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THE PAST FOOTBALL SEASON.

AFTER glancing over the statistics of the matches we have played in the football season just ended, it seems an absolutely hopeless task to endeavour to review cheerfully such a catalogue of disasters. Of twenty-one matches played, three only were won, four were drawn, and fourteen lost. Seventy goals were scored against us, and twenty-nine by us! Such a record matches well with the record of the last cricket season, and we can only hope that it may never again be our lot to behold two such seasons of successive catastrophes. And now let us examine and weigh the results of the different matches. The season opened with a defeat by a fairly representative, and therefore a strong, team of O.W.W. The second match was one of those in which our team showed up to their best advantage, in drawing, after a hard fight, a very strong team of Old Etonians. Of the next four matches, none brought any credit to

the School, and in one we suffered a defeat only equalled by that received at the hands of Charterhouse. In the match with the Old Carthusians, the School showed marvellously improved form, and played up in a manner almost worthy of Westminster, and this good form lasted through the next match, in which we defeated a hot team of Casuals, and the first half of the season ended with a victory over Old Harrovians, who, however, decisively beat us at the beginning of this term. The next four matches included two draws, which, however, did not bring much credit on us. These were followed by the only easy victory of the season over a very poor team of Clapham Rovers. The remaining three matches added no less than sixteen to the list of goals scored against us, and only two to our own total; and one of these three matches was the crowning disaster at Charterhouse, when we failed to make any appreciable headway against our opponents; though we venture to think that the play of our team was not worthy of such general abuse as the reporter of this paper poured out on it.

Having briefly reviewed the matches played, it remains to consider the play of the team throughout the season. The chief failing seems to have been the want of 'go' and dash; for though not a little spirit was frequently shown at the beginning of the matches, except in the Old Carthusian, Old Etonian, and Clapham Rover matches, it never lasted throughout the time, and the games almost invariably became tame and spiritless, entirely lacking the dash required in a good team. Another great failing was the inability to shoot, a failing which was especially and alarmingly prominent in the first few matches. These two seem to be the chief failings of the season, though it seems hard to have to account for the continual defeats owing to these two faults.

We had also no better luck than usual in the way of accidents, and the loss of promising men at the end of the first half-season. From these causes we lost several fellows whose presence would have greatly increased the efficiency of the teams, especially in a quarter where we were finally weakest—viz. the half-backs. But in spite of this very adverse season, we think that there is sufficient talent still in the School among the younger fellows to form a team which should be no discredit to the School; and we must urge these fellows in the strongest terms not to let the disasters of this season have any dispiriting effect on their play, and not to allow themselves, despairing of regaining the prestige of the School, now sadly diminished, to grow slack in their attendance in green, or to become irregular or unpunctual in the games 'Up Fields,' but to return to the field next season with courage undiminished, with vigour increased, and strong in the determination to thoroughly thrash Charterhouse, and once more regain for Westminster its pristine glory and honour.

1888.	OPPONENTS.	GOALS.
O.W.W.	lost	3 0
Old Etonians	drawn	3 0
Ashburnham Rovers	"	2 2
Crusaders	lost	8 0
Bickley's XI.	"	2 1
Clapham Rovers	"	2 0
Royal Engineers	"	3 0
Old Carthusians	"	5 3
Casuals	won	0 1
C.O.W.W.	lost	1 0
Swifts	"	8 2
Old Harrovians	won	0 2
Old Harrovians	lost	4 2
1889.		
Casuals	"	3 0
Ashburnham Rovers	drawn	1 1
Ch. Ch., Oxon.	"	4 4

1889.	OPPONENTS.	GOALS.
Crusaders	lost	4 2
Clapham Rovers	won	1 4
Old Etonians	lost	5 2
Charterhouse	"	8 0
Old Wykehamists	"	3 0

WESTMINSTER WORTHIES.

No. 19.—JEREMY BENTHAM.

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THE life of a student is generally uneventful, and his biographer has little to do save to chronicle the dates at which his different works were begun, finished, and given to the world. Sir J. Bowring has indeed filled more than one thick volume on the subject of Bentham, but only by including much irrelevant and still more unreadable matter; at the same time he has an unenviable knack of accentuating his hero's faults in the strongest possible manner. He aspired to play Boswell to Bentham's Johnson, but his success was of the smallest; and the *bons mots* he reproduces are for the most part like the projected crime of the Baronet in 'Ruddigore,' 'simply rude.' But I digress. Soon after leaving Oxford Bentham accompanied his father on a tour in the north-west and west of England. He was still under-sized and wizened in appearance, and the only incident of the tour worth recording was his abiding anger with a certain Bristol Quaker named Harris, who asked him 'whether his calves had gone grazing.'

At this period of his life, Bentham was much afflicted by causeless and involuntary fits of laughter, which often brought him into trouble. He offended one warm friend, who thought he was laughing at his pronunciation of a French phrase, and was nearly involved in a duel with a chance travelling companion. On one occasion he burst into a roar of laughter in a Dissenting place of worship, but that was because he imagined he heard the officiating minister open his prayer, 'O Lord, who *alterest* all events.'

It soon became evident that young Jeremy was not destined to make his way to the woollack, and so his father was the more easily reconciled to his labours on an 'Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation.' This was followed by a translation of Voltaire's rather less edifying 'Taureau Blanc,' published anonymously, though, when his connection with it came to be known, rather prejudicial to Bentham's reputation.

The 'Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation,' with the other works on jurisprudence which followed it at brief intervals, soon created for their author a European reputation, but the prophet had little honour in his own country. Bentham was therefore proportionately grateful when Lord Shelburne (afterwards Lord Lansdowne) sought him out in his gloomy chambers. This occurred in 1781,

and was soon followed by an invitation to Bowood, where Bentham enjoyed himself prodigiously, if we may judge by the length of his stay. His chief occupations were playing chess with a young lady visitor, and accompanying Lady Shelburne on the violin, an instrument on which he performed with considerable taste and power. The arrival of Pitt and his brother, the second Lord Chatham, was regarded by him simply as an unpleasant interruption to these congenial amusements. It was here that Bentham's first, and, so far as is known, only love affair opened. His passion, if not ardent, was persistent in the extreme. Twenty-four years passed before he made an offer of his hand to the object of his admiration; and at the age of eighty he still wrote to her in the tone and style of a lover. His love was not returned; but the lady, whose name Bentham had the delicacy not to mention when he narrated the whole affair to his would-be Boswell, always entertained the warmest friendship for him, and in the curious letter in which she declined his offer of 1805 excuses herself with almost superfluous humility for having believed his sentiments to be the same as her own 'when dear ——— [query, Lord Shelburne?] used to accuse me of playing with you as a cat with a mouse.'

After Bentham left Bowood, he corresponded with Lord Shelburne on terms of the most playful familiarity, although a serious temporary misunderstanding once arose between them. Bentham imagined that his friend had promised to give him a seat in the House of Commons, and remonstrated with the disposer of patronage on his broken pledge in a letter of sixty pages. The reply scarcely contained as many words; but while it entirely contradicted Bentham's version of their interview, its tone was so temperate and friendly that Bentham acknowledged his mistake in the most manly spirit, and sued for a reconciliation. This was soon effected, and the correspondence, if unduly prolix on Bentham's side, does equal honour to both the two friends. Bentham never forgot Lord Lansdowne's kindness. He was wont to say that it was Lord Lansdowne who first raised him from the slough of despond and taught him he was somebody. On the 'Q. S. P.s,' as he called his father and step-mother, from their place of residence (Queen's Square Place), Bentham never lavished much affection, but he had the warmest regard for his younger brother Samuel, who had entered the Russian service, and was high in favour with the Czarina Catherine and Prince Potemkin. The latter was attracted by Jeremy's rapidly rising reputation, and urged his brother to send for him to aid the noble though difficult task of transplanting Western civilisation full-grown into Russia. Bentham set out with the most sanguine expectations, but he soon found that little could be effected by a minister who would sometimes play cards for three weeks consecutively, transacting the more pressing business while the cards were being dealt out. After a short residence at Zadolras with his brother, he returned in sadder

mood with a Swedish deserter from the Russian service disguised as his valet. This Swede turned out a worthless fellow, and was perhaps the cause of Bentham's misanthropic remark, 'No man can turn out so ill as to disappoint me.' On his journey out Bentham visited Constantinople, and on his way back Warsaw and Berlin, besides Paris, with which he was already familiar. Frederick the Great he described as an 'old fool' essentially, and an 'old knave' in his dealings with Voltaire. What he said or thought of Prince Potemkin has not been recorded. The year 1788 brought him into literary collision with George III. himself. Bentham had written letters to the *Morning Advertiser*, which he signed 'Anti-Machiavel,' protesting against England's Danish policy. These provoked a reply, which was subscribed 'Partizan,' but was generally known to emanate from Windsor Castle. On the strength of this incident, Bentham was wont to ascribe to the malevolent subtlety of George III. all the difficulties raised in the path of an undertaking whose success he had at heart.

The Panopticon plan for prisons and workhouses can hardly be explained at length here; as its name implies, it was a system of internal arrangements for universal inspection. The design was evolved by Bentham and his brother during their intercourse at Zadolras, and on the death of his father, which took place in 1792, Jeremy found himself in a pecuniary position to carry it into execution. The idea was warmly taken up by Wilberforce, Sir George Rose, Pole Carew, and other prominent politicians, but for some occult reason it never came to anything. Bentham crippled his own personal resources in purchasing the Millbank site for his proposed Panopticon, after having vainly attempted to purchase land at Battersea and Woolwich.

The opposition in high quarters was, however, insuperable, and the site was taken over by Government for the Penitentiary. £23,000 were voted to Bentham as compensation, but that was not until 1813, when he had spent upwards of twenty years in heart-sick waiting on the pleasure of the Ministers.

With the great event which renders the end of the eighteenth century an epoch for all time Bentham was in thorough sympathy, and several of his treatises were addressed in reality, if not in form, to the Constituent Assembly. Lord Lansdowne enabled him to send over a hundred copies of a work on the constitution of tribunals, and in return he was admitted a French citizen by special decree, although, as the decree at the same time extended the privilege to Priestley and de Paan, Cloutz and Kosciusko, Washington and Madison, it is difficult to say how far it conferred an honourable distinction. Many of the leaders of the Girondist party in France were in constant correspondence with Bentham, and Brissot, perhaps the most distinguished member of that party, excepted him by name, with only one other Englishman, from the general censure he pronounced upon the English nation. These circumstances could not but make Bentham unpopular with the mass of his countrymen.

(To be continued.)

School Notes.

No one in particular got the 'Pancake' on Shrove Tuesday, but three fellows got bits of it, and report says that they succeeded in piecing it up sufficiently to warrant their claiming the customary guinea!

'Orations' took place on Tuesday, March 5. Gillett was first, and the rest (two in number) were honourably mentioned. It seems a pity that more fellows do not go in for them, as the prize at Election is well worth having.

The Gymnasium Competition on the same day resulted in a win for R. E. Olivier. Woodbridge, E. W., was second. There were nine competitors.

We are glad to hear that Olivier and Woodbridge are to represent the School in the Public School Gymnasium Competition at Aldershot.

C. S. W. Barwell (O.W.) must be congratulated on getting his 'half-blue' for the long-jump at Oxford.

We must also congratulate C. H. Bompas (O.W.) on his election as President of the Union at Cambridge.

In the Junior Gymnasium Competition H. D. Everington and W. B. Hunt 'tied' for first place. Good promise was shown among the smaller competitors, and great credit is due to Sergeant Cansell for the way in which he has worked them up.

The Fencing Competition took place on Monday, March 25, before a large attendance from the School. The display was not particularly good, though the final was well fought out between C. Gregory and A. G. Clark, the former proving victorious. Davidson challenged Clark for second place, but was defeated after a somewhat obstinate though amusing struggle.

The first prize was given by E. V. Rutherford (O.W.), the winner of last year's competition, and the second by R. A. Edgell, Esq.

P. Armitage and R. E. Olivier have been elected into the Sports Committee, which now consists of A. R. Knapp, F. Street, E. A. Everington, S. C. Woodhouse, P. J. Preece, and the two mentioned above.

The Orations of Friday, March 29, did not come off owing to the examinations, and the portion of Gray's Elegy which was to have been recited then is to be left till next term.

On Saturday, March 30, was the School confirmation. The Bishop of Llandaff officiated. The service was, as usual, held in Henry VII.'s Chapel.

On Tuesday, March 26, the Bell-ringing Society met in St. Margaret's, and the new members practised with tied bells.

THE PAVILION.

THE latest step in connection with the proposed Pavilion has been the issuing of a second circular stating the progress already made, and containing a full list of donations up to date. The sum aimed at has definitely been fixed at £1,000, and the Committee again venture to remind O.W.W. and others who have not yet given their support that the sooner this amount is realised, the sooner the date of the actual completion of the building may be looked for.

THE PAVILION FUND.

THIRD LIST OF DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	717	2	6
W. M. Woodhouse, Esq.	1	1	0
H. R. Pixell, Esq.	1	0	0
J. Watt, Esq.	1	1	0
H. Withers, Esq.	1	0	0
E. Jervis, Esq.	1	0	0
G. G. Phillimore, Esq.	1	0	0
Rev. T. Chamberlain	1	1	0
C. Erskine, Esq.	1	1	0
J. Aris, Esq.	1	0	0
J. H. Jackson, Esq.	1	0	0
C. Aveling, Esq.	1	0	0
L. James, Esq.	1	0	0
M. Druit, Esq.	1	0	0
C. Gibson, Esq.	1	0	0
H. B. Willett, Esq.	1	0	0
C. S. W. Barwell, Esq.	1	0	0
H. Harrison, Esq.	1	0	0
C. J. N. Page, Esq.	1	1	0
C. N. Clarke, Esq.	1	0	0
J. W. Ritchie, Esq.	1	0	0
W. Buchanan, Esq.	1	0	0
H. Moore, Esq.	1	0	0
C. F. Powell, Esq.	1	0	0
P. C. Probyn, Esq.	1	0	0
H. Shoubridge, Esq.	1	0	0
A. R. Woodbridge, Esq.	0	10	6
E. W. Woodbridge, Esq.	0	10	6
G. W. Grant-Wilson, Esq.	0	10	0
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T. Wakley, jun., Esq.	2	2	0
Rev. T. Marshall	2	2	0
Lord Ebury	3	3	0
F. H. Hunt, Esq.	2	2	0
C. B. Hue, Esq.	1	1	0
Aubrey Walsh, Esq.	2	0	0
E. V. Arnold, Esq.	1	1	0
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Robert Browne, Esq.	1	1	0
H. R. Barker, Esq.	1	1	0
P. Humberston, Esq.	2	2	0
J. Tyson, Esq.	1	1	0
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H. E. Bull, Esq.	1	0	0
H. W. Hunt, Esq.	3	3	0
J. F. Hodgson, Esq.	1	0	0
R. E. A. Hamilton, Esq.	1	1	0
Rev. H. L. Thompson	1	1	0
E. Oliver, Esq.	1	0	0
T. W. Wheeler, Esq., Q.C.	1	1	0
Total	£782	6	6

THE SCHOOL MISSION.

THE Mission seems to be getting on very well under the able superintendship of Mr. Fleetwood Williams, who sends the following facts, which may be of interest to our readers.

There are now 180 boys enrolled as members of the club, and there are several applicants for admission; the numbers, however, cannot yet be increased, as the average attendance every night is about 40 boys, and this number taxes the accommodation considerably. A successful entertainment was given on Saturday, March 23, at which Mr. Ranalow kindly lent his assistance. There is a regular pianist now, who plays on Sundays. This seems an attraction, for as many as thirty-five or forty boys attended on Sunday, March 24. Every Monday a magic-lantern lecture is given, on such subjects as the Lake District, &c. The Saturday gymnastic instruction has shaped itself well, and the dumb-bell 'squads' and single-stick instruction have been started. The cobbling and extra carpentry classes are quite full, and the boys are really getting on.

THE FIELDS.

THE SCHOOL *v.* OLD WYKEHAMISTS.

THIS match was played 'Up Fields' on Saturday, March 16, and after a fast game resulted in favour of the visitors by 3-0. Woodbridge started the ball for the School from the Guards' Hospital end at 3.10, and after an attack by our left wing, Lowndes got away, but his shot went high over the bar. Our opponents continued to assert their superiority, and finally Phillips scored their first point from a scrimmage in front of our goal (1-0). Street and Edwards, by some good combination, ran the ball down to the enemies' territory, and gained a corner, which, however, was put behind. Canning then broke away down the right, but shot over, and Hoskins retaliated by a good run. He centred to Woodbridge, whose shot went wide. Ingram was next conspicuous, putting in a hot shot, which Winslow saved, and transferred the ball to Edwards, who ran down, and Street and Woodbridge both put in good shots, but were unable to get the ball past Osborn. Phillips and Campbell both made good runs for our opponents, and the former gained a corner, which was well put, but Woodbridge averted danger, and Hoskins and Olivier attacked, and Hoskins put in a hard shot, but Osborn fisted out, and Campbell got away and had an easy chance of scoring, but Winslow managed to clear. 'Half-time' was then called, our opponents leading by one goal.

On restarting the game the Old Wykehamist forwards made an attack and gained a corner, but our backs cleared, and Olivier, getting possession, made a good run, but was stopped by Richardson, who passed to Phillips; the latter player then ran down to

our goal, and after some loose play Canning scored (2-0). Our opponents still continued to press, and gained several hands near our goal, but were unable to score, although several times our goal was in great danger. Hoskins and Olivier next made a run down, but were stopped by Watney, and Ingram put in a good shot, which, however, was saved. For the remainder of the time our opponents pressed us hard, and obtained another goal from the foot of Campbell (3-0). Time was then called, leaving the visitors victorious as above stated. The teams were as follows:—

OLD WYKEHAMISTS.

A. W. Osborn (goal), J. S. Watney and W. P. Richardson (backs), P. B. Halcombe, H. P. Debenham, and R. K. Harvey (half-backs), P. L. Canning, W. Phillips, F. M. Ingram, M. Lowndes, and M. J. Campbell (forwards).

WESTMINSTER.

J. L. Winslow (goal), R. O. Mills and C. H. Gregory (backs), J. Gifford and H. T. Whitaker (half-backs), A. R. Hoskins, R. E. Olivier, E. W. Woodbridge, F. Street, and G. L. Edwards (forwards).

SHIELD MATCHES.

HOME BOARDERS *v.* RIGAUDS.

PLAYED 'Up Fields' on Wednesday, March 20, Home Boarders winning easily by 6-0. Rigauds kicked off, but Gifford returned the ball, and there was some very neat passing among the Home Boarder forwards, and soon after the start Pendred shot a goal for them. The pressure was still maintained, and Page missed some easy chances of scoring, the Rigaudite backs being decidedly weak. The game was nothing more than a series of erratic shots, Rigauds seldom if ever having a look-in. At length Hoskins middled well, and Pendred, with a very good shot, secured the second goal (2-0). This was the character of the game till half-time, which found Home Boarders two goals ahead. On resuming, several corners fell to Home Boarders, and soon after a third goal was obtained, quickly succeeded by a fourth from the foot of Gregory. Rigauds now made a few runs, Gates and Willett being conspicuous, but they never did any ultimate good, and soon after Gifford, with a grand shot from half, beat the goal-keeper for the fifth time, and before time a sixth goal was rushed. For the winners, the back division did what little they had to do well, but the forwards were not in form, and should have scored many more times than they did. For Rigauds the backs and Shattock were the best, but they were never 'in it.'

The teams were—

HOME BOARDERS.

Winslow (goal), Doherty and Gregory (backs), Gifford, Guy, and Hollocombe (half-backs), Hoskins, Clark, Pendred, Gregory, and Page (forwards).

RIGAUDS.

Langton (goal), Blaker and Jonas (backs), Shattock, Allen, and Rivaz (half-backs), Willett, Balfour, Gates, Waterfield, and Nye (forwards).

GRANTS *v.* HOME BOARDERS.

THIS match for the Town-boy Shield was played on Saturday, March 23, and ended in a win for Home Boarders by four goals to *nil*. The ground was in perfect condition, and there was a good attendance when Home Boarders kicked off from the Church end, the ball being at once in the Grantite territory, where it remained for some time, until their forwards ran all down and should have scored, but Farrar kicked behind. Home Boarders again took the ball down, and Edwards made some superb runs and middles, and after ten minutes' play the ball was rushed through the Grantite goal, thus scoring the first point (1-0). On restarting, Grants were again penned, the Home Boarder defence being much too strong to pass. Everington saved some awkward shots, but soon after was beaten by Clark, who notched the second point with a good shot (2-0). Grants now wired up and pressed their opponents considerably, but their shooting was too inaccurate to score. After some uninteresting play half-time was called. On restarting, Home Boarders, with the wind in their favour, completely penned their opponents, but Everington and Mills played a splendid game, and for a long time kept their goal intact, the Home Boarders having very hard luck on several occasions. At length, twenty minutes after changing ends, Edwards made a fine run, and centred into the mouth of goal, Pendred doing the trick for the third time. Everington appealed for 'off-side,' but after a slight dispute the goal was allowed (3-0). Grants now pressed their opponents for some time, and Woodbridge put in a good shot, which hit the bar and rebounded into play, after which Winslow saved in splendid style. Edwards again ran the whole length of the ground and centred well, the ball again being rushed through (4-0). Nothing more of importance occurred till time was called, the game ending as above stated. For the winners, Doherty at back was magnificent, and his partner also did a lot of work. The halves were all good, Gifford being the best, while of the forwards, who played well individually, but were not so good together, Hoskins and Edwards were the best, the latter making some extremely pretty runs. For the losers, who were completely outplayed, Everington was in good form, and Mills played a splendid game throughout. Barwell worked hard, and was much the best of the halves, while Powell and D. Winckworth were the best of the forwards.

The following were the teams :—

HOME BOARDERS.

J. Winslow (goal), W. V. Doherty and C. H. Gregory (backs), J. C. Hollocombe, J. Gifford, and A. W. F. Guy (half-backs), A. R. Hoskins, H. G. Clark, B. Pendred, S. Gregory, and G. L. Edwards (forwards).

GRANTS.

E. A. Everington (goal), R. O. Mills and H. C. Barnes (backs), J. Corbett, W. T. Barwell, G. Campbell (half-backs), D. P. Winckworth, F. Maclean, E. W. Woodbridge, F. P. Farrar, and J. Powell (forwards).

T.BB. *v.* Q.SS.

THIS match, which took place 'Up Fields' on Wednesday, March 27, resulted in a draw, after an interesting and at times very exciting game, neither side scoring at all.

Street won the toss, and at 2.50 Woodbridge kicked off for T.BB. from the St. Mary's Church end, against the wind, which was fairly strong. Q.SS. almost at once began to press T.BB., and kept decidedly the advantage during the whole of the first half. First Edwards, then Willett, tried to relieve T.BB., and took the ball down to the Hospital end, but only to have it returned by Whitaker, who played splendidly all through the game; finally, after ineffectual shots by Olivier and Longhurst, Edwards and Clark got away and gained a corner, which was put by Gregory, but went behind. Street and Olivier returned the ball, and soon after a 'hands' fell to the lot of the Q.SS., who still continued to press and shoot, notwithstanding the efforts of Mills and Doherty to clear, backed by various abortive runs on the right and left. Then a 'hands' for Q.SS. resulted in a corner put by Williamson, and soon after yet another one. Willett and Clark broke away, but in vain, and Q.SS. began to look dangerous, and certainly ought to have scored, but their inability to shoot saved T.BB. on this, and indeed on many other occasions, the ball either going beside the goal or gently rolling into Everington's hands. 'Hands' soon relieved T.BB., but not for long, for the ball soon returned to their end, and Street almost rushed a goal. J. H. Clarke and Whitaker effectually stopped the various T.BB. runs that were made, and Q.SS., aided by several corners, had several opportunities for scoring, but the poor shooting again and again saved the T.BB. colours. At this point, Gifford hurt his knee, and T.BB. made the somewhat strange request that a fresh half-back should be allowed to take his place. This request, which ought certainly never to have been made, could not very well be refused, though Gifford did not, as one might have expected, retire at once from the field, but continued to play till his substitute, A. W. F. Guy, made his appearance. Q.SS. still continued to press, though Knox, for Q.SS., once had to use his hands, till half-time. After half-time, notwithstanding the wind being against them, and Guy making his appearance fresh on the field, Q.SS. still maintained an even game, though several times hard pressed by T.BB., who were once or twice within an ace of scoring; and once Willett actually put the ball through, but the goal was disallowed, as hands had been before given for Q.SS.

During the second half there was some very exciting play on both sides, Whitaker's back-play being especially noticeable. In one of the Q.SS. runs Longhurst put in a long shot, which was claimed to have gone through the posts before Everington threw it away, but it was not given. Soon afterwards time was called, the match thus ending in a draw, in which Q.SS., though on paper the weaker team, had the best of it; the whole team wiring up and playing well

together, while T.BB. did not seem to care enough about the game, and did not keep together sufficiently.

The teams were :—

Q.SS.

R. W. Knox (goal), H. T. Whitaker and J. H. Clarke (backs), J. S. Shearme, P. Williamson, and F. B. Sherring (half-backs), R. E. Olivier and F. Street (left wing), P. J. Preece (centre), H. E. Oliver and A. L. Longhurst (right wing) (forwards).

T.BB.

E. A. Everington (goal), R. O. Mills and W. V. Doherty (backs), J. G. Gifford, C. H. Gregory, and G. O. Shattock (half-backs), G. L. Edwards and S. H. Gregory (left wing), E. W. Woodbridge (centre), A. G. Clark and J. A. Willet (right wing) (forwards).

THE GLEE SOCIETY.

THE Glee Society gave another pleasant and fairly successful entertainment on Wednesday, March 13. A large audience was present, and apparently a most appreciative one. The Society opened the proceedings with a mediocre rendering of a very lively musical sketch, illustrating one of Æsop's fables. The trebles seemed to have veritably become mice in the process of singing it, so weak was the sound they uttered. Mr. Viner then treated us to a very pretty song, which he gave with great expression, and sang so well that an encore was demanded of him. Mr. Troutbeck followed with a rather dull violin solo, which he played very nicely on a violin of a most delightful tone. Mr. Hallett, whose stirring voice we all listened to again with much pleasure, gave a spirited rendering of 'The Curfew.' Mendelssohn's quartett, 'Farewell to the Forest' was then sung with good expression and feeling, after which Ganz delighted us with a very sweet song. Ganz's voice, though not strong, is very pure and true; and in this song he displayed its qualities excellently; an encore was given him. Anthony then treated us to a violin solo. Anthony's marvellous execution and power as a violinist are now well known, and it need not be said that he was listened to once more with delight, and much disappointment was caused at the refusal to grant an encore. Mr. Hallett then proceeded to read to us a very long and somewhat uninteresting comical reading, of such a nature as, we venture to think, would be more suited to the tastes of a mission hall than 'Up School.' The piece was so long that there was only time for the Society to sing 'A Sunny Shaft,' which they sang with much more spirit than before, and then to strike up the National Anthem, and thus abruptly close the entertainment, which otherwise was, as we have said, fairly successful.

A successful entertainment was given by this Society on Wednesday, March 27, and the large audience present proved that the popularity with which these entertainments have always met continues unflagging. After the opening chorus, 'It was a lover,' had been sung with considerable spirit, though

with slight unevenness in the parts, Mr. Erskine played Chopin's Polonaise in C sharp minor. A slight indistinctness characterised the rendering, owing either to a want of evenness in the touch of the piano or a lack of practice on the part of the performer. Schumann's 'Mit Myrthen und Rosen' was then sung by Mr. Yglesias. We have heard him sing songs which better suited his voice and style, and perhaps also his audience on such occasions, as this song is not very interesting or intelligible *at a first hearing*. 'Lovers True,' an original glee by C. Erskine, lacked somewhat in expression, but otherwise was quite up to the standard of part-singing at these entertainments. After a recitation by Mr. Stanley Oldham, taken from 'Richard III.,' which was well received, the most successful item of the afternoon was reached in E. B. Longhurst's solo. He chose to sing 'Twickenham Ferry,' and when the first feelings of nervousness were overcome, the young singer's sweet notes were heard to advantage, and a well-merited encore was demanded. H. V. Anthony then played a valse of Schubert's with his wonted taste and precision. It is always a great pleasure to hear this young performer, who is without doubt the best pianist Westminster has seen for many years. A second song by Mr. Yglesias, 'Go fetch to me,' was more happily chosen than the first, and its repetition as an encore must have confirmed the audience in the opinion that it was both well written and suitably rendered on this occasion. T. S. Oldham selected as his second recitation the well-known dialogues between Sir Anthony and his son in 'The Rivals,' to criticise which would be at once superfluous and even presumptive. Festa's charming madrigal 'Down in a Flow'ry Vale' was the last item on the programme—except, *bien entendu*, the National Anthem, and this was on the whole well sung. The opening was somewhat spoilt by a slight uncertainty of key, caused by someone striking a wrong note on the piano just before the rendering. It was performed, we think unwisely, as a quartett; its broad harmonies gain much by being sung in true madrigal form, having each part sustained by several voices. It only remains to congratulate the Glee Society on their continued successes, and to quote from the programme a note to the effect that a final entertainment will be given on Wednesday next, April 3, at 5.15 P.M., when Mr. Viner has kindly consented to sing.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

THE Society met on Friday, March 15 and March 22, and 'As you Like it' was read at both meetings. The principal parts were taken as follows :—

Orlando	H. C. BARNES.
Olivier	R. E. OLIVIER.
Faques	J. B. W. CHAPMAN.
Touchstone	A. G. GRENFELL, Esq.
Corin	H. T. WHITAKER.
Rosalind	J. S. PHILLIMORE.
Celia	C. A. PHILLIMORE.
Phebe	B. STAPLETON.

The next meeting was held on Friday, March 29, when the first part of 'King Lear' was read. The chief parts were taken as follows:—

<i>King Lear</i>	F. STREET.
<i>Duke of Burgundy</i>	H. C. BARNES.
<i>Duke of Cornwall</i>	R. E. OLIVIER.
<i>Duke of Albany</i>	J. B. W. CHAPMAN.
<i>Earl of Kent</i>	Rev. A. G. S. RAYNOR.
<i>Earl of Gloster</i>	H. T. WHITAKER.
<i>Regan</i>	C. A. PHILLIMORE.
<i>Cordelia</i>	J. S. PHILLIMORE.
<i>Edgar</i>	J. H. CLARKE.

THE CHESS CLUB.

THE match with Charterhouse was played in the Library on Wednesday, March 13, and ended in a victory for Charterhouse by 8 games to 4.

WESTMINSTER.	CHARTERHOUSE.
P. Armitage ½	C. E. Campbell ½
H. J. Gully 1	J. H. Percival 2
A. C. Nesbitt 0	F. Griffiths 3
H. E. Oliver 1	P. Percival 2
H. F. Stobart 1½	J. T. Biddulph ½
4	8

RACQUETS.

FIRST ROUND.

C. H. Gardiner *v.* H. C. Allen.
After two quick games Gardiner beat Allen.
Gardiner 11, 11. Allen 5, 3.

P. Armitage *v.* E. G. Burton.
In the first game Armitage won without much knowledge of the court, but gained his second easily.
Armitage 11, 11. Burton 9, 6.

H. V. Anthony *v.* J. Gifford.
Won by Anthony after some well-contested games, Gifford just winning the first, and Anthony getting the second and third games.

Gifford 11, 8, 10. Anthony 10, 11, 15.
E. A. Everington *v.* G. S. Campbell.
Everington beat Campbell in two good games.
Everington 11, 11. Campbell 6, 10.
A. Booker and H. E. Oliver have not yet played.
G. Fitzmaurice has drawn a bye.

FIVES.

FIRST ROUND.

Senior.

Agar and Clark beat Olivier and Hoskins.
15-2, 15-6.
Paget and Winslow beat Street and Oliver.
15-13, 17-14.

C. H. Gregory and Armitage, a bye.

The number of entries is very disappointing, and we hope that there will be a great many more next year.

FIRST ROUND.

Junior.

S. H. Gregory and Helder beat Du Pasquier and Batchelor.

Page and Agar beat Severn and Boulter.
Castle and Davidson beat Scarfe and Lock.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE Society met on Thursday, March 7, to discuss the motion, 'That, in the opinion of this House, the universal adoption of Volapuk is highly desirable.'

The PROPOSER (P. J. Preece) thought the motion self-evident. He proceeded to state some of its advantages:—Firstly, Volapuk would simplify politics and diplomacy, and be useful for international conferences; secondly, its commercial advantages were evident, as it would greatly increase the power of propagating articles of trade; thirdly, as a social language, it was not meant for ordinary conversation, but such things as railway tickets, naming of coinage, &c.; fourthly, it would be useful to men of science as a language in which they could annotate books and name discoveries so as to be generally understood.

J. S. SHEARME read a long extract from the *Journal of Education* showing the many benefits to be conferred by Volapuk. How it would enable merchants to correspond from Paris to Peking; how it was not difficult to learn, absolutely easy to understand; how Schleyer, its inventor, knew fifty languages, and thereby had contrived to produce a strikingly simple system of grammar—of this he gave instances; how its pronunciation was consistent and phonetic, drawing its roots from three languages. Finally, as a proof of its practicability, he thought he might remark that it was already understood by a quarter of a million people, and that twelve newspapers were printed in it.

B. STAPLETON said it would be useless to the great mass of people who never left their native country. French was generally understood of educated people, and this new-fangled idea of a German quite unnecessary.

C. A. PHILLIMORE thought the introduction of Volapuk would be a blow to literature.

H. T. WHITAKER thought it would destroy national individuality and patriotic feeling.

After further remarks from J. H. Clarke, P. J. Preece, B. Stapleton, and others, the House divided, with the result that the motion was lost by 3 to 18.

The House then adjourned.

At a meeting held on Thursday, March 14, the House discussed the motion, 'That this House approves of the formation of a Memorial Chapel in connection with the Abbey.'

The PROPOSER (B. Stapleton) said that the Abbey was overstocked; there was no proper room left, and

it was impossible to continue putting up statues or burying. The alternatives were (i) to give up monuments altogether; (ii) to put up statues in the cloisters; (iii) to use the Chapter House. Any one who knew the cloisters must see that it would not do to put up statues there. Burying in the Chapter House would be out of keeping. Therefore a new building is necessary. He wished to treat the question purely in the abstract, taking no one scheme as his own. He would like to add a building in a modern style of architecture to the Abbey. The cost would be over £140,000, but there was already a surplus of £100,000 from the coal and wine dues.

H. L. STEPHENSON (opposer) said the Abbey was overstocked, not with great men but with very poor characters; why should it not be the same with a chapel? A chapel would not be associated with the Abbey, and the monuments might just as well be scattered about all over London. Mr. Stapleton could have no taste if he thought that modern architecture would harmonise with the Abbey. A great argument against the proposal was the fact that the Dean and Chapter opposed it.

J. B. W. CHAPMAN thought that the present Houses of Parliament were a proof that modern architects were capable of harmonising modern style with ancient. He thought the Dean would undoubtedly support a practicable scheme, having already taken various steps.

C. A. PHILLIMORE thought that people like Longfellow and Grote were quite unworthy of a monument in the Abbey. There was some empty space in the vaults, and when all was full one might go on to St. Paul's, which would become more popular without detracting from the Abbey.

H. T. WHITAKER said it would mean building one disgusting little charnel-house after another as each got full. St. Paul's already contained the two greatest Englishmen, who were much better than the Abbey's 'illustrious obscure.'

A. L. LONGHURST wished to put statues in the Triforium.

After several further speeches and remarks from R. E. Olivier, B. Stapleton, C. A. Phillimore, the President, J. B. W. Chapman, and others, the motion was lost on a division by 3 to 18.

Previously, a motion was passed to the effect that the opposer should speak before the seconder.

A meeting of the Society was held on Thursday, March 21, when the following motion was discussed: 'That in future the Secretary write a critique of the Debate in lieu of an abbreviated report as now.'

Proposer, C. A. Phillimore; Opposer, H. L. Stephenson; Seconder, H. T. Whitaker.

In the presence of a very small House, barely a quorum, this motion gave rise to a very acrimonious debate. The subject not admitting of many arguments either *pro* or *con.*, their place was taken by sallies of sarcasm and wit, occasionally descending into mere

personality and abuse. The Proposer and Opposer having exhausted the few arguments there were, employed the rest of their speeches in mutually 'scoring off' one another, varied with passages with the Chair; this was continued throughout the discussion of this motion, and extended even into the next. We were sorry to see that the decisions of the Chair were not received with that general approval that is due to 'the sole interpreter of the Rules.'

Finally the motion was carried by the Vice-President's casting vote, making a seventh 'Aye' to the six 'Noes.' For the remainder of the evening the House was more quiet, except when a burst of laughter preceded and heralded in the Proposer's joke—which he afterwards explained to be seriously meant. The motion was 'That, in the opinion of this House, it would be desirable to extend to women the right of voting at elections under the same conditions as men.'

Proposer, J. B. W. Chapman; Opposer, A. R. Knapp; Seconder, C. A. Phillimore.

The PROPOSER gallantly defended the rights of the ladies, making his principal argument three heroic females, whom he quoted—Catherine of Sienna, Queen Elizabeth, and Florence Nightingale (only three worthy of franchise in as many centuries!) We noticed that the Opposer, while mentioning Queen Elizabeth and Miss Nightingale, strangely omitted to notice the third, or, if at all, only by a periphrasis. We hope that this was not due to any lack of knowledge; though the fact that he seemed a little doubtful as to whether he supported or opposed the motion in his heart seemed rather suspicious. Apparently he had neglected to find out the wording of the motion, and contented himself instead with blaming the ladies of the Primrose League.

The SECONDER credited the ladies with more political interest than the men. In the midst of his speech, however, the proposal of Mr. Stevenson to adjourn gave rise to more sarcasms and personalities; but, on the question being put, the motion was carried without division, and the House adjourned.

We should like to call attention to the very thin attendance of hon. members in general, and T.B.B. in particular, the latter being represented by a single member only, and he the first who had attended for three weeks; several members have lost their seats through repeated absence.

The House met on Thursday, March 28, when the discussion on J. B. W. Chapman's motion, 'That, in the opinion of this House, it would be desirable to extend to women the right of voting at elections under the same conditions as men,' was continued.

C. A. PHILLIMORE, being in possession of the House, thought there was no fear of women becoming a revolutionary body; in that he agreed with the *Standard*. As an apology for making no answer to the Opposer's speech, he condemned it wholesale as unworthy of an answer, and consisting not of arguments, but merely of 'remarks.'

H. T. WHITAKER had great fault to find with the women of the Post Office. He thought a woman who sat on a County Council and canvassed, the most objectionable of her sex.

C. A. PHILLMORE would not allow these ladies a vote; he thought it would be very much better if women were kept not quite as they are in Turkey, but as they were in England 200 years ago.

B. STAPLETON brought out old saw after old saw, his speech being characterised by its extreme sententiousness. His own experience of women had been that they were much too forward, and were trying to supplant men.

At this point some excitement was caused by the report that an hon. member was sucking sweets; they proved, however, to be only his thumbs, and

J. B. W. CHAPMAN continued the debate. He first showed how excellent a prophet he was, stating, in rather an aggrieved way, that he had been hauled over the coals for quoting only three heroic females in his speech. To show what he could do, however, he told us that an unknown number of ladies on the Ashford Board of Guardians had, by their superior intellect, discovered some mysterious debt, fraud, or other swindle which had quite escaped the male guardians.

H. T. WHITAKER gave a general discourse on the duties of the female sex, further abusing the women of the Post Office.

C. A. PHILLMORE thought that Mr. Whitaker's arguments, who had had considerable experience in the softer sex, were worth much more than Mr. Chapman's, who had had none.

H. L. STEPHENSON feared the bad results of ladies going canvassing in the slums.

P. J. PREECE thought everyone had been very rude to the ladies. He showed that women were much preferred to men in all Government offices, being more accurate and less costly.

B. STAPLETON rose to speak, but, unfortunately losing the thread of his argument, sat down.

The motion was lost on a division by 7 votes to 4.

It was then decided that the Society should not meet again this session. Whereupon a vote of thanks was carried to the officers, and the President having gracefully replied, the House adjourned.

Correspondence.

FROM OUR CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—Although the latter part of the Lent term, which is just ended, has not been so fruitful in events to interest those readers of *The Elizabethan* who care to follow the doings of their brethren at Cambridge as its earlier weeks, it seems well that this letter, completing as it will the record of the term, should be written now, and not delayed until next term in the hope of adding to its contents.

The Westminster Club here held a meeting in Phillimore's rooms in Trinity on March 7, which was well attended. The

proposal that the Club should play matches at cricket in the May term was again brought forward, and again accepted by the meeting. Veitch was elected Captain and Secretary, and a strong Committee was nominated to prevent our zeal in the matter from waning. In consequence of the many admirable cricketers who have lately come up there is much hope that what has been intended in previous years may this year be brought to pass.

The election of officers at the Union was not without interest to Westminsters, as the minority with a grievance at that society had made up their minds to oppose the election of all old officers and those in favour of the policy lately pursued; and among the former was Bompas, who, having been Vice-President last term, was in the ordinary course seeking in the dignity of the Presidential chair recompense for those more arduous duties of the Vice-Presidency that he had so ably discharged. The candidate opposed to him had all the advantages that intellectual and athletic fame could give; but how ill-advised was the policy of breaking through the old-established and reasonable custom of allowing the Vice-President to proceed unopposed to the Presidency was shown by the unparalleled majority of over 150 votes, on one of the heaviest polls on record, by which Bompas was elected. We take this opportunity of publicly congratulating him on his well-earned success.

All that remains is further congratulation to Harington for winning for the third year in succession the scratch fours at Clare, and to Last for his recent success in winning a scholarship at the same College.

Trinity College, Cambridge,
March 27, 1889.

THE PLAY.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—Christmas has come and gone, and the Westminster Play has been once more enacted in the venerable Dormitory of the Q.SS. The same classic which has been performed every fourth year for the last half-century, if my memory serves me, has been again rendered with praiseworthy talent upon the boards of the admirable stage which a former generation has placed at the disposal of the scholastic exponents of the poetic creations of a long past age. As each decade is left behind there is an appreciable increase in the histrionic power exhibited by the actors, but the representation, as a whole, lacks the parallel augmentation in interest and effect which it merits.

The leading critics of artistic elocution maintain that in any histrionic performance, excepting a monologue, the eye must be gratified even before sentiment and the sense of hearing. The *mise-en-scène* is 'half the battle.' Why, then, should we ignore the fact, which we all must acknowledge, that our stage accessories are not what they should be?

Has it never occurred to you, Mr. Editor, that the entry of Epilogue characters in the dress of to-day upon the beauteous scene of Athens two thousand years ago is incongruous to a degree? To anyone possessed of a fine sense of poetry it causes a harsh rupture of a previously-conceived train of classical and æsthetic thought. The remedy I venture to state is not far to seek. It is not the expunction of the Epilogue from the programme as a vulgar piece of bad taste, but a change of scenery.

As the prototypes of the original cast are replaced by their modern equivalents of character, so might a view in the present metropolis be substituted for that of the ancient city. We must move with the age, we must modernise the system of stage management. A change of scene, if cleverly introduced, will render the performance far more intelligible and striking.

Situated, as the School is, in what is now the acknowledged art-centre of Europe, with the incalculable advantage of the existence of leading architectural and landscape painters who were educated at the School; considering, again, the munificence evidenced each year when the cap is passed round at the conclusion of the O.W.W. night, we have every opportunity in favour of a total reconstitution of the play properties.

I have in my mind's eye, as I write, a theatre at a military station on the bleak, unsettled northern frontier of our Indian Empire, situated a thousand miles from the sea, the thermometer reading 100° six months in the twelve, no gas available, and yet, so far as stage details and appurtenances are concerned, this building is as perfect as the Opera House of Paris. If, with no tangible resources, a few military and civil officers can originate a playhouse in a wilderness, what incomparable facilities are afforded Westminster for rendering its Play the most attractive amateur performance in the kingdom!

I am confident that all who are interested in the old institution of the Play, if for no other reason than that of retaining it as the first intellectual theatrical representation of the year, will add their voice to mine when I suggest 'more scenery, new wigs, new costumes.'

I am, sir, yours, etc.,
BAY.

[The above has come from India.—ED.]

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I must confess that the plaint of the leader in the last number of *The Elizabethan* filled me with the most unbounded surprise. Can it be possible that there are actually fellows at Westminster clamouring for *The Elizabethan* to tickle their vitiated palates with a monthly budget of broad gibes and funny stories, after the manner of *Tit-Bits* or *The Detroit Free Press*? Is it, then, possible that the real fund of quaint humour sparkling in the pages of *The Elizabethan*—humour so much the more piquant in that it is unconscious—has never been opened to their wondering eyes?

'O fortunatos nimium sua si bona norint!'

This is indeed casting pearls before swine! Know then, ye grumblers, that the best thing for you to do is to buy up all the obtainable back numbers of *The Elizabethan*, and read them with a new light thrown upon them; and then, if you ever complain of want of humour in this most amusing paper again, why, Ye are no true men.

Take, for instance, a recent number; here is a little gem in its way:—

'From Oxford we hear that C. S. W. Barwell has been playing for the Varsity lately, that C. J. N. Page has broken his leg, and that A. R. Hurst has gone up to the House.'

I don't think that I have a keener sense of humour than most people, but I should have thought that the quaint brevity of this little note would have struck the most *blasé* reader as being irresistibly comic. Here is another from the report of the Charterhouse match:—

'If they were dished *our* backs almost invariably failed to kick hard enough for the ball to reach *our* forwards, and before *our* halves could get on to the ball, *their* halves were on it, and, lifting it over *our* halves' heads, passed it on to the *forwards* again.'

I think as a harmless and graceful little puzzle this is unique in its way. I am well aware that I have not by any means selected such good examples of unconscious *Elizabethan* humour as might have been done, but this is wholly owing to the fact that the back numbers in which these two occur are the only two I have by me. I can recall other occasions when I have simply howled with laughter over such funny things.

I honestly think that, so far from *The Elizabethan* needing

to pad itself out with more humour, it ought always to bear in mind that little poem of Wendell Holmes's, in which he describes the fate of a victim of one of his jokes:—

'Ten days, ten nights with sleepless eyes
I watched that wretched man,
And now I never dare to write
As funny as I can.'

In conclusion, I must earnestly disclaim any intention of giving offence to the writers of these and other such little scintillations. My sole object was to point out to these grumblers what little cause for complaint they really had. If I have, notwithstanding my wish, unfortunately done more than this, I pray them to bear with me, and to ascribe it rather to a natural awkwardness than to any desire to offend.

I am, dear sir,
Yours sincerely,
HUMILIS.

Oxford.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

DASH.—As there are so many books already in the Library, and so few coming in, it is hardly worth while to adopt your suggestion.—ED.

HUMILIS.—Many thanks for your letter, which cheers our spirits considerably. We are glad to find that someone appreciated the note about Oxford news, as it stirred up much 'wrathful indignation against us' among some of the more 'blasé' readers.—ED.

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