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## SCHOOL MISSIONS.

A FEELING has been lately growing up that Westminster should, like the majority of public schools, undertake some kind of 'Mission' work, as it is called—work, that is to say, of preaching the Gospel among the heathen at home or abroad—but it may be doubted whether the idea has seized upon the imagination of the School as we might wish; whether the proposal from without has been met with answering enthusiasm from within. It is our present purpose to do something towards bringing this great subject more prominently before the notice of Westminsters.

There is danger that in the very richness and fullness of our corporate life, in the variety of objects at which to aim, in the excitement of proving that our venerable constitution has still life in it, and power of good, we may forget that we have other duties than those towards Saint Peter's College—that we ought to begin to be in some measure, while still at Westminster,

'profitable members of this Church and Nation.' But if there is any place in which these last words ought to be understood in their full meaning, that place is surely Westminster. Under the shadow of the Abbey, the crowning place of our sovereigns, where are buried the famous men of England, in whatever field they wrought for their country, whether as kings or as priests, as poets or as statesmen, as warriors or as writers, as musicians or as men of science; there at least we should be able to enter, in some degree, into the manifold life of the nation, and of the National Church, to realise the blessings of 'our glorious constitution in Church and State,' in which the secular element is spiritualised by the ecclesiastical, and the ecclesiastical made broader and more effective by the secular; to gain inspiration for entering on the struggle with those great social problems which are now confronting us. Again, the neighbourhood of the Houses of Parliament should stir Westminsters into more than common interest in politics and make them readier than others to serve their country in what manner they best

may. Lastly, a school in London ought to feel with special force the pressing importance of doing something to attack the vast mass of poverty, squalor, and spiritual deadness which has been revealed of late to hundreds who never thought of it before, in the dark places of this great city. Westminster has only to go a few yards outside their own precinct to see something of 'Horrible London' at their very doors; for 'Horrible London' is by no means confined to the East-end. The streets between Dean's Yard and Vincent Square, and the regions round about the latter, are quite sufficient to impress on the mind the need for missions to such fellow-citizens as their wretched inhabitants. This would be, we suppose, the natural outlet of missionary zeal at Westminster, the supporting of a mission in London, whether in the slums of our own City of Westminster, or in some more remote district.

There is no likelihood that this will not prove sufficient for us for a long time to come. But should it ever be under consideration whether Westminster should bear any part in the work of preaching Christianity abroad, we would suggest that by many historical ties our school is connected with the countries of the Queen's Indian Empire. We sent out to help in building up that empire the great Governor-General Warren Hastings. We have still in the neglected shelves of a room in college masses of books in Indian tongues, sent over to us as annual presents by the authorities of Fort William College, at Calcutta, during the early years of this century; in later days Westminster has given to the Church in India two of her most honoured prelates, Bishop Cotton and Bishop Milman, and she may well be glad to take up the work in which so illustrious sons have led the way.

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## WESTMINSTER WORTHIES.

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### No. 1. THE MARQUIS OF LANSDOWNE.

In the present age of democracy and innovation it is exceedingly difficult to carry oneself back to the beginning of this century when the Tory party were practically absolute masters of the country. The great battle which was fought at that time for the liberties of England has been completely settled, and there is now no question of the rights or wrongs of such measures as the Reform Bill, the Abolition of Slavery, or Catholic Emancipation. All honour, therefore, to the men who in those days took the side

of right when it was weakest, and clung faithfully to their principles in the days when Byron wrote

Nought's permanent among the human race,  
Except the Whigs not getting into place.

There was, we recollect, some seven years ago, an ardent dispute in the correspondence columns of this magazine whether Westminster as a school was Whig or Tory. Whether we can decide this question once for all is difficult to say; at any rate, at the time at which Henry Petty, the subject of this memoir, was there, it was one of the most Whiggish places in the Kingdom.

Henry Petty Fitzmaurice Petty the second son of the first Marquis of Lansdowne, better known as Lord Shelburne, was born on July 2nd, 1780. He was early sent to Westminster, but no records of his school life remain. At the age of 15 he was removed to Edinburgh, and placed under the care of the celebrated Dugald Stewart. Here he seems to have been intimate with some, at least, of those distinguished Whigs—Jeffrey, Brougham, Sydney Smith, and others, who afterwards founded the *Edinburgh Review*. His education was finished at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he graduated M.A. in 1801. After a short tour on the continent, he was returned by his father's influence to the House of Commons as M.P. for Calne. His maiden speech was made in 1804, on Mr. Pitt's Bank Restriction Act, and proved him a worthy descendant of Sir William Petty, who has been styled 'the father of political economy.' In the following year he maintained his reputation by a brilliant speech on the impeachment of Lord Melville; and when, shortly afterwards

Beholding proud Europe bowed down by her foemen,  
Pitt closed in his anguish the map of her reign,

Lord Henry Petty succeeded the dead statesman, both as Chancellor of the Exchequer and member for the University of Cambridge. But he lost his seat two years later in consequence of his courageous expression of opinion in favour of the Religious Test Bill of Lord Howick. This bill proved the ruin of Lord Grenville's administration; but it could not have fallen in a better cause.

Released from the cares of office, Lord Henry Petty went into opposition as a moderate but uncompromising Whig. About the same time he married the daughter of Lord Ilchester, and became Marquis of Lansdowne in the following year on the death of his father. In 1820 we find him moving a measure in favour of free trade. In 1824 he was foremost in urging on Lord Liverpool's Government the necessity of acknowledging the independence of Brazil. In 1828 the more moderate Tories came into power, with Canning, and Lord Lansdowne accepted the position of Home Secretary. Under Canning's successor, Lord Goderich, he was Foreign Secretary, in which position he took a leading part in the emancipation of the Catholics. In opposition during 1829 and 1830, under Lord Grey he became President of the Council. It was about this time that his discerning eye detected in a young and briefless barrister, the

greatest orator and historian of a future not far distant; and in placing his family seat of Calne at the disposal of Thomas Macaulay he rendered not the least of his many signal services to the Whig party. Lord Lansdowne held office for ten years, and led the Opposition in the House of Lords for five more. In 1846, under an O.W. Prime Minister, Lord John Russell, he resumed his office, which he held for six years. After Lord Derby's brief and unsuccessful administration in 1852, he was solicited by the Queen to form a Cabinet; but this he refused to do, and was contented to serve Lord Aberdeen and Lord Palmerston with unswerving loyalty. His long and honourable career came to a close in 1863. If the political world during his life could boast many men of more dazzling eloquence and more striking talents, it could show few of such unsullied purity, such unswerving consistency, and such loyal honesty. He joined the Whig party when a Whig was looked on in society as a Communist would be now, and he clung to it through good and evil report. If the fact that posterity has in every case acknowledged the justice of the causes which he pleaded does honour to his head, the fact that he never once in any way turned his back on his old principles does equal honour to his heart.

### School Notes.

As the 1st of March fell on Sunday this year, S. David's day was celebrated at Westminster on Saturday the 29th of February. We must take this opportunity of expressing the gratitude of the whole School for the great kindness of Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, who came down himself, though in a state of extremely weak health at the time.

Instead of spending the day as did Westminster of yore, in disporting themselves among the ditches on what is now Battersea Park, the present generation, or at least the patriotic portion thereof, journeyed down to Godalming to witness the Charterhouse Match. How unpropitious were the fates on that day, was duly recorded in our last number; let us hope for better luck next year.

Several Old Westminsters are at present in Bechuanaland with 'Methuen's Horse.' The good wishes of all will follow them in their enterprises.

On Friday, March 13th, the Sixth attended the Funeral Service held in the Abbey in memory of General Gordon. The address was given by the Dean. The anthems were, 'I heard a voice from Heaven'; and 'Be thou faithful unto death.' The funeral marches of Schubert, Handel, and Beethoven, were played.

The subject of the Phillimore Prize Essay is, 'A Comparison of the Greek and Roman Systems of Colonisation.'

C. F. Rogers has obtained a Mathematical Exhibition at Jesus College, Oxford.

The Second and Third Elevens have been filled up, and are as follows:—

#### SECOND ELEVEN.

G. G. Phillimore, J. W. Aris, J. Salwey, H. P. Lowe, E. Jervis, P. C. Probyn, R. Thornton, H. Wylde, H. Berens, J. E. Phillimore, J. H. Peck.

#### THIRD ELEVEN.

R. H. Bellairs, L. James, C. Bompas, E. G. Moon, C. Grant-Wilson, J. Veitch, A. E. Balfour, J. S. Watt, A. Ellershaw, N. M. Smyth, J. Ritchie, F. Paul.

Since our last notice the members of the Bellingring Society have well-nigh accomplished the Plain Hunt, and we trust that before very long a course of preparation for a Grandsire Peal will be commenced. All the vacancies have been filled up, and the new members are already showing some promise of future proficiency.

For the past three weeks 'Hamlet' has claimed the attention of the members of the Literary Society, and some of the characters received fair treatment at their hands. The parts were mainly assigned as follows: *Hamlet*, E. F. Allen; *Horatio*, H. P. Lowe; *Polonius*, A. Watt; *Laertes*, A. S. Waterfield; *Fortinbras*, P. M. Francke; *First Gravedigger*, R. H. Bellairs; *King*, Mr. Edgell; *Queen*, L. James; *Ophelia*, Mr. Blackburn; *Ghost*, F. H. Collier. The last play read this term will be 'Midsummer Night's Dream.'

## THE FIELDS.

### WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD WESTMINSTERS.

THE team of O.W.W. which turned up at Vincent Square on Wednesday, March 4th, was decidedly a strong one, but not strong enough to warrant the severe defeat we suffered at their hands. They played exceedingly well together, and showed a superiority at every point in the field, while our Eleven seemed to have lost their form, and displayed a remarkable lack of combination. Fevez won the toss and chose to play from the church end of the ground, with a strong wind against him. Heath accordingly started the ball for O.W.W., and the School were at once compelled to retreat to the defence of their goal. Sandwith made a fine shot, which went above the bar. When the ball was re-started by Sherring, the O.W.W. again brought it to the School end; and Heath after a good dribble was finally stopped by Petrocochino before he could make his shot. Corners followed from either side of the goal; the first was taken by Wetton, the ball hitting the cross-bar and bounding in front of the goal. Fevez at once rushed forward

and kicked it out of danger ; but it was shortly returned, and a second corner was taken by Ingram. Sandwith got hold of the ball and tried to score, but shot wide. Soon after this Page made a fine spurt down the right, but shot behind. The forward play of the O.W.W. was very noticeable, Bailey, Heath, and Sandwith being specially persistent in their attacks. The School backs, with much difficulty, prevented them from scoring ; and at last their good defence proved insufficient, and Bailey by an irresistible rush got the ball through the posts. The wind now seemed to have dropped, and the School gained nothing by the change of ends. Still the game was for a time very even, the School XI. showing rather more spirit than at first, and Gibson, who had been working very hard, made the score level. But Bailey again proved too much even for Fevez, and the O.W.W. again had the advantage by one goal. From this point the game consisted almost entirely of a series of attacks by the O.W.W., and Paul, whose shooting was remarkably powerful, succeeded in doubling the score by two fine shots in a very short space of time. The match accordingly ended in favour of O.W.W. by four goals to one. Sides :

Westminster School : C. A. Sherring (goal), A. L. Fevez (captain) and W. R. Moon (backs), E. Man, C. S. W. Barwell, and S. Petrocochino (half-backs), C. Page and C. Gibson (right wing), A. R. Hurst (centre), R. Sandilands and A. Pryce (left wing).

Old Westminsters : G. Roller (goal), C. T. Roller and J. H. Janson (backs), H. Wetton, R. A. Ingram, and W. L. Benbow (half-backs), Rev. H. D. S. Vidal and Rev. W. F. G. Sandwith (right-wing), C. R. W. Heath (centre), N. C. Bailey (captain), and J. E. Paul (left-wing).

#### WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD ETONIANS.

A match was played on Wednesday, March 11th, against a team styling themselves Old Etonians, but, as a matter of fact, four at least of the players hardly tell under the denomination. The School, too, were unable to muster their full team, Page, Hurst, and Man, being unavoidably prevented from playing. Nevertheless the Eleven acquitted themselves well, and, at the close of the game, were accredited with four goals against a disputed goal for Old Etonians. Almost immediately after the ball had been started by Berens, the visitors assumed the offensive, and obtained a free kick from 'hands' ; the ball was dropped dangerously near the School goal, but was neatly put away by Barwell. Neither team played particularly well together at the beginning of the game, and for some time nothing very noticeable occurred. A good run by Gibson brought the ball into close proximity to the Etonian goal, and one or two good shots were put in. Wylde sent in a hard shot just under the bar from the extreme right, which the goal-keeper managed to knock aside with his hand, so that it went above the goal. Two corners followed without effect ; after which the visitors' forwards contrived to break away. Soames receiving the ball from Heath, shot hard, but the ball hit Fevez and went behind. Wetton placed the corner-kick beauti-

fully, and the School backs had some difficulty in getting the ball away. Play was very even for some time, Heath, Gibson, and Petrocochino doing good work for their respective sides. At last from a pass by Wylde, Gibson made a fine run down the right ; just in front of goal he managed to pass to Pryce, who tried to head the ball through the goal. After the Etonians had displayed some good passing among them, Pryce got away and passed to Sandilands ; the latter scored the first goal for the School with a brilliant shot (1-0). Goals having been exchanged, that of the School was vigorously attacked by Old Etonians, Heath and Soames giving Fevez some trouble. After the ball had been carried down the Westminster left, it was middled to Gibson, who scored the second point (2-0) for his side. An attempt by Heath to retaliate was frustrated by Sherring, while a shot from Paul was kicked away by him just in front of the goal-line ; the umpire, who was some way off, seeing the goal-keeper step backward, and arguing from this that the ball had crossed the line, gave his decision in favour of a goal, to the surprise of all on the field (2-1). The School now 'wired up' hard to make up for this disaster, Barwell and Pryce showing excellent form. From a good attack of the forwards, the School scored a third time, being again indebted to Gibson for their success (3-1). Their fourth and last goal was obtained by Pryce shortly afterwards, with a rattling shot just under the bar. The School XI. played better, as a whole, than they have for some time, notwithstanding the absence of some of their best men ; for their opponents the play of Weatherhead at half-back was most noticeable, and Heath was the most prominent of their forwards. Sides :

Westminster School : C. A. Sherring (goal), A. L. Fevez (captain) and W. R. Moon (backs), H. Harrison, C. S. W. Barwell, and S. Petrocochino (half-backs), C. Gibson and W. Wylde (right wing), H. Berens (centre), R. Sandilands and A. J. Pryce (left wing).

Old Etonians : B. H. J. Drake (goal), F. W. Hotham and R. G. Baird (backs), H. Wetton and T. C. Weatherhead (half-backs), F. H. Soames and C. R. W. Heath (right wing), F. Bickley (captain) and J. E. Paul (centres), J. H. Farmer and R. J. Attye (left-wing).

#### WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD WYKEHAMISTS.

Old Wykehamists put an Eleven, or more correctly a Twelve, into the field against us on Saturday, March 14th ; each side played a twelfth man, Wylde filling up the extra place for us, and Thornton taking Petrocochino's place, the latter being unable to play from a hurt received in the last match. A very even and extremely energetic game ended in our favour by two goals to one. The game opened unpropitiously for Westminster, as a strong attack was at once commenced on our goal ; and before many minutes had elapsed, Ford succeeded in scoring for the visitors (0-1). They continued to press us hard for a considerable time, but Fevez, with the able support of the rest of the back division, was able to prevent

them from shooting to any great extent. An exceedingly well placed corner-kick by Coles went within an ace of adding to their score. The ball was with difficulty got out of danger, and Page rushed with it down the wing; his middle was followed by some good passing on the part of the forwards, Hurst at last getting his shot, which was instrumental in giving us a corner. The kick was well taken by Barwell, and a free kick just in front of goals seemed to augur well for us; a second corner, however, was the only result. The Old Wykehamists retaliated with a fine onslaught on our territory; a claim for 'hands' gave them a free kick, which was judiciously placed, but came to nothing. Some good combined play brought the ball again to the visitors' end, and from a corner, well placed by Thornton, Pryce shot the ball hard through an unguarded portion of the goal (1-1). A run and shot by Hurst brought the first part of the game to a close: the second part opened like the first, with an attack of the Wykehamist forwards. The game now became very even for the next ten minutes or so, and the ball was confined chiefly to the centre of the ground. At length a furious, but, as far as we were concerned, unsuccessful bully took place in front of their goal; a rush of their forwards was put a stop to by Fevez, and the ball was returned to their end. Humphery and others now made futile attempts to pass the impassable Fevez, and our goal was again endangered, though the vigilance of Moon and Fevez effectually prevented them from shooting. When the ball was at length kicked from our end, Hurst got away, and after a splendid run, made a grand left-footed shot through the posts, thus gaining a second goal for us (2-1). A hot scrimmage in front of their goal, followed by a fine middle by Wylde, seemed likely to give us another chance of scoring; but the Wykehamist forwards again got away with the ball, and after some passing, Parr shot over the bar. Nothing further of importance occurred till the call of time, though the game was kept up with energy to the last. Fevez was in grand form, and seemed to be always just where he was wanted; Barwell was neat and effective at half-back, and Hurst gave us a taste of his old form in the centre. Parr, Hughes, Canning, and Vincent worked very hard for a victory, and Coles especially played with great precision.

The sides were:

Westminster School: C. A. Sherring (goal), A. L. Fevez (captain) and W. R. Moon (backs), H. Harrison, C. S. W. Barwell, and R. G. Thornton (half-backs), C. Page and W. Wylde (right wing), A. R. Hurst and C. Gibson (centres), R. Sandilands and A. J. Pryce (left wing).

Old Wykehamists: C. M. Lambrick (goal), H. D. Taylor and J. E. Vincent (backs), W. Lindsay, J. E. Smith-Masters, and H. H. Coles (half-backs), H. C. Humphery and P. L. Canning (right-wing), P. C. Parr and T. B. Hughes (captain) (centres), A. A. Ethenston and J. A. Fort (left-wing).

#### WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* ASHBURNHAM ROVERS.

The football season this year came to a close with a match against Ashburnham Rovers, played on Wed-

nesday, March 18th, which ended in a draw. Jenner had managed to get together a fairly strong Eleven, who, with the single exception of Bickley, were all O.W.W. Hurst started the ball for the School about a quarter past three, and it soon became apparent that the teams were well matched. Peck and Ritchie did some good work between them down the left; but Fevez got the ball away before any shots could be obtained. Soon after two hard shots from the foot of Sandwith were met by Fevez, and the ball was transferred to the opposite end of the ground. Paul then made a fine charge down the centre with the ball, finally passing to Sandwith, who succeeded in scoring the first goal for the visitors. The game was carried on with considerable energy, but without any change in the score, till after half-time had been called. Some good play down the right wing by Gibson and Probyn carried the ball into the Rovers' territory; and from a pass by the former, Hurst made a fine run and shot through the posts when almost level with the goal line. After further even play the Rovers at length succeeded in keeping the ball for a time at the School end of the ground; Paul shot hard just above the bar, and Sandwith had several attempts at goal without effect. A second shot by Paul was more successful; it hit the cross-bar and bounced against the post, thence falling behind the line. The visitors thus had the advantage, and this roused the School to further exertions to make the score level. At last Probyn made an enterprising rush down the right, and kicked the ball into the goal-keeper's hands; but before the latter had time to kick it away, Probyn hustled him through the posts with the ball. 'Hands' was claimed by the Rovers, but was disallowed. Thus, when time was called, each side had scored two goals; accordingly it was agreed to play for an extra ten minutes, but both teams were tired with their exertions, and although Page had to leave before the end of the game, no change could be effected in the score. Hurst, Sandilands, Fevez and Aris were most conspicuous for the School; and Paul, Sandwith, Jenner, Ingram, and Wetton for their opponents.

The following were the sides:

Westminster School: A. Grant-Wilson (goal), A. L. Fevez (captain) and W. R. Moon (backs), J. W. Aris, R. G. Thornton, and W. Wylde (half-backs), C. Gibson and P. C. Probyn (right wing), A. R. Hurst (centre), C. Page and R. Sandilands (left wing).

Ashburnham Rovers: G. Roller (goal), C. T. Roller and H. Wetton (backs), W. L. Benbow and F. Bickley (half-backs), Rev. W. F. G. Sandwith and R. A. Ingram (right-wing), A. C. W. Jenner (captain) and J. E. Paul (centres), H. C. Peck and C. Ritchie (left-wing).

#### GRANT'S *v.* HOME-BOARDERS.

I.

This match, the first of those for the Shield, took place on Tuesday, March 10th, and resulted in a draw. Soon after the beginning, a good run was made by Gibson, who was stopped by Fevez, and after a 'hands' for Grant's, a corner was the result, which, however, was unsuccessful. Soon after this the ball went behind, off a long shot of Gibson. A good rush was then made by the H.B.B., which was well stopped

by Salwey. After two runs by Pryce, which were stopped by the backs, Grant's obtained another corner. After some uneventful play, in the course of which Pryce for Grant's, and Peck and Page for H.B.B. were conspicuous, a good run was made by the H.B.B., which was well stopped by Salwey. H.B.B. then obtained a corner, from which, however, nothing resulted. A good run up by Pryce, who was well seconded by Smyth, brought the ball to the H.B. end of the ground, but it was well met by Fevez; and Page, obtaining the ball, passed the Grantite backs, but the goal-keeper ran out and prevented him from scoring. Tritton and Peck then making a good run succeeded in getting within shooting distance, and Tritton, owing to a mistake of the Grantite goal-keeper, scored the first point for H.B.B. (1-0), immediately after which half-time was called. When play was resumed, Smyth and Ellershaw for Grant's, and Page for the H.B.B., put in some useful play, in the course of which Ellershaw made a good middle, which, however, Grant's were unable to take advantage of; and the H.B. goal-keeper, receiving the ball from Fevez, got it well away. A good run by Page then brought him near the Grantite goal, but his shot was stopped by Winckworth. Hemmerde and Wylde now got away, but were met by the Grantite backs, whose play throughout the whole match was very good. Pryce and Ellershaw then ran the ball down, but were unsuccessful, owing to the good play of Paul at half-back. Gibson soon made a good shot, which only just went over the bar, and after a good middle by Ellershaw, which, however, Bompas failed to take advantage of, Gibson by a good shot equalised matters (1-1). In this state the game continued, and in spite of an excellent corner by Moon, and the determined efforts of Page and Wylde, the score remained the same till the call of time. For Grant's, all the forwards played excellently, and Salwey at back, and Veitch at half-back, worked thoroughly well. For H.B.B., Page and Peck showed up best, and Paul at half-back, and Fevez and Thornton at back, did a lot of work. The teams were as follows:

Grant's: C. Winckworth (goal), W. R. Moon and J. Salwey (backs), A. Gordon, and J. Veitch (half-backs), C. Gibson and A. Ellershaw (right wing), C. Bompas (centre), A. J. Pryce and N. M. Smyth (left wing).

Home-Boarders: A. Grant-Wilson (goal), A. L. Fevez and R. G. Thornton (backs), — Woodhouse, — Paul, and — Cowell (half-backs), W. Wylde and — Hemmerde (right wing), C. Page (centre), J. H. Peck and C. B. Tritton (left wing).

## II.

The match played on Tuesday having ended in a draw, the two rival houses endeavoured to play off the tie on the following Friday, March 13th, but with a like result, as after a very hotly contested game, each side had managed to score two goals. Grant's XI. was exactly the same as in the previous match, but H.B.B. were deprived of the services of Peck, from an accident to his arm, his place being supplied by Doherty. For a considerable time after the kick-off it would have been hard to assign the advantage to either side;

but at last one of Grant's backs being hard pressed by the forwards of the opposite side kicked somewhat wildly, the result being that the ball went through his own goal. The H.B.B. triumph did not last for long, as after a good combined attack by Grant's, Smyth scored for them from a corner. Thus encouraged, the Grantites had the best of the game for a time, and Gibson put the ball through the posts a second time for Grant's, who thus gained the lead. After half time, however, H.B.B. played with great determination, and, led on by Page, made frequent visits to their opponents' goal. In one of these 'hands' fell to them, and one of the half-backs placing the ball to Fevez, the latter sent the ball flying under the bar, the score thus becoming level again. From this point, though both sides did their best to prevent a second draw, the score remained unchanged; so the teams were obliged again to leave the field with the match undecided.

## III.

The third and final edition of the game came off on Tuesday, March 24th, under very inauspicious circumstances for H.B.B.; their goal-keeper, Grant-Wilson, was laid up with rheumatism, and though Cowell played very fairly his loss was felt severely; while Thornton was unable to appear, so that Fevez was obliged to play back alone, increasing the number of forwards to six, as Peck was so much better as to be able to play. The vacant place among the half-backs was taken by Prothero; Grant's XI. was the same as before.

The first part of the game was, as on the two previous occasions, fiercely contested on both sides; for Grant's Pryce and Gibson played well to one another, and were prominent in attack, Moon, Veitch, and Gordon showing good form in defence; while for H.B.B., Page, Fevez, Wylde, Tritton, and Wodehouse were most serviceable. Neither side was able to score before half-time; but after the change of ends the Grantite XI. were, if possible, more vehement in their attacks, and Pryce cleverly gained the first and only event with a long shot. Page did some skilful dodging, and several times worked his way through the forwards and half-backs of the opposite side, but was always brought to a standstill by the backs before he could shoot. Pryce made another good attempt, but the ball hit the bar and rebounded into play. Ellershaw worked steadily on the right wing, and performed one or two skilful runs, middling well at the end. Just before time H.B.B. made a final rally, and worked hard to get an opportunity of playing the match for a fourth time; but the call of 'time' interrupted an animated attack on Grant's goal, and so the latter were at length left victors by one goal to *nil*.

## T.B.B. v. Q.SS.

This match was played March the 25th, and resulted in a draw, each side scoring two goals. The Town Boys were rather stronger on paper, for, though

deprived of the services of Petrocochino, they had seven 'pinks' to their opponents' four. Fevez having won the toss, Watt started the ball for the Queen's Scholars from the Hospital end. The Town Boys' forwards at once rushed it up the ground, but their efforts were frustrated by the ball going behind. After this the game was even for some time. Hurst put the ball through the Q.S.S. goal, but the point was disallowed, since a 'hands' had been given off one of the Town Boys; Page also distinguished himself on the right, but his efforts, brilliant as they were, were continually baulked by the fine play of Barwell, the opposing half-back. A corner was gained by the Queen's Scholars, from which nothing resulted, and soon after Watt had a shot, but the ball passed over the bar. Phillimore then made some dodging runs, but the T.B.B. were most assiduous in their efforts against the College goal; and in spite of Harrison's dashing play and Aris's steady kicking, Sherring had plenty of opportunities for distinguishing himself. At length Page rushed the ball rapidly down the right and middled well to Hurst, who headed the ball through the posts, thus scoring the first point for the T.B.B. After this the Queen's Scholars played up more vigorously and obtained a 'hands' in front of their opponents' goal; the kick having proved fruitless, they soon scored a corner, which was excellently placed by Barwell, and a smart tussle ensued, but the ball was at last put away. Shortly before half-time Pryce got a second goal for his side (2-0). After half-time the College forwards redoubled their efforts, and their exertions were soon crowned with success; the leather being neatly put through by James (2-1). Shortly after this, Lowe, who played a grand game throughout, made a fine run, and having got past Fevez put in a well-judged middle, and the second point was scored for the Q.S.S. by Phillimore. After this the game waxed fast and furious, but though both sides were several times within an ace of scoring no more goals were added before the call of 'time.'

The teams were as follows :

Q.S.S. : C. A. Sherring (goals), J. W. Aris and R. H. Bellairs (backs), H. Harrison (captain), C. S. W. Barwell and J. E. Phillimore (half-backs), J. S. Watt (centre), H. P. Lowe and L. James (right), G. G. Phillimore and R. R. Sandilands (left) (forwards).

T.B.B. : E. Man (goals), A. L. Fevez (captain) and W. R. Moon (backs), W. Wyde, A. E. Balfour, and E. G. Moon (half-backs), C. V. Page and C. Gibson (right), A. R. Hurst (centre), A. J. Pryce and H. Berens (left) (forwards).

## DEBATING SOCIETY.

A MEETING of the Society was held on Thursday, March 5th, and the discussion on the Vote of Censure was resumed.

G. O. Roos, referring to the letters received from Gordon, said that the same day the letter came asking for reinforcements another came saying Khartoum was all right, and that Beaconsfield had pledged himself to protect the Soudan, and therefore Gladstone, after Beaconsfield's death, was obliged to take the

responsibility of it on himself. The hon. member spoke most cheerfully of the future, and said that in a year's time we should hear of Cook's winter tour to Khartoum and back!

W. Buchanan declared that the letter which described Khartoum as being 'all right' was a forgery.

E. James said that, in his opinion, when a Government came into power with a majority of 150, and afterwards could only muster a majority of 14, it was virtually a vote of censure on that Government, especially when in the Lords the vote of censure was passed by a majority of 121. The hon. speaker referred to the shameful way in which the natives of the Soudan had been treated.

E. Jarvis said that Kassala was a notable instance of the way in which England had dealt with the natives. It contained 5,000 troops, all natives, and had been besieged for 12 months, deserted by the Government and the English troops. This loyal garrison had fought a decisive battle at Kolcia, in which they had lost 28 officers and 632 men, and this was their reward for their loyalty! In the words of Sir W. Harcourt, the hon. member said that the result of that policy was 'danger, debt, distrust, disquiet, and distress,' adding that to this list they would soon add, if they had not already done so, dishonour!

F. H. Collier, after criticising hon. members' speeches, divided foreign policy into two heads—imperial and economic, the first being the ideal of the Conservatives, the latter of the Liberals.

C. Bompas, in his maiden speech, declared that it would be impossible to annex the Soudan, as the last hon. speaker had advised, for England would not put up with the excessive taxation that would be necessary to support it. The hon. member maintained that the preparations for the expedition were quite efficient, and only one boat out of the whole number had failed to reach Khartoum. He thought the best course would be to put Egypt under the command of the Madhi, who would alone be able to preserve peace and put down the slave trade, the primary cause of the rebellion.

A. S. Waterfield said that the Government had not supported Gordon, even after they had sent him out; they refused him reinforcements, and left him to operate with the Egyptian troops, who at first could not hold a gun, much less summon up courage to pull the trigger. The hon. member read copious extracts from the Blue Book referring to Gordon's letters.

E. N. Sharpe then moved the adjournment of the House.

A meeting of the Society was held on Thursday, March 12th, to continue the discussion on the Vote of Censure.

E. N. Sharpe, who was left in possession of the House, spoke again for the motion. He accused Mr. Roos of quibbling with Mr. Allan's statements about the Suakim-Berber route, and the geography of Egypt. Mr. Collier, he said, only came up to oppose everything and everybody, and, on this occasion, had succeeded very well. He did not agree with Mr. Bompas that the Soudan ought to be put under the command

of the Madhi, for, being an ex-slave dealer himself, if he could with safety do so, he would support and not suppress the slave trade.

C. Bompas again spoke, and earnestly appealed to the House not to pass the motion, and not to vote for it simply because it was the proper thing to do, or because their fathers before them were Conservatives.

J. Salwey remarked that Mr. Bompas's father was a staunch Liberal.

C. Bompas declared he could give his reasons for being a Liberal, but on being asked for them, he sat down.

J. Salwey, continuing, asked Mr. Roos whether it was possible for a man of honour, an Englishman and a soldier, to desert his post and leave those under his care to the tender mercies of the Madhi.

W. Buchanan described the disastrous effect of Mr. Bompas's proposal to make the Madhi Governor of the Soudan. How this fanatical sword-worshipper would push on and on up the Nile, and in the course of time reach India, where he would raise a second and more disastrous Indian Mutiny!

F. M. Yglesias thought that whatever happened the Madhi ought to be killed, for, as the apostle of the slave trade, he would do much harm to British interests, and as the Madhi, the prophet, he would enlist many supporters, whom he would have to satisfy with conquest and plunder. He said that the Government 'let well alone, and let everything go to the dogs.'

The House then divided, with the following result:—

Ayes . . . . .	18
Noes . . . . .	2

Majority for the motion . . . 16

A meeting was held on March 19th. L. James (*pro* E. N. Sharpe) withdrew the motion, 'That the result of the division in this House on the Vote of Censure be sent to the Prime Minister, the Marquis of Salisbury, and Sir Stafford Northcote.'

F. M. Yglesias proposed: 'That a return to Protection would be beneficial to the country.' Seconder, L. James; opposer, E. F. Allan.

Ayes . . . . .	8
Noes . . . . .	8

The casting vote given against the motion.

## THE GLEE CLUB.

THE Glee Club gave their sixth Concert on Wednesday, March 4th. The most noticeable feature of the performance was the unusual force of instrumental music, Morgan, Brown, Smyth and Ritchie contributing respectively pianoforte, flute, and violin solos. The first of these was executed with a facility that could only have been acquired by constant practice, although we noticed, certainly, absence of expression in one or two places. Smyth has scarcely yet

mastered that most difficult instrument the flute, though his maiden efforts were greeted with some applause. Ritchie played sweetly, as usual, though one discord somewhat marred the harmony of his performance. Mr. Oldham's kindly offered services again stood us in good stead; and we know not whether more tears were evoked by his 'Army of the Dead,' or more laughter by his spirited rendering of 'My dog Towser.' We were somewhat disappointed with the quartets; the voices scarcely seeming to blend as they might have done. Mendelssohn's four-part songs are always better without accompaniment, and 'Awake' would have sounded more sweetly without the somewhat loud tones of the piano. 'The Children's Home,' thanks to Mr. Ranelow's kind aid, was better sung, though one of the performers evinced a slight uncertainty about his notes. Doherty's singing was, as usual, rapturously applauded, though shortness of time postponed his second song. A marked improvement was manifested in the chorus singing, and Bishop's part-song, 'The Chough and Crow,' went extremely well, the solos being sung with much taste.

A most attractive programme induced an unusually large number of people to grace with their presence the last concert which will be given by the Glee Club this winter. It had been resolved to attempt a representation of some scenes from Shakspeare's 'Midsummer Night's Dream,' and certainly all concerned may fairly congratulate themselves on a most successful performance. As regards the ethereal portion of the caste, the acting was, on the whole, extremely good. Lowe showed that he had fully discerned the subtle playfulness which underlies the jealous Oberon's revenge. The loving way in which Titania caressed the translated Bottom fully atoned for that lady's somewhat masculine look; while her dignified resistance to her lord's demands elicited no small applause. Buchanan made an excellent Puck, his quaint antics, his sprite-like appearance, the air of interest with which he listened to Oberon's most every-day remarks, betokened a familiarity with that capricious little person's character, which fairly astonished everybody. Wonderful, too, were the fairies, visible and invisible: the massive Cobweb, the bashful Peasblossom, the menacing Moth, the fiery Mustard Seed, displayed a marvellous agility in falling on their knees at a moment's notice, while the energetic way in which they fanned Titania, doubtless aided that lady's slumbers in no small degree.

We have always thought Mendelssohn at his best in the 'Midsummer Night's Dream,' and the musical part of the performance calls for much commendation. Doherty, although somewhat sharp in some places, sang in a most spirited style, while Olivier's clear voice pleased everybody. The comic element was enhanced by the unwonted addition of a property, to wit, the ass's head, fashioned in a most delightfully asinine manner by Smyth. The appearance of Bottom in this guise fairly brought down the



house. He was distinctly funny, though very ignorant of his part. Allan as Quince was pleasantly fussy. Sherring's rendering of Thisbe was extremely good. Jervis made the best of his somewhat limited opportunities, while the Lion roared in a most gentlemanly manner, only equalled by the dainty way in which Waterfield, as the Wall, extended his palm.

In the rest, Mr. Gumbleton, though suffering from a severe cold, sang 'Orpheus with his Lute,' and Schubert's 'Sei mir gegrüsst,' with much expression and power. He is certainly at his best in the former song. The overture, and a duet by Erskine and Bellairs, was accurately rendered. Mendelssohn's 'Farewell to the Forest' was very sweetly sung, though the harmonies were not entirely brought out. The performers of Bishop's Glee, 'Mynheer Van Dunck,' seemed heartily to re-echo the sentiments embodied in that somewhat bibulous lay, though their voices scarcely blended so well as we expected.

We may take this opportunity of thanking Messrs. Blackburn and Dale, and those members of the School who have warmly supported this new venture, for the great services they have rendered to social life at Westminster.

## THE CHESS CLUB.

The second round in the tournament was as follows:—

Morgan-Brown	.	.	beat Salwey.
Coller	.	.	„ H. Harri-on.
J. Phillimore	.	.	„ Pryce.

The third round resulted thus:

Morgan-Brown	.	.	beat Phillimore.
Coller,			a bye.

After the match with the Masters, the winners were drawn again, to find the best player among the Masters and the Chess Club.

Mr. Blackburne	.	.	beat Salwey.
Mr. Freeman	.	.	„ Bellairs.
Phillimore	.	.	„ Pryce.
Rev. C. A. Jones,			a bye.

## NOTES AND QUERIES.

### NOTES.

MENTION OF WESTMINSTER SCHOOL IN NOVELS.—In the 83rd chapter of 'The Virginians,' by W. M. Thackeray, we find the following words: 'His son and heir, Master Foker, being much maltreated at Westminster School because of his father's profession of brewer, the parents asked if I would take charge of him,' &c.—A. I.

I have discovered this Latin Poem by Vincent Bourne, and think that it might be interesting to your readers:—

### A D GRILLUM.

#### ANACREONTICUM.

##### I.

O qui meæ culinæ  
Argutulus choraules,  
Et hospes es canorus,  
Quocumque commoreris,  
Felicittatis omen;  
Jucundiore cantu  
Siquando me salutes,  
Et ipse te rependam,  
Et ipse, quâ valebo,  
Remunerabo musâ.

##### II.

Dicêris innocensque  
Et gratus inquilinus;  
Nec victitans rapinis,  
Ut sorices voraces,  
Muresve curiosi,  
Furumque delicatum  
Vulgus domesticorum;  
Sed tutus in camini  
Recessibus, quiete  
Contentus et calore.

##### III.

Beatior Cicadâ,  
Quæ te referre formâ,  
Quæ voce te videtur;  
Et saltitans per herbas,  
Unius, haud secundæ,  
Ætatis est chorista;  
Tu carmen integratum  
Deponis ad Decembrem,  
Lætus per universum  
Incontinenter annum.

##### IV.

Te nulla lux relinquit,  
Te nulla nox revisit,  
Non musicæ vacantem,  
Curisve non solum:  
Quin amplius canendo,  
Quin amplius fruendo,  
Ætatum vel omni,  
Quam nos homuncionum  
Absumimus querendo,  
Ætate longiorem.

Y. S.

### QUERIES.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—Can you or any of your readers inform me at what time Vincent Bourne was an Usher at Westminster, and whether he was educated at the School?—Y.S.

### REPLIES.

MENTION OF WESTMINSTER SCHOOL IN NOVELS.—In answer to your correspondent 'Ullad,' I may say that the novel referred to on p. 137 is 'Unknown to History' by Miss Yonge, where mention is made of the 'yellow stockings' of the Queen's Scholars. It is only in this matter of detail that confusion seems to exist in the mind of the talented authoress between Westminster Scholars and Blue Coat Boys.—F.C.

LIST OF T.BB. (Ante, p. 210).—There are one or two lists of the members of Westminster School, dated about the beginning of the last century, in the

British Museum. They will be printed, if possible, as a Supplement to the next number of the *Elizabethan*.

### Obituary.

It was only in our last issue but one that we noticed the resignation of the See of Lincoln by Bishop Christopher Wordsworth; we have now to record his death, which happened on Saturday, March 21st, the day after the formal election of his successor, Dr. King, to the vacant throne. Bishop Wordsworth was the son of Dr. Christopher Wordsworth, Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, and nephew of our great poet, William Wordsworth. He was educated at Winchester, where, as captain of the eleven in the prior match with Harrow, at Lords, in 1825, he met, as captain of the rival eleven, his brother, Charles Wordsworth, the present Bishop of St. Andrew's. He passed from Winchester to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he became a Fellow. In 1836 he was appointed Head Master of Harrow, in which post he remained till 1844, when he was presented to a stall at Westminster, where he remained till his elevation to the See of Lincoln in 1869. At Westminster he wrote the greater part of his famous Commentary: and was one of the originators of 'The Westminster Spiritual Aid Fund,' along with the late Lord Hatherley and others. He became Archdeacon of Westminster in 1865. Besides this short sketch of his life, we can add little to what we said of Dr. Wordsworth in our February number. In him the Church of England has lost a prelate and divine of world-wide celebrity, the learned world, an eminent scholar (whose 'Theocritus,' written in his youth, is still among the standard editions of that classic), and Westminster in particular, one bound to her by the intimate ties of twenty-five years' connection with her collegiate body. The memory of the Bishop was fitly celebrated in the Abbey on the Sunday after his death, as many of our readers will be aware, by the solemn performance of the Dead March after Evening Prayer, and the singing, during the course of the service, of his beautiful hymn, beginning, 'Hark, the sound of holy voices chanting at the crystal sea.' He was buried on the 25th of March, at Riseholm, the historic residence of the Bishops of Lincoln, near the cathedral city of their diocese.

It is with deep regret that we have to notice the death of the Rev. Roper Trevor Tyler, Rector of Llantrithyd, for thirty-four years Rural Dean, formerly domestic Chaplain to King William IV. when Duke of Clarence; he was born in 1801, entered Westminster in 1815 as a boarder at 'Best's,' and died a short time ago.

### Our Contemporaries.

WE beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the following Magazines:—The *Marlburian*, *Fettesian*, *University College School Magazine*, *Lily*, *Ipswich School Magazine*, *Blundellian*, *Redleian*, *Cambridge Review* (2), *Lancing College Magazine*, *Meteor*, *Wykehamist*, *Pauline*, *Tonbridgian*.

We must first express our deep gratitude for those February numbers, to wit, the *Ulula*, *Newtonian*, *Glenalmond Chronicle*, and *Derbeian* (2), which kindly arrived when the March *Elizabethan* had actually gone to press! The Editor of the *Derbeian* is evidently a practical joker, for on the 4th of March we received from him a July and a December number. To a literary antiquary the July *Derbeian* would doubtless be highly interesting and curious, but to anyone else—as it contains a review of the Football Season, 1883-84, and an account of last Henley Regatta—it is just a wee bit behind the times.

There is a howl of indignant rage in the correspondence column of the *Marlburian*, concerning the 'formation of a Sixth Form Debating Club and the abolition of the Old School Institution.' To an impartial observer, however, this seems to be rather a good exchange, for the 'Old School Institution' is described (by one of its supporters) as 'in a state of something very like collapse—speakers were scarce, listeners were scarcer,' &c.; while the Sixth Form Debating Society has been trampling on the Government and calling the Premier 'the Grand Old Woman,' and the Conservatives 'mere stick-in-the-muds,' and finally inviting the 'Common Room to become honorary members and vote!' The Rifle Corps of Marlborough, Eton, Winchester, Charterhouse, and Wellington are to meet at Aldershot on March 25th, and have a 'sham fight, and other military manoeuvres.' We hope they will enjoy themselves, and not be too blood-thirsty.

The *University College School Magazine* is like a pork pie—very imposing from outside, but within a mere delusion; it has a beautifully tinted cover and a grandiose list of contents, but there is very little inside. The most interesting article is a 'Holiday Jaunt.' The writer tells how he went across the sea to Antwerp, 'the ship groaned, the people groaned, and so I could not sleep, not for any other reason, O no!' He seems to have a very keen nose, and apparently judges concerning the beauty of churches, &c., by the manner in which they aff ct the olfactory nerves. 'In Antwerp the churches are the great sights, and there are plenty of the n. They all smell the same. . . . In Holland the churches do not smell' (as if that was rather a pity!). Lists of monitors and such-like interesting information fill up the rest of the number; we did not peruse them, for fear of over-excitement.

They seem to have a sportive sort of Debating Society at Magdalen College School. There is a report in the *Lily* of a debate on Ireland; the President began by moving the disfranchisement of the unfortunate Emerald Isle. 'Directly he heard of the explosions the idea of disfranchisement had occurred to him, and he was proud (!) to see the newspapers had also started this proposition.' In a second speech he remarks that 'the policy to be pursued is that of Cromwell, and none but that will ever succeed!' A man of strong measures, not to say inhuman, this President! The Opposer said, 'that he was horrified at the outrageous proposal of the President.' (Loud cries of hear, hear.) Finally, the motion was lost by 11 votes to 2. There, Ireland! Now mayest thou proudly lift thy drooping head, for thou hast the sympathy of the Magdalen College School Debating Society! After that, an honourable member, the same who before as the Opposer had been 'horrified,' &c., moved that 'the Vice-president be allowed to regulate the time of the President's speech,' but was quashed, and the outrageous Cromwell-loving President was consoled by a vote of confidence, carried unanimously.

We have made a new acquaintance this month in the *Ipswich School Magazine*. Not that it is a new journal, but it has not hitherto found its way to Westminster. They have been acting 'Box and Cox' at Ipswich, and, according to the reporter, 'the acting was far beyond that of most boys.' Moreover, 'throughout the piece the boys at the upper end of the hall

cheered every hit, and applauded most vociferously when the curtain fell, so that it had to be raised again, and even then they had to satisfy the audience by coming before the curtain a second time.' Who are 'they'? The curtain, the hits, or the 'boys at the upper end of the Hall'?

The *Blundellian* complains of the 'difficulties which have lately arisen with the railway authorities in reference to alleged stone throwing by Blundellians,' and asks if 'nothing can be done to prevent worn-out school caps from getting into the possession of the outer public.' The most interesting items in this paper are the 'Prize List,' 'Fives Court Fund,' 'Games Account,' and 'Chapel Offertory Account.'

The *Radleian* laments the new style of steeplechase now being introduced. We read that 'the delightful uncertainty which attended the running of the old race when the course was "flagged out" overnight by the Stewards, and when no competitor was allowed to know its exact direction; the eager scanning of every field into which you jumped in order to discover the "next flag" . . . and the great chance of a "crock" or complete outsider winning in consequence, all gave this race a character of its own.' And a very unfair character too, one would have thought; a more absurd argument for the retention of a certain style or race than 'the great chance of a crock winning' we never have heard. Then there are some verses on Englishmen in Egypt, some of which we will here quote on behalf of those who are going in for the 'Gumbleton':

'But our best beloved, our Gordon,  
Single-hearted, braving fate,  
Is it true he lives no longer?  
Can it be we come too late?

'Onward, onward, still press onward!  
Pledged to those who fought and fell,  
Trusting to the word of England,  
Striving as with Hosts of Hell.

'Dead is he! such men as Gordon  
Neither live nor die for naught—  
All the worth of great example  
Is for ever dearly bought.'

'Hosts of Hell' is rather rough on the Arabs, who are probably quite as pious as 'Tommy Atkins' in their way. The Radley Natural History Society has 'with the help of diagrams,' been giving a lecture on Ants.

The *Lancing College Magazine* tells us that 'at Oxford Pellatt and Guy are the 'Varsity forwards.' So they only have two forwards now at Oxford—they must indeed have perfected the passing game! They seem rather to sit on new fellows at Lancing, for a letter begins: 'Dear Mr. Editor, I am only a new boy, and I hope you will not think it cheek of me to write a letter to our newspaper,' &c. Do fellows at Westminster hesitate to write letters for fear the Editor should 'think it cheek'? We hope not. 'Our Contemporaries' are very badly treated by this magazine—one is said to belong rather to the 'girls' school class of paper, and they get jumped on all round, especially the *Wellingtonian*, which dared insinuate that the last number of the *Lancing College Magazine* was 'devoid of interest'! Impudence!! What is a 'Soaring human boy'? He is described here as 'generally a savage;' and, moreover, 'he exhibits this as well in his uncouth attempts at self-adornment as in his propensity for removing obstacles with his hands and legs, and creating obstacles to be so removed when they do not really exist.' Really, the Editor might in a foot-note tell us poor 'human boys,' who are not 'soaring,' what is the meaning of all this. We know there is something deep, but we cannot, cannot find it.

There is an interesting duel going on between the *Meteor* and the *Leaflet*, whatever the latter may be. It seems that the *Meteor* began by saying that 'the *Leaflet* is not so interesting as we have seen it'—rather a compliment than otherwise; on this the *Leaflet* girds up its loins and falls upon its unfortunate critic—'we will not quote Pickwick and call the *Meteor*, in the words of Messrs. Pott and Slurk, "our worthless contemporary," or

"that false and scurrilous print," but we will remind our *worthy friend*,' &c. However, the *Meteor* rallies (brave *Meteor*!), and says 'next we are charged with sneering at the "inevitable literary articles" of other papers. Now, to sneer at other papers was very far from our intent. . . . When a school paper like the *Leaflet* lays itself out for literary articles, and records no (or very little) school news, far be it from us to sneer at it. As we have already observed, the *Leaflet* works on a higher plane than the *Meteor*, dealing as it does with the ideal, while the *Meteor* deals only with the base and real. Can we, then, sneer at our superior?' Beautiful sarcasm that. How must the editor of the *Leaflet* have writhed and squirmed as he perused it!

The *Wykehamist* is very modest. In speaking of the Debating Society it says: 'It matters very little whether we condemn the Premier's policy or approve; our definite attitude on social theories, literary claims, ethical problems, has a distinctly valuable side; perhaps, because these things are not a little too high for us,' &c. This humility is almost ostentatious—to think that it should matter little what the two Secretaries, the President, the Revisional Committee, the three Whips, and all the other officers, not to mention the ordinary members (who must have a miserable existence, bullied by so many commanders) of the Winchester Debating Society, think about the Premier! Forbear, *Wykehamist*, let us have no more of this. We find herein a wondrous poem, entitled 'The End of the World.' The first verses are tragic-grandiose.

A blood-red glare in the quivering air  
Enshrouds the sinking earth.  
It is not the blaze of the earliest days  
That heralded nature's birth.

And so on. When, however, we heard that—

I now regret the cold and wet,  
And the woodswamps dark and dank,  
Where noxious hydro-carbon rose,  
From putrefying cellulose.  
And the mud iridescend and stank—

we at once came to the conclusion that it was a comic poem—O very comic! So we read on, with that stereotyped grin that one wears when perusing *Punch* or the *Saturday Review*, soon again to be floored by—

I see the dead, but are all things dead?  
One perishing vulture flies  
With languid flap of his weary wing  
(And I love the loathly but lonely thing)  
Across the wasting skies.

Surely that can't be meant to be comic? Any way, it's a puzzler; 'these things are not a little too high for us'—if it's comic, it's too serious; if it's serious, it's too comic.

The *Tonbridgian* is—the *Tonbridgian*. Criticism would be superfluous.

The *Ousel* is very much down on the 'House Recitations' which are held at Bedford. What could be more scathing, satirical, captious, nasty, and ungracious than this: 'Next followed one of the Falstaff scenes, in which Beville displayed great agility as the mountain of a man; Davis was satisfactory as Prince Henry, while Gadshill and Poin apparently thought that they were playing the parts of mutes at a funeral, so lugubrious were their looks and utterances.' Much more in the same strain follows—somebody 'buried Cæsar, an inevitable recitation.' In trying to be funny, this critic becomes rude.

## Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Oxford is now given over to all the 'deadly dulness of vacation,' and though several O.W.W. are up, they all confine their attention to reading and give the historian little or nothing to chronicle. Perhaps it is all for the best. 'Happy is the community which has no history.' But as I feel it my duty to set a bold example to my Cambridge *confrère* who, if I

may say so, is singularly intermittent in his communications with you, I feel constrained to write at all hazards, however much my language may remind the readers of the *Elizabethan* of a certain eloquent preacher in the Abbey.

In the University Sports H. Gordon, of New College, was third in the quarter, and W. L. Marshall, of Ch. Ch., third in the three miles. F. T. Higgins played for 'Oxford and Cambridge' in one of their out matches at Association football. C. F. Rogers has just been elected to a mathematical exhibition at Jesus.

Apologising for my scanty budget of news,

I am, Sir, yours, &c.

FLOREAT.

*To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'*

DEAR SIR,—I feel myself called upon to answer Mr. A. L. Fevez's utterly incomprehensible letter in your last number. But in the first place allow me to ask for some elucidation of the more obscure passages. I, Mr. Editor, being at Westminster myself, would naturally know the captain of the Football XI, by sight, and so, what on earth does the last remark in Mr. Fevez's letter mean? How can my so generously increased chances of finding Mr. Fevez possibly affect the honour of the School? In the next place, I beg to call your attention to the fact that, while heaping vituperation on my unfortunate head, your correspondent has willfully misunderstood my letter, and utterly ignored my complaint. Had he chosen, he might have seen that I did not so much take offence at his playing in O.W.W. matches, least of all their cup ties, the defence of which constitutes the whole of his answer, but that the one object of my letter was to call attention to the fact, that though the match with Upton Park was a fixture on the card, yet when our opponents intimated their perfect readiness to fulfil their part of the engagement—and went so far as to advertise that intention in the *Sportsman*—since such as Mr. Fevez and others whom he has kindly named for me, had more important business on hand, they refused to play, for the sole reason, as I asserted then, and as I still maintain, despite Mr. Fevez's would-be withering sarcasm, that they preferred playing for any other club than their own School. Yet this I call every reader to witness, he has willfully ignored in his reply. Such, Mr. Editor, is my apology for intruding 'my own mere unfounded speculations,' which I fear others would call unpleasant facts. If this be Mr. Fevez's notion of patriotism, Heaven save the mark! I can only say that is widely different from the idea cherished by so lowly an individual as

A BYSTANDER.

*To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'*

DEAR SIR,—I have read 'Bystander's' letter in the last number of the *Elizabethan*, and seeing in it some most unjust imputations laid upon certain members of the First Eleven, I should like to state the truth. The two chief charges preferred are: firstly, that 'fellows in the XI. desert their School and go off to play for O.W.W.'; and, secondly, that 'the Captain of Football actually declined to play a match down on the card, simply because one member of the Eleven was going to play for London, and he himself preferred, forsooth, playing for any other club, and anywhere else, than for his School in Vincent Square.'

Now, in all this, Mr. Editor, there is a certain amount of truth, but it is mixed up with a great deal of nonsense. On the first-mentioned occasion, two members of the School Eleven did certainly play for O.W.W. instead of the School, but this proceeding had been previously sanctioned by the remainder of the XI. on the grounds that the team which was to oppose the School at Vincent Square was a weak one, and that the O.W.W. would have been in serious danger of defeat if unaided by the two said members of the School team. The result proved they were right, as the School was successful 'up fields' by 3-0.

'Bystander's' second charge is graver, but in proportion as the gravity of his charges increases their utter absurdity seems to increase also.

The match referred to was, I believe, against Upton Park.

Now, Sir, it was not the Captain of Football who refused to play this match, but the captain of the Upton Park team, on account of a cup tie which he had to play on the same day.

This being the case, several members of the School Eleven engaged to play for other clubs on that day. At the very last moment the Upton Park captain wrote to say that his opponent had scratched, and that he could play the School. Fevez, as was natural, considering some half of the Eleven would have been absent, declined to play the match, and I think that you, Mr. Editor, and all your readers, will agree with me that he was perfectly justified in doing so. If 'Bystander' would kindly ascertain the facts of the case before he makes public these 'crying abuses' he would doubtless please 'fellows' very much. Hoping for the truth's sake you will insert this,

I remain, dear Sir, ever yours,

PINK.

*To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'*

DEAR SIR,—May I be permitted to call attention to a fact which hardly reflects credit upon that much abused body, the Games Committee, with whom, I understand, the responsibility rests. I refer to the disgraceful and inefficient state of the racquet courts, notably the College one. Except the renewal of the wires, no improvement has been attempted for a considerable time. If the finances of the Games Committee are in as flourishing a condition as their accounts seem to show, surely the expense of levelling the many inequalities of the court might be ventured on, which at present prevent anything like an enjoyable game. That the responsible parties may see their way to taking some steps in the matter is the earnest wish of

Yours sincerely,  
CRITICUS.

*To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'*

SIR,—No one can have but noticed the decay of racquets at Westminster; at all hours of the day the courts are occupied by small boys engaged in the futile pursuit of kicking about india-rubber balls. To such an extent has this evil gone that the right of the few racquet players who remain to the racquet courts is completely ignored; they have to play over the heads of the votaries of the new game. Formerly it was extremely difficult, especially in this term, owing to the proximity of the racquet ties, to secure a court at all; but now wires are a thing of the past, and woodens seem likely soon to follow. This ought not to continue; the game is in no way comparable to racquets for exercise and display of skill, besides which, it is absolutely injurious to the tendons of the knees, and generally is in every way unworthy of Westminster.

If fellows cannot see this, one would think the racquet ties had better be changed to ties for this new game, and the prizes given for racquets returned to their donors. That this evil has gone a great way, I am afraid, is quite true, as may be seen by the fact that a Home-boarder preferred to stay here and kick up all the afternoon of the Charterhouse match to going and seeing it. I trust that this is enough to bring about a reaction, with which hope

Believe me, yours, &c.,  
L. T. S.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT.

RACQUET-COURT GHOST.—We are sorry that we are unable, through want of space, to insert your contribution.

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