but was soon overhauled and passed, when he fell hopelessly in the rear, the other two boats continued level for about half-way, when Campbell forged ahead and eventually won by two lengths.

The second heat was rowed on the following night, the boats being:—

SURREY.	SURREY CENTRE.
<i>Bow.</i> J. C. Frere.	<i>Bow.</i> A. A. Sikes.
<i>Str.</i> F. G. Clarke.	<i>Str.</i> R. H. Coke.
<i>Cox.</i> R. T. Jenner.	<i>Cox.</i> C. B. Crews (<i>subs.</i>).
MIDDLESEX CENTRE.	MIDDLESEX.
<i>Bow.</i> E. C. Frere.	<i>Bow.</i> J. M. S. Edwards.
<i>Str.</i> P. Chamot.	<i>Str.</i> W. H. Ritchie.
<i>Cox.</i> J. H. Janson.	<i>Cox.</i> O. Scoones.

The boats got away fairly together, though the start might have been better. Ritchie's boat was altogether out of it, but a capital race ensued between the other three. They went very well together, Clarke rather ahead; in this position they remained for some time, when Chamot appeared to be rather creeping up; but Clarke spurted, and won eventually by about a length; Coke about half a length behind Chamot, who rowed very pluckily for second place.

The final heat was rowed on Monday, June 23: the boats were:—

SURREY.	SURREY	MIDDLESEX	MIDDLESEX.
Campbell.	CENTRE.	CENTRE.	De Sausmarez.
	Chamot.	Clarke.	

This was the best race of all, and was very exciting; at first De Sausmarez went off with the lead, and was about a length and a half ahead after rounding the point. Here Clarke began to creep up, and at about three-quarters of the way was half a length ahead. Here Campbell, who had hitherto been in the background, made his effort, and was level with De Sausmarez about 150 yards from the bridge, Clarke a length ahead; Campbell spurting caught up Clarke, whom he beat by about a length, De Sausmarez about three-quarters of a length behind Clarke, Chamot coming in a very good fourth.

The Under Election Gigs were rowed the same night; for this race there were five boats entered, which were as follows:

SURREY.	SURREY	CENTRE.
Bow. Bain.	CENTRE.	Bow. Dale, W. C.
Str. Brandon, E. T.	Bow. Scoones.	Str. Stephenson, G.
Cox. Waterfield.	Str. Clarke, H. T.	Cox. Clarke, S. H.
	Cox. Rogers.	
MIDDLESEX		MIDDLESEX.
CENTRE.		Bow. Bird.
Bow. Harington.		Str. Coke.
Str. Bury, W. W.		Cox. Janson, J. H.
Cox. Warren.		

This race was also a well contested one, and by reason of the number of entries very exciting. At the start Coke went ahead, followed by Bury and Stephenson, which order was maintained until passing the point, when Stephenson crept up and overhauled Bury. Coke, however, maintained his lead some way further, but Stephenson passed him eventually and won by a length and a half. Coke second, Bury third.

The launch followed the races, from which C. Tracey, Esq. kindly acted as umpire and starter. The launch is in this way a great boon, as it is now so much more easy to follow a race than it formerly was in an eight manned as a rule by fellows who had little idea of rowing, all the best men being usually engaged in the race.

The eights, as far as they are made up, stand as follows:—

1ST EIGHT.		2ND EIGHT.	
Bow.		Bow.	
2.		2.	
3. J. C. Frere.		3. R. T. Squire.	
4.		4. R. H. Coke.	
5.		5. T. D. Rumball.	
6. C. Campbell.		6. J. M. S. Edwards.	
7. W. H. Ritchie.		7. W. G. Bell.	
Str. H. W. De Sausmarez.		Str. F. G. Clarke.	
Cox.		Cox.	

FIELDS.

NONDESCRIPTS v. WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

THE above match was played at Vincent Square on Saturday, June 21. The wicket, considering the wretched state of the weather, was fairly good—much better than was expected. The Nondescripts brought down a very strong team, containing both past and present University men; hence it is not to be wondered at that they gave us a severe defeat. No start was made before half-past one, owing to the rain, which had fallen persistently the whole morning. They won the toss and elected to go in, the first pair of batsmen being Messrs. H. C. Blaker and F. W. Ford. Our bowlers were Wilks, from the Vauxhall Road end, and Owen. From Wilks' first over two singles were made, but with the second ball of his third over he clean bowled F. W. Ford, the telegraph announcing one wicket for six runs. Wilks was very successful with the ball during the first part of the game, dismissing Blaker with the score at 11 and A. F. J. Ford at 22. The next two men, however, raised the score to 57, chiefly through Thompson's fine batting, when the latter lost his partner, A. S. Francis, who was clean bowled by Janson, the new bowler in place of Owen. Runs now came very fast, and several changes of bowling were resorted to, Wilks changing ends and Titcomb replacing Janson. With the score at 95 Wilks got rid of Jeffery, who had played well for his 14. At 106 Thompson skied a ball to cover-point, where Boyd secured it. The retiring batsman had made 50, an innings which showed fine defence and brilliant hitting. Mills and Wilde raised the score to 127, when Owen, who had resumed bowling, splendidly secured a ball returned to him by Wilde. F. P. Francis speedily made 10, when he was clean bowled by Janson; and at 155 Mills, who had played a very good innings of 33, was given out l. b. w. to Westmorland. Stanley made one, and then placed a ball in long-on's hands, the innings closing for 156.

After the usual interval we began our innings, with Boyd and Westmorland to the bowling of Jeffery and Wilde. The former was very destructive, sending down four maidens, and in them getting two wickets. Three wickets for five runs was a very poor beginning, and had it not been for Benbow and Janson, who made 16 and 15 not out respectively, the end would have been, if possible, still worse. The innings closed with a total of 43. They employed four bowlers, whose analysis reads as follows:—

	Runs.	Wkts.	Overs.	Maidens.
E. Jeffery.....	12	4	18	9
T. Wilde.....	25	3	17	6
A. F. J. Ford.....	3	1	2	1
F. P. Francis.....	0	2	1.2	1

Our bowling analysis was:—

	Runs.	Wkts.	Overs.	Maidens.
C. V. Wilks	58	5	28	5
R. S. Owen	16	1	10	4
F. W. Janson.....	31	2	20	8
J. Titcomb	30	0	7	0
H. Westmorland .	14	2	8	3

Titcomb bowled a no-ball.

The score is appended :—

NONDESCRIPTS.

H. C. Blaker, b. Wilks	5
F. W. Ford, b. Wilks	2
A. F. J. Ford, b. Wilks	11
A. S. Francis, b. Janson	15
W. F. Thompson, c. Boyd, b. Wilks.....	50
E. Jeffery, b. Wilks	14
H. M. Mills, l. b. w., b. Westmorland	33
T. M. Wilde, c. and b. Owen	8
F. P. Francis, b. Janson	10
A. J. Stanley, c. Wilks, b. Westmorland	1
Eaton Cummins, not out	0
B. 4, l.-b. 2, no ball 1	7

Total 156

WESTMINSTER.

H. Westmorland, b. Wilde.....	1
A. P. B. Boyd, b. Jeffery.....	1
G. Dale, b. Jeffery	0
G. H. W. Reece, c. Stanley, b. Wilde	2
H. C. Benbow, c. Mills, b. Wilde	16
F. W. Janson, not out	15
W. F. G. Sandwith, l. b. w., b. Jeffery.....	1
C. V. Wilks, b. Jeffery.....	0
R. S. Owen, c. Stanley, b. F. P. Francis	4
J. Titcomb, c. Thompson, b. A. F. J. Ford.....	0
P. H. C. Fulcher, b. F. P. Francis	0
B. 1, l.-b. 2	3

Total 43

The fielding of the eleven in this match was by no means what it should have been, and unless more attention is paid to that portion of the game, our hopes of success in foreign matches must be small.

School Notes.

WE have received from another Old Westminster of more than half a century's standing the following information concerning the word 'greeze,' at Westminster.

'I am unwilling to contradict the assertion of your correspondent E. B. C., but I must do so. When I went to Westminster in the year 1820, the word "greeze" (I know not if that is the real spelling of the word) was in frequent use, and continued so for the four years I remained at the school. Fellows in school at one end of the form, i.e. two or three of them, would say, "Let us have a greeze." They then tried to push the fellows at the other end off their seats; these would resist by pushing in return, and if either lot of fellows succeeded in the struggle the end boy or two fell to the ground. Often the master in front of the form saw us, and would give the most prominent an impos.; but the "greeze" generally took place during his absence. I am thus minute in describing a "greeze" to show that I have not only witnessed it but participated in it. Again, in playing football, which in those days we did in the cloisters, a few fellows would stay in a corner hustling each other, and kicking each others shins, as if the ball was amongst them, when all of them knew it was not there. This was called a "greeze." I know not the derivation of the word; it may be a corruption of squeeze.

'In Webster's Dictionary the word is given with the meaning "step," or "staircase," remarking, however, that the word is obsolete. Old Bishop Latimer is quoted thus: "The Top of the ladder or first Greeze is this," &c.

'I can confirm the statement that there was no Mr. Fellows living in Little Dean's Yard from 1820 to 1824. I was at Grant's, just opposite the house in which Preston the under master, lived. There was no drawing master nor even writing master attached to the school in my days; fellows used to go during Lockers to Steward's, Great Dean's Yard, next door to Pack's, *alias* Stelfox's, to learn algebra and mathematics, but it was not compulsory, and was paid for extra. I could tell you a good deal more of what happened in my time, but enough.

'Yours truly,
'A. W.'

Thus far our Correspondent. It has been suggested to us from another quarter that possibly the word 'greeze,' as used at Westminster, is not a genuine Westminster word at all.

We have received a letter signed S. P. T., advising us as to the contents of this paper, and as to the best means for obtaining literary and monetary support from the members of the School. Our Correspondent begins by informing us that we 'are always very naturally complaining that we do not meet with sufficient aid from the School.' Now this is being rather hard on us. It is traditional, we believe, that at the commencement of each year the editorial trumpet should be sounded, and the School *en masse* summoned to rally round *The Elizabethan*; such at least has been the custom of our predecessors, and in like manner we also invoked the aid of our fellows, and met with a response which, if not enthusiastic, was at least satisfactory. But ever since that first and last appeal we have been content to wait for aid till it is bestowed upon us; and though as regards the matter of literary support, we have certainly not received more than ten critical reviews and two dozen poetical effusions from the School at large, we venture to think that we are still getting along pretty well, all things considered.

'There has always been, or at any rate is now, a very deeply rooted prejudice against printing anything which is not school news,' writes S. P. T. This, though rather sweeping, is in the main true; and we are not sorry for it, as we own to a weak-minded prejudice in favour of school news for school papers. But will S. P. T. turn to No. 1 of the first volume of *The Elizabethan*, and there peruse the leading article; he will there find the following scheme for the conduct of the paper: 'To real school news we shall accord the first place, i.e. to news of the School as a school, affecting its work, rules, or position. The extravagant importance which has lately been assigned to cricket, rowing, football, and such things, has perhaps sometimes seemed to imply a loss of interest in real school news; but we are sure that this is a mistaken view, and that all will agree in according it the first place, as often as events of importance or interest

occur At Oxford and Cambridge we intend to have our own correspondents At the end of each number we shall notice any reports or publications, &c., concerning Westminster matters We must now say one word as to the subjects which will each month occupy our first pages in the shape of leaders. For these we shall always endeavour to take subjects exciting interest within or without the School.'

Such was the scheme laid down by the original editor and committee—a scheme which, we remember, struck many at the time, as well by its sense as by its feasibility. This scheme we shall always endeavour to carry out to the best of our ability; and we trust that we may never lose what S. P. T. terms 'the erroneous impression that a school paper is not the fit place for tourist experiences and other like matters.' Perhaps our correspondent is not aware of the fact that there was a time when 'Tourist Experiences and such like matters' were included in the pages of *The Elizabethan*, and also that this circumstance excited almost universal disapprobation. We know that some school papers have a most miscellaneous list of contents, by no means always of a worthless description, be it observed. Some schools can produce a good critical review, or some really passable poetry; but then this question arises, 'Do such contributors as these invariably proceed from members of the School?' Not in every instance, we think, though we may be doing some schools an injustice; and though we are by no means averse to receiving such contributions from the outside world as can appear in our columns according to our existing rules, yet we should be very sorry to see real school news crowded out by a superfluity even of such contributions as these. If our subscribers want such articles as S. P. T. mentions, let them seek for them in the current periodicals of the day, where they in all probability will be more worth reading than they would if they appeared in *The Elizabethan*. And there is another circumstance which no one of that class of grumblers of whom S. P. T. is only a single instance, ever considers, and that is the time that is consumed by the writing of such articles, at least if they are to be properly written, as we conclude S. P. T. would wish them to be; and as all who are entrusted with the conduct of *The Elizabethan* are in the Sixth, and several of them have other duties to attend to besides their form work, it is almost an impossibility for them to extend their *Elizabethan* work any further than it goes at present, without it becoming a burden. Any contributions, however, are always thankfully received which deal with the School, its belongings and surroundings, past, present, or future. Prize poems and verse translations it has always been the custom to print. And finally many members of the School avail themselves of the Correspondence column, which, in our opinion, is generally the most amusing part of the paper, though S. P. T. does not think so.

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Last term an idea was started of getting up lawn tennis in Green. It certainly seems a pity that that

verdant spot should be left solitary all the summer; but anyone who will take the trouble of examining what the verdure actually consists of, may easily convince himself of the mournful fact that lawn tennis is utterly impracticable there. There is scarcely a vestige of grass in the place, except a few blades here and there in the corners; the rest of the ground is overrun with a small but thick forest of weeds, which are now more luxuriant than we ever remember to have seen them before. Many have been the desponding accounts of Green that have in by-gone days appeared in our columns, and many have been the plans for its utilisation and improvement; but it seems certain that all present utilisation is impossible, and that if football is to occupy its usual position in Green next term, a little improvement is urgently needed at once if the place is not to be allowed to develop into a jungle on a small scale. We can only hope that future years may see what the present certainly never will—viz. lawn tennis blossoming forth in the wilderness of Green.

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The article which in our last number ventured to predict that no alterations were immediately imminent in College, was, like the weather-wise Americans, woefully mistaken. The principal reforms that have been made, affect the fagging system, which has been at once modified, extended, and left untouched. How the new arrangement will work we cannot say; it has at present, as was perhaps to be expected, been productive of some amount of confusion and misunderstanding. Future years may witness an improvement in this respect; we trust they will.

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The following is the result of the Election examinations of last term:—

ELECTED TO OXFORD.

H. B. Cox.
T. B. Strong.
E. U. Eddis.
G. Dale.

ELECTED TO CAMBRIDGE.

E. P. Guest.
W. G. Bell.
H. Marshall.

TRIPLETT EXHIBITIONERS.

E. P. Guest.
H. Lowry.

The examiners were the Rev. H. L. Thompson, M.A. of Christchurch, and J. M. Image, Esq., M.A. Fellow of Trinity.

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OBITUARY.

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We regret to have to announce the death of the Rev. John Griffith, D.D., who died on May 29 last. He was born on September 22, 1789, and was the second son of the Rev. Richard Griffith, vicar of Bangor, and rector of Trefdreath, Anglesea. He was admitted third into College in 1804, and in 1808 was elected to Trinity, Cambridge. He obtained one of the Bell University Scholarships in 1810, and the place of fifth wrangler in the examination for the B.A. degree, 1812; he would in all probability have come out even higher on the list, had not the death of his mother shortly before the examination caused an intermission of his studies. In 1814 he was elected a Fellow of Emmanuel College, and became a tutor there; he graduated M.A. 1815, B.D. 1822, and D.D. 1831.

In 1816 he accompanied Lord Amherst's embassy to China, as Chaplain on board H.M.S. *Alceste*, and was present at the wreck of that vessel on her return voyage in the Strait of Gaspar. On Mr. Griffith's return to England he became a Whitehall preacher, and was appointed a prebendary of Rochester in 1827 by Lord Chancellor Lyndhurst. He was afterwards Vicar of Aylesford; and obtained in 1831 the vicarage of Boxley, Kent, and of Thornton-Curtis, Lincolnshire, 1832. He was appointed rural dean of Sutton by Archbishop Howley, which preferment he resigned, together with Boxley, in 1853; his Cathedral preferment he resigned in 1872. At the time of his death he had been for some years the senior D.D. of Cambridge, and was probably the senior Old Westminister.

Soon after his appointment to Rochester Mr. Griffith married Mary Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. James Barber. Together they contributed more than £20,000 to the building and endowment of St. Mary's Church, Strood; this was the principal of many munificent gifts bestowed by the bounty of Dr. and Mrs. Griffiths. In particular, they jointly presented £3,000 towards the restoration of the choir of Rochester Cathedral and £1,000 towards the building of the organ. In 1875, as the death of Mrs. Griffith necessitated a new draft of the will of Dr. Griffith, several legacies were then converted into gifts. These gifts comprised £1,000 to the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, £1,000 to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, £1,000 to the National Education Society, £1,000 to the Incorporated Church Building Society, £1,000 to the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy, and several other large benefactions. Dr. Griffith, in 1855, undertook at his own expense the prosecution of Sir T. D. Paul and his partners, bankers, for fraud, being influenced by a praiseworthy desire to see whether the law could be made to bear upon such offences.

Dr. Griffith was to the last an ardent supporter of the Play here; he was also invited by Waterton to accompany him in his African explorations, in such high estimation were his social qualities held. He was buried on June 4, at Cheltenham, by the side of his wife.

A distinguished Old Westminister has recently passed away in the person of Mr. William Froude, famous for his skill in engineering and for his scientific discoveries. He was elected fourth into College in 1824, and subsequently to Trinity in 1828; but he did not take his election, being entered a commoner of Oriol College, Oxford. He obtained a first class in mathematics and a third in classics in 1832, and graduated M.A. 1837. He was the son of the Rev. R. H. Froude, Archdeacon of Totnes.

F. W. Courtenay, whom many now at the school remember, died in April last at Dublin. He entered College in 1873 and left in May 1876, afterwards entering at Trinity College, Dublin.

FROM OUR 'CAMBRIDGE' CORRESPONDENT.

June 16, 1879.

As the last number of *The Elizabethan* went to the press before our term commenced, it was impossible to contribute anything in the way of correspondence; and I thought it advisable to put off writing till after the May week rather than, by anticipating events, to spoil what might later on be of interest to the readers of *The Elizabethan*. The term is just over, and the whole 'Varsity, except a few reading men whose tripos gathers like a storm on the horizon, have gone down for the long.

Before entering into the details of last term, I should like to correct any false impression that might have been conveyed by my account of our Treasurer's disappearance. Let it be known that no imputation whatever was intended on that gentleman's conduct or morals; and that he has lately triumphed over his 'little go,' and reappeared with ledger and cash intact; no doubt to resume his duties in the football field with unabated energy.

By the time everyone had come up there was little more than a fortnight to get into training for the May races, and to overcome the effects of three weeks' relaxation. III. Trinity, as usual, was remarkably slow in getting together; and, in fact, a week before the races, J. A. Batley came up to row in the first

boat, and Compton Smith refused to keep his place in the second. This state of things, when there were only four days to get together, looked anything but promising. When the time came, however, the crews seemed to rise to the emergency. Our second boat, indeed, fell a prey to Pembroke I., but what else could be expected from the first and only boat of an entire college? The only thing to be wondered at is, how we managed to keep them down so long. On the last night of the races the boat regained its place of second in the division by bumping Kats. I., which came down steadily from the first division. Our first boat, in which Westminister was represented by J. H. Williams, J. A. Batley, and C. F. Reeks, started fifth on the river, and maintained its position throughout the races. Three O. W.'s rowed in the second boat—A. E. Black, J. Gilbertson, and F. M. Lutyens. Except that on the first night Caius I. lost their steerage and were bumped by Lady Margaret, there were no bumps made at all among the boats at the top of the river, and night after night the spectators witnessed a mere procession of boats. The enthusiasm of the ladies is deserving of the highest praise. In the pouring rain or on the sopping ground, they stood with all the firmness of the Guards at Waterloo; with everything but their spirits damped and flagging, they continued to cheer on the passing boats. Where else can one find such indomitable energy? A few hours afterwards they are in the ball-room. The sun is high in the heavens before they are in bed. Yet at the concerts, promenades, flower-shows, cricket matches, and organ recitals you may see the same faces. You see them again at the races in the afternoon, and this goes on for nearly a fortnight.

The gaieties at an end, 'the young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of'—Little-go, general, tripos, Mays, or what not? What is he to do? How is he to get through what he has to read? Will he get a class? Consequently the end of the term passes slowly, and 'the long' is generally hailed with delight.

G. A. Bolton has just taken his degree in the Medical, and A. G. Hill in the Natural Science Tripos. R. F. Macmillan, Prizeman in Law, has gained a Foundation Scholarship at Trinity Hall, and H. P. Hollis a prize for Mathematics at Jesus.

I should have mentioned before that Dr. Bridge came down from Westminister and performed one of the organ recitals in Trinity Chapel.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—There is a handsome challenge vase presented at Henley this year for competition among the public schools. As yet I have failed to see the name of Westminister among the competitors; and I think that, as the Elizabethan Club has gone to the great expense of providing a steam launch, not for the amusement of the boys, but in order to encourage rowing in the school, Westminister ought to show that she is worthy of this encouragement by sending an eight. It is hard that Westminister, which was once one of the leading public schools (especially in aquatics) should now always be left out in the cold.

JOHN C. FRASER.

May 27, 1879.

[This letter was intended for our last number, but arrived too late for publication.—Ed. *Eliz.*]

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—I was glad to learn from the letter of your Cambridge correspondent in the April number of *The Elizabethan* how well the School was represented on the river at Cambridge in proportion to the number of Old Westminster's at the University. Your correspondent expresses a hope that the 'steam launch—now in use at the School to carry the boys from Parliament Stairs to Battersea, where their boats are kept—will supply reinforcements. Will you allow me, through your

columns, to remind Old Westminster oarsmen that the 'Water' at Westminster is a recent revival, with still some difficulties to contend with, and that assistance in the shape of 'coaching' would be valuable. The rowing has already begun, and continues after the Whitsuntide holidays.—I am, Sir, faithfully yours,

R. J. MURE.

Lincoln's Inn, May 23, 1879.

Our Contemporaries.

WE acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following magazines:—*The Melburnian*, for March; *The Eastbournian*, and *The Geelong Grammar School Quarterly*, for April; *The Blue*, *The Cinque Port*, *The Felstedian*, *The Meteor*, *The Newtonian*, *Our School Times*, *The Ousel*, *The Radleian*, *The Ulula*, and *The Wellingtonian*, for May; *The Blue*, *The Blundellian*, *The Carthusian*, *The Eastbournian*, *The Felstedian*, *The Meteor*, *Our School Times*, and *The Wykehamist*, for June.

Two more numbers of *The Blue* to digest! 'Two more pills!' we were inclined to exclaim, but we won't. In the first, the remarks on Pitcairn Island are interesting but not new; while the same applies to the touching editorial appeal in the second. Here is a curiosity for the *Cricketing Almanac*: in a certain match the Christ's Hospital C. C. made 23 runs; this looks bad enough, but their opponents, the Trinity C. C., compiled the large total of 9. We congratulate the former on their victory.

The Carthusian Eleven, with one exception, will consist of new choices this year. They have good material to pick from. Lawn Tennis ties are progressing at Godalming, as we hope they will at Vincent Square. They have started a Fire Brigade, with twenty members. There is nothing in this number that invites criticism.

The Cinque Port is new to us, and hails from University School, Hastings. Is it somewhat 'cosmopolitan,' as our friend, *The Meteor*, would term it, to use a singularly safe and undefinable phrase. We find two good articles, and three—well, the reverse: being lovers of peace, and unwilling to raise invidious feelings, we forbear entering into further particulars. Their fellows must be in an apathetic state, for there are only four small pages out of thirty-two occupied with notes on anything concerned with the school. Is it not rather anomalous that the first four elevens should each consist of an average of nineteen fellows and a fraction? Would there were nineteen men at Westminster worthy of 'pinks' at cricket! But to possess four teams of that number is above even our aspirations! Well, they must be very energetic after all! Those seventy-nine members of elevens—we mean, of Nineteen-and-a-bits—must require a strong staff of captains, sub-captains, and minor officers to keep them in order.

Says *The Eastbournian* by way of preface:

'Tis not in mortals to command success,

But we'll do more, Sempronius, we'll deserve it.'

This hopeful quotation seems to indicate that our contemporary does not mean to expire just yet, as recent editorials had hinted. Their athletics were a very fair afternoon performance compared with others in one respect—some twenty-seven events were disposed of in two or three hours, the sports only commencing after 2.30 P.M. Some contributor, who euphoniously styles himself 'Tlaga,' tells us how he 'felt the horns of a dilemma,' Anglicé, a Rhinoceros. The beauty of the Ode to Spring might strike us in any year but the present, but we pass it over with a sigh. Wait another twelvemonth, we should say to the poet, make a few corrections in the ode, and then perhaps we may read it. Their Sphinx is scarcely 'in form' this month, only giving us a page of answers and nothing more.

The first thing that meets our eye in *The Felstedian* is an account of two days' bicycling. Thank goodness the tour did not last a week or more! We don't like guide books; we object to itineraries, and we detest maps in black and white

however charmingly 'word painted.' We notice also a *resumé* of their athletics—a fact that scarcely requires comment, considering that this forms the *pièce de résistance* of nearly every school magazine, except *The Elizabethan*, at this period of the year. We wonder if the 'authorities' observe this extremely delicate hint. However, as the generality of the sports this year were held, like a certain Derby, in a snowstorm, we would prefer our two nice rainy days in October to a week of Arctic Easter Mondays. But *revenous* to *The Felstedian*, which is hardly worth the trouble after all. We fail to see what connection Oliver Goldsmith had with Felsted, but as his biography is inserted, and is a good one, we commend it.

The Geelong Grammar School Magazine has a quarter's news in it and therefore a good deal to say for itself. C. Fairbairn and C. N. Armytage, of this year's Cambridge eight, were old 'Grammarians.'

The Melburnian publishes some 'Examination Jottings' from a well-known school in England—not Westminster at any rate. We append a few:

'The censors were appointed at Rome to put down celibacy, profligacy, and other vices.'

'King Alfred went into the Danish camp disguised as a pheasant.'

'Hannibal was manured to labour.'

'Caesa abies—blind thou shalt depart.'

And some 'Barbarian,' or boy belonging to the non-Greek side of the school, sees good Anglo-Saxon in Chalkidike by reading it Chalky Dyke.

The Newtonian philophises on Shakespeare, moralises on the 'Study of Nature,' and soliloquises in a few 'Stray Notes'; but, with the exception of the athletics—to which we have got callous by this time—nothing else attracted our notice; stay, we sincerely beg 'A Victim's' pardon—how could we pass over such astonishing lines as these:—

'While others

Scar with pastimes the rejoicing earth.'

'I needs must work and cease to more repine.'

Truly they are enough to relieve the monotony of an 'Ode,' written by some one—a small delinquent, we should think—'who was kept in on a Tuesday.' We hope we are not too merciless in laying before our readers some of the rhymes: learn, term; come, roam; time, repine. O for a rhyming 'Dic' and a bottle of salts!

The May and June numbers of *The Meteor* lie before us. The first named contains a long obituary and a leader on Lawn Tennis, the bone of contention in so many public schools. The second is not much more interesting to outsiders—the report of thirteen cricket matches forms one item.

Foyle College sends two very good numbers. A dissertation on 'Disinfectants and how to use them' is eminently practical, but scarcely amusing or even attractive to any but hospital nurses.

The amateurs who took part in the House recitations at Bedford Grammar School must be wonderfully talented, or else *The Ousel* has enlisted the services of an 'all-round' encomiast, who is determined to see 'good in everything.'

A record of the athletics fills half *The Radleian*. We gather from an indignant letter from 'Scot' that 'the Shop' make three shillings on every five shillings' worth it sells. 'O, Society, is this right?'

Sentimental poetry is sometimes readable when varied in expression, but the same idea harped upon all through the piece is extremely tiring. This is the fault we find with some odes, 'After Catullus,' in *The Wykehamist*, 'kiss me a thousand kisses (and repeat the operation as often as you like)' being their burden and sum total. Perhaps we ought to blame the old Roman for being the original, whence these are copied. The rest of the paper relates to the school, and, as such, we leave it alone.

The Ulula talks learnedly about our coal supply, more learnedly about the New Utopia—whatever that is—and most learnedly about Roman Comedy, but we wouldn't go higher in the praise of the rest of its contents if we could. Still even an adverse critic like ourselves is pleased with *The Ulula*—sometimes. An ingenious expedient, that of the editor's too, transcribing minutely all the statutes and regulations connected with Mancunian Scholarships, thereby filling half a dozen pages of each of the last few numbers. Hand over your Memoranda, Agenda, Acta, *Futura* (!) O ye Governing Body, and—no more awkward blanks in *The Elizabethan*.

The correspondence in the *Wellingtonian* generally affords us some amusement, and certainly that of the May issue does. We notice a letter from the ex-treasurer of the F.F.P.F.U.L.L. This combination of initials seems a very fair imitation of a cryptograph, but, being interpreted by the writer, it means—The Fund for Promoting Fish in the Upper Lake. (We cannot account for the last L.) Let us hope the importance of the society 'varies directly with the number and eccentricity' of its capitals. By the way, another great public school can boast of a S R. O. G. U. S. (Shakespeare Reading Orpheus Glee Union Society—a truly royal way of piling on agnomina.) Next, an epistle advocating the formation of a model yacht club, from 'Navita Parvus'—'Parva parvis conveniunt'—'A Saga' is too close a parody on 'Lochiel' to deceive anybody. Surely, sonnets on Love are out of place in a school magazine, especially when they are of that advanced type of poetry which delights in such 'intense' ideas as the subjoined: 'Love which simplifies my every action,' 'Keeps my mind in firm suspension,' 'Fire consuming love,' 'Those, who in world's ways are wised.' The last expression has certainly the merit of being alliterative, but that is all. Small boys at Wellington meet with somewhat ruthless treatment on their arrival, to judge from an article headed 'My first day at college.' 'They manage these things better' at Westminster, we believe.

The June number of *The Blundellian* has just come to hand. In it we notice a query: 'Does any one know whether Elijah Impey, who won medals at Blundell's for verse composition and elocution in 1780, '81, '82, was the son of Warren Hastings' unscrupulous supporter bearing the same strange name?' We do not know; but Alexander Elijah Impey, a natural son of Sir Elijah Impey, who was himself at Westminster, was admitted into college here in 1778, having begun his education at Blundell's at Tiverton, where as at Westminster, he was

considered a very promising boy. He was twelve years old at the time of his admission. The dates do not coincide exactly, but we have the authority of 'Alumni Westmonasteriensis' for ours; perhaps Impey went back to Tiverton after leaving Westminster, as he did not stay on here in due course for his election.

The conclusion of the 'Life of Field-Marshal Lord Combermere' is unavoidably postponed till our August number.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. W.—We are much obliged to you.—See our School Note.

S. P. T.—See our School Note.

E. C. F.—Much obliged; but it won't quite do. Try something else.

T. B.—Your letter has been handed over to the Head of Water.

Floreat.