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THE PAST FOOTBALL SEASON.

It is with feelings of considerable and un-mixed satisfaction, that we take this opportunity of reviewing the past football season. Never within the memory of Westminsters, present or past, has there been a season with such an almost uninterrupted flow of successes, as will be seen by referring to the list of matches which we give below. At the beginning of the season our prospects looked bright, as we had eight of our old eleven left, and the two forward vacancies, and that in goals were quickly and ably filled. After Christmas, indeed, we experienced a serious loss in the departure of Burrige, who had played so brilliantly, and acted so efficiently as Captain throughout the term; two vacancies also occurred among the backs by Bird and Wetton leaving; and our chance against Charterhouse seemed diminished when we lost our first match against a team of

Old Harrovians, which was by no means among the strongest teams we have met. This can probably be accounted for by the fact, that the extremely mild weather at the beginning of this term was not conducive to energetic 'wiring up' after the dissipations of the Christmas holidays; but this defeat was speedily and amply remedied by our victories over the Clapham Rovers and Old Etonians with 4-0 and 6-0 respectively, and as the latter came immediately before our Charterhouse match, our hopes were elevated considerably. There is many a slip, however, 'twixt the cup and the lip, and at the end of the intervening week the news about Squire's incapacity to play was as crushing as it was unexpected; our hopes went down as suddenly as they had risen, and consequently little further disappointment was experienced when the result was decided, for it did not take long to see that we had met our match.

The rest of the season, however, brought a series of successes, until we drew our last match with Old Westminsters, which was perhaps the most carelessly played one of the season, as

up to within ten minutes before time we had the advantage by 3-1. With regard to the general play of the eleven, we think that its success was mainly due to its 'passing,' which was a marked improvement on that of previous years, but even now there seems to be room for still further improvement in that line.

About the middle of the Play Term we had some wet weather for the matches, and one or two days of this term, but as a rule we have been fortunate in that respect, though the heat at the end of March was more suitable for cricket than for football. We append a list of the matches and their results:—

ANALYSIS OF MATCHES.

PLAY TERM.

Oct.	5, Wed.	v. C. W. R. Tepper's Eleven.	won 1-0
		Higgins.	
„	8, Sat.	v. Remnants	drawn 1-1
		Higgins.	
„	12, Wed.	v. O.W.W.	won 5-1
		Higgins (2), Bain, Burridge, Jenner.	
„	15, Sat.	v. Old Etonians	won 5-2
		Burridge, Bain, Scoones, Higgins (2).	
„	22, Sat.	v. R.M.C. Sandhurst	won 5-3
		Burridge (2), Bain, Bird, Morison.	
„	29, Sat.	v. Clapham Rovers	lost 1-2
		Burridge.	
Nov.	9, Wed.	v. Old Carthusians	lost 1-5
		An opposing back.	
„	12, Sat.	v. Old Harrovians	won 6-1
		Burridge, Bain (2), Bird, Morison, Jenner.	
„	19, Sat.	v. Old Wykehamists	won 4-2
		Bain, Higgins, Bedford—Opposing back.	
„	23, Wed.	v. Reigate Priory	won 4-1
		Bain, Frere, Higgins, Jenner.	
„	26, Sat.	v. Old Foresters	won 5-2
		Burridge, Bain, Higgins (2), Bedford.	
„	30, Wed.	v. G. Stephenson's Eleven.	won 2-1
		Bain, Higgins.	
		Total	40-21

ELECTION TERM.

Jan.	28, Sat.	v. Old Harrovians	lost 2-3
		Jenner (2).	
Feb.	4, Sat.	v. Old Carthusians	won 2-0
		Bain, Higgins.	
Feb.	11, Sat.	v. Old Foresters	won 2-1
		Rogers, Waterfield.	
„	15, Wed.	v. Clapham Rovers	won 4-0
		Higgins (2), Waterfield, Bain.	
„	18, Sat.	v. Old Etonians	won 6-0
		Morison, Jenner (3), Waterfield (2).	
„	25, Sat.	v. Charterhouse	lost 2-3
		Bain, Higgins.	
March 1,	Wed.	v. R. Engineers	won 7-2
		Bain (2), Morison, Higgins, Waterfield (2).	
„	4, Sat.	v. R. M. C. Sandhurst.	won 2-1
		Bain, Rogers.	
„	15, Wed.	v. Old Wykehamists.	won 2-1
		Rogers, their goal-keeper.	
„	25, Sat.	v. O.W.W.	drawn 3-3
		Higgins, Waterfield, their goal-keeper	
		Total	32-14

Matches played, 22; won, 16; lost, 4; drawn, 2.

Goals kicked during the whole season—for 72; against 35.

REPORT OF THE CRICKET COMMITTEE.

THE Committee appointed by the Elizabethan Club to inquire into the state of cricket at Westminster, and to make such suggestions as in their opinion might tend to its improvement, have had before them the present and late captain of the first Eleven, the School professional, T. A. Mantle, and also have had the benefit of the opinion of Mr. Roller, who was in the Eleven in 1872 and of Mr. W. S. Trollope.

The information before the Committee, and on which this Report is based, including the knowledge of some of the members of the Committee, consists of the personal experience of various members of the Eleven from 1864 down to the present year.

The principal subjects to which the Committee have directed their attention are—

1. Professional coaching.
2. The condition of the ground in Vincent Square and the efficiency of Mantle as a ground-man.
3. Lawn Tennis 'up fields.'
4. The arrangement of the games and system of practice.
5. The effect of 'water' on cricket.

Dealing, then, *seriatim* with these subjects in the foregoing order:—

1. The Committee observe that up to about 1872, the professional coaching appears to have given general satisfaction, whereas the present feeling of the School on this subject appears to be the exact contrary.

Certainly the professional coaching for several years past has been unsatisfactory.

It seems that up to the Whitsuntide holidays, the arrangement has been for a professional named Potter to bowl to the first Eleven, and for Mantle to bowl to the second Eleven. After Whitsuntide Mantle has bowled to the first Eleven, and Holmes to the second Eleven.

All the practical professional coaching received by the Elevens is in the morning, between 12.45 and 1.45 on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays; on Thursdays from 12.15 to 1.45.

Each boy is supposed to have from 15 to 20 minutes' bowling. Sometimes a boy being detained by school duties misses his turn, and the Committee are informed that, as a fact, each member of the first and second Elevens obtains, at the outside, one hour's professional bowling in the course of three weeks. The Committee consider this amount of instruction to be entirely insufficient, nor is it at present supplemented by any efficient coaching in the 'Big Game' played in the evening.

This 'Big Game' is composed of a side picked up amongst the two Elevens and others, one professional playing on each side. The professional on the outside bowls, the professional on the inside does nothing except take his innings, and the Committee are informed that little or no coaching is attempted by the professional who is bowling.

With regard to the professionals engaged for the School, the Committee feel some difficulty and hesitation in expressing an opinion, since Holmes will not be engaged this year, and Potter has obtained an engagement elsewhere.

Pooley, who has been highly recommended, has been taken on in his place for the early period of the season before the Whitsuntide holidays, and Webb afterwards. Mantle has been in the service of the School as bowler and ground-man for 20 years, and seems an efficient 'coach' when he takes the trouble, but he has of late been frequently incapacitated from bowling through indisposition and other causes, and, when incapacitated, has not always provided, it is said, a competent substitute.

The Committee, whilst recognising the difficulty of the position, owing to the want of spirit amongst the boys themselves, consider that the professionals should devote more time and attention to coaching and bowling to the members of the first and second Elevens, particularly in the evenings, and they would suggest that during the 'Big Game,' the professional on the inside might be bowling at a net to those who are waiting for their innings, and that when the numbers 'up fields' are small, a 'round Robin,' with two professionals bowling, might with advantage be occasionally played.

Were this suggestion adopted, the time available for professional coaching would be trebled without employing an extra man.

2. Passing to the ground, the Committee consider that while the match piece seems very fair, the condition of the practice pitches is extremely bad, and must injuriously affect the batting, bowling, and fielding of the boys.

Ever since the level was raised the ground has been 'lumpy,' but making all due allowance, the Committee think that if greater attention were bestowed on the preparation of the different practice pitches they could be greatly improved.

Each winter Mantle repairs the ground, in accordance with an estimate, which averages about £36, including hire of horse for roller. In addition to this ordinary work, two strips of ground, (1) about 50 yards by 30; (2) about 40 yards by 30, have this year been relevelled and relaid, at a cost of about £55.

The Committee consider that the average sum expended on the ground each year is sufficient to keep it in good order if properly applied.

Mantle's estimate allows for only forty hours' use of the horse, for bush-harrowing and rolling combined, up to the commencement of the Cricket Season, and the rolling does not usually begin till after Football is over—that is, after the middle and sometimes nearly at the end of March; Cricket beginning early in April.

Mantle says that at present it is no use to roll earlier because of the injury done to the ground by boys punting foot-balls about, or playing small unauthorised games over the centre of the ground.

The Committee consider the amount of rolling at present quite insufficient, and therefore suggest that, as far as possible, a regulation should be enforced,

forbidding play with foot-balls under any circumstances over the match ground and first Eleven practice pitches, so that rolling might be commenced earlier in the year and continued longer.

Another cause of the bad state of the ground seems to be the difficulty of watering it. At present there is only a sheep trough, into which water is turned on at about 11 A.M.; whereas the water is wanted in the evening, and in any case the supply is wholly inadequate.

Mantle states that the Water Company would put a meter connected with the main and supply 100,000 gallons of water at £5 per annum. A short pipe from this meter would give a constant supply of water.

Mantle estimates the cost of laying down pipes and hydrants from the meter to different parts of the ground at about £50, but he has already a hand water-cart, so that the ground could be efficiently watered without this outlay, if the meter was in existence.

The Committee are of opinion that steps should be at once taken to procure a meter as described.

Certain parochial schools, the Abbey choristers, and the district police practice on the ground by Dr. Scott's permission, at certain hours; and it appears that Mantle has been in the habit of admitting other persons, unknown to the authorities, especially during the Whitsuntide and summer holidays. This incessant wear must, of course, be most injurious to the ground, as the worn pitches have no time for recovery, but the Committee understand that steps have been already taken to check this abuse, by means of a written agreement between Mantle and the Head Master.

The Committee are also of opinion that the police and others, having permission to play, should be strictly confined to portions of Vincent Square not used for Cricket purposes by Westminster boys.

It may be noted in passing, that Mantle at present provides Cricket Dinners, at 4s. a head. He expressed a wish that this might be taken off his hands, and the Committee are of opinion that this would be a better plan.

3. *Lawn Tennis* seems, without doubt, to have been detrimental to Cricket. It often causes delay through boys not being ready for their innings; it tends to make them indifferent about their innings, and generally less keen about the game. While the *Lawn Tennis* ties are being played off, the 'Big Game' is almost broken up. The Committee think that *Lawn Tennis* should be discouraged as much as possible; that no ties should be played, and that, at most, not more than two nets should be permitted in the remote corners of the Square.

4. *The arrangements of the games 'up fields.'*—The Committee are of opinion that some steps are urgently needed to prevent the present waste of time in starting the 'Big Game,' and to make the smaller games more efficient. They suggest that lists of the sides for the evening might be made out daily beforehand (similar to the water lists), that Captains of the smaller games should be appointed, who

should be responsible for their proper management ; that the Captain of Cricket should, as far as possible, exercise a personal supervision over the smaller games ; that the practice of wearing flannels in the evening should be made the rule and not the exception in all games ; that back nets should be used for practice for the first *Eleven*, whereby the number of smaller boys required for fagging out would be materially lessened, and, if funds permitted, that back-nets should also be provided for the second *Eleven* and the smaller games.

The present method of 'calling names' appears often to break up the smaller games, but the Committee consider this to be a question so peculiarly within the province of the masters of the School, that they do not feel justified in doing more than noticing the fact, leaving the masters themselves to suggest a remedy.

The boys would be glad of occasional amateur coaching from O.W.W. Any O.W., who would be willing to come down, on giving his name to the captain, would receive an invitation if his services were required.

The training of the *Eleven* is stopped at a very important part of the season by the system of holidays at Whitsuntide instead of Easter, but the Committee are aware of the difficulties in making any alteration in this respect.

5. The effect of 'water' on Cricket. On this point but very little evidence was laid before the Committee. Mantle alone spoke decidedly. He gave as the principal reason of the failure of cricket at Westminster the want of material for him to work upon, and complained that of the small numbers practically available, many of the biggest boys were taken away by 'water.' The diminution of the number regularly 'up fields' is of course disadvantageous to cricket, but as water is an institution with prescriptive rights of its own, the Committee do not wish to offer any suggestions on this point.

The Committee conclude their Report with a summary of their more important suggestions :—

1. That a net should be put up in the evenings at which one professional should bowl to those waiting for their innings in the 'Big Game.'

2. That the professional bowlers in the 'Big Game' should do more definite coaching.

3. That more attention should be paid to the practice pitches, and, in particular, that the roller should be more used early in the year.

4. That football should not be played more than necessary over the practice pitches late in the season, and should be wholly forbidden over the match-ground.

5. That a meter for the supply of water be put up at Vincent Square.

6. That the police, parochial schools, &c., should not be allowed to play on any pitches used by Westminster boys, and that unauthorised persons should be strictly excluded.

7. That lawn tennis should be discouraged.

8. That lists of sides should be made out during

the day ; that captains should be appointed for the smaller games, and back-nets introduced.

(Signed) ALFRED WADDLOVE, D.C.L.
ARTHUR SLOMAN.
E. A. NORTHCOTE.
ALFD. F. W. GAMBLE.
HAROLD W. ABERNETHY.
H. F. MANISTY (*Hon. Secretary*).

March 29th, 1882.

In publishing this Report, our object is to call attention to the immense amount of time and trouble which has been taken by O.W.W. in our behalf, and to offer them our most sincere thanks for their generosity and kindness.

EPIGRAMS.

In the present number we have brought the series of epigrams up to those of last year, and we think that those spoken in the last two years are by no means inferior in interest to the preceding ones. Our next number will contain selections from the epigrams of the forthcoming election time, and we hope in future to see such selections produced annually in the first number after the Whitsuntide holidays.

The thesis of the following is 'Gratum sed inutile' : would not 'ingratum et inutile' have been more suitable?—

I strove a cynic friend to bring
To women's rights—a vain suggestion :
'When young they'll make of everything,'
He said, 'an evening party question !
Their social war they're wont to wage
By universal *supper-age* !'

'Well, when their dancing days are done
You'd let them vote?' 'Oh, no! my friend,
Those ancient spinsters—ten to one—
Their countenance to *Whigs* will lend !
Thus into politics extending
The head and front of their offending !'

'But votes you'd give to every wife?
They will, in your own view, deserve it, if
In public as in private life,
You find them one and all *conserve a tiff* !'
'No ! that idea is even cooler :
What ! give a vote to each Home Ruler !'

Our Irish friends and the ladies appear to have been the main subject of the epigrams of 1880, as we find six of them following closely the one upon the other, all containing one or other of these ideas :—

In the days of Sedans—not the day of Sedan,
When the Empire vanished away !
But when in a chair our good Queen Anne
Would go forth 'to counsel or tay !'—

'Tis said that an Irishman hired a chair,
Which was borne by two chairmen stout,
And presented a most distinguished air,
Were it not that the bottom was out !

As he shuffled along, to the chairmen's swing
 Keeping time, to himself he talked,
 'Arrah, sure, if it weren't for the look of the thing,
 I belave, I'd as soon have walked !'

The following is short and sweet, sweet because it is short, and contains both of the above-mentioned ideas :—

'Why, Mulligan, what are you at,
 Thus kissing Miss O'Connor ?'
 'Faith, we'd a quarrel,' answers Pat :
 'I'm making peace with Honor !'

Probably there is 'no rose without a thorn,' and 'nimium ne crede colori!' would be a very good moral to be gathered from such an epigram as this :—

Jack's wife has got a lovely face,
 A charm in every feature :
 But wanting sense with all her grace,
 She proves an useless creature.

Seek not sole beauty in a wife
 (The liquor needs some mixture !)
 Good looks can't stand the wear of life,
 Alas ! they're not a fixture.

Our ideas would lead us to answer the next question in favour of 'the maid with the brush,' but, of course, it is a matter of opinion :—

Miss Diana we see to the hunting-field go,
 While over her books Miss Minerva bends low ;
 Pursuing respectively foxes and knowledge,
 One stays at the hall, while one goes to the college.
 But which is more likely to captivate men,
 The maid with the brush, or the maid with the pen ?
 When Diana clears fences, ah ! who can resist her ?
 But remember how papers are cleared by her sister !
 Their chances seems equal : for love, as one sees,
 Comes sometimes at a gallop, sometimes by degrees !

The same ideas and thesis also produced the following :—

'Tis well that womankind should claim
 A higher end—a nobler aim—
 Than just through life to dawdle !
 But was't from Girton College first
 A female wrangler on us burst ?
 Remember Mrs. Caudle !

She was a Senior : but may be
 This youthful maid of high degree,
 Beneath the summer moon,
 Will, listening to some tender word,
 Feel in her breast love's problems stirred
 By some—not wooden—spoon !

Then paper work will lose its charm,
 And *viva voce* bear the palm
 In such exams as these :
 In which she wins—resolved to bear
 Her proper part in household care—
 A fellowship of keys (Caius).

The following appears to be a list of useless appendages ; we append them accordingly, for though 'inutilia,' they are certainly 'grata' :—

If some great Peer in war struck down
 For his country's cause a martyr,
 Lose both his legs, say, should the Crown
 Bestow on him a Garter ?

He upon whom no stain can fall,
 Who shuns each muddy path,
 And comes with clean hands out of all,
 What wants he with the Bath ?

Then if across the Tweed we pass,
 Like difficulties bristle ;
 See him who proved himself no ass
 Rewarded with a Thistle !

By a strange coincidence we come across the following on the anniversary of Lord Beaconsfield's death ; it appears, however, that the primrose bears the palm, and not the Cypress ; the subject, of course, is the Turnerelli wreath :—

Not mine on politics to dwell ;
 But all must own 'twere answered well :
 'O Tracey ! twine no wreath for me,
 Or twine it of the Cypress tree !'

What Major candidates would not re-echo the following wish (if he thought his chance of election was small) ?—

Our labours are o'er ; we shall know by to-morrow,
 The joys of success, or the pangs of rejection ;
 But this year suggests means to get rid of all sorrow,
 Give us like the country a 'General Election.'

The following is the famous epigram which our friend the *Athenæum* quoted as being insubordinate and rebellious ; it reminds us of a remark which we noticed in one of 'our contemporaries' a short time ago relative to Westminster, that 'it is very hard for the living to come up to their glorious dead' : we acknowledge the difficulty, but hope to overcome it, and trust that the last observation will prove, in the course of time, to be as unfounded as the former :—

Despite late attempts, which we deem very shabby,
 To make us depart from the shade of the Abbey,
 Change of air will not suit with our old Constitution,
 And 'go to the country' implies dissolution.
 To this 'Local Option' we fairly may claim,
 To cling to the scene of our Ancestor's Fame.
 That Fame to maintain let each boy do his best,
 And we'll say with MacMahon, 'J'y suis, et j'y reste !'

Has not Mr. William Beckwith as much or more right to the title of K. T. ?—

Where once the captive whale for breath
 Gaped, as he slowly welcomed death,
 The sport of half the town,
 Now see the man who braved the deep,
 For sixty hours drift, half asleep,
 Listlessly up and down !

What though the monarch of the brine
 Refuse his title to resign
 To aught devoid of scales ;
 Yet grudge not Webb his hard-won rank :
 Dub him K. T., Knight of the Tank,
 And future Prince of Whales.

Two English epigrams only occur among those of 1881, of which, we need hardly say, we quote the longer one :—

MIRA! SED ACTA (?)

Each day now sees a new prospectus start;
 Each new prospectus tells with growing art
 Its stirring tale, and boasts a golden shower
 With more than all the brass of Danae's tower.
 The medley-list with schemes unnumbered swells—
 Jam—horse-nails—pavement—potted beef—hotels.
 A crowd of doctored drinks with hybrid names,
 In angry rivalry assert their claims,
 And fain would have us deem them each decreed
 Beer and the grape alike to supersede;
 Whilst many a yard-long puff reiterates
 What worth and savour lie in half-charred dates.
 With Cornish tin Norwegian copper vies
 In moving cautious souls to enterprise.
 Railroads to anywhere from anywhence
 Brag of their future gains with glib pretence.
 Lo! fields shall smile where Danish fields have rolled;
 New Ophirs teem with long neglected gold;
 At home, abroad, on every side extends
 A mirage of resplendent dividends!
 But pause, nor lend your ear with too much ease
 To scheme-promoters, nor to patentees;
 Nor wholly trust that ever ready seer,
 The sanguine, suasive, mining-engineer.
 Ere in rash haste you join the quest for shares,
 Think well what fate perchance the future bears—
 The obstacles which, ne'er at first detected,
 Are always found, and classed as 'unexpected'—
 The dwindling assets, and the growing debts—
 The special meetings, and the board's regrets—
 Directors' pleas—shareholders' indignation—
 The long and dreary days of liquidation—
 The change from bubbling hopes to rueful fears—
 Unpitiful calls—contributor's tears—
 The mirage fled—sad scraps of wisdom won—
 And those alone who held the shares are *done*.

We conclude with one, 'in Virum Reverendum
 H. M. Ingram annos poene viginti Hypodidas-
 calum':—

*Acte in grammaticâ versate, audentior ito,
 Defuncte officiis vive valeque diu.*

School Notes.

The result of the examinations for College and Exhibitions was as follows:—

Elected to College—

L. James,
 H. Morgan Brown,
 C. A. Sherring,
 H. Harrison.

Elected to Exhibitions—

J. E. Phillimore.
 B. P. Hurst.
 C. H. Bompas.
 C. A. W. Shackleton.
 *L. Cotteril.
 R. R. Sandilands.

* Has resigned his exhibition.

Præ-electi for College—

G. G. Phillimore.
 F. M. Yglesias.
 R. H. Bellairs.
 H. H. Fox.
 E. R. H. G. Holbrooke.
 J. Salwey.
 P. H. Fawcett.
 A. W. Taylor.

The following Cricket matches have, at present,
 been arranged for this Season:—

April 15, Saturday, *v.* Old Westminsters.
 „ 22, Saturday, *v.* Old Haileyburians.
 June 17, Saturday, *v.* Lords and Commons.
 „ 24, Saturday, *v.* Old Carthusians.
 July 1, Saturday, *v.* Nondescripts.
 „ 5, Wednesday, *v.* Incogniti.
 „ 12, Wednesday, *v.* M.C.C.
 „ 15, Saturday, *v.* The Masters' XI.
 „ 22, Saturday, *v.* Charterhouse.

The Match *v.* Old Haileyburians was not played
 on account of the weather.

On Friday, March 31, we had a half-holiday, at
 Mr. Tracey's request, for the Oxford and Cambridge
 Sports.

We regret to state that our contributor of the
 article on eminent Old Westminsters does not wish
 his article to be published in this number, but has
 sent us a long letter instead, which we have inserted
 in our Correspondence columns. We hope, however,
 to have his full permission to publish his article in
 our next.

We beg to call subscribers' attention to the altera-
 tion of the Post Office, as we have signified in our
 Notices.

We hear that it is intended to institute a clock up
 school; we hope this does not mean the abolition of
 the time-honoured office of Mon: Os:.

The Phillimore prize for the English Essay
 has been awarded to J. B. Hodge. Prox. access.:
 T. Morison.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE Debating Society met on Friday, the 24th of
 March, to consider the subject of the secretaryship,
 about which a great disturbance had been made.
 The number of members present far exceeded any
 previous debate of the Society since its inauguration,
 owing doubtless to the exciting nature of the debate.
 After some time had been occupied in questions, the
 debate began in earnest. Towards the end of the

evening the speeches became more impetuous, and the whole tenor of the Society also so unmanageable that several members were suspended. Instead of breaking up at 7.0 P.M., as is the usual rule, the meeting was kept up till nearly twenty minutes to 8. Obstruction was rife, and the House divided more than six times on the question of an adjournment. Finally the Society dispersed, having executed, in fact, barely any business at all, to meet again on Tuesday, March the 28th, when the motion of the previous meeting was continued, with the effect that the late secretary was evicted from his office.

Another meeting was held on the 7th of April, at which a motion was passed to continue the debates of the Society on Wednesday mornings after Easter. At the end of this meeting, the president resigned his office.

The Society met again on the 19th of April, when the treasurer, C. J. Shebbeare, was in the chair. Owing to the occupation of Library, and the presence of various individuals in School, the meeting was held in the Upper Fifth Room. After it had been agreed to elect a new president on the following day, H. Lawrence proceeded to propose his motion on the clôtüre :—

‘That, in the opinion of this Society, the form of clôtüre, as proposed by Mr. Gladstone, meets with the approbation of this Society.’

After a laborious and statistical speech from the proposer, and some words from A. Rogers, the seconder, S. H. Clarke, the opposer, apologised for not having prepared his subject as carefully as was necessary, as was self-evident, and, after a few words, sat down.

The Society, after some remarks from A. E. Bedford and other members, broke up.

On Friday, the 21st, a meeting was held to elect a new president, and A. G. L. Rogers was elected without any practical opposition.

FOOTBALL.

T.BB. v. Q.SS.

THIS match, the last game of the football season, was played on the morning of Saturday, March 25, in bright warm weather, and resulted in a victory for the T.BB. by two goals to none. The Elevens were very unevenly matched, and the formidable array of ‘pinks’ and ‘pink and whites’ on the Town Boy side, seemed likely to need little trouble in gaining their expected victory. The Q.SS. lost the toss, and consequently Waterfield kicked off from the Hospital end at 12.25. At first the game seemed pretty even, but the T.BB. soon began to have their own way, and from a scrimmage in front of the goals Morison rushed the ball through the posts, but the goal was not allowed, on the plea of his having previously handed it. Soon afterwards a good run down the side by Bain was followed by a middle to Scoones, who, as it appeared, put it through, but the goal-keeper apparently was under the impres-

sion that it was going outside post, and left it alone, when the goal was immediately claimed. The two umpires and referee were all too far off to see it, and reference was consequently made to the bystanders behind the goals, who gave it in favour of the T.BB., and the goal was disallowed. The goals were kicked by Higgins and Jenner. The T.BB. were deprived of the services of Squire. For them the best were Higgins, Fulcher, Bedford, and Frere, and Healey in goals; while for the Q.SS., Bain, Scoones, and Rogers considerably lessened the expected severity of the defeat. Williams also played well in goals. The sides were :—

TOWN BOYS.

E. C. Frere (captain), T. Morison, F. T. Higgins, A. C. W. Jenner, A. F. Healey, H. A. Fulcher, A. J. Heath, W. L. Benbow, A. E. Bedford, G. H. Viner, and C. T. Roller.

QUEEN'S SCHOLARS.

F. W. Bain (captain), O. Scoones, A. G. L. Rogers, H. W. Waterfield, R. Vavasseur, W. C. Dale, H. C. Peck, J. M. Dale, R. H. Williams, R. G. E. Forster, and H. P. Lowe.

CRICKET.

WESTMINSTER v. T. MANTLE'S XI.

THIS match, the first of the season, was played on Wednesday, April 12; the Eleven had little practice beforehand, and consequently were not up to the form which we hope to see them in, the principal object of playing the match on that day being to practise them for the O.WW. match of the following Saturday. The score was as follows :—

WESTMINSTER.

E. G. Thorne, c. Abel, b. Lewry	1
A. E. Bedford, s. Ratcliffe, b. Abel	12
E. Harington, s. Ratcliffe, b. Abel	11
G. E. M. Eden, run out	31
W. C. Dale, b. Abel	1
F. T. Higgins, c. Ratcliffe, b. Estir	11
F. W. Bain, b. Johnson	6
C. T. Roller, c. Estir, b. Johnson	7
H. T. Healey, b. Johnson	0
A. G. L. Rogers, not out	2
C. B. Tritton, c. and b. Estir	4
Extras—byes 8, leg-byes 3	11
Total	97

T. MANTLE'S XI.

J. Ratcliffe, Esq., b. Tritton	21
E. James, Esq., b. Eden	3
Burrows, not out	28
Lewry, b. Tritton	1
Armfield, not out	1
Abel	
Bain	
Rusin	
Johnson	
Estir	
Page	
Total	54

WESTMINSTER v. OLD WESTMINSTERS.

THIS whole-day match was played on Saturday, April 15, the weather being rather too cold to facilitate good fielding. Our opponents' eleven contained two county men, all the rest being 'Old Pinks,' three or four having been captains of the School Eleven. The score was as follows:—

OLD WESTMINSTERS.	
A. M. Hemsley, b. W. C. Dale	23
Rev. W. C. Bedford, c. Tritton, b. Eden	17
H. S. Jackson, s. Thome, b. Healey	29
W. E. Roller, c. Tritton, b. Healey	15
W. S. Trollope, c. Bain, b. Higgins	28
F. C. Ryde, c. Eden, b. Higgins	22
W. H. C. Wilson, not out	35
T. T. Bush, c. Thorne, b. Eden	12
W. C. Ryde, c. Harington, b. Dale	4
A. P. Boyd, b. Eden	39
Extras—byes 3, leg-byes 3, wides 3, no ball 1	10
Total.....	234

They played one short.

WESTMINSTER.	
A. E. Bedford, c. Bush, b. Roller	2
A. G. L. Rogers, c. Hemsley, b. Roller	4
E. Harington, b. Bedford	5
G. E. M. Eden, c. and b. Roller	9
F. T. Higgins, not out.....	45
F. W. Bain, b. Roller	25
C. J. Roller, b. Trollope.....	1
W. C. Dale, not out.....	1
F. G. Thorne.....	
H. T. Healey	
C. B. Tritton.....	
Extras.....	8
Total.....	100

The bowling analysis of the Eleven was as follows:—

	Overs.	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs.	Wide Balls.	No Balls.
W. C. Dale	21	3	2	42	1	0
F. T. Higgins ...	20	6	2	39	0	0
G. E. M. Eden... 29	3	5	3	47	0	0
E. Harington.....	5	0	0	12	0	0
H. T. Healey.....	12	3	2	29	1	0
C. B. Tritton.....	28	7	0	51	0	1

THE CONCERT.

OUR Annual School Concert came off on Tuesday, April 26th, in College Hall, and was, we consider, as successful a performance as that of last year. We think this was mainly due to the substitution of glees for the feeble recitative and solos which were then inflicted upon us. Moreover, the rain, which fell incessantly during the evening, helped to diminish the oppressive heat, which is usually our greatest drawback, while, strangely enough, it did not apparently help to diminish the number of spectators. The first event worthy of note was the pianoforte solo by Mr. Dale, which was greeted with the applause which it deserved. Perhaps the early appearance of 'Now stay, good nag,' on the programme was the cause of the manifest nervousness displayed by the performers, which considerably deteriorated from the effect. The old madrigal, 'Now is the month of maying,' by Morley, was very effectively rendered by

the soprani; and 'Oh! by rivers,' by Bishop, and 'Good night! thou glorious sun!' by Smart, are particularly worthy of mention; but, to our minds, Mendelssohn's 'Farewell to the Forest' is decidedly more beautiful as an unaccompanied quartet than as the subject for a loud demonstration by a full chorus, pianoforte included. 'Love in her eyes,' from 'Acis and Galatea,' was particularly well suited to Mr. Bray's delicate voice; but we were scarcely prepared for one even more delicate immediately following, when C. N. Clarke sang 'Slumber and dream' *pianissimo* with a very pleasing effect. Mr. Bray also sang 'Roses,' which was vehemently encored. We are never tired of hearing Handel's Sonata in A for the violin, when well played, and certainly Mr. J. Troutbeck came up to our highest expectations, the last movement especially being accomplished with great finish; he played Gounod's 'Meditation' as an encore. 'The Three Dreams,' by Prof. Macfarren, was very well rendered, Fisher's high notes being particularly good, and Rogers showing himself a very promising tenor. 'O lead me to the meadows,' by Linley, also was worthy of approbation. Sharp's solo was enthusiastically encored; he has the advantage of a fair voice and clear pronunciation—a combination rarely found among members of the Westminster choir. Mr. Gumbleton, as usual, favoured us with his presence, and gave us Blumenthal's 'Message' with exquisite taste and expression, and also took part in a duet with Mr. Pownall. We must not forget to mention Druit's pianoforte solo of Mendelssohn's Musical Sketch, which he played instead of Schumann's 'Aufschwung,' which the programme announced. Another change was made in the programme by the omission of 'The Three Chafers,' on account of one of the performers being prevented by a bad cold from taking his part in the quartet. The crowning success of the evening, however, was reserved for Mr. Pownall: his magnificent rendering of the Marseillaise in Schumann's 'Die beiden Grenadiere,' calling forth universal applause. Mr. Ranalow kindly conducted, and Mr. Pettit accompanied on the pianoforte. The programme ran as follows:—

FIRST PART.

1. Part Song . . . 'Blanche' . . . Kücken.
2. Pianoforte Solo . . 'Easter Lay' . . . Reinecke.
Rev. R. F. Dale.
3. Duet . . . 'Now stay, good nag' . . . Kücken.
H. Harrison, } and M. R. Bethune.
S. Fisher, }
4. Part Song . . 'Farewell to the Forest' . . Mendelssohn.
5. Song . . . 'Love in her eyes' . . . Handel.
E. Bray, Esq.
6. Song . . . 'Slumber and dream' . . . Mendelssohn.
C. N. Clarke.
7. Part Song . . 'It is not always May' . . . Barnett.
8. Violin Solo . . Romance in A, Op. 94 . . Schumann.
J. Troutbeck, Esq.
9. Duet . . . 'O lead me to the meadows' . . . Linley.
C. L. Freeman and C. Bristowe.
10. Song . . . 'Die beiden Grenadiere' . . Schumann.
F. Pownall, Esq.
11. Song . . . 'The Message' . . . Blumenthal.
G. Gumbleton, Esq.
12. Madrigal 'Now is the month of maying' . . Morley.

SECOND PART.

1. Part Song . . . 'Oh! by rivers' . . . *Bishop.*
2. Duet 'The moon has raised her lamp above' . . . *Benedict.*
G. Gumbleton, Esq., and F. Pownall, Esq.
3. Pianoforte Solo . . . Musical Sketch . . . *Mendelssohn.*
P. Druitt.
4. Trio . . . 'The Three Dreams' . . . *Macfarren.*
S. Fisher, C. F. Rogers, F. H. Coller.
5. Song . . . 'Roses' . . .
E. Bray, Esq.
6. Part Song . . . 'The Lark now leaves' . . . *Bishop.*
7. Violin Solo { Andante and Allegretto } . . . *Handel.*
 { from Sonata in A }
J. Troutbeck, Esq.
8. Song . . . 'The Boys of the Old Brigade' . . . *O. Barri.*
E. N. Sharpe.
9. Song . . . 'To Anthea' . . . *Hatton.*
F. Pownall, Esq.
10. Two-part Song 'The Nightingales' . . . *Hackel.*
B. S. Chope, } and { W. F. Green,
H. Farmer, } { C. Coddington,
 } { H. Small.
11. Part Song 'Good-night, thou glorious sun' . . . *Smart.*
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Our Contemporaries.

WE beg to acknowledge the receipt of *The Meteor* (2), *The Elizabethan*, *The Salopian*, *The Forest School Magazine*, *The University College School Magazine*, *The Rossallian*, *The Wykehamist*, *The Fettesian*, *The Berkhamstedian*, *The Lily*, *The Wellingtonian*, *The Bradford School Chronicle*, *The Carthusian*, *The Newtonian*, and *The Felstedian*.

The Berkhamstedian opens with 'How to write a Paper.' To look at the rest of the Magazine we should say that the article in question has not appeared before it was wanted.

'The Place of Greek in Culture.' A well-worn subject, but not badly treated on, in *The University College School Magazine*. Have any of our readers ever observed 'exuberance of joy,' or 'statuesque purity,' in the course of their investigation into 'Theocritus'? If aspiring poets will write doggerel on 'The Departure of Jumbo,' let them not take such a sweeping *nom de plume* as 'Populus,' for if such verses are 'Vox Populi,' the muse of Britain is indeed degenerated. The University College possesses a Scientific Society. They refresh at intervals, throw stones, and make notes of the oaks, elms, sparrows, &c., that they come across in their peregrinations.

Wellington are to be congratulated on their sports. Such performances as mile under XVI. in 5 min. 8½ secs., and open mile in 4 min. 40 secs., are far above the average of Public School events; but if the Consolation quarter produces such time as 49 secs., and the quarter with hurdles 41 secs., either the distance, or the printer, must have been at fault. The number throughout is a specimen of a good school Magazine.

The Carthusian confines itself mostly to football. We observe, with feelings of unmixed satisfaction, that nine of their team are leaving before next season.

The Salopian is a fair number, but imagine what sort of contests, 'The Two-Year Old Stakes,' 'The Derby,' or 'The Trial Stakes,' would suggest! They prove to be the junior half-mile, the mile, and the junior quarter-mile respectively. It would be an interesting problem to investigate the number of seconds it would improve a fellow's time in a steeplechase to run under the *sobriquet* of 'Barebones,' or 'Polecat.'

The Fettesian is a solid account of football matches. The suggestion that stretchers should be provided, the shutters of the Pavilion not being 'conformable,' sounds like business.

The Forest School Magazine is of varied merit. It is a curious fact that the school team of the time being is always an improvement on the one of the previous year; at least, that is the idea conveyed by the perusal of some scores of contemporaries. It argues well for the future of English football.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Allow me to congratulate you on the supplement to the December number of *The Elizabethan*, which is, I think, a great addition and a decided improvement. I only hope we may have the pleasure of seeing other such-like supplements appear in due course. I shall be much obliged if you will kindly inform me what is the size of the photograph of the stage and drop-scene mentioned *ante*, p. 163. Is it as large as *The Elizabethan*, or, as I imagine, only a small one? I should also like to know if there is any chance of the etching of the characters in the *Trinumus* being reprinted. Perhaps you will say that you have not sufficient funds to do it, and that being the case, could it not be done by subscription? If a sufficient number of past and present Westminsters were to subscribe for it, I suppose it could be done. Of course I cannot say whether there are many O.W.W. who want it, but I should not be surprised if there are a good many. If you think it feasible, could not you insert a notice in *The Elizabethan* to the effect that, should there be enough applications for the etching, the Editor will do his best to have it reprinted? Those, then, who wanted it could send their names to you.

Referring to Mr. Alsopp's letter (*ante*, p. 136), I venture to hope that it has not been forgotten, and that you have been able to respond to his appeal of sending him the necessary materials for his collection of 'words and phrases' in use at Westminster. Unfortunately, I know very little of the 'words and phrases' which were formerly in use, and the only account of any, that I know of, is in the 'World at Westminster,' p. 33, where eight words are given with the Eton equivalents. The derivation of one only—*sci*—is given, but, doubtless, you know of this, and have already communicated it to Mr. Alsopp, and I hope so.

I should like to mention that several of my *Elizabethans* have, though not lately, reached me in a very dirty state after their transit through the post. To avoid repetitions of this—and I dare say I am not the only sufferer—could it not be sent in covers of its own size, so that no part of it may be exposed to the tender mercies of the Post Office officials, which are proverbial?

I wish here to express my thanks to the 'Seniors of last term' for their endeavours to pay off the debt of *The Elizabethan*, which I sincerely hope will profit by it. I think the proposition in your last number as to the subscription to *The Elizabethan* being made an item in the school bill is a very good one, and I hope to see it carried out, if necessary. That such a step should be necessary is, indeed, deplorable to think of, but I trust that the insertion of the proposal will have a good effect on the boys in the school, and be the means of inducing them to subscribe voluntarily, as they ought to. That *The Elizabethan* may always live up to its motto, 'Floreat,' is the sincere wish of,

Yours truly,
A. B. C.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—I regret that any letter published in the Magazine with which I have for some time been actively connected should require or give due cause for a reply at my hands in any other spirit than that of gratitude; and I am also sorry that I should feel the necessity of asking you to grant me a larger portion of your literary field than is taken up by my ordinary contribution. Under other conditions than those pre-

sent, I might very well have afforded to laugh at and take no other notice of the effort at sarcasm made by your amateur critic 'Fiddlesticks' in his remarks upon myself. I would very humbly offer this advice to this poor pretender to the office of critic: leave the pen alone, and confine your fingers to the more suitable employment of handling the fiddlesticks, for whereas the last-mentioned exercise may amuse others and wound their musical feelings without resulting in any harm to yourself, the dabbling in ink will merely have no other effect than that of staining your own fingers. The letter appearing on page 216 of the current volume of *The Elizabethan*—by admitting which, in the exercise of your prerogative of mercy, you, Sir, have proved to me that you are to be moved to more kindness in the performance of your duties than is possible in the case of other editors, who would undoubtedly have assigned the contribution of 'Fiddlesticks' to the waste-paper-basket had he sent a similar production to that under discussion to the office of any other magazine. He should be unceasing in his acknowledgment of gratitude to you for permitting him the opportunity of using in print his abortion of ideas! The letter, let me repeat, signed by 'Fiddlesticks,' is the only instance of other than courteous and generous treatment to which I have been subjected during the whole term of my connection with *The Elizabethan*. Were I a *paid* contributor I should not trouble to answer any impertinent criticism of the nature of that indulged in by your correspondent, because, if the Editor continued to accept and pay for my articles, it would be unnecessary that I should waste ink and paper and time; but as it is, I think it right I should address you in answer to the eminent gentleman whose arithmetical sharpness, while made the subject of vain boasting, is due to the excellent training of Mr. Jones, and whose contributions to *The Elizabethan* in its infancy doubtless—in 'Fiddlesticks' own opinion we may be sure that *no doubt* exists—rendered 'No. I.' so 'sparkling,' and, to that and following numbers, gave the boundless 'store of wit and wisdom' he assures us was to be found therein. Before proceeding to deal with what was relative to myself in the letter alluded to, I deem it proper that, as an 'O.W.W.,' as a contributor to the pages of the Magazine of which you, Sir, are Editor, and as one who for some years has been engaged in writing for the public, and therefore acquainted with the ordinary rules governing critical correspondence, I should strongly protest against the very serious insinuations thrown out by 'Fiddlesticks' with reference to the financial management, and the financial statement issued by that management. This gentleman, 'somewhat sharp at arithmetical problems' though he may be, and we must rely upon his own authority as we have no other for the fact, if he has lost sight of the fact that loyalty and *esprit de corps* should have prevented him entering upon a crusade against the statement issued by *The Elizabethan* relative to its financial condition, ought, nevertheless, to have considered that the Treasurer and Secretary of the Magazine do not occupy the same ground as that held by similar officials connected with a public company established for commercial purposes; he should have remembered that the Secretary and Treasurer of *The Elizabethan* are gentlemen, and further they are gentlemen who, acting in their respective capacities, from love for their school, from a desire to do all in their power to advance the school interests, from a kindly spirit of readiness to assist, and not from any motives of deriving any benefit, financial or otherwise, deserve and ought to receive from every 'Westminster' worthy the title, courteous and bountiful acknowledgment of their generous and most praiseworthy conduct. To the gentlemen who have occupied, do occupy, and shall hereafter occupy the offices of Editor, Secretary, and Treasurer, in the management of *The Elizabethan*, Westminster owes a debt of gratitude beyond possibility of redemption, beyond power of expression; and if any of these be attacked by thoughtless amateur critical scribblers, it becomes the duty of every Westminster, past or present, who is able to credit himself with the possession of the sense of gratitude, to raise his voice in earnest and emphatic protest against the expression of opinions similar to those indulged in by the mathematical prodigy reared at Westminster under the careful tuition of Mr. Jones, with the result, let us trust, of developing in 'Fiddle-

sticks' a senior wrangler at least. And now let me turn to the paragraph in which 'Fiddlesticks' honours me with his unasked-for attention. I have been engaged in contributing to *The Elizabethan* a series of brief memoirs of men who distinguished themselves in their respective vocations, and, by so doing, added honour to the school wherein they passed the days of their youth, men whose names are worthy of being cherished by all good Westminsters. There is ample room for believing that 'Fiddlesticks' has not been included up to this present in the series; there is no reason, apparent to my understanding, to suppose that this eminent mathematician will ever afford myself, or any who may follow me in the undertaking, an opportunity of publishing, under the heading of 'Eminent Old Westminsters,' his name, and of attaching thereto a short biography. It has pleased you, Sir, and those who have before you occupied the Editorial office, to accept with courtesy, to acknowledge with more gratitude than was really due, and to publish from time to time, the articles from my pen which form the object of 'Fiddlesticks' attempts at wit and sarcasm. It has been accordingly pleasing to myself to find, on the few occasions any notice has been given to these contributions by any other than the different Editors, that they have been kindly appreciated. As you are aware, and as I have already remarked, those contributions have been unpaid for, and it has not been expected or desired that they should be paid for. Having the good fortune to be a rapid writer, it has not cost me many weary hours of my time to complete the various articles, but that *some time* must have been devoted to the subject is a fact, and one that will be apparent to the sharp arithmetical mind of the gentleman who is kind enough to force upon you his advice as to the proper conduct of the charge entrusted to you. Far from complaining that any of my time should have been taken up in writing these brief accounts, far from regretting that I should have assumed the task, I am delighted if my contributions have proved of the slightest service to the Editors or possessed the least interest in the eyes of any of the readers of *The Elizabethan*. It has rested entirely with the Editorial department to accept or refuse the articles under discussion, and I assume that had these articles been considered by the readers of the Magazine as merely taking up space which could be better applied, the Editors would have speedily become acquainted with the fact, and, consequently, would have intimated to me that no further contributions of the kind would be required. Now, Sir, one of the principal of the objects I have in view in writing this letter, is this: if in your opinion the majority, or even any number in your eyes possessing importance, of the readers of *The Elizabethan* regard my articles on 'Eminent O. W.' from the same point of view as that taken by 'Fiddlesticks,' then I pray you not to hesitate from any motives of delicacy or courtesy to inform me of the fact, so that I may no longer occupy your columns with 'prattling' trash of the biographical species; and in this way you may have at your disposal ample room to admit the contributions of 'Fiddlesticks,' which, I have no doubt, would be far more interesting and worthier than anything proceeding from my poor pen. Should this course appear to you as being advantageous to the interests of the Magazine, please adopt it; for myself, its adoption would only result in the placing at my disposal more time to attend to other works in which my pen is engaged. Or, if it can be proved to your satisfaction that 'Fiddlesticks' is better fitted than I am to undertake writing the memoirs of the Old Westminsters who have attained fame—I am certain he himself thinks that he could perform the work more efficiently—then, I urge you, place me on the retired list, and assign the task to his hands. A critic ought to be able to do better than the man whose work he criticises; and if 'Fiddlesticks' has the right to take the criticism of my work into his hands, it is meet that I should resign in his favour. My critic asserts that I have in your columns written my own biography. I have carefully searched the titles of the twenty articles already published of the series in progress, and I am enabled to declare that it is quite untrue that my own biography has yet appeared; further than this, I am confident the most unlikely event to happen is that I shall ever enjoy the honour, and deserve it, of being counted among *Eminent O.W.*; it is

a dignity to be aspired to, but very difficult to be attained. The courteous manner in which I have been treated by you, and all who have filled your post, so diametrically opposite to the fashion in which 'Fiddlesticks' deals with myself and my work, has been over and over again acknowledged by me in private correspondence; allow me this opportunity or making a public acknowledgment of the fact. I cannot say, of course, whether I have or have not any personal acquaintance with our literary Don Quixote, but I can safely affirm that my ambition does not aspire so high as to lead me to desire the inestimable honour. Better known critics, and more distinguished *littérateurs*, differ from the opinions held by your correspondent; they maintain that every autobiography, however wanting it may be in style, &c., contains useful lessons for those who can read aright. Upon this basis I might fairly do what I have not yet done, in spite of aught declared to the contrary by 'Fiddlesticks,' write an autobiography, in the hope that he, or some other, might derive even the least advantage. It may be necessary in the interests of truth to add that, when I deny that I have attempted an autobiography, I am simply making the statement in connection with 'Eminent Old Westminsters'; for, more generally speaking, it must be confessed that two separate volumes, of an autobiographical character, have been given to the public by me. But why pursue this subject further? It may be, after all, 'Fiddlesticks' does not know the meaning of the word *autobiography*, or, if he does, then it is apparent he is ignorant of the meaning of the word *fact*. Had not your correspondent set the example, and you not permitted the licence in his case, I would not ever have presumed to offer any suggestions by way of advice to you in your editorial capacity. It is possible, and, in fact, probable, that I have had a more extended literary experience than 'Fiddlesticks.' Acting upon that assumption, allow me to suggest this advice: do not give way to emotions of superabundant kindness and charity in future; do not, under the force of such emotions, admit in your columns letters from Fiddle, or other kind of Sticks, in which you, your Secretary, or your Treasurer, are libelled, and your contributors attacked by miserable pretenders to the office of the critic. A witness is not bound to criminate himself, nor is an editor under the necessity, either as a matter of courtesy, or from compulsion of duty, of furnishing to anyone ambitious of seeing his efforts in print an opportunity or the means of expressing adverse opinions as to the conduct of anyone on the staff, or the manner of conducting his, the editor's, duties. Deeply as I regret having to ask you to interrupt the even flow of the literary stream, I am, nevertheless, under the necessity of requesting you to favour me by allowing the space to be occupied by this letter, which otherwise would have been filled by the twenty-first article of the series 'Eminent Old Westminsters.'

By granting this you will greatly oblige,

Yours, autobiographically,
THE PRATTLER.

FROM OUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

DEAR SIR,—Some time having elapsed since *The Elizabethan* was treated to an Oxford letter, my arrears of news are considerable. It would be well for the future, if every Editor on entering on his term of office would at once make arrangements with a correspondent at each University for that year; it has of late been the custom to leave too much to chance, and the generosity of irregular correspondents. I regret to say that the Westminster and Charterhouse Club is a thing of the past; owing to the feeble support it received from members of both schools it was deemed advisable to give it up. The idea of a joint club was a mistake. The Carthusians have started a new club for themselves, the Westminsters have not as yet. The reply to the memorial of the 'Committee for the Defamation of Westminster School' was circulated up here at the end of last term, and has given universal satisfaction. In football W. F. G. Sandwith has got his 'blue': the O. W. Football Club up here has not done very much during the last season—Westminster was well represented in the Torpids, as O.W.W.

were rowing in most of the college boats. F. E. Cobby rowed in Keble, which all but secured the headship of the river; J. M. Stuart Edwards stroked Lincoln, which went up seven places; we were also represented at St. John's by A. M. Hemsley, at Queen's by Lynch, at Ch. Ch. by G. Dale and E. V. Eddis, at Hertford by H. Lowry, at Exeter by R. T. W. Sercombe, while Froude steered Oriel. The eights are now in course of practice, and it seems likely that O.W.W. will be better represented than they have been for some years. There has not been enough cricket as yet for me to let you know how O. W. prospects are looking in that direction. About the last two I trust I shall be able to tell you more in my next letter. P. H. W. Reece at University, is the only O. W. freshman that I have heard of since Christmas. The Schools are now looming in the distance to spoil the enjoyment of the summer term; a great many O.W.W. are in this time. The Australians are going to visit the 'Varsity on May 15; the match is to be played, I believe, on the Ch. Ch. ground. We trust Election will do its duty by us.

FLOREAT.

Oxford, April 19, 1882.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Can you suggest any reason why fellows who are not at all musical, or music-loving, should be compelled, *nolens volens*, to come to the concert? In my poor opinion it seems much more desirable that places should be occupied by friends and relations of the boys, than by fellows whose sole thought is 'How long will this last'? If this plan were acted on, the boys who do not attend the singing classes might obtain tickets for their friends as well as the singing fellows. Not that the latter have not a much better right to them, but still it does seem rather strange that a Westminster boy cannot always obtain a ticket for any one of his relations who would like to be present at the Westminster concert, simply because he does not happen to have a taste for singing.

I remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,
Αμυρος.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I think that there are two reasons why the School cricket is at present so bad.

Firstly, It is due to the fact that the new blood in the School from which the Elevens are ultimately picked is not allowed the services of the professional, he is kept for the sole use of the Eleven, while many a little fault in style, or error in pitching the ball, might be eradicated by a word of timely advice from Mantle.

Another thing which, I believe, is injurious to the School cricket is the want of regularity and discipline in the games up-fields. The head of a game has absolute right, it appears, to order and rule those playing, although he may know nothing about the game in comparison with those he orders.

If these two evils were altered, or at any rate mitigated, I believe the result would be an improvement in the School cricket.

ONE WHO GOES UP FIELDS.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—The idea of having lawn tennis in 'Green' has been advocated in *The Elizabethan* before, but, as the suggestion was not taken up, I think it would be well to pursue the matter further again, and I hope with more success in its effect. There are indeed many, and it is not hard to distinguish them, who only go 'up fields' when absolutely obliged to, having no taste or aptitude for cricket. This not only applies to those whom mid-day station does not affect, as it might carelessly be alleged, but also to others, for they either invent a plausible excuse as often as possible to escape the necessity of

trying to obtain to them impossible pleasure, or if they do attend station, loaf about and in no way are benefited by or benefit cricket. Now it cannot be denied that although school matches and in a minor degree school reputation are an important item of cricket, they are so merely for the encouragement of healthy exercise, and from this idea has been developed the present system. For exercise and health are, or were, the primary objects of games at schools, and it is useless to force extremes into the same groove. All other active games ought not to be excluded simply to benefit cricket, appreciated and excelled in by some; but in a school it is most important that the rest, however few, should be considered. For it is not their amusement but their health and strength which are at stake. Few parents would be found to object if no matches were played, but let there be no Vincent Square and the school would cease to exist. Some recreation and employment are necessary for all, and if something useful or harmless is not presented, only evil can be expected. Cricket alone is forced on the strong and weak, the skilful and unskilled. Why deprive the rest of Lawn Tennis? It can only be in order to obtain eleven out of a large majority, perhaps, in future years a trifle better. May Green, then, at all events, be utilized for Lawn Tennis Courts!

Yours truly,

ANOTHER L.T.P.

The rest of your letter is so defamatory to the School in general that we could not think of inserting it: who are 'the rest' beside 'the strong and weak, the skilful and unskilled'? We recommend you to read our next letter.—(ED.)

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—Might I remind 'A Lawn Tennis Player,' as one of your correspondents styles himself in the last number of

this paper, that Lawn Tennis in 'Green' is no novel suggestion. In fact, it was suggested in 1879 I believe, but rejected on the score that 'Green,' although luxuriantly verdant at its edges, consists of nothing but sparsely scattered weeds in the centre. If this were rectified, your correspondent's scheme would of course be practicable, but hardly so if it were not in some way attended to.

Believe me, Sir,

Ever yours truly,
GRILDA.

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