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THE PAST CRICKET SEASON.

ANOTHER Cricket Season has come and gone, and, though the task is this year by no means a pleasant one, we must follow the usual custom of briefly reviewing the chief events in its progress. Although this year, throughout the kingdom, has been singularly in favour of heavy scoring, and though our wicket up-fields has been in better order than for many years past, yet in three matches only has the Eleven accomplished the seemingly difficult feat of putting together over a hundred runs in an innings. Against this poor display, very large totals have been scored by our opponents, who on two occasions only have failed to reach three figures, while four individual batsmen have made over one hundred runs against us. We have suffered severe defeats at the hands of the M.C.C., Old Carthusians, Lords and Commons, Nondescripts, Incogniti, and, last and worst of all, of Charterhouse. To show against this formidable list we have only beaten Wetton's XI. (by one run), and

a fairly strong team of Old Westminsters; while the match with the Free Foresters was drawn immensely in their favour.

The first question of course asked, when these facts are seen, is, Why has the Westminster XI. so ignominiously failed this year? Undoubtedly the alteration of the hours, and consequent curtailment of station, by considerably shortening the time for practice, and effectually spoiling all chance of a reasonably long game in the evening, has gone far to produce this most disastrous effect on our School cricket. But this is not all. Our Eleven has not displayed enough energy to counteract this disadvantage, and though with the utmost punctuality, they could not have made very much difference, yet a little extra time could always have been gained by less time being taken in changing and getting up-fields. Everything else, owing to the careful and judicious management of the Captain, has been in our favour. We rejoice to see the improvement that manifests itself in the Junior Games. Nets have been provided for each House during morning station; the lower

games are arranged better than heretofore, and the listlessness that used to characterise them seems to a large extent to be disappearing. Yet all this seems to have had little material effect on this the most unfortunate season for many years. To enter a little more closely into the separate aspects of the game, the bowling of the Eleven seems to have been their best point, and though this has at times been completely mastered and large scores made against it, yet, even in our worst defeats, hardly ever has it become entirely demoralised. This was more especially noticeable at Charterhouse, where, even after our opponents had passed our score, and were still playing careful and good cricket, over after over was sent down in no respect worse than at the opening of the innings; while the fielding, which is, under such circumstances, so apt to break down, continued to the end accurate and smart. In this latter feature of the game the Eleven made great progress in the course of the season, though a good reliable wicket-keep, who could stand up to fast bowling, was sorely needed. It was with the bat, in fact, that our team came to such utter grief. Throughout the season every member of the Eleven has considerably spared the rest the expense of providing him with a new bat, by putting together fifty runs. In the 'lag' members there seems all along to have been an utter lack of confidence, and when the 'pinks' had all come out, except on a few notable occasions, 'rot' has set in and the last few wickets have hardly put on any runs. This was, unfortunately, felt most severely in the Charterhouse match, when, from the fall of the third wicket to the fall of the tenth, only thirteen runs were added to the score.

This is, of course, an old cry, but it is nevertheless true, and until our batsmen muster up a little more confidence—that greatest essential to cricket—our Eleven will never be able to take its old position.

In conclusion, notwithstanding this most unfortunate season, there is no reason why those who are interested in Westminster Cricket should despair. As we have already said, the less prominent are better looked after than has been the case up to the present; and now that our small numbers are not yet further weakened by 'Water' dividing them into two parties, if our whole energy is put forward next season, and the authorities are induced to give us back our old Lock-hours, so that more time can be given to the game, we see no reason why Westminster should not, at no distant date, take its right place on the cricket field.

EPIGRAMS.

PERHAPS the point most worthy of note with regard to the Hall Epigrams of 1884 is their fewness in number. The fact is that, as the older generation of Westminsters dies out, the younger race that takes their place have not their fathers' cunning in the making of epigrams, which is, indeed, rapidly becoming a lost art. Would the revival of the study of Martial, once so distinguishing a feature of the Westminster curriculum, do anything to stop this decline, and ensure the Hall Epigrams not becoming a thing of the past in another ten years or so? The many old editions of the great Roman Epigrammatist, which researches in the recesses of our libraries have revealed, show how much he was in former times read in the School; but he has long been banished, though it is, perhaps, unreasonable to expect skill in epigram-writing from men and boys unacquainted with the classical models of that kind of composition.

The Theses for 1884 were '*Carior absens*,' '*Carior præsens*,' and '*Tuta tene*'. The first epigram in the collection will doubtless be welcome to the majority of our readers that belie by their Conservatism the Whig traditions of eighteenth century Westminster. The subject, as will be seen, is the 'Desertion' of General Gordon, and the thesis, '*Carior absens*.'

Solus in Eois oris, et ab hoste feroci
Assidue obsessus, dux procul ille manet.
Prudens, propositique tenax, non milite fretus,
Infraenos populos justus amore regit;
Indomita virtute heros, animosus et audax,
Urbem commissam proditus ipse tenet.
Carus erat præsens, quanto nunc carior absens;
O si dent caro fata redire viro!

The prayer at the end will be echoed by all Englishmen of whatever political party; and no less will the finely-turned description of the most heroic of our contemporaries appeal to all who may chance to read it.

The next epigram neatly expresses a thought which must be in the minds of most people present at the Election Dinner.

'*Carior absens*.'

'Tis absence makes the heart grow fonder:
And as they travel life's dull round,
Old Westminsters, where'er they wander,
Still faithful to their School are found.
So when, at this our annual meeting,
Old friends collect from far and near,
We to those absent ones send greeting,
Who in their hearts are present here.

'*Carior absens*' is also the thesis for the following:—

Ever at hand, with his watchful clear eyes,
In his office he labours for years;
Whether he lives, or whether he dies,
Nobody knows or cares.
Till, with his well-arranged schemes complete,
He vanishes uncontrolled,
Leaving behind a forged balance sheet—
All the bonds and directors sold.

Mark now how keen is the interest felt
 In the Manager's whole career ;
 How he has lived, and with whom he dealt,
 All the world is agog to hear.
 Eager each morning the paper to get,
 But questioning ever in vain :
 'Have you no news of that Manager yet ?
 Are we never to see him again ?'

Nor must we omit the following ingenious farewell to Dr. Barry, on the same thesis as the preceding :

Rare Ben Jonson, poet famed,
 Sidney's sister's praise proclaimed.
 And shall we be silent, then,
 Children of the tribe of Ben,
 As we sadly note to-day
 The changed *tenor* of our way ?
 Now no more 'midst us is known
 That familiar *Barry tone*,
 But beneath no marble hearse
 Rests the subject of our verse ;
 Distant land and distant see
 Own his pastoral care. Shall we
 Grudge our Canon ? Let us rather
 Wish God-speed to Sydney's Father.

The next epigram that we quote is a masterpiece of ingenious punning on the theses, '*Carior praesens*,' '*Tuta tene*' :

Ye who in deeds, not words, have placed your trust,
 Or fear your dearer presents may corrode,
 To guard from loss, from fire, from thieves, from rust,
 Keeping a safe is far the surest mode.

The careful reader will in 'dearer presents' see the former, in 'keeping a safe,' the latter of the two theses.

Among the 'Auctores' we must quote this Latin rendering of one of the very best of all Irish bulls—the assertion made in a recent nationalist speech, that 'The country is overrun with absentee landlords' :

Dixit Hibernicus : 'Ah, juvenes, absentibus omnis
 Undique nostra quidem terra repletur heris.'

We now pass to an epigram of graver mood : a singularly graceful and pathetic tribute to the memory of one lately taken from us by death before his school-life was over :

'Carior absens.'

'Sunt lacrimae rerum et mentem mortalia tangunt,
 Ut rapiunt sero funere fata senem.
 Quid nos, ut rapitur fato praecisus acerbo,
 Qui spectarat adhuc haud tria lustra, puer ?
 Non aliter duro flos est demessus aratro,
 Cujus erat splendens, Sole oriente, color :
 Non aliter summo labentia sidera caelo
 Exstinguunt subitas non reditura faces.
 Non illum nocuae curae tangentive labores :
 Vitae non illi est irrequieta quies.
 'Ferte mihi pueros,' sic vox divina jubebat :
 Nilque morans jussis paruit ille Dei.

The next epigram laments the death of one that died in a ripe old age, who throughout his long life was distinguished by his love for the school where, seventy years ago, he received his early education—the late Bishop of Adelaide, Dr. Short. It will be seen that the writer of the verses particularly celebrates the daughter College of St. Peter, at Adelaide,

which Bishop Short founded in the see-town of his diocese, and, in pious memory of Westminster, called after the name of this foundation.

Sedibus his nuper sera jam aetate receptum
 (Dignus enim noster quem sequeretur amor),
 Ora Australensi qui per tot lustra sacratis
 Gesserat imperiis munus Apostolicum,
 Privatum heu ! vita legemus. Rarior hospes
 Hic aderat : partes id vetuere datae.
 Extorris tamen, a nobis toto orbe remoti,
 Quis desiderio denegat esse locum ?
 Rem nostram, et studia, ac mores habitusque Penatum
 Consuerat secum volvere mente memor :
 Id certus, fausto auspicio quando hora daretur
 Civibus exemplar proposuisse suis,
 Nec fato noster prudentibus excidit ausis ;
 Nulla fefellerunt irrita vota fidem.
 Urbis Adelaidae decus en ! se tollit in auras
 Altera conspicua fronte Petraea domus.
 Ingenua hic studiis pubes effingitur isdem
 Quae sapiens nobis jussit Eliza coli ;
 Necnon athletas, queiscum certamen agamus,
 Matre vel Angliaca digna Palaestra, fovet.
 Ingenii dotes, mentis constantia, candor,
 Illi inerat, pietas, inviolata fides ;
 Veri seu causam docto sermone tueri
 Impositus fuerit, non sine laude, labor :
 Versatus seu sit rebus civilibus, aequae
 Intrepidus rectum est visus ubique sequi.
 Vita erat illustri felix, placidaque senecta ;
 Finem illis aptum mors necopina tulit.
 Perfecit cursum, fruiturque quiete parata
 Nunc inter Sanctos ac propiore Deo.
 Omine nostra bono Schola serum, oramus, in aevum
 Usque ferat tales instituatque viros !

Two epigrams deal with the great event of the preceding year at Westminster—the retirement of Dr. Scott from the Head Mastership after a tenure of near 28 years. The first is in Latin, the second in Greek—the only Greek one of the year. We give the second, as being in our opinion the better of the two.

'Carior praesens atque absens.'

Οὐχ περ φύλλων γεγεή τοῦδε καὶ ἀνδρῶν,
 ὡς δὴ τοῖσι πάλα Χίος ἔειπεν ἀνήρ,
 οὐδ' ἦσσαν τόδ' ἔπος τοῖς νῦν μένει ἐμπεδον αἰεὶ,
 ἡμῖν θ', ὡς εἰκός, πόλλα μεταστρέφεται.
 ὅς δὴ πᾶσιν ἔην φίλος Ἀρχιδιάσκαλος ἡμῖν,
 οἴχεται· οὐδ' εἰδὸς γνωτῶν ὀρῶμεν ἔτι.
 ἢ τε γυνὴ νούσοισι πιέζεται ἀργαλήσει,
 ἰσχύσειν αὖτις τήνδε μάλ' εὐχόμεθα.
 αὐτὸς Ὀλυμπιάδων Μουσέων ἐκτίσαστο δῶρα,
 φθόγγον δ' ἠδνεπῆς ποικίλ' ἄειδε μέλη.
 τόνδ' ἐφίλησε Δόμον καὶ ἐκίδετο ναλεμῆως περ
 χρήματος ἠδὲ πόνων οὐποτε φειδόμενος.
 οἴχεται—ἴζεται ἄλλος ἐν ἔθρῳ τῆδε, καὶ αὐτῷ
 πάντες παντοῖην εὐχόμεθ' εὐτυχίην.
 ἡμετέρον γε Δόμον καλὸν κλέος οὐποτ' ὀλείται
 τῶν παιδῶν ἐσθλοῖς ἔργμασι πειθομένων.

School Notes.

THE fates were certainly against us at Godalming last Saturday. Not only did we lose the match, but it rained hard all day, and the bitterly cold wind utterly

destroyed the comfort of spectators and players alike. Certainly the Carthusians did all in their power to alleviate our misery, and we have to thank them heartily for the kind way in which they entertained us, and clapped and cheered our eleven throughout the match.

In spite of the weather the day was by no means wanting in excitement. During the journey down, just outside Woking Station, the four end carriages left the rails. Fortunately, owing to the very leisurely pace at which the train was going at the time, no one was seriously injured, though the accident caused great alarm among the ladies in the train, and the occupants of the four carriages were a good deal shaken.

We cannot leave Charterhouse without congratulating our friends on their new buildings, which we saw for the first time this year. The theatre, for their entertainments, which was opened after the match, is a spacious and well-built room, calculated to hold over 500 people; while the new swimming baths, some 85 feet in length, fitted with every recent improvement, only made us long for the time when we shall have some of our own.

The School Confirmation was held on Saturday, July 19th, in Henry the Seventh's Chapel. Some forty candidates offered themselves for Confirmation, and the Lord Bishop of Rochester administered the rite after an impressive address. Great inconvenience was caused by the scaffolding poles which were placed all over the chapel—a precaution, however, that the tottering condition of the fabric rendered fully necessary. We were sorry to note the absence of the choirmen, and for the first time for many years the Anthem, 'God is a Spirit,' was not sung.

Owing to the preparations for the consecration of the Bishop of Ripon, the Saints' Day Service on St. James's Day was held in Henry the Seventh's Chapel. In spite of the absence of any organ, under Mr. Ranalow's leadership the hymns went fairly well.

We must beg to offer an apology for a statement which appeared in our last number, to the effect that no librarian had been appointed for the new library. The Secretary of the Sub-Committee informs us that Mr. Perry was appointed librarian on the 24th of June. We trust before long to offer our readers a full account of the arrangements of the Committee; and there is every chance of our finding both library and reading-room in full working order on our return in September.

Westminster men were by no means conspicuous for their absence in the Honour List for Moderations this year. We had two firsts—J. B. Hodge and W. L. Benbow; two seconds—F. W. Bain and F. F. James; two thirds—E. Harington and S. F. A. Cowell. W. A. Peck took a second in history.

It is some time since O.W.W. have so far distinguished themselves in their country's service as to be honourably mentioned in the papers. We were especially glad, therefore, to see an engraving in the *Graphic* representing Major Haggard interviewing an Abyssinian robber chief on the question of allotment of territory. Major Haggard is a member of Admiral Hewitt's Embassy, and has, we trust, an eminently successful career before him.

Everyone will by this time be aware that we are losing Mr. Radford at the end of this term. Throughout the eighteen years he has been at Westminster his assiduous kindness and the deep interest he has always taken in the welfare of the School have endeared him even to those who have never been under his tuition. He was, we believe, the first drawing-master Westminster ever had, and it is to him, therefore, that we owe any proficiency we may have attained in the art.

The Literary Society has met as usual during the past month, no meeting being held on July 18th, as that day was the eve of Confirmation. Sheridan's 'She Stoops to Conquer' was read with great success. On Friday, the 25th, the first part of the 'Merchant of Venice' was read. As this is the beginning of the second round of Shakespeare's plays, the Society has reached an important epoch in its existence, and the thanks of all are due to Mr. Sloman for his kindness and hospitality during the past two years that have elapsed since the Society was first founded.

'THE CHALLENGE.'

So many correspondents have written asking us to insert some account of the old Challenge system, that we feel ourselves bound in all common politeness to comply with their request. Fortunately we had not far to go in our search for information on this subject, as the account contained in Mr. James Mure's excellent pamphlet, itself an abridgment of the evidence of our two last Head Masters, supplies all that is needed to gain a clear insight into the once famous old custom.

The candidates for admission, called the 'minor candidates,' offered themselves mostly from the fifth form, in which the boys were just the proper age of fourteen. At this period of their school career they were wont to take leave of the grammar, and the old form work, and enter upon the 'private study' system, either by going into the shell or into College. Sometimes there would be a forward fourth-form boy, or one or two from the shell, but the grammatical training of the fifth was held to be the best preparation for the 'challenge,' and the boys intended for it remained in that form till it began.

The order of the 'minor candidates' was settled by the test of a form examination held by the ushers of the forms from which they came. They were thereupon entirely separated from the usual school work; they sat together in the shell, which was given up to

them, and devoted themselves entirely to preparation for the 'challenge' when their turn should arrive. They were present at every encounter between successive pairs of combatants, sitting on a bench on the left-hand side of the Head Master's table, at the west end of which he himself sat, with the 'challengers' on his right, round the corner on the south side. Opposite to him, at the east end of the table, stood the next in turn, waiting, in fear and trembling, the moment when the finish of the combat should summon him to enter the lists with the victor. On either side of the Head Master stood the two 'helps' with their grammars, ready to defend the answers of their 'men.' Behind stood other seniors and sixth-form boys, who were encouraged to be present, and to whom, as there were some well-known helps among them, the Head Master would sometimes refer in a matter of doubt. All this took place in schooltime at the upper end of School, close to the shell where the minor candidates were located, and in the sight of all the masters and boys, who would occasionally look up to see how things were going on.

These trials lasted seven or eight weeks, and consisted of a series of encounters, beginning from the lowest boy and ending with the highest. The lowest boy came out from the form with the one immediately above him. They stood together at the side of the table on the master's right hand, at right angles to him, the highest boy nearest to him. The lower one began by calling upon the other (in those days in Latin) to construe a Greek epigram, correcting him if he made a mistake, and going above him. The other in his turn did the same. After the construing, each boy was entitled to require his adversary to parse two words, asking upon the first as many questions as he could, and, when exhausted, setting the second, and asking questions upon it in like manner; and so they went on correcting and being corrected, going above and going below, till one had exhausted his stock, who then retired, leaving the victor to commence a similar attack upon the boy immediately above him, who came from the east end of the table for that purpose.

Sometimes one boy would take many places in succession. The challenge was thus carried from top to bottom four times; but in the first course an unlimited number of questions was allowed to be asked on each word, and the combat would last three or four hours, and sometimes be continued into the next day, so that the whole first class lasted about a fortnight; but the three remaining courses, the number of questions being limited in the Greek to ten, occupied only about a week each. The same plan was pursued in the Latin Challenge, which was held in the afternoon of the whole school days. The book used was Aird's *Metamorphoses*, and the number of questions was limited to three. This challenge would be carried through the whole number in one day, for, after the first course, those who were seen to have no chance were sent back to their forms, and the remaining number was diminished to about four or five more than the number of vacancies—that is, to about fourteen candidates for nine or ten vacancies.

Each boy was prepared for this campaign by the drilling of some Queen's Scholar, mostly in one of the upper elections, called his 'help,' and under whose care he was for the preceding half-year. By his 'help' he was practised in asking and answering questions in the Latin language, in construing and parsing in the epigrams and the Ovid, and in citing the rules of the grammar. He was made to learn whole sheets of questions and answers appropriate to the best words for parsing, suggested by the 'help,' who thereby reaped the benefit of going deeply into grammatical points, often of such nicety as to give rise to arguments on each side, and to lead to a consultation between the Head Master and some one of his colleagues. This connection between the 'help' and his pupil often laid the foundation of a lifelong friendship, and the author of this paper numbers to this day among his oldest and most valued friends one by whom he was helped, and another whom he helped into College sixty years ago. Such was the system by which the College was filled by some of the best scholars among the Town Boys; and it is not to be wondered at that it occupied a position as the *élite* of the School with respect to scholarship, and that career which leads to the learned professions, as well as because the K.S. remained at the School about a year, on an average, longer than the Town Boys. Yet the body of these latter was not drained by the supply. Many good scholars came from their ranks, in which also were almost all the boys of the higher and wealthier families, supplying statesmen and other Members of Parliament, as well as military officers, of which latter class signal specimens were afforded in the Peninsular and Crimean wars.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

QUERIES.

CHOPPING HANDS.—In the first part of a monthly publication, which was commenced in January, 1872, I find the following custom relating to the School. The account is apparently taken from 'Anecdotes and Traditions illustrative of Early English History' (Camden Society, 1839). In the first place it alludes to the custom of 'striking a bargain,' where, when two persons are making a bargain, one holds out his right hand, exclaiming 'Strike me,' and if the second strike, the bargain is complete (Aubrey, 1678).

'A custom somewhat analogous is said to exist in Westminster School at the present time (1839), where two boys, who agree to fight, go through the form which they call chopping hands; and it is said that this form of accepting a challenge is looked upon as so irrevocable, that there has scarcely ever occurred an instance of the combat so resolved upon not taking place.'—Is anything further known of this custom, and when did it die out?—CONSERVATIVE.

PRAYERS.—Can any of yours inform me when the Latin Prayers Up-School were first started?

COLLEGE LIBRARY.—Could you inform me whether there is any list of Busby's books kept in College, and, if so, would it be possible to print it in the *Elizabethan*?

REPLY.

CREST OF THE 'ELIZABETHAN.'—May I add to 'Styx's' answer, that 'Curiosus' will find the artist's or the editor's own account of the new drawing at p. 34 of Vol. I.?

The new drawing also appears at the head of No. 1 of Vol. I., because that number was reprinted in February, 1875. The original No. 1 has, of course, the old design.—H. M. C. M.

Obituary.

It is our painful duty to record the death of the Rev. Ralph Barnes, who, at the time of his death, was almost the patriarch of O.W.W.

The deceased was admitted into College in 1824, and obtained head election to Christ Church 1829, taking a third in classics with his degree in 1832. Seven years afterwards he was presented by the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church to the Vicarage of Ardington, which he left in 1844 for a third portion of Bampton, in Oxfordshire, a living in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. He died a few weeks ago, nearly seventy-five years of age, and was buried at Ardington on April 25th.

The Barnes family has had many representatives at Westminster. The father of the deceased gained head election to Oxford in 1799 (becoming afterwards Sub-Dean of Christ Church). His grandfather gained a similar honour in 1749, and had six grandsons educated at Westminster, all of whom were admitted to College between 1824 and 1834. Mr. Ralph Barnes was frequently amongst us, and, until within a year or two of his death, was a regular attendant at Election Dinner.

CRICKET.

THE SCHOOL *v.* FREE FORESTERS.

This match was played at Vincent Square on Wednesday, July 2nd, and, although ultimately ending in a draw, was a very one-sided affair. The visitors, who were a very strong batting team, won the toss, and sent in Maude and Beresford-Baker to the bowling of Hurst and Fevez. They soon began to knock the bowling about, and ten after ten appeared on the telegraph-board, and still no change was effected. Change after change was tried, all to no purpose, till

the formidable score of 192 was reached, when Maude was caught by Sandilands off Hurst. On Twemlow joining the captain, runs still came freely, especially from the last comer, and the third century appeared on the board. At last our luck began to turn when Harrison, in two successive overs, got rid of Baker, Twemlow, and Toynbee. Their innings eventually terminated for the enormous score of 425. On the School going to the wickets, Sherring and Gibson were opposed to Rawlinson and Maude, who had been doing great things against Philadelphians the week before; they played well, however, and raised the score between them to 41, before Gibson had to retire for 27, which included, among other good hits, a splendid hit for seven to leg off Maude. On Barwell coming in, runs still came, but after these two were separated the wickets fell quickly, but we managed to play out time, thus making it a draw. Total score:—

FREE FORESTERS.

Mr. F. W. Maude, c. Sandilands, b. Hurst	117
Capt. Beresford-Baker, c. Lowe, b. Harrison ...	112
Mr. F. R. Twemlow, c. Hurst, b. Harrison	60
Mr. P. R. Toynbee, c. Fevez, b. Harrison	0
Mr. C. W. Rawlinson, c. Probyn, b. Ingram ...	19
Mr. W. Toynbee, b. Harrison	5
Mr. H. T. Griffiths, c. Meon, b. Ingram	22
Mr. W. C. R. Bedford, b. Hurst	27
Mr. C. Y. Bedford, not out	25
Mr. A. E. Bedford, st. Sherring, b. Hurst	7
Mr. W. Chance, c. Probyn, b. Ingram	14
Byes 10, l.-b. 4, w. 1, n.b. 2	17

Total

425

THE SCHOOL.

C. A. Sherring, b. Maude	24
C. Gibson, b. Maude	27
C. A. Barwell, c. C. Y., b. W. C. Bedford	21
A. Fevez, b. Maude	12
H. Harrison, b. Beresford-Baker	2
W. R. Moon, c. Twemlow, b. Maude	13
A. R. Hurst, c. C. Y., b. W. C. Bedford	5
R. Sandilands, not out	0
R. A. Ingram, b. W. C. Bedford	0
H. P. Lowe, not out	4
P. C. Probyn to bat.	
Byes 13, l.-b. 5	18

Total

126

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Runs.	Wkts.	Overs.	Mdns.
A. Fevez	48	0	14	3
A. R. Hurst	107	3	30	9
C. Gibson	38	0	9	1
R. A. Ingram	107	3	18.2	1
H. Harrison	86	4	16	1
C. A. Sherring ...	23	0	4	0

Harrison bowled one wide.

THE SCHOOL *v.* NONDESCRIPTS.

This match was played at Vincent Square on Saturday, July 5th, and resulted in a defeat of the School by 73 runs. Street and Stallard opened the batting for our opponents, while Hurst and Harrison were entrusted with the bowling. Runs came slowly at first, but the batsmen managed to keep their wickets

secure, so that a change was made in the bowling, Fevez receiving the ball from Harrison. Runs still came, till Street had to pay the penalty to Sherring for being out of his ground. Stallard continued to play well, and raised his score to 53, when he had to retire from a catch at the wicket. No one else made much of a stand, and the innings came to a close at 164. On the School taking the wickets a very bad start was made, as three wickets were down for 15, but Hurst and Fevez made a slight stand, and Moon contributed a useful 20. After this the wickets soon fell, and the last man was out at 91. There was a little time left before stumps were drawn, so we followed on, and at the finish the score was 51 for four wickets, Fevez being 16 not out. For us Ingram bowled well, taking four wickets at a cost of 28 runs. Score :—

NONDESCRIPTS.

Mr. G. H. P. Street, c. Sherring, b. Fevez	27
Mr. G. Stallard, c. Sherring, b. Hurst	53
Mr. H. A. Hood, b. Hurst	16
Mr. F. West, c. Sandilands, b. Ingram.....	12
Mr. H. C. Blaker, c. Fevez, b. Ingram	7
Mr. C. W. Foley, l.b.w. b. Hurst	5
Mr. A. Bowden-Smith, c. Ingram, b. Hurst.....	5
Mr. E. H. Bambridge, c. Sandilands, b. Ingram	2
Mr. J. Clarke, b. Hurst	16
Mr. E. B. Holmes, not out	5
Mr. R. C. Blaker, st. Sherring, b. Ingram	7
Byes 2, l.-b. 5, w. 2	9
Total	164

THE SCHOOL.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
C. A. Sherring, run out	3	run out	2
C. Gibson, b. Clarke	3	run out	15
C. Barwell, b. Clarke	1	b. Blaker	10
A. Fevez, c. Blaker, b. Bowden-Smith.....	18	not out	16
A. R. Hurst, c. Bambridge, b. Bowden-Smith	12		
R. A. Ingram, c. Street, b. Bowden-Smith.....	3		
W. R. Moon, c. Clarke, b. Stallard	20		
H. P. Lowe, st. Foley, b. Bowden-Smith.....	0		
R. Sandilands, c. Foley, b. Stallard	11	not out	3
H. Harrison, not out	0	b. Blaker	0
P. C. Probyn, b. Bambridge	1		
Byes 17, w. 1, n.b. 1	19	Byes 4, w. 1 ..	5
Total	91	Total	51

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Runs.	Wkts.	Overs.	Mdns.
A. R. Hurst	63	5	30	11
H. Harrison	20	0	5	0
A. Fevez	23	1	6	1
C. Gibson	21	0	4	0
R. A. Ingram.....	28	4	14.3	7

Hurst and Fevez each bowled one wide.

THE SCHOOL v. INCOGNITI.

This match was played at Vincent Square on Wednesday, July 9th, and added another to our list of defeats. We won the toss, and began our batting with Gibson and Barwell. After two runs had been

scored, Barwell was bowled by Druiitt, and Fevez faced the bowling. Runs from the bat came very slowly, but through the bad fielding of long-stop several byes were placed to our credit, and although twenty runs had been put on during his stay at the wickets, Fevez had to retire with a '0' to his account. Sherring came next, and contributed a careful 13, while Ingram and Hurst both knocked up half a score. The innings subsequently ended for 102, out of which 33 had been given us in byes. On our opponents going to the wickets, we made a very good start, as Oldham was out at the first ball from a catch at the wickets ; but on Marriott joining Bourdillon, the bowling was completely mastered, and a separation could not be effected till they had brought the total to 118, when Bourdillon was dismissed by a catch by Fevez, and in the next over Marriott was cleaned bowled by Gibson. After this little resistance was offered to the bowling of Hurst and Gibson, and the innings terminated for 157. It is worthy of note that both Bourdillon and Marriott were missed before they had made many runs, and so we lost the match by our own bad fielding. There was a little time left, so we went to the wickets again, and when stumps were drawn, had made 36 for four wickets. Full score :—

THE SCHOOL.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
C. Gibson, b. Turner	8	b. Druiitt	1
C. Barwell, b. Druiitt	1	run out	0
A. Fevez, c. Marriott, b. Bourdillon.....	0	not out	9
C. A. Sherring, c. Thomas, b. Druiitt	13	run out	21
A. R. Hurst, b. Druiitt	10	b. Druiitt	0
R. A. Ingram, b. Turner	10		
W. R. Moon, b. Druiitt	2		
H. P. Lowe, c. Turner, b. Thomas	3		
R. Sandilands, b. Druiitt	11		
H. Harrison, b. Turner	6		
P. C. Probyn, b. Turner.....	3		
H. B. Tritton, not out	1		
Byes 33, l.-b. 2	35	Byes 5	5
Total.....	102	Total	36

INCOGNITI.

Rev. G. T. Oldham, c. Sherring, b. Hurst	0
Mr. J. A. Bourdillon, c. Fevez, b. Hurst	62
Mr. F. R. Marriott, b. Gibson	53
Mr. E. J. Game, l.b.w., b. Gibson	10
Mr. W. F. G. Sandwith, c. Sherring, b. Hurst	0
Mr. M. J. Druit, c. Sherring, b. Hurst	0
Mr. E. Giberne, c. Gibson, b. Hurst	5
Mr. H. P. Thomas, c. Sherring, b. Gibson	11
Mr. L. J. Turner, not out	4
Mr. A. G. Bradley, c. Sherring, b. Hurst	0
Mr. C. J. Ashmore, c. Sherring, b. Gibson	5
Mr. P. C. Trevor, c. Moon, b. Gibson	1
Bye 1, l.-b. 5.....	6
Total	157

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Runs.	Wkts.	Overs.	Mdns.
A. R. Hurst	48	6	19	3
A. Fevez.....	21	0	7	1
C. Gibson	37	5	11.2	2
R. A. Ingram.....	23	0	6	1
H. Harrison	22	0	5	0

THE SCHOOL v. WETTON'S XI.

In miserable weather, which continued throughout the day, this match was played at Vincent Square on Saturday, June 12th. A start was not made for some time, and when at last our opponents took the wickets, the rain soon came on again; however, they continued to play through it, and the bowlers, as may be imagined, had a manifest advantage, as very little resistance was offered, and they were all out for 74. We started our innings very tamely, as three wickets were down for the insignificant total of 6. Hurst, however, on coming in, played well, but found little assistance till Harrison joined him. These two played steadily, and raised the score from 31 to 62 before Hurst was bowled for 24. Thirteen runs were still wanted to win, with only one wicket to go down, and no one imagined that we should manage it; but Harrison and Probyn played well when it was most needed, and pulled the match out of the fire, and scored our first win of the season by one run. Harrison carried his bat out for an admirable 24, and was loudly cheered as he wended his way back to the pavilion. On their going in again they did much better, and when stumps were drawn had made 102 for three wickets, in which was comprised a brilliant innings of 58, not out, by Mr. Blackburne. For us Hurst bowled well, taking seven wickets at a cost of 50 runs. Full total:—

WETTON'S XI.

<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
Mr. M. H. Erskine, c. Barwell, b. Fevez	0	0	b. Hurst..... 0
Mr. C. B. Ryde, b. Hurst.....	0	0	run out
Mr. C. B. Tritton, b. Fevez	19	0	
Mr. J. Worthington, b. Hurst ...	5		
Mr. H. Wetton, c. Sherring, b. Fevez	14		not out
Mr. J. W. Stevens, c. Ingram, b. Hurst	0		36
Mr. G. E. Muriel, run out	0		
Mr. F. C. Ryde, b. Hurst.....	16		c. Sherring, b. Hurst 2
J. H. Armitstead (sub.), b. Hurst	1		
Mr. A. Bowden-Smith, not out...	10		
Mr. E. M. Blackburne, absent ...	0		not out
L.-b. 6, w. 1, n.b. 1	8		58
			Bye 1, l.-b. 1 2
Total	74	Total	102

THE SCHOOL.

C. A. Sherring, c. Worthington, b. Wetton	1
C. Gibson, c. Blackburne, b. Bowden-Smith	5
C. Barwell, b. Bowden-Smith	2
A. Fevez, b. Wetton	0
A. R. Hurst, b. Worthington	24
R. A. Ingram, run out	0
W. R. Moon, b. Bowden-Smith	4
R. Sandilands, c. Blackburne, b. Bowden-Smith	5
H. P. Lowe, b. Bowden-Smith	0
H. Harrison, not out	24
P. C. Probyn, c. and b. Wetton	5
Byes 2, l.-b. 1, n.b. 2	5
Total	75

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

<i>First Innings.</i>			
Runs.	Wkts.	Overs.	Mdns.
A. R. Hurst	29	5	16
A. Fevez	29	3	11
C. Gibson	8	0	3

Hurst and Fevez each bowled a wide.

Second Innings.

	Runs.	Wkts.	Overs.	Mdns.
R. A. Ingram	24	0	10	3
A. R. Hurst.....	21	2	11	3
H. Harrison	30	0	7	1
C. Gibson	19	0	3	0
A. Fevez	6	0	3	0

THE SCHOOL v. OLD WESTMINSTERS.

This match was played on Wednesday, July 16th, at Vincent Square, and resulted in a win for the School by nine runs. They won the toss and went in first to the bowling of Hurst and Fevez. The former bowled splendidly at first, as, at the end of his tenth over, his analysis was six maidens and four wickets for only six runs. After the fifth wicket was down, Jackson and Berens got together, and put on nearly 40 runs before they were separated; but after this the wickets fell quickly after one another, and the innings terminated for 84. Ingram bowled exceedingly well towards the finish, taking five wickets for only eight runs. We then went in and made a total of 93 before the last men had to retire—Ingram heading the individual scores with 18. On their going in a second time Trollope played well, and Tritton and Wetton hit vigorously, and when play ceased the score stood at 98 for six wickets. Full score:—

O.W.W.

<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
Mr. C. B. Tritton, c. Harrison, b. Hurst.....	2	c. Barwell, b. Gibson	19
Mr. H. Wetton, b. Hurst	0	b. Hurst.....	22
Mr. C. G. Patrick, c. Sherring, b. Hurst	8		
Mr. W. S. Trollope, c. Moon, b. Hurst	5	c. Sandilands, b. Ingram	25
Mr. H. S. Jackson, st. Sherring, b. Ingram.....	35	c. Ingram, b. Hurst	0
Mr. W. H. Wilson, c. Sherring, b. Fevez	1	not out	6
Mr. R. Berens, b. Ingram	18		
Mr. W. Winter, c. Barwell, b. Ingram	6	c. Sherring, b. Ingram.....	9
Mr. E. A. Home, c. Fevez, b. Ingram	0		
Mr. T. Bush, not out	0	b. Hurst	12
Mr. H. E. Solly, b. Ingram	0		
Byes 3, l.-b. 5, w. 1... ..	9	Bye 1, l.-b. 4	5
Total	84	Total	98

THE SCHOOL.

C. A. Sherring, b. Wetton	5
C. Gibson, c. Bush, b. Wetton	5
C. Barwell, st. Winter, b. Trollope	6
A. Fevez, b. Wetton.....	14
A. R. Hurst, c. and b. Tritton	8
R. A. Ingram, b. Trollope	18
W. R. Moon, c. Solly, b. Wetton.....	8
H. Harrison, c. Trollope, b. Wetton	0
R. Sandilands, b. Tritton	3
H. P. Lowe, b. Wetton	10
P. C. Probyn, not out	4
Byes 10, l.-b. 2	12
Total	93

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

<i>First Innings.</i>				
	Runs.	Wkts.	Overs.	Mdns.
A. R. Hurst	28	4	19	8
A. Fevez	31	1	15	3
H. Harrison	8	0	8	3
R. A. Ingram	8	5	4 4	3

Fevez bowled one wide.

<i>Second Innings.</i>				
	Runs.	Wkts.	Overs.	Mdns.
R. A. Ingram	54	2	21	4
A. R. Hurst	19	3	7	2
A. Fevez	14	0	7	3
C. Gibson	6	1	6	3

THE SCHOOL v. THE MASTERS' XI.

This match was played on Wednesday, July 23rd, and resulted, as usual, in a defeat for the School. We won the toss, and Ingram sent in Gibson and Sherring to face the bowling of Rennat and Dale. The game had hardly commenced before it was evident that Sherring had not been able to make any stand against the terrible bowling of Dale. Gibson, however, who was joined by Armitage, soon got to work, and 39 runs were scored before Armitage was bowled by Rennat for 17. Fevez next appeared at the wicket, but after hitting a 'fourer' was bowled by Rennat again. Gibson looked as if he meant it, for he now began hitting about freely, but alas! like his two predecessors, he very shortly succumbed to the unerring bowling of Rennat. The wickets now began to fall fast, although Ingram, with his usual coolness and resolution, endeavoured to pull up the score a little; and had it not been for Lowe, who came to the rescue, although rather too late, our score would not have been very great. As it was, the innings closed for 93 runs. The Masters sent in Messrs. Blackburn and Tritton to commence operations, and Hurst and Fevez opened the attack. Some time elapsed before they were separated, but at last Tritton was caught by Fevez off a well-placed ball from Hurst. Tritton's innings was remarkable for a very fine hit right over the railings, for which he was generously allowed six runs. I may mention that the pretty fielding of Sandilands was perhaps seen better than at any other time during the match. Mr. Tanner was well caught by Barwell at the wicket, and then Mr. Blackburn, after a splendid innings of 50, was removed from the wicket by one of Hurst's most fatal shooters. Dale and Mr. Edgell made the next stand, and runs came very fast; however, in course of time Dale was bowled by a well-pitched ball from the hand of Fevez, who had also the good fortune to remove Mr. Edgell in the next over by a similar ball. Mr. Freeman handled the willow with good success, but could not withstand the onslaught of Hurst. Mr. Failses was ushered to the wicket amidst a round of applause, as it was hoped he would repeat his former brilliant performances, but, unfortunately, he never received a ball, since Probyn was caught at short-leg without scoring. We commenced our second innings, making 73 for the loss of only one wicket, Fevez being caught after a very steady innings of 38. Appended is the score:—

THE SCHOOL.

<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
C. A. Sherring, b. Dale...	0	not out	10
C. Gibson, b. Rennat.....	30		
A. Armitage, b. Rennat ...	17	not out	20
A. Fevez, b. Rennat	4	c. Probyn, b. Tanner	38
A. R. Hurst, b. Dale.....	2		
R. A. Ingram, b. Rennat	5		
W. R. Moon, c. Fox, b. Dale	1		
C. Barwell, c. Tanner, b. Rennat	0		
R. Sandilands, b. Rennat	0		
H. Harrison, b. Dale.....	4		
H. P. Lowe, not out	18		
Byes 5, l.-b. 6, n.b. 1	12	Byes 3, l.-b. 2	5
Total.....	93	Total	73

THE MASTERS.

Mr. E. M. Blackburn, b. Hurst	50
C. B. Tritton, c. Fevez, b. Hurst	30
Mr. R. Tanner, c. Barwell, b. Hurst	4
Mr. E. L. Fox, l.b.w., b. Hurst.....	5
Mr. E. Rennat, c. Harrison, b. Hurst	12
J. M. Dale, b. Fevez.....	33
Rev. A. Sloman, b. Hurst	0
Mr. R. A. Edgell, b. Fevez	13
Mr. C. E. Freeman, b. Hurst	5
Rev. W. Failses, not out	0
P. C. Probyn, c. Armitage, b. Hurst	0
Byes 11, l.-b. 7	18
Total	170

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Runs.	Wkts.	Overs.	Mdns.
A. R. Hurst	59	8	19 2	4
A. Fevez	29	2	11	4
H. Harrison	19	0	5	0
R. A. Ingram	23	0	4	0
C. Gibson	22	0	7	3

WESTMINSTER v. CHARTERHOUSE.

The twenty-first match against Charterhouse was played this year at Godalming, on July 26th, when we suffered our tenth defeat at their hands since this annual match was first started. The weather was hardly favourable for good cricket, as it rained almost incessantly all the afternoon, and several times play had to be stopped, when an exceptionally hard shower fell, only to begin again when the weather seemed to clear a little.

We won the toss, and soon after 11 o'clock sent Gibson and Sherring to the wickets to face the bowling of Vincent and Wreford-Brown. After an unproductive over from Vincent, Sherring put the ball through the slips for 2 off Brown's bowling. They continued to play steadily, eight overs being only productive of 2 runs, till, at last, owing to a mistake between the batsmen, Sherring was unfortunately run out. Armitage followed, and, after the addition of a single, was bowled by a yorker from the hand of Wreford-Brown. Fevez then joined Gibson, and our hopes revived as the score gradually rose with careful play, till at last, shortly before the luncheon hour, the 50 was hoisted. All this time the two batsmen had been playing well, and had caused a double change of

bowlers, Burrell going on in the place of Vintcent, and Evan-Thomas taking the ball from Wreford-Brown. But at this point the two batsmen were separated, Gibson having to retire from a catch by Cawston, after putting together an invaluable 24. Hurst came next, but a single had only been added when Evan-Thomas clean bowled Fevez, who played good cricket for his 19. Fresh disasters soon followed, for, with the score at 58, three more wickets fell, Hurst being out to Evan-Thomas and Vintcent bowling Ingram and Moon with two successive balls. Such was the state of the game when the Elevens retired for lunch. On play being resumed about half-past two, the two not-outs, Harrison and Sandilands, continued the innings, but with little success, for only two runs had been added when the latter was bowled by Evan-Thomas. Lowe and Harrison were soon out after this and the innings terminated for the paltry score of 63. Their innings was commenced by Cawston and Coulbly, while we entrusted the bowling to Ingram and Fevez. On finding that the runs were coming off his bowling Ingram retired in favour of Hurst. This change had the desired effect, as a few overs later Cawston was caught by Harrison at short leg. Soon after he was joined by Curry, Coulbly gave an easy chance at point, which was not accepted; for this miss we had to pay dearly, as a separation could not be effected till 58 had been registered. Burrell came next and gave able assistance to Coulbly, who had been making several brilliant cuts. Change after change of bowler was tried with the same result, till at last Fevez got Burrell l.b.w. at 115, and four runs later Coulbly was caught at the wicket off Armitage, after compiling 57. After this Hansell and Wreford-Brown played out time, and when stumps were drawn the score was 137 for four wickets. Full score:—

WESTMINSTER.

C. Gibson, c. Cawston, b. Evan-Thomas	24
C. A. Sherring, run out	2
A. Armitage, b. Wreford-Brown.....	0
A. Fevez, b. Evan-Thomas	19
A. R. Hurst, b. Evan-Thomas	6
R. A. Ingram, b. Vintcent	1
W. R. Moon, b. Vintcent	0
H. Harrison, b. Evan-Thomas	2
R. Sandilands, b. Evan-Thomas	1
H. P. Lowe, c. and b. Vintcent	1
P. C. Probyn, not out	0
Byes 4, l.-b. 3.....	7
Total	63

CHARTERHOUSE.

E. Cawston, c. Harrison, b. Hurst	9
G. A. Coulbly, c. Sherring, b. Armitage	57
E. C. Curry, b. Fevez	20
H. J. E. Burrell, l.b.w., b. Fevez	25
A. L. Hansell, not out	9
C. Wreford-Brown, not out	9
Bye 1, l.-b. 4, w. 2, n.b. 1	8
Total	137

BOWLING ANALYSIS,
WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

	Runs.	Wkts.	Overs.	Mdns.
C. H. Vintcent	16	3	21	13
C. Wreford-Brown...	17	1	11	4
H. J. E. Burrell.....	9	0	6	2
C. H. Evan-Thomas	14	5	12.4	4

CHARTERHOUSE SCHOOL.

	Runs.	Wkts.	Overs.	Mdns.
R. A. Ingram	10	0	3	0
A. Fevez	44	2	32	14
A. R. Hurst	33	1	25	11
A. Armitage	22	1	16	5
C. Gibson	11	0	7	2
H. Harrison	9	0	8	2

Fevez bowled two wides.

Our Contemporaries.

We beg to acknowledge the following: *The Alleynian*, *Beginners' Art Society Magazine*, *Bradfield School Chronicle*, *Durham University Journal*, *Fettesian*, *Glenalmond School Chronicle*, *Malvernian*, *Marlburian* (2), *Newtonian*, *Ousel*, *Tonbridgian*, *Wellingtonian*, *Wykehamist*, *Grantite Review*.

The Alleynian is an average number. A Latin elegiac poem on the death of Socrates is as good as such things usually are. We are sorry to see that the editors have to resort to the device of inserting 'a curious letter from a young Bengali' to fill up space. We have been surfeited lately with Baboo English.

The Barrovian is an excellent paper. We should like to quote it all. However, on the principle that too much hilarity would prove injurious to our readers, we content ourselves with the following gem:

THE MYTHOLOGICAL ALPHABET.

- A was Apollo, and he was a quack;
 B jolly Bacchus, fond of 'good sack';
 C was imp Cupid—to lovers did see;
 D was Diana, reverse of *him she*;
 E was Eos, rhododactylous—what !!
 F was one Freya, no matter of *that*;
 G was Gradivus, who boasts a prefix;
 H was old Hecate, hobbling on Styx;
 I stands for Isis, 'a Gipsy,' I ween;
 J Juno, Jove's wife, sister, and queen;
 K was Greek Kronos, our 'crony,' old Saturn;
 L was bright Luna, of lamps the first pattern;
 M was Minerva, spinster, bluestocking she;
 N was Neptunus, the 'boss' of the sea;
 O was Oceanus, a bigger than he;
 P was grim Pluto, a 'Tartar,' you'll see;
 Q is the Query (?), and Querier far,
 R is anoth'R, they 'R' both on a par;
 S was Saturnus—turned 'unsat' did he;
 T was his Topper, a fit to a T;
 U is for U (you), whoever you be;
 V was Vulcanus, who kept a smithy;
 W was Woden, who's had his 'best day';
 X is for —, that is, it's Xtra;
 Y is the Y (why), and eke the wherefore;
 Z eus comes the last, not least, of the score.

—By 'NAUGHTY BOY.'

The Beginners' Art Society Magazine is a periodical which the present Distressed Critic does not remember seeing before. On examination he would be inclined to class it with the *Grantite Review*.

Black Bears are the first thing that strikes the eye in the *Bradfield School Chronicle*; the rest of the number consists of School news.

We should like to know by what feat of mathematical gymnastics the *Durham University Journal* obtains $18 + 14 = 30$. There is another curiosity in the number, in the shape of an Anglo-Saxon poem on Durham.

The Fettesian gives extracts from a fair prize poem on Dante.

The Malvernian concludes its account of Epicureanism by comparing it with the 'Utilitarianism' of the present day.

The Marlburian is not exhilarating reading; neither is the *Tonbridgian*—both consisting chiefly of cricket reports.

The style of the *Newtonian* is the same ; it also has a fairly well written article on fairies.

The Ousel is of rather more varied interest ; it gives an account of some siege operations, and of a trip on various Western rivers.

Some 'lines' published by the *Wellingtonian* seem to lack a *raison d'être* ; the remainder of the number consists of School news, Speech-Day being the salient feature.

Correspondence.

FROM OUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

DEAR SIR,—Through my own sins of omission last month I am now engaged in the somewhat fraudulent task of penning an Oxford letter from the centre of the metropolis ; but fortunately I have plenty of authentic news to give. The class list in Lit. Hum. is not yet out, but elsewhere we have done better in Mods than in Greats, having secured two firsts, two seconds, and two thirds in the former, and only two seconds in the latter ; and though we have not done so brilliantly as the opinions of competent critics led us to expect, we have still, I venture to think, on the whole, a highly satisfactory list of honours, besides those we may expect to see in the class list soon to be published. We may also draw pleasure from the fact that no O.W. who sought honours has failed to obtain them.

'From the schools to the river is a natural transition,' to quote the Oxford correspondent of another periodical, although I do not know the grounds of his assertion. G. H. A. Reece rowed bow and S. F. A. Cowell steered the Univ. eight, which made the first bump credited to Univ. for, I think, five years. R. H. Williams rowed 3 in the Ch. Ch. eight at Henley, but, I am sorry to say, we were easily beaten by Radley, who, in their turn, rowed a hopeless stern-chase after Eton.

On the cricket field F. T. Higgins worthily upheld the honour of the old pink, scoring his century for Ch. Ch. against Corpus, and repeating the feat against the Eton Ramblers. R. S. Owen, W. F. G. Sandwith, and C. V. Wilks also played for Ch. Ch. in most of its matches.

The Westminster lunch and wine this year were great successes ; the lunch was given in the rooms of R. H. Williams, the wine in those of F. T. Higgins : at the latter there were about thirty-five O.W.W. present. Among others we were glad to welcome M. R. Bethune, who was paying a visit to Oxford at the time.

Commemoration is hardly an Elizabethan subject, so I will only remark that, although the Duke of Albany's death deprived it of some important features, there was a good deal of dancing, picnicing, and other customary festivities. Westminster was also represented in the camp of the Volunteer Corps held during Commemoration week, which was favoured by splendid weather.

We hear with some pleasure that the ranks of O.W.W. up here will be largely recruited next term. We shall welcome them very heartily, especially as we shall miss some well-known faces and have many gaps in our ranks next term—and if the humblest, not the least sincere of welcomes will be that of

Your obedient servant,
FLOREAT.

SCHOOL COLLECTIONS.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—It is a long time now since we have heard anything about the 'cot' in the East London Hospital. What has become of it? Surely such a good work has not fallen to the ground? The idea, I am sure, was liked by all or most of us, and, as far as I know, the appeal on Saints' days met with a fairly good response. Would it not be better to continue this 'cot' rather than ask our alms for such objects as the Universities' Mission? The School in general seemed to think

so, to judge by the miserable and disgraceful collection which resulted from the earnest appeal of Canon Furse. I may be wrong in thinking the idea has been dropped—I hope I may be—but, at any rate, I hope someone will pity my ignorance and give me a satisfactory answer through the medium of your valuable paper.

Yours, &c.,
RED CROSS.

THE CRICKET SEASON.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Now that the cricket season is over, and the cup of disasters is filled to the brim, I think it will not be out of place to venture a few remarks on the subject, and to try and discover the reason for so many dire misfortunes.

I am well aware that the time for playing cricket in the evening is limited—too much so, indeed, for any good game to be played, though the time in the morning is lengthened as some compensation. Yet it is plain to the most casual observer that these disadvantages are considerably increased by the apathy displayed on many occasions by those who are best calculated to influence the amount of energy displayed in cricket throughout the School—I mean the Eleven themselves. Why is it that there is so little keenness throughout the School about cricket? Why do we see, night after night, the fellows in the small games standing listlessly about with their hands in their pockets, taking little or no interest in the game? Why is it that every night some half-hour is allowed to elapse before any game is started? These are the reasons, to my mind, Mr. Editor, of our continued defeats ; it is this want of energy that is far more fatal to cricket at Westminster than any change of hours could ever be. Trusting that these remarks of mine may not appear an intrusion from one who cannot quite call himself a Westminster,

I am, Sir, yours very truly,
REN NAT.

THE SWIMMING CUP.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Might I write to call the attention of your readers to the way in which the Swimming Race was conducted this year? I was at Baths on Tuesday the 29th of July, and while preparing to enter the water, suddenly three light and agile forms darted like lightning from the edge and were soon seen swimming, with all their might, at the wonderful pace of a yard a minute. After a few seconds of this tremendous struggle, one of the three succumbed, and the others crept along and finally succeeded in going once up and down the bath. When my excitement allowed me utterance, I asked in tones of emotion, "What's up?" I was told that this was the Annual Race for the Westminster School Swimming Cup!

Alas, that three woe-begone members of that defunct institution, yclept Water, should, in despair of other glory, conspire to sneak off, *incog.*, and that after this pitiful display the least feeble should lay hands on the cup, which has been the prize of so many hardly contested struggles!

Hoping that next year some notice will be given of the race I remain, dear sir, yours &c.,
GREY GNAT.

THE GAMES COMMITTEE.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I feel that after the appearance of 'Israelite's' letter in your last number, it is imperative that I should vindicate my opinions. The bonds of sympathy between 'Israelite' and The Games Committee appear to be the mutual ignorance of the Committee's business, and indeed, so striking does this appear, that one might be at first inclined to suspect that 'Israelite' is one of its ignorant members referred to in my last letter. Did not his peculiar grammar and questionable phraseology seem to preclude that idea?

The Games Committee, says 'Israelite,' have merely postponed the sports next spring because it would be 'absurd' to have the sports two consecutive terms. Why it should be more absurd to have the sports for this once both in autumn and in spring, as I believe the Head Master himself proposed, after an interval of six months, than after eighteen months, by which arrangement everyone that leaves at Christmas will lose their last chance of competing, it does not appear.

I, forsooth, am accused of not regarding facts by 'Israelite,' who calmly states that 'by the untiring efforts of the Games Committee we have now, instead of an incompetent invalid, an able and energetic man, and that the ground is in better order than it has been for many years past.' Harris is, it is true, an excellent coach and a good cricketer, and it is by him the ground is kept in good order, but both these 'advantages accruing to us' come, not from 'the untiring efforts of the Games Committee,' but from the action of the Head Master, who, almost immediately he came to the School, dismissed Mantle, so that all the Games Committee can claim is that they chose a good man instead. Nets, too, were used for practice 'up fields' long before the Games Committee was thought of. We should hardly have expected 'Israelite' would have had the temerity to bring forward the finances of the Committee in their defence. After quietly throwing away some ten pounds through pure carelessness, their niggardly expedient is to make up the loss by cutting off a shilling every here and there from those who can least afford it; they refuse to pay for our Umpire's dinner, which he has hitherto had free every match day, and to pay the customary shilling to the ground-man every time he erects the tent. It is broadly hinted throughout the school that the real reason for putting off the sports is want of finances, and I think it would produce universal satisfaction if the accounts were put in the *Elizabethan* quarterly.

I remain, Sir, yours truly,

PHILISTINE.

[We fear that it is our pigheaded correspondent who is ignorant of the Games Committee's business, and not their better informed supporter 'Israelite.' May we assure 'Philistine' that it was owing to the action of the Games Committee that Dr. Scott dismissed Mantle, which notice of dismissal was countersigned by Mr. Rutherford; that Harris is now paid on an entirely different system from Mantle, and that the Games Committee does not make rules for the school, but is merely a Committee appointed by the Head Master to control the funds set apart for the support of the Games.—ED.]

THE SHOP UP FIELDS.

To the Editor of the *Elizabethan*.

DEAR SIR,—Before the next football season commences might I enter one word of protest against an institution which, though started under the highly influential patronage of the Junior Masters, seems to me to be open to great objections? I refer to that small den up fields, lately, Mrs. Mantle's scullery, where sickly American drinks and other obnoxious articles are dispensed to the public, at a profit, I should think, of about 500 per cent.

But it is not against these distinguishing features of the shop that I pen this letter.

It is a piteous sight to those who take the smallest interest in our school games to see the swarms of fellows, great and small, wearing caps both pink and blue, who daily gorge and swirl themselves at this bar, to the incalculable detriment of their digestive organs, and the utmost injury in the past to cricket, and only too probably to football in the future. On the latter game the effect would of course be more disastrous than on the former. Might not some rule be made forbidding fellows to go to the shop before the games commence, and stop the games a quarter of an hour earlier? This time could well be spared if a little more punctuality could be shown coming 'up fields' and 'picking up.'

I remain, yours truly,

MOSQUITO.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Red Cross seems to have forgotten that we have two collections each year. The proceeds of one are devoted to some foreign object: of the other, to something nearer home, as the 'cot' at the East London Hospital. He is right in observing there was no School Collection last term.

O.W., Prefectus quondam.—We thank you for your letters, and regret that we are unable to insert them.

Old Pink.—Water, we fear, is doomed for the present. The question of the change of hours has been so fully debated in our columns that we think it hardly advisable to renew the discussion.

NOTICES.

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