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THE literary and journalistic tendency of the present age has so far affected English Public Schools that the Magazine is now one of their most essential features, while in some it has acquired very high importance. The events, accidents, and vicissitudes which make up the history of a school, instead of being made known in a garbled and exaggerated form, by vague rumour, and transmitted to after generations by mere oral tradition, are now carefully noted, compiled and chronicled, and proclaimed once a month in a paper, so that 'he who runs (and subscribes) may read.'

Nothing shows more clearly what is the condition of a school with regard to social enlightenment and patriotic enthusiasm than the degree of eagerness and fervour with which the Magazine is received, read, and supported.

In the December number of the *Elizabethan* an article appeared commenting on the great improvement which has of late years made itself visible in the social condition of West-

minster; the writer of the article arrived at this happy conclusion by proving that not only were the more time-honoured School Societies in a more flourishing condition than of yore, but that several new ones had been formed, and were now firmly established. Few, we should hope, could for a moment doubt that these arguments were incontestable, and that 'the utter stagnation of all interests not intimately connected with the School,' with which Westminster has before now been accused by her Mentor, the *Elizabethan*, is now a thing of the past; but if anyone had been so unobservant, or so ignorant of the present state of the School as to remain unconvinced, he would assuredly have given in on perusing the *Elizabethan* accounts, as published in our last number.

For when we there read that, instead of being deeply in debt, our Magazine is now the possessor of a balance of some five pounds, does not this encouraging fact prove incontrovertibly that the School takes much more interest in itself, and in its own doings than formerly? and, what is still more important, that patriotic spirit has not in any way decreased,

owing to the almost entire absence of party spirit at Westminster, but has rather grown and spread among us?

Valuable, therefore, as a School Magazine is as an index and mirror of the condition of the school which it represents, yet still greater is its importance as a history. An old number of a Magazine cannot fail to be deeply interesting, more especially to a member of the school whose deeds and prowess it records. When one reads an old *Elizabethan* do not the past days in which it was written, and which it describes, seem to rise before one as if they had returned again? How much stronger must this feeling be to one who has already left the school of his boyhood, and when the old Magazines have become one of the ties which bind him to the happy days which he spent beneath its well-remembered walls, the memory of which he loves so dearly.

The questions then arise, What should a School Magazine be? What should, and what should not be inserted in its pages? It is not hard to find answers to these questions, for as many School Papers as exist and in so many different ways have these problems been solved; but it is very very hard to find true answers, or even at all approximate to what is true. Should a School Paper be filled with articles such as 'How I Lost my Scalp among the Cherokee Indians,' or 'A Texas Murder and its Consequences'? articles which, in our humble opinion, seem more appropriate to the *Boys' Own Paper*, or the Christmas number of *Rare Bits*? Or should it be simply a history, chronicling merely the most important events, and criticising them as they pass; with a correspondence column, in which members of the school may complain of anything which they consider objectionable or reprehensible; and a niche for Poetry, in which any hitherto 'mute inglorious Milton' may first exercise and display his genius? We leave these questions to be answered by wiser heads than ours; but it is quite certain that whatever a School Paper is, whether an '*omnium gatherum*' of incongruous information, or a compact terse chronicle, it ought to be mainly written and contributed to by members of its school. But how is this possible, how can we hope that our Magazine will keep up with the long strides of the March of Intellect, which has already 'abridged' Shakspeare and Scott, as long as the luckless wight who has charge of it is not only Editor, but also almost entirely Author of the *Elizabethan*, while articles are never contributed

unsolicited, poetry very seldom, and while the number of correspondents is becoming 'small by degrees and beautifully less'?

Let us trust that all Westminsters will answer to this appeal, that they will do their best to support the *Elizabethan*, not only by subscribing to it and reading it, but also by helping to fill its pages, that it may be no longer merely the work of a few, but really the Voice of the School—in short, a true and thorough School Magazine.

THE PANCAKE GREEZE.

THE Greeze was conducted this year on an entirely new principle. Instead of the whole School congregating below the bar to tussle for the possession of the pancake, a system of Popular Representation was introduced, by which one delegate was elected from each Form. These were ranged along the edge of the dais at the upper end of school, and when the pancake had been thrown over the bar as usual by the Cook, made a rush, and the prize was secured by E. Man, the representative of the Army Class.

About the origin of the Pancake Greeze very little is known; we read in Chambers's 'Book of Days' that 'In the time of Elizabeth it was a practice at Eton for the cook to fasten a pancake to a crow (the ancient equivalent of the knocker) upon the School door. At Westminster School the following custom is observed to this day:—At 11 o'clock A.M. a verger of the Abbey, in his gown, bearing a silver bâton emerges from the College Kitchen followed by the cook of the school in his white apron and jacket, and cap, and carrying a pancake. On arriving at the school-room door he announces himself "the cook"; and having entered the school-room he advances to the bar which separates the upper school from the lower one and twirls the pancake in the pan and then tosses it over the bar into the upper school among a crowd of boys who scramble for the pancake; and he who gets it unbroken, and carries it to the deanery demands the honorarium of a guinea (sometimes two guineas) from the Abbey funds, though the custom is not mentioned in the Abbey statutes; the cook also receives two guineas for his performance.'

The above account is accompanied by an illustration which represents the ceremony as taking place in the old Shell. The cook, who wears a conical white cap, like a night-cap, is just throwing up the pancake, while several very fat chubby little boys are eagerly awaiting its descent. The Abbey verger, who is here portrayed as wearing a pair of spectacles, stands by smiling benignly. The bar is not in the picture at all.

It seems that in the good old days Westminster was not the only place where Shrove Tuesday was celebrated with pomp and merriment, for Chambers also tells us, quoting from 'our quaint old friend the

Water Poet,' that 'Shrove Tuesday, at whose entrance in the morning all the whole kingdom is in quiet, but by that time the clock strikes eleven, which (by the help of a knavish sexton) is commonly before nine, there is a bell rung called Pancake Bell; the sound whereof makes thousands of people distracted, and forgetful either of manners or humanity. Then there is a thing called wheaten flour, which the cooks do mingle with water, eggs, spice and other tragical and magical enchantments, and then they put it by little and little into a frying-pan of boiling suet, where it makes a confused dismal hissing (like the Lernian snakes in the reeds of Acheron), until at last, by the skill of the cook, it is transformed into the form of a flip-jack, called a pancake) *which ominous incantation the ignorant people do devour very greedily.*' It was customary to present the first pancake to the greatest slut or lie-a-bed of the party, 'which commonly falls to the dog's share at last, for no one will own it their due.'

Some allusion is probably made to the latter custom in a couplet placed opposite Shrove Tuesday in Poor Robin's Almanack for 1677:

Pancakes are eat by greedy gut,
And Hob and Madge run for the slut.

School Notes.

The Football Eleven has been made up, and is as follows:—A. L. Fevez, C. Page, A. R. Hurst, W. R. Moon, H. Harrison (æg.), A. J. Pryce, E. Man, C. S. W. Barwell, S. Petrocochino, C. A. Sherring, R. R. Sandilands, and C. Gibson.

It is our sad duty to record the death of M. Martin, the School bootmaker, who died on the 5th of February, after having served Westminster for fifty-four years. He succeeded the famous Cobbler Foot, who was the first to make footballs for the School. An old portrait of him is in the possession of Martin's son and successor, under which is inscribed 'Cobbler Foot, Vendor of strap-oil to the Collegians of St. Peter, Westminster.'

It is very gratifying to note that R. H. Coke, who was Head of Water in 1881, and went up to Trinity Hall in October 1882, is this year filling the third thwart in the Cambridge Eight.

The subjects for the Prize Compositions are as follows:—Dean Ireland's (i) Greek Prose, More's Utopia Bk. ii. ch. 5: 'The people'—'chiefly themselves.' (ii) Greek Verse, Matthew Arnold's 'Tristram and Iseult': 'And is she happy'—'today's exact repeated effigy.' (iii) Latin Prose, Bacon's Essays on 'Revenge,'—Gumbleton English Verse, 'Gordon.'

Westminster will, at the end of this term, lose an old and faithful friend in the Rev. C. A. Jones, who

has accepted the Vicarage of Dedham, in the county of Essex, from the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. Mr. Jones has been at the School for twenty-two years, and has presided over Grant's for seventeen years.

The subjects to be taken up for Election are as follows:—Homer, Iliad, Books I. to IV.; Thucydides, Book IV.; Cicero Pro Murena and Pro Archia; Juvenal, Satires, Books I.—III.; Grote, History of Greece, Vol. VI.; Samuel, Book I. (Septuagint Version).

The Literary Society has met as usual on Friday evenings at Mr. Sloman's house. As there were no vacancies no new members have been admitted. The first play read was Shakespeare's 'King John,' the chief parts being assigned as follows: *King John*, P. M. Francke; *Arthur*, Mr. Freeman; *Philip Faulconbridge*, F. H. Coller; *Pandulph*, J. Watt; *Constance*, C. A. Sherring. The Society is now engaged upon 'The Comedy of Errors.'

FOOTBALL.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD CARTHUSIANS.

Our XI. decided its return match with Old Carthusians up fields on Wednesday, February 11th. This time we had not the pleasure of witnessing the splendid defence of the brothers Walters at back; but without them we had a somewhat weaker team against us, and were enabled to avenge the defeat which we suffered in one of the best-fought games of last term. Richards won the toss for them, and determined to make use of the little wind that was blowing for the first half of the game. It is difficult to say which side could have rightly claimed the advantage in the early part of the game; both teams played up well, and Powell, Hansell, and Richards, put in some good work for the visitors; while Fevez, Moon, and Barwell, kept off all attacks in a most satisfactory way, and Pryce and Sandilands kept the Carthusian backs with their hands full. Gibson made some good spurts down the right, but England or Hardcastle generally managed to stop him before he got within shooting distance. At last, just before 'half-time' was called, our forwards, who had been keeping up a plucky attack for some time on the Carthusian goal, made a supreme and successful effort, Hurst, receiving the ball from Gibson, skilfully avoided the back, and obtained his shot, thus scoring the first and only goal for us. For the rest of the game our XI. more than held its own, Pryce and Sandilands again coming to the front, and Fraser and Hardcastle had their work cut out for them. The visitors, as a whole, did not trouble our backs much, but Perkin showed some pretty pieces of dribbling, and Powell and Holman did some good charges down the left. The latter on one occasion got clear away, though hotly pursued

by Fevez, but he failed to make good use of his opportunity, and sent in a very simple shot to Sherring, who promptly returned the ball to the forwards. These were, however, unable to increase their score, in spite of all exertions, and the game ended in our favour by one goal to *nil*. Appended are the teams :

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

Old Carthusians : B. H. T. Drake (goal), T. R. Fraser and C. Hardcastle (backs), G. F. England, G. F. Walker and R. G. Thornton (sub.) (half-backs), R. G. Hansell and L. M. Richards (right wing), J. A. Perkin (centre), E. O. Powell and H. M. Holman (left wing).

THE SCHOOL *v.* OLD HARROVIANS.

This match was played on Saturday, February 14th, and resulted in a victory for the latter by three goals to two. Within a few minutes after the commencement of the game Hurst, after a brilliant run, scored the first goal for the School, and shortly afterwards Sandilands made a splendid middle to Pryce, who failed to score. This roused the visitors to greater exertions, and in a short time two goals were shot by Hills and Harvey, respectively. Page made some good runs down the side and put in several good middles, but, unfortunately, their backs were too strong for us, and so the score remained 2-1 till half-time. Ends having been reversed, the visitors made furious attacks on our goal, but Fevez and Moon were too much for them. A run by Hills, who passed to Harvey, looked rather ominous ; but the latter made a bad shot, so nothing came of it. After some fast play on both sides Sandilands got possession of the ball, and taking it quickly down the left middled to Pryce who shot a goal ; the score was now equal. The visitors redoubled their attacks upon our goal, but were long prevented from scoring, and it seemed as if the game would end in a draw. Unfortunately, within the last five minutes Hills made another run down the right and passed to Harvey, who sent in a hard shot which was stopped by the goalkeeper, but put through immediately after by Webbe. Thus the game ended in a defeat for the School by 3-2. The Old Harrovians generally, and particularly their half-backs, played a very rough game, which almost accounts for the result of the match. Sides:—

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

Old Harrovians : G. Macan (goals), Rev. W. Law and M. W. Kinlock (backs), M. C. Kemp and B. H. Rendall (half-backs), A. J. Webbe and H. G. Kinlock (centre), C. E. Broughton and H. W. Greene (left wing), Rev. E. D. L. Harvey and E. H. Hills (right wing).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* UPTON PARK.

The return match with Upton Park came off on Wednesday, February 18th ; our XI., who had shown a considerable falling off in their previous matches this

term, now seemed to have pulled themselves together, and to have regained some of their last term's form. Page, too, was again able to appear on the scene, and seemed to be as serviceable as ever. Upton Park won the toss, and chose the Guards' Hospital end ; accordingly, soon after three o'clock Hurst started the ball for the School, which at once made a dashing attack upon the visitor's goal. Inglis took the ball away with a good run, and passed to Barnett, who made an excellent attempt to score, but the ball hit the bar and rebounded into the field.

The School, however, were soon again engaged in offensive operations ; and Page, cleverly clearing the backs, placed the ball neatly in front of the goal, and Hurst following up well got it through the posts. Page had a try at a second goal shortly afterwards, but the ball missed the goal and went behind. Some good work was now done for Upton by Bickley, Humphery, and Barnett, and for Westminster by Page, who made some fine charges down the right. The fine defence of the School backs continued to keep off the attacks of the visitors, till at last a combined onslaught proved too much for them, and Inglis, after a good run, passed to Woolley who put the ball to Barnett, the shot hitting Moon and bouncing off through the posts. The second half of the game produced an exciting tussle for victory, though during the latter part of the time the School had the game pretty much in their hands. After some good play on the part of Upton Park, in which Bickley and Humphery made themselves conspicuous, the former passed to Barnett, who tried to repeat his previous performance, but the attempt was cleverly frustrated by Sherring. Except for this rush Upton Park were for the most part penned, the School forwards working hard, and Pryce, Page, and Sandilands especially doing their best to gain the wished-for point ; in this attempt, however, they were frustrated, principally owing to the good defence of Warren-Leete and F. L. Woolley ; the game accordingly ended in a draw, each side having scored a goal.

The following were the teams:—

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

Upton Park : A. C. Stone (goal), Warren-Leete and A. K. Holt (backs), F. L. Woolley (captain) and P. C. Muspratt (half backs), H. R. Barnett and H. C. Woolley (right wing), A. M. Inglis and H. Savill (centres), H. C. Humphery and F. Bickley (left wing) (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* OLD FORESTERS.

This, the last match before our meeting with Charterhouse, was played at Vincent Square, on Saturday, February 21st. The ground was in excellent condition, but a very cold wind was blowing across the ground and slightly interfered with the play, preventing any very accurate shooting. The game opened favourably for the visitors, as they at once

carried the ball into the neighbourhood of our goal. Several corners fell to them but Fevez took good care that they were of no effect. The aspect of affairs soon changed and the Foresters' goal became the centre of attack. Page, by some clever dodging, got clear of the backs and middled admirably; but Denton was equal to the occasion and saved his charge. Man and Gibson both made good attempts to score, and Page again distinguished himself by some effective work down the right, ending with a fine middle, which gave Pryce an opportunity which he was not slow to avail himself of (1-0). When Fairclough re-started the ball our forwards again brought the ball unpleasantly near their opponents' goal, Hurst and Pryce obtaining shots almost at once, the latter sending the ball behind. Denton kicked the ball well away, but Page by a brilliant run soon brought it back; and after some excellent play among the forwards a well-placed middle by Sandilands gave the ball to Hurst, who kicked the ball past the goal-keeper as he rushed out (2-0). The Foresters' forwards now succeeded in keeping the ball to themselves for a time, and kept up a strong attack till considerably after the change of ends. A difficult shot by Johnson was well saved by Sherring. Hurst at last got the ball well away by a run down the centre; and Sandilands receiving the ball from Barwell took it down the left and made an ineffectual shot. The ball was now taken up and down the ground without any change being made in the score, though Sargeant and Denton—who played forward for the last part of the game—made attempts for the visitors, while Pryce and Gibson both went very near adding another point for us. A final attempt on the part of Old Foresters was rewarded with success. B. Guy who, with Mills on the right, had been doing some very valuable work, put in a hard shot which came just below the bar, Sherring stopped the ball with his hand, but the wind carried the ball in front of the goal, and Denton rushed it through (2-1). Nothing further occurred till time was called, and our XI. accordingly won by 2 goals to 1.

Sides:—

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

Old Foresters: E. B. Denton (goal), F. W. Sewell and F. A. Challington (backs), H. H. Johnson and S. N. Sargeant (half-backs), G. C. Mills and B. Guy (right wing), P. Fairclough (captain) and H. W. Guy (centres), W. Walker and J. H. Matthews (left wing).

WESTMINSTER *v.* CHARTERHOUSE.

Saturday, February 28th, was the day fixed for our annual match with Charterhouse, and a large contingent of Westminster fellows paid a visit to Godalming to witness the game. Our XI. had shown considerable promise at the beginning of this season, though they had not been so successful in most of the matches played this term, principally owing to the absence of Page. Our hopes of success,

however, were very considerable, and the XI. started for Godalming in high spirits; the poor play throughout the game, together with the extraordinary falling-off in the form displayed by the XI., proved a serious disappointment to all who had held hopes of better things. Sherring, Sandilands, and Petrocchino were the only members of the XI. who in the least justified our expectations, and showed anything like their usual form; though the others all worked as hard as they could, they seemed completely lost on the strange ground, which, in spite of the heavy falls of rain during the last fortnight, was incomparably faster than the scene of the XI.'s previous victories this season at Vincent Square.

Fevez won the toss and chose to play up-hill for the first part of the game, but our opponents had the disadvantage of the sun in their eyes for part of the time. The Carthusians opened the proceedings with a fast rush down the slope, and attacked our goal with vigour; a corner soon fell to them, and Thomas placing the ball skilfully to the left wing, after a short scrummage, it was rolled through the posts, out of Sherring's reach (1-0). This acted as a severe damper on the Westminster spirit, and when Hurst kicked off the ball was again rushed down to our goal, Martyn and Cooper on the left doing some excellent work. Hurst at last got the ball away and passed to Page who gave Charterhouse a small exhibition of his dribbling powers. The attempts of our forwards were short-lived, however; Page was soon 'dished' and the ball returned in front of our goal, where Sherring had a couple of shots to save in close succession. Some good passing among the Westminster forwards worked the ball a short way up the ground, and Page made a good run, Moon cleverly put an end to a dangerous return rush, and the ball was carried up to our opponents' goal for the first time. Sandilands twice placed the ball neatly before their goal, but the backs were on the alert and got it away. Galsworthy got on the ball and by a fast rush down the centre distanced all our backs, but Fevez caught him up just in time and put a stop to his career. Sherring had a difficult shot to save just under the bar, this he did satisfactorily, and a subsequent shot from the right went harmlessly behind. A run by Page again brought the ball to the Charterhouse end of the ground, where a 'hands' fell to us. From the free kick Fevez placed the ball beautifully, but none of the forwards could reach it and it went through the posts untouched. Our XI. now got together a bit and for a short time really penned their opponents, but Tyler and Evan-Thomas worked hard to repel all attacks. Sandilands, Page, and Gibson made good attempts to get a shot at goal, and the passing of all the forwards was very fair. One of the Carthusians' combined rushes brought the ball back again to our end, and Sherring had a very hot time, and saved some very difficult shots following rapidly one upon the other—shots from Martyn and Cooper being very close things. Our forwards now had a turn at the top of the ground, and after a well-placed but unsuccessful free kick from Fevez, Page made a shot which was saved by Brown; and shortly after Sandilands made a good attempt,

the ball going behind. After a short diversion caused by another rush of the Charterhouse forwards and a good shot from the left, Westminster again attacked their opponents' goal with vigour. Hurst obtained an unsuccessful shot, and Page did some fair dribbling on the right. The call of 'half-time' interrupted these attacks and ends were changed, our XI. not unreasonably hoping that with the incline in their favour they would be able to retaliate upon their opponents for the one goal which had been scored. In this, however, they were disappointed, as, although the game was very even, and our forwards were two or three times very near scoring, the Charterhouse forwards were too fast for our backs, and by two well-timed rushes added two more goals to their score. Our XI. began the second half well by a strong attack; from a pass by Page Pryce got hold of the ball, but his shot was stopped by one of the backs. The play became very fast in front of the Charterhouse goal. Sandilands cleverly avoided two or three of three of the opposite side and middled, Page soon got on the ball and passed to Gibson, who shot into Brown's hands. A shot by Page directly afterwards went behind.

Westminster kept up the attack with unflagging energy; Petrocochino again and again gave the ball back to the forwards, and Sandilands contributed some excellent work on the left, making one very noticeable attempt at goal, the ball just falling behind the bar. A long shot by Petrocochino was stopped by Brown, but in stepping back he crossed the goal-line. The goal was not allowed on the ground that 'hands' had been previously called. The free kick was taken by Fevez, and from a scrimmage Moon put in a well-judged shot; the ball, however, went over the bar. After the kick-off from hot bully in front of the Charterhouse goal the ball went behind. Shortly after a fine dash by Galsworthy proved too much even for Fevez, and a second goal was scored with a good shot (2-0). After the ball was restarted it was taken down our right, and Page sticking to the ball well at last got an opportunity of middling to Hurst, who was, however, ruled off-side. The same player soon after made too good dashes but was unable to score on either occasion. The Charterhouse forwards now got on the ball again, and swept up the ground; Sherring after saving one shot well was beaten by another; but 'off-side' was claimed and allowed. Our forwards now made a final and desperate attempt to gain one point to counterbalance their losses. Page and Gibson played well, and Barwell and Sandilands both made good attempts to gain the wished for goal. Gibson too made a creditable attempt, but this was the last offensive action of our XI. Another of the Charterhouse rushes took place, in which Galsworthy was finely stopped by Fevez, but after some scrimmaging in front of goals the ball was stopped by Sherring in a doubtful position close upon the line; after some debate a goal was allowed (3-0), and the call of 'time' immediately afterwards brought the game to a close. For our vanquishers, who were a good all round XI., the

half-backs, Evan, Thomas, and Lewis were the strongest point; of the forwards Galsworthy, Martyn, and Cooper were perhaps most worthy of notice. For us, Sherring was brilliant in goals; for the rest Sandilands, Gibson, Petrocochino, and Moon showed the most creditable parts of a poor exhibition of the powers of the XI.; Fevez did some good things, but was decidedly not 'on the spot'; and Page, though he worked hard, was, as was only natural, very much below the form he displayed before his accident. The XI. were as follows:—

Westminster: 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. R. Sandilands and A. Pryce (left wing).

Charterhouse: C. Wreford-Brown (goal), C. H. Tyler and J. Carson (backs), C. H. Evan, Thomas (captain) and H. L. Lewis (half-backs), G. Laird and W. M. Crowsly (right wing), E. S. Currey and F. T. Galsworthy (centres), A. J. Martyn and F. J. Cooper (left wing).

SIXTH *v.* SCHOOL.

The Sixth XI. met an XI. picked from the rest of the School on Monday, February 2nd. The Sixth appeared to be decidedly the weaker team, but played up well, and were only defeated by 3 goals to 2. The School were the first to score, soon after the commencement of the game, from the foot of Gibson. This put the Sixth upon their mettle, and they made a vigorous attack upon the School goal, and Pryce rushed the ball through the posts, thus making matters even. Not long afterwards Lowe middled well, after some good play with Phillimore on the right, and James getting hold of the ball, was enabled to score a second goal for the Sixth. This was their last success, and the score was equalised by Hurst before half-time. During the latter part of the game the Sixth were more or less penned, but owing to the excellent play of the backs only one more goal was scored against them, kicked by Hurst. Sandilands gave the Sixth backs a great deal of trouble, and several times middled admirably. On the other side Pryce made several good attempts to get the ball away from the Sixth goal. Fevez, Sandilands, and Hurst, were most useful for the winning, Harrison, Sherring, Pryce, and Lowe, for the defeated team. The sides were:—

Sixth: C. A. Sherring (goal), R. H. Bellairs and J. Salwey (backs), H. Harrison, J. W. Aris and J. E. Phillimore (half-backs), H. P. Lowe and G. G. Phillimore (right), L. James (centre), C. Bompas and A. Pryce (left).

School: C. Winckworth (goal), A. L. Fevez and E. Jervis (backs), E. Man, C. S. W. Barwell and S. Petrocochino (half-backs), P. Probyn and C. Gibson (right), A. R. Hurst (centre), R. Sandilands and E. Berens (left).

UPPER ELECTIONS *v.* RIGAUD'S.

On Friday, February 6th, Upper Elections made their first appearance in the football field, and their maiden efforts were attended with comparative success, as they played a good drawn game with

Rigaud's, neither side obtaining a goal. Phillimore did some good dribbling, and played up hard throughout the game, obtaining one or two unsuccessful shots. Rigaud's forwards passed well, and made fine combined attacks on the opposite goal. The game, however, was pretty even for the first part of the time. The second part of the game was rather one-sided, Rigaud's keeping the ball down at their opponents' goal for the most part; Hurst twice got clear away, and a victory for his side seemed inevitable. But though he shot hard, Sherring stopped the ball magnificently on both occasions, and the game came to a conclusion without either side scoring. Sides :—

Upper Elections : C. A. Sherring (goal), J. W. Aris and R. H. Bellairs (backs), H. Harrison (captain), J. E. Phillimore and F. M. Yglesias (half-backs), G. G. Phillimore and A. S. Waterfield (left wing), J. Watt and L. James (centres), H. P. Lowe (right wing).

Rigaud's : E. Power (goal), S. Petrocochino and E. Jervis (backs), E. Man, E. F. Allen and B. Balfour (half-backs), C. J. Ritchie and E. Berens (left wing), A. R. Hurst (captain) (centre), P. C. Probyn and A. H. Harrison (right wing).

UPPER ELECTIONS *vs.* GRANT'S.

This match, which was played up fields on Friday, February 13th, produced a very spirited game, the two teams proving to be very evenly matched. During the first half of the game neither side scored, although for Upper Elections Lowe and Phillimore did some good shooting, while Veitch obtained several shots and Pryce and Gibson kept charging down to the opposite goal. A shot of Harrison's seemed to be just on the point of giving an advantage to Upper Elections, when Moon stopped the ball with his hands. A fierce scrimmage followed in front of goals, but the ball was at last got away. Play continued with unabated energy after the change of ends, and Phillimore put in some effective work on the left. A goal at last fell to Upper Elections, Watt rushing the ball through the posts. The other side then played up their hardest to avert defeat; Pryce and Gibson were particularly conspicuous, and after a fine bit of play between them, the ball got down to the right side of the goal, whence one of the forwards contrived to centre, and Smyth, seizing the opportunity, quickly kicked the ball through the unguarded space. Victory was thus snatched from the Upper Elections just at the last moment when it seemed assured to them; as time followed almost immediately, the game thus ending in a draw. Harrison, Sherring, Phillimore, and Lowe, did their utmost for Upper Elections, while Pryce, Veitch, and Moon were the best for Grant's. The sides were :—

Upper Elections : C. A. Sherring (goal), H. Harrison and R. H. Bellairs (backs), J. W. Aris, J. E. Phillimore and F. M. Yglesias (half-backs), G. G. Phillimore and A. S. Waterfield (left wing), J. Watt and L. James (centres), H. P. Lowe (right wing).

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

DEBATING SOCIETY.

ON Thursday, January 29th, a meeting of the Society was held, when the following officers were elected :

President, F. M. Yglesias, Q.S.; *Vice-President*, E. F. Allan, T.B.; *Secretary*, E. Jervis, T.B.; *Treasurer*, E. N. Sharpe, T.B.

On the evening of the same day another meeting was held, and the following motion discussed :

'That in the opinion of this House the spread of Temperance in this country is highly desirable.'

Proposer, E. N. Sharpe; seconder, E. F. Allen; opposer, C. Gibson.

Mr. Sharpe began by eulogising the various efforts now being made for the suppression of drunkenness. He declared that abstaining soldiers and sailors were always considered most trustworthy and enduring; that drunkards were fast diminishing in number, and the total consumption of liquor was appreciably less. In an eloquent peroration the hon. proposer styled the temperance movement the most noble of all noble works, and left his cause to the wisdom and good sense of the House.

Mr. E. F. Allen, in seconding the motion, condemned intemperance in the strongest terms, as 'sapping the country's strength.' He explained temperance to mean moderate drinking, *i.e.* avoidance of all drunkenness, and not necessarily total abstinence, which is a privilege rather than a duty, becoming the latter, however, in the case of a priest working among drunkards, or in a very depraved parish, who might promote temperance by his own self-denial.

Mr. Gibson opposed the motion, and gave the house a startling piece of information—namely, that drunkenness does not engender crime, and, to prove this novel assertion, the hon. member cited the instances of the counties of Northumberland and Hereford; the former, although famous for drunkenness, being comparatively free from crime, while the latter, although moderately sober, notorious for its criminal propensities. The hon. member then spoke of the irreparable loss to the revenue of the State which would inevitably result from the spread of temperance.

Mr. E. F. Allen asked the hon. opposer if he wished to increase the revenue at the expense of the country's morality.

After an anecdote and a few remarks from Mr. Sharpe,

Mr. Collier criticised the hon. proposer's speech, and the position of members of the Blue Ribbon Army in general. He challenged the self-satisfied statements of teetotalers, and pointed out how often their abstinence from drink was balanced by exhibitions of gluttony. While advocating temperance he preferred the geniality of an ordinary man's life to the warped views which ever attended bigotry.

As on a division being taken the number of votes

were equal, the Vice-President's casting vote was given in favour of the motion.

On Thursday, February 5th, a meeting of the Society was held, and after new members had been proposed, the President rose and said it was his painful duty to report the death of a famous O.W., Sir Robert Phillimore, and to propose a vote of condolence, which, on account of his well-known loyalty to his country and affection for his School, was enthusiastically carried.

The following motion, proposed by E. F. Allen, seconded by E. Jervis, and opposed by E. N. Sharpe, was then discussed :

That the attempt on O'Donovan Rossa's life by Mrs. Dudley was perfectly justifiable.

Mr. E. F. Allen began by dwelling upon the wickedness of Rossa's life, the harm he had done, and undoubtedly would do, and argued that where the law could not deprive this villain of life, it was no sin for an individual to do so, provided he or she did it for no private or personal spite. The hon. proposer then detailed the nature of the attack, and asked if such an act as this were one of madness or criminality? It was rather following the dictates of conscience, and the human sense of justice, for, as Byron says :

'When the laws sleep, justice wakes, and injured souls
Oft do a public right with private wrong.'

Mr. Jervis seconded the motion, and said that the first feelings of all patriotic Englishmen when they heard the news were feelings of intense joy; but now that all hopes of his death were at an end, we must turn our attention to the sad position in which our countrywoman was placed. She was imprisoned, and everyone said she was mad! 'What a pity,' said the hon. member, 'that all the world is not as mad as she! For she had shown more bravery and patriotism in her madness than our vacillating Government had.'

Mr. Sharpe (opposer) treated the House to some flowery metaphorical language, and then brought forward the only argument against the motion—namely, that it was against Divine Law, which forbids man to take man's life. He said it was an unwomanly thing for Mrs. Dudley to do, adding that he thought that solitary confinement for the rest of his natural life ought to be Rossa's lot.

Mr. Roos could not refrain from pointing out that such deeds were but lynch law, and as such could not be tolerated among civilised nations.

The President urged the plea of insanity in Mrs. Dudley's behalf. If Rossa were legally guiltless he ought to have been left unmolested. He deprecated private interference.

After remarks from Messrs. Barwell and Fevez,

Mr. Coller in the course of a somewhat humorous speech criticised the extremely funereal tone of Mr. Sharpe. He denied the truth of Mr. Allen's eulogies, and discarded Mr. Fevez's insinuations. Criticising the motion as distinctly immoral, he appealed to the House to reject it.

A division was shortly afterwards taken with the following result :—

Ayes 10.
Noes 13.
3 against.

At a meeting held the following day, D. Petrocochino, P. C. Probyn, and A. R. Knapp, were elected members.

On Thursday February 12, after the President had announced the death of Frank James, an announcement which was received with the deepest sympathy, Mr. Waterfield rose to propose a vote of censure on the Government. It was to their cowardly and vacillating policy, he urged, that the lives of Gordon, Earle, and Burnaby had been sacrificed, and the Government that took for its motto 'Too Late' had caused their death. Deprecating the tone of the foreign papers, the hon. proposer appealed to the House to rally round its distressed country.

Mr. James eloquently described the situation into which a miserable Government had brought our country. Majuba Hill, the war and treaty with the Boers, were crowned by Khartoum's fall.

Mr. Roos referred our want of success to our own soldiers. He cited a letter in the *Globe* which argued that the investment of Khartoum was merely a *petite ruse* on the part of the Mahdi. He asked the House to reject the motion.

Mr. Yglesias reviewed the situation, and counselled a masterly inactivity, while a paradoxical discussion by Mr. Fevez of the internal causes of defeat, brought the debate to a conclusion.

The motion was almost unanimously carried.

THE GLEE CLUB

gave its fifth concert on the evening of Wednesday, February 17. The proceedings were opened by a part song 'The sun shines fair,' the rendering of which showed marked improvement. Francke then gave a reading from Hans Breitmann: we need only say that the piece was as well recited and as well received as any we have had from him. 'May Dew,' by Sterndale Bennett, was exceedingly well sung by Olivier, who afterwards, as an encore, gave his long-promised song 'Where the bee sucks.' The quartette 'Sweet and low' was perhaps the most successful part of the vocal portion of the programme, but would have been still better if the alto had been less modest. This was followed by the third scene of the third Act of 'Much Ado About Nothing.' When we consider that the actors wore the ordinary costume of the nineteenth-century Englishman (except that most of them had gowns), that they had no lantern, and that the majority of them had but a hazy notion of their parts, they may be congratulated on the successful manner in which they performed the scene—or as much of it as they did not forget.

Bellairs, as Dogberry was rather farcical; Mr. Blackburn did justice to the part of Verges, which he took almost at moment's notice; Coller as Borachio may be congratulated on the skilful manner in which he feigned not to see Conrade while looking straight into that worthy's face, while the Watch showed great zeal and energy in binding and securing their captives. The cast was as follows:—

<i>Dogberry</i> , R. H. Bellairs.	<i>Borachio</i> , F. H. Coller.
<i>Verges</i> , E. F. Allan.	<i>Conrade</i> , P. M. Francke.
<i>Watch</i> { H. P. Lowe,	J. S. Watt,
{ C. A. Sherring,	L. James.

It would be superfluous to criticise Mr. Troutbeck's violin solo, the rapturous manner in which his Andantino was encored, shows how well the School appreciated his kindness. The well-known chorus 'See our oars,' though hardly so well rendered as the former one, was nevertheless well received. In conclusion we must congratulate the Glee Club on this most successful performance.

THE CHESS CLUB.

THE Chess Club at present seems to be in a fairly prosperous condition. The number of members is steadily increasing, and considerable interest is manifested in the result of its matches. Financially, however, although it can pay its own expenses, it is too poor to provide a prize for the winner of the tournament. An election has been held and the following have been admitted into the Club: C. L. Aveling, C. Barwell, C. Bompas, R. Olivier, G. O. Roos, H. W. Smyth.

The result of the first round in the tournament is as follows:—

J. Phillimore.	beat	Roos.
Bellairs . . .	„	Chapman.
Coller (<i>Hon. Pres.</i>)	„	H. Harrison.
Salwey . . .	„	Aveling.
Pryce . . .	„	Allen.
M. Brown . . .	„	Barwell.

The Club has been engaged in a match against the Masters, each side being represented by seven players. The School scored a brilliant victory chiefly owing to the almost unhopd for result of Salwey's tie with Mr. Marklove.

<i>Chess Club.</i>		<i>Masters.</i>
J. E. Phillimore . . .	beat	Rev. R. F. Dale (2-0).
R. H. Bellairs . . .	„	Mr. Tatham (2-0).
J. Pryce . . .	„	Rev. A. Sloman (2-0).
J. Salwey . . .	„	Mr. Marklove (2-1).
E. F. Allen . . .	was beaten by	Mr. Blackburne (2-0).
H. Harrison . . .	„	Rev. C. A. Jones (2-0).
H. M. Brown . . .	„	Mr. Freeman (2-1).

Obituary.

We regret to have to record the death of Francis Fuller James, only son of the Rev. B. F. James, late Senior Assistant Master, which took place in his 21st year, at Hungershall Park, Tunbridge Wells, on February 11. He entered the School in the Summer Term of 1877 and left at Midsummer, 1882. He then entered Christ Church, Oxford, as a Commoner, where he took a second class in Moderations last year. He had only gone down for illness a week before his death.

All who ever came into contact with him must have admired the gentle kindness and courtesy which was his distinguishing characteristic; but to the inner circle of his friends he was endeared by the loyalty and warmth of his affections, by his unfailing generosity and consideration for others' feelings, by the steady fortitude and cheerfulness with which he bore a life of infirmity and constant suffering unselfishly and without complaining. He died in the same courage and Christian faith which had been his throughout his life.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

NOTES.

'In my time it was confidently stated at Charterhouse that the Westminster boys rented a row of ruinous houses, the partition walls of which they had broken through for the purpose of rat hunting.'—T. Mozley's 'Reminiscences of Towns, Villages and Schools,' Vol. I. p. 381.

It may not be generally known that the service books of the Roman Church supplied the two beautiful Latin hymns which our Elizabethan statutes assign, the one to the *Preces Matutinae*, the other to the *Preces Vespertinae* directed to be used by the scholars in dormitory. The former is the hymn for Prime in the Ambrosian Breviary, and the latter a Compline hymn from the Salisbury Breviary. There are good English renderings of both.

MORNING HYMN.

Jam lucis orto sidere,
Deum precemur supplices;
Ut in diurnis actibus
Nos servet a nocentibus;
Linguam refrænans temperet,
Ne litis horror insonet;
Visum fovendo contegat,
Ne vanitates hauriat.
Sint pura cordis intima;
Absistat et vecordia;
Carnis terat superbiam
Potus cibique parcitas;
Ut cum dies abcesserit,
Noctemque sors reduxerit
Mundi per abstinentiam
Ipsi canamus gloriam. Amen.

The star of morn to night succeeds ;
 We therefore meekly pray,
 May God, in all our words and deeds,
 Keep us from harm this day :
 May He in love restrain us still
 From tones of strife and words of ill,
 And wrap around and close our eyes
 To earth's absorbing vanities.
 May wrath, and thoughts that gender shame,
 Ne'er in our breasts abide ;
 And cheerful abstinences tame,
 Of wanton flesh the pride :
 So, when the weary day is o'er,
 And night and stillness come once more,
 Strong in self-conquering purity,
 We may proclaim, with choirs on high :
 Praise to the Father, as is meet,
 Praise to the only Son,
 Praise to the Holy Paraclete,
 While endless ages run. *Amen.*

CARDINAL NEWMAN.

EVENING HYMN.

Salvator mundi Domine,
 Qui nos servasti hodie,*
 In hac nocte nos protege,
 Et salva omni tempore.
 Adesto nunc propitius,
 Et parce supplicantibus :
 Tu dele nostra crimina :
 Tu tenebras illumina,
 Ne mentem somnus opprimat ;
 Nec hostis nos surripiat,
 Nec ullis caro, petimus,
 Commaculetur sordibus.
 Te reformator sensuum
 Votis precamur cordium,
 Ut puri castis mentibus
 Surgamus a cubilibus.
 Gloria tibi, Domine,
 Qui natus es de Virgine,
 Cum Patre et Sancto Spiritu
 In sempiterna secula.
 Salva nos, Domine, vigilantes :
 Custodi nos dormientes :
 Ut vigilemus in Christo,
 Et requiescamus in pace.

O Saviour of the world forlorn,
 Who man to save this day wast born,
 Our days are sinking to their night,
 In darkness save, save us in light.
 Let thy most blessèd favour be
 Around us as we bend the knee ;
 Blot out our sin ; the heavenly ray
 Dispels the gloom and makes our day.
 No sleep shall thus weigh down the mind,
 Nor ghostly foe unguarded find ;
 Nor reason yielding to a dream
 Wake less responsive to thy beam.
 O Thou that makest all things new,
 With cravings of the heart we sue,
 Our lives may, fresh from Thee their source,
 Renew the pureness of their course.
 To God the Father endless praise,
 And to his only Son we raise ;
 An equal glory, as is meet,
 Be sung to God the Paraclete.

LORD BRAVE.

* The translator by a slight change has given a special reference to this line.

O.W.W. IN PARLIAMENT. Following the example of 'Harrow Notes' (to whom I offer, if any are needed, my apologies), a copy of which I saw some months ago now, I send you a list of the Old Westminster as present in Parliament, which will doubtless be of interest to some of your readers. The names in brackets of course show the places they represent, while the 'C' and 'L' need no explanation.

Right Hon. George Augustus Frederick Cavendish Bentinck (Whitehaven), C.

Right Hon. Lord Richard de Aquila Grosvenor (Flintshire), L.

Right Hon. Lord Henry Charles Gordon Lennox (Chichester), C.

Right Hon. James Lowther (Lincoln, N.), C.

Right Hon. Sir John Robert Mowbray (Oxford University), C.

William Edward Murray Tomlinson (Preston), C.

Samuel Charles Evan Williams (New Radnor), L.

Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., Denbighshire), C.—CONSERVATIVE.

ANECDOTES OF DR. BUSBY (*ante* p. 78). The following anecdote of the *plagosus Orbilius* of Westminster School is taken from 'The Public Schools,' by Rev. W. Lucas Collins (p. 109).

'During the brief ascendancy of the Romanist friends of James, which led to this second revolution, he (Dr. Busby) met one of his old pupils, now the well-known Father Petre, one day in St. James's Park. Petre accosted his old master: Busby declared he could not recognise him in that dress, and Petre mentioned his name. 'But you were of another faith, Sir,' said Busby, 'when you were under me—how came you to change it?' 'The Lord had need of me,' replied the convert. 'Need of you, Sir? Why I have read the Scriptures as much as any other man, and I never read that the Lord had need of anything but once, and then it was an ass?'

I hope that some other of your correspondents will send any further anecdotes that they may know of or come across hereafter.—CONSERVATIVE.

QUERIES.

MENTION OF WESTMINSTER SCHOOL IN NOVELS (*ante* p. 137).

Will 'F. C.' kindly state what is the name of the novel he refers to, in which the Q.SS. of Westminster and the boys of Christ's Hospital are confused?—O.

I would express a wish that any contributions on this subject should be inserted, in future, in the 'N. and Q.' column of your paper.—URLLAD.

LIST OF T.BB. I shall be very much obliged if you, or any of your readers, can inform me how, and where, I can obtain a list of all the boys who have been at the School, other than those on the foundation. The *Alumni Westmonasteriensis* (a new edition of which, brought down to date, is much wanted), supplies the roll of those on the foundation; but as far as I know there is no list of the T.BB. I can refer to. If there is any means of obtaining this, I should also like to know the dates of their entrance to and departure from the School.—URLLAD.

REPLIES.

AUTHOR WANTED (*ante* p. 199).

I wish to protest against the incomplete and distorted form in which my Query appeared at the above reference. Besides wishing to know the author of the book in question, I also asked whether the articles on the various schools had previously been published in any magazine, and if so when, and in what magazine. It is more than probable, I think, that they did (if one may judge from other examples), as 'The Public Schools,' by the author of 'Etoniana,' appeared primarily in *Blackwood's Magazine*; and that portion (*i.e.* the historical portion) of 'Every Day Life in Our Public Schools' for which Mr. Eyre Pascoe himself is responsible was first given to the public in the pages of *The Leisure Hour*. I may say that 'The Public Schools' above mentioned, the authorship of which I, for one, certainly knew, and which I should have thought was very generally known, is not the one I am inquiring about. These papers were first published collectively in 1867; but the book, the name of the author of which I shall be glad to learn, is 'Our Public Schools,' which was published anonymously, only in 1881.—URLLAD.

Our Contemporaries.

THE *Ousel* is quite content to leave the future of Bedford Grammar School in the hands of its governors—how nice! Perhaps in the next number we shall see that the editor intends to allow the head master to retain his position for the present. The members of this too-happy school have been treated to a series of magic-lantern views with the oxy-hydrogen light, followed (but this sounds tame in comparison) by the 'amusing story of Gabriel Grubb.' But even the oxy-hydrogen light fails, apparently, to affect the callous conscience of the English boy, for this same magazine contains a pitiful letter, complaining of the inconvenient manner in which books are surreptitiously 'borrowed' from lockers—*O tempora! O mores!*

There is always an air of portly respectability about the *Geelong Grammar School Quarterly*; its very title has a rich, important ring in it, and as it lies before us, arrayed in all the glory of its gorgeous blue cover, and bearing, as frontispiece, a lovely picture of the Geelong Grammar School itself, it seems to beam at us in conscious superiority, as if it would say, 'Look at me! I am the *Geelong Grammar School Quarterly*.' On examining the interior of this magnificent volume, we were disappointed. Its dimensions indeed are imposing, for it contains some seventy pages, and—and—well, that's about all.

The *Meteor* is a good number. It contains a sensible Past Year article, School Notes (which it calls 'Meteorological Observations'—how funny!), 'not too much Football, but just Football enough,' an account of an exciting debate on the 'Mignonette' case, which had to be decided by the President's casting vote, and much other interesting matter. Moreover, there is no lack of Correspondence.

The chief feature of the *Marlburian* is a pathetic 'Editorial,' complaining of the small number and despicable quality of the contributions received; he inserts various examples, mostly poetry. We cannot refrain from quoting the following extract from a piece entitled 'The Reine of the Highland Tourist':—

'Our tourist friend was rather shocked,
In fact he shuddered rather,
For this Maclean gave his mother her name,
Having been her great-grandfather's father.

'Disregarded now, an omen comes,
Nemesis delays it no longer—
A flock of gulls. The wind now lulls,
But the tide runs possibly stronger.'

The *Radletian* begins with what it calls 'Radleiana' (meaning, apparently, School Notes), in the course of which we find the following series of remarkable sentences: 'Time, it will be seen, has written no wrinkle on our azure brow. What reply can be made to the True Blue who asserts with a thump on the table, "Whatever is, is best. The present has always been the size and shape of the *Radletian*: why change it?" Where one person has written up his name, who would be so un-English and perverse as not to write his own under it! And so a great Conservative re-action, a kind of monster counter-agitation, set in, and we give in, &c., &c. What does it all mean? Is it an acrostic? If so, we give it up, hoping that in the next number they'll ask us something easier. A member of the Debating Society is reported to have remarked that 'although the examiners may have one end in view, it is evident that the examination must act both ways at once.' Another conundrum!

The *Rossallian* leads off with an 'Editorial,' which makes up for the total inanity of its sentiments by the enormous size of the type in which it is printed. This is followed by a parody on 'Paul Vargas,' entitled 'Saul Fargus,' by 'Q. Honway.' Not content with splitting its readers' sides with this piece of satire, this humorous magazine then lays before us 'The Life and Adventures of A B and C as recorded in the "Algebra for Beginners" and the "School Arithmetic."' After we have with some difficulty recovered from this, we find an epitaph on the Public School Latin Primer (Obit Xmas, 1884):

'Few knew it well enough
to
appreciate its worth.
Many knew it only too well;
All might have known it better.'

If the *Rossallian* goes on like this, it will soon be as good as 'Funny Folks,' almost.

There is a burst of poetic fervour in the *Wykehamist*—no less than six different pieces of poetry rivet our astounded gaze on opening this magazine. The most thrilling, perhaps, is a string of disconnected couplets, signed (humorously?) L. & N.W.R., which tells us that

'The sun came up, the sun sank down,
Noon followed morning and eve followed noon.'

What a marvellous thing! I wonder when it happened? The Winchester Debating Society is officered by two Secretaries, a President, a Revisional Committee, and three Whips!! Even then they only meet once a fortnight—perhaps too many cooks spoil the broth.

The *Portsmouthian* 'hopefully and boldly steps out on the highway of 1885.' By way of a good beginning they send out their January number in the middle of February. In it we find an article entitled 'A Visit to a Penguin Rookery.' This sounds interesting, so we peruse it, longing to know all about penguin rookeries, but only find an account of an outlandish saddle, mainly consisting of a 'sinch' and a 'coquenillo,' as used in the Falkland Islands, and some interesting facts about edible geese, but no penguins and no rookery; however, it is to be continued, so there is yet hope. One good point the *Portsmouthian* has, it is very cheap—3d. per number and subscription half-a-crown.

In the two numbers of the *Wellingtonian* which we have received, Wellington is chiefly conspicuous by its absence. There are numerous thrilling ghost stories, and some funny stories (oh, so funny!), and a good article on Canterbury Cathedral; but almost the only fact that we can discover concerning the School itself is that they have an institution called the 'Hopetoun Stairs,' apparently a sort of mixture of concert and free fight, for we read that thither go 'squealers, to lift their voices aloud and to yell themselves hoarse, and those—shall we say grandees of the Upper Middle part of the School?—who delight to jostle and hustle one another about, tearing off coat buttons and hurling the headgear of luckless wights beneath

their feet in the choruses.' 'Not too grand grandees' they of Wellington.

The *Alleynian* has a beautiful cover, tinted apparently with Reckitt's Paris Blue.

The *Felstedian* speaks of a boy called Jones, who 'has a mysterious receipt for performing his toilet in six minutes.' We wish he would send us that receipt. At Felsted they seem to have a fire-brigade 'legion as far as numbers are concerned, yet entirely unequipped . . . the use of which would seem to be practically limited to holding the hose and perhaps passing buckets.' Long letters, stuffed with Latin quotations as full as an egg is of meat, mainly compose this number.

The *Berkhamstedian* is a nice little number, with an essay on John Burroughs, which is really very pleasant reading. In the School News column it is remarked that a certain gentleman who left last term 'no doubt will be missed by many of us'!

The *Durham University Journal* tells us that the 'latest novelty in costumes for the river is flannels, a blazer, and spats,' and gives 'a new translation of an old adage: *De mortuis nil nisi bonum*, rendered by a Passman, "For the dead languages nothing like a Bohn." Moreover, it quotes various 'monstrosities' from the *Journal of Education*, of which a few may be here quoted: 'Manhood suffrage is the state of suffering to which all mankind are born. Cromwell was the brother of Lord Wolseley. Prince Rupert was a famous experimental chemist. An antiquary is an enemy of fishes (Latin *anti*, against, and *agua*, water), &c.

A letter in the *Malvernian* complains of 'the fashion of wearing brown hats, set by certain gentlemen who call themselves "sportsmen."' Two pages are filled up with advertisements of different Malvern tradesmen. That is a very good idea; with advertisements of Liberty's Art Fabrics, Argosy Braces, Pear's Soap and the Japanese Village we shall be able to make the most barren and dull *Elizabethan* lively and interesting. Besides, the advertisement column might be made a source of profit.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—May I make your valuable paper the vehicle of the general thanks of my mother, my sister, and myself to the whole School for the kind and graceful thought which prompted the sending of the wreath for my dear father's funeral?

We felt that it was, of all tributes, one which he would when living have best appreciated, and by my mother's desire it and her own wreaths were the only ones which were on the coffin during the funeral procession.

I took an early opportunity of thanking the Captain on behalf of the School, but I should like to add this more public expression of our thanks.

Your obedient servant,
WALTER G. F. PHILLIMORE.

82 Eaton Place, S.W.
Feb. 20, 1885.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—In respect of 'A Bystander's' letter which appeared in your last edition, containing certain imputations against the 'patriotism' of members of the School XI., and containing further and distinct assertion that I have failed in what I consider my duties as Captain of Football, I feel called upon to make a short statement. The only occasion on which members of the XI. elected to play for O.W.W. was when the chances of the latter in their first Cup Match seemed imperilled, through inability to raise their proper team. On this occasion Hurst and myself were strongly urged to fill the vacant places, and we only consented to do so on obtaining the full approbation of the other 'pinks,' who, I believe, are as competent judges as 'Bystander.' As to the remainder of 'A Bystander's' communication, I will only request him to be more careful in future not to attempt to convey his own mere unfounded specu-

lations as another's REASONS for doing a particular thing. If he is really anxious for the honour of the School in the football field, or wishes for explanation, he knows well where to find me.

I am, dear Sir,
Sincerely yours,
A. L. FEVEZ.

Westminster, Feb. 24, 1865.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—In the *Elizabethan* of last December, Δυσέπας asked 'If there is any record of our old matches with Eton and other public schools,' and you refer to *College and Town Boy Life at Westminster* as the most important paper published during the century. I venture to think you have for the moment forgotten the *Nugæ Westmonasterienses*, 1847. *College and Town Boy Life* was published somewhat spasmodically (1845, 1846, 1847), supposed to be a weekly paper, whereas the *Nugæ* was a monthly one.

The *Nugæ* contains an account of the Eton and Westminster race of that year (July 29, 1847); and there is a short note, stating that up to that time there had been nine races, five of which Eton had won. I have copies of both these works; and I fancy that they are difficult to get and somewhat expensive. I think I gave about £1 some twenty-seven years ago for the two. There is no *imprimatur* with the *Nugæ*, so I cannot tell who printed it, but I fancy Ginger did. I bought my copy there when I bought *College and Town Boy Life*. Mr. Forshall's work, 'Westminster School Past and Present' (Wyman & Sons, 1884), contains an excellent account of these races.

I am, dear Mr. Editor,
Faithfully yours,
T. W. WHEELER.

FROM OUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I have this month a most painful duty to perform—the Westminster community up here have suffered a great loss by the sudden and premature death of Francis Fuller James, of Christ Church. There are few O.W.W. up here who have not at some time experienced his genial and kindly hospitality; and there was none, I venture to say, who felt a keener interest in the well-being of his old school. It is a loss not easily to be repaired either for his personal friends, of whom he had many, or for the O.W.W. as a body. But this subject will be treated elsewhere as it deserves; still it is difficult to turn from this solemn subject to the more ephemeral interests it is my duty to chronicle.

The torpids just concluded were by universal consent ranked as the worst ever rowed—only three O.W.W. were rowing in them, a fact by which I might explain their inferiority did I wish to emulate a certain Mr. Fillingham of Merton, who has lately written to the *Oxford Review* to prove that Reform Bills produce cholera. H. F. Hawkins at 2, and H. Lawrence at 4, were conspicuous in the Exeter boat, which bumped Trinity, Christ Church, 1, Magdalen and New finishing 3rd; and R. H. Williams stroked Christ Church 2, which bumped Lincoln and finished 13th.

At football, O.W.W. made a grand fight against the 'Varsity on February 18th, the match ending in a draw (1 all). For us our goal-keeper Tepper-Bailey, the two Heaths, and Jenner showed up best. Our goal was scored by Jenner. In a match against Keble we fared worse, and with a rather weaker team were beaten, 3-2. However, we defeated Bradfield, 3-1, and B. N. C. 2-0; and drew with Corpus, 2-1.

In athletics, W. L. Marshall won the mile, and was second in the two mile race at the sports at the same meeting. A. Munro won the 120 yards handicap, and was second in the open hundred; and R. Berens gained the second place in the steeple-chase. H. Gordon, of New, has been figuring prominently in the strangers' races this year.

I am, &c.,
FLOREAT.