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## THE RETIREMENT OF THE HEAD MASTER.

THE retirement of Dr. Scott from the Head-Mastership of Westminster, after a tenure of twenty-eight years, is the subject now most present to the minds of all Westminsters. We feel that we are losing one whose loss is irreparable, and that by reason of his departure the School is at a crisis in her history, the consequences of which we cannot in the least forecast. Regret for the past mingles with apprehensions for the future. Mr. Rutherford enters upon his office under far other conditions than those which existed when Dr. Scott came here first. Since that event the 'new foundation' of 1868 has taken place, by which the 'rectification of frontier' (to use Dean Bradley's words) between the Chapter and the School was accomplished. The new Head Master is appointed, not by a Dean of Christ Church or Master of Trinity, but by the governing body of St. Peter's College; his immediate superiors are not the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, but a governing body, in which many other

interests are represented, many other influences at work, than those of the ecclesiastical governors of the Abbey. In Dean Stanley we lost the last Dean who had ruled us, not as chairman of the governing body, but as head of the Collegiate Church of St. Peter; in Dr. Scott the last Head Master under the older system leaves us. In our next number we hope to show the real continuity of the School of which we are members with that of Elizabeth; but yet a great change has taken place, and one which must yet work further change, for better or for worse.

Dr. Scott was appointed in 1855 to succeed Dr. Liddell, the present Dean of Christ Church, as Head Master of Westminster. He was nominated by the famous Dr. Whewell, then Master of Trinity College, and installed up School by the Sub-Dean, Lord John Thynne, in the absence, through illness, of Dean Buckland. He was a young man, only 28 years of age; and when we feel inclined to fear excessive change and innovation from a Head Master who comes to us a stranger, ignorant of our customs and ways, we must remember that the same fears were long entertained of Dr. Scott; and

we know what he has been and what he has done for us in spite of all those fears. We hope that a future generation of Westminsterers may look back on our apprehensions about Mr. Rutherford with the same surprise which we feel in hearing of our predecessors' gloomy anticipations of Dr. Scott's reforms.

During Dr. Scott's reign many changes have come to the School. We will not repeat those manifold changes for the better which have so much increased our prosperity and raised our hopes, because the Head Master himself, both in a recent number of this magazine and in his last report to the governing body, has recorded them already: we will rather think of those venerable traditions and customs which have died out during his time. The chief of these, of course, are the Under-Mastership and the Under School—changes which were inevitable and probably wise, though they seemed sad to us. We can now no more hear the cry of 'Scott's coming' raised outside the Head Master's door by the Under School, as he comes thence to pass into School; for the Under School is no more, and its voice is silent for ever. Challenges also, after many modifications, are now a thing of the past, and the eloquent appeal of the late Mr. Mure has been in vain to save them, though the words 'that the system called the challenge be continued as far as possible' still stand among the regulations of the governing body. 'Mon. Os.' again no longer spends the hours of study in cheerful games of racquets in Little Dean's Yard; even his successor as School porter, the venerable Jackson, has retired on a pension into private life. Yet we hope that Mon. Os. in his present condition may not be superseded by the mechanical contrivance of a commonplace clock, but by his progress up School daily impart a dignity to the end of school hours which, with his abolition, would disappear for ever. Other, and these the chiefest, customs, however, we have still with us—the historic play, with its numberless associations, and the antique ceremony of election, which we trust will always continue to invest the time of leaving with that solemnity which is its due.

If we have spoken rather of the outward events of Dr. Scott's reign than of himself, it is because we feel that anything we could say would not be able to add anything to the affection and reverence with which all who know him regard him. His character is so remarkable that it could not fail to produce a profound and ineffaceable impression on all who have been brought into contact with him; to that impres-

sion our words would contribute nothing; we can only say, in his own words used in the prologue to the *Andria* of 1880 about the last Under Master:

*Quid opus est dicto? nostis, cur multis morer?*

The sorrow which we feel at Dr. Scott's departure is increased by the fact that the chief reason of it is the illness of Mrs. Scott, who has been advised to travel abroad for her health. We trust that she may thus, by change of air and scene, and rest from the anxieties of her position, be soon completely restored to health.

But a time like this is a time when we must prepare ourselves for the future as well as look back on the past. In his Election Sermon the Dean reminded us how, unless we justify our existence by bringing forth fruit, we shall come under the Divine condemnation: 'Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit, He taketh away.' We shall be on our trial; we know that many customs and manners most dear, and justly so, to all of us, are unintelligible to outsiders, and what men do not understand they often hasten to destroy—not that that is a wise impulse, but because the thirty millions of Englishmen are, as Carlyle told us, mostly fools. Unless, then, we can show that those customs, those institutions, produce good fruits in the after-life of those who are reared among them, they will meet with no sympathy; and it is right that it should be so, though those who attack us are often actuated by mean motives, and blinded by a supercilious ignorance which does not care to investigate what those things are which they attack. Therefore we hope that we may take a new lease of life, as the saying is—that we may put out new energies, root out abuses, and defend our good customs manfully. Let us show our new Head Master, who comes to us without an English public school education, from another system of training in another and very different country, what our boasted system can do. Let us show him that the School is still worthy of the great names of her alumni, the fame of her royal foundress, the munificence of her benefactors, the care of her illustrious masters. We are sure that Mr. Rutherford will be no unworthy successor of Nowell and Camden and Busby and Vincent. Let us prove that the spirit of Ben Jonson and Herbert, of Dryden and Locke, of South and Atterbury, of Hastings and Cowper, of Mansfield and Gibbon, of Southey and Russell, and many another famous name beside, is not extinct in the School which welcomes him.

## School Notes.

At Oxford Westminster has obtained the following honours:—Final Classical Schools: 1st Class, H. B. Cox; 2nd, E. U. Eddis and T. B. Strong; 3rd, G. Dale. In Moderations: 1st Class, H. R. James; 2nd, H. Munro; 3rd, F. E. Lewin.

The Phillimore Verse Translation Prize has been awarded to C. C. J. Webb, Q.S., and the Phillimore Prose Translation Prize to C. J. Shebbeare, Q.S.

The Masters of the School have been photographed in the 'Fighting Green' in the Cloisters. The last occasion on which this was done was immediately before Mr. Marshall's retirement.

On the day of the Charterhouse Match, Saturday, July 28th, School ended at 11 a.m. in celebration of Mr. E. C. Bovill's appointment to the Chief-Justice-ship of Cyprus.

It is proposed by the Scott Memorial Fund to give a present to Dr. Scott, up School, on Tuesday, July 31st, at 11 o'clock. The testimonial from the School to the Head Master will be presented at the same time. An account of the ceremony and of the presents will be published in our next issue.

## NOTES AND QUERIES.

### QUERIES.

THE PUMP IN DEAN'S YARD.—When did the famous pump in Dean's Yard disappear? I believe various curious facts are recorded concerning it in the *Town-Boy Ledger*. Can anyone oblige me with particulars?—T. O. M.

### NOTES.

CHAIRING CAPTAIN OF ELECTION (Vol. iv. p. 43).—H. Stepney Rawson was chaired on April 9th (Friday), 1869. This was, I believe, the last instance.—C. A. J.

## EPIGRAMS.

FOLLOWING the example of our predecessors we give a short selection from the epigrams recited at this year's Election Dinner by the Q.SS. in College Hall.

The epigrams this year were, as a collection, perhaps rather below the average. One striking feature of them was that not a single Greek one occurs among them. The theses given were '*Astu capitur*,' '*Omne tulit punctum*,' and their contraries.

First on the list appears one headed '*Astu non capitur*—*Αστυ capitur*—*Omne tulit punctum*,' which contains a good pun on the Greek and Latin meanings of *astu*.

Unicus Aegypti volat induperator ad oras,  
Eoas cogens Hesperiasque manus.  
Impiger hic idemque sagax ut in hoste doloso,  
Arte et consiliis utitur, arma parat.  
Astu non capitur; tanto magis occupat *ἄστυ*:  
Poscitur ad laudes utraque lingua viri.

The next is headed '*Astu non capitur*': Dogberry on the Transvaal Question,' and is a neat application of Dogberry's celebrated advice to the watch who asked what was to be done when 'vagrom men' refused to stand: 'Thank God you are rid of a knave.'

'Quid faciam, Praeclare Senex, agrestibus illis,  
Pinguia qui indomiti trans Vaalem arva colunt?'  
'Imperio parere jube, neque bella movere  
Vicinis.' 'Quid si frangere pacta velint?'  
'Noli plura loqui, grates et redde Supremo,  
Qui tot furciferos separet Imperio.'

Two epigrams deal with the legendary attack on Lady Florence Dixie by two gigantic women clothed in green. '*Omne tulit punctum*,' '*Astu non capti sunt*' is the thesis of the first.

Omne tulit punctum nuper Florentia siccae;—  
An sunt *inveniti* qui pupugere tamen?

The second, headed '*Astu non capitur*,' runs as follows:

Ipsa quidem Dixi(e)t, sed testis defluit alter,  
Nec spondet sponsus, nec canit ille canis.

Among English epigrams we insert one on the thesis '*Nullum tulit punctum*':

'What is your name, you cursed aristocrat?'—  
'The Marquis de Saint Cyr.' 'Marquis! what's that?'  
We've no such titles now.' 'De Saint Cyr, then.'  
'De! we know 'de' no longer, citizen.'  
'Saint Cyr, then; is that right?' 'Why, no, it ain't;  
France can no longer recognise a Saint.'  
'Cyr, then; quite short.' 'Sire! no, that cannot stay;  
We guillotined the tyrant yesterday.'

Among '*Auctore*' epigrams this is chiefly remarkable as having obtained the honour of insertion in *Notes and Queries*—'*Omne tulit punctum*':

Sir Edward Watkin formed a wish to tunnel under sea,  
'No, no!' exclaimed the Editor of the *Nineteenth Century*:  
'The French will come and kill us all while chatting o'er our tea.  
By my distinguished Magazine, I swear it shall not be.'  
Agnostics and philosophers and clergymen by scores,  
And other persons qualified to guard our native shores,  
They rallied round the patriot Knowles in that heroic cause:  
Now, if Sir Edward wants to dig, he'll have his choice of *bores*.

The following, also an '*Auctore*,' is an admirable example of punning power. The thesis is '*Omne tulit punctum*,' and the subject '*Pears' soap*':

Aspice quam niteant hominum vultusque manusque,  
Si modo bulla cutem ternerit illa *Piri*.  
Has ait ante alias se ponere Patti, *paretque*  
Apparent *per eas* candidus atque niger.

Two epigrams were written on the thesis '*Omne tulit punctum*,' '*In discessum Gulielmi E. Bovill, olim Alumni, per XV. annos Magistri*.' This title is responsible for an error in our last number about the



length of Mr. Bovill's period of mastership. He was here not 15 years but 14½.

The second is the better of the two, and runs as follows:

Omnia mutantur : lex haec mortalibus instat :  
Nostra domus raras nec tulit ipsa vices :  
Non finxisse libet quae mox ventura trahantur :  
Est qui jam nobis non redditurus abit.  
Hic vir multiplicis bene nōrat munera curae,  
Arte Mathematica Mechanicae sagax :  
Gallorum linguam, plantarum nomina, coeli  
Qualis sit ratio pandere suetus erat.  
Observare catus ne tempore tecta labascant,  
Ne pravis pueris fracta fenestra cadat.  
Officio functus jam per tria lustra magister  
Discedit : minimus venerat ille puer.  
Qui didicit, docuit : sic matri reddidit almae  
Debita : non operam perdit Eliza suam.  
At discedenti superest ut fausta pecemur,  
Et tandem invito vox sonet ore, Vale !

Lastly, an epigram with the thesis '*Omne tulit punctum*' is written '*In Virum valde honoratum Robertum J. Phillimore Baronettum, D.C.L., munere judiciali per plus quam XV. annos praedare functum.*' In this are celebrated the constancy of Sir Robert Phillimore and his family to the School even in her most unhopeful period, his many benefactions and un-failing interest in her. The whole epigram is too long for quotation, but we will give an extract:

Per mala, per casus, huic spes infracta manebat,  
Dum nobis melior redderet hora diem.  
Usque mem'or vincli veteris, cunabula primae  
Ille juventutis fovit amore pio.  
Prudentis fidus normam observabat Elizaë,  
In pretio est habitus mos, geniusque loci.  
Ingenii pueris ponens sua praemia, Musis\*  
Auxilium, Musis carus et ipse, tulit.  
Coetibus aestivis idem, scenaeque Terenti  
Solemnis semper fautor amicus erat.  
Seu causas prudenter agens, seu munere summo  
Fungens, antiqui lux fuit ille Fori ;†  
Sedulus officiis judex, arcanaque legum  
Illustrans scriptis expediensque suis.  
Palmas quam meruit salvus ferat ! otia vires  
Docto suppedient in nova coepta seni !  
His, quoties redeant anno volvente, Patronus  
Oramus festis addat, ut ante, decus.

## CRICKET.

### WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. MASTERS.

THIS half-day match was played at Vincent Square on Saturday, July 21st, and resulted in a victory for the Masters by 28 runs. The Rev. A. Sloman won the toss, and deputed R. Tanner and H. C. Benbow to sustain the attack of Higgins and Tritton. Tanner hit a 3 off the former's second ball, but was caught shortly after by Winstanley. The Rev. W. C. R. Bedford joined Benbow, and knocked up 11 before being taken at long off by Armitage. Thompson went on at 19, and off his second over the

Rev. A. Sloman was caught after making 6. A. W. Upcott now became Benbow's partner, who was shortly after bowled by Thorne for 10. E. M. Blackburne went in, and a short stand was made. Higgins went on again at 49, and the separation was effected by the last comer being taken at the wicket for 13. E. Tanner made 6 before being bowled by Tritton. Play was here stopped for a short time by the rain, and when it recommenced E. U. Eddis joined Upcott, who was almost directly after bowled for 8. The Rev. W. Failes failed to score, and C. E. Freeman was run out through a misunderstanding after making 4. R. A. Edgell's wicket fell quickly to Tritton, and the innings closed for 72, E. U. Eddis being not out for 7.

Higgins and Sherring went to the wickets, and Rev. W. Bedford began bowling. E. Tanner bowled from the opposite end, and in his first over Sherring was clean bowled for 2—one for 6. Tritton came in, but rain stopped play. After a new start had been made, Bedford bowled Tritton—two for 13. Thorne joined Higgins, but after the addition of 6 runs was bowled. Hurst was caught by Sloman off Bedford, and Armitage, in trying to hit a ball to leg, skyed it, and was caught by Blackburne at long-stop. All this time Higgins had been playing carefully, but none of the rest could make anything of the bowling, with the exception of Gibson, who was, however, unfortunately run out after scoring 5. Higgins was soon after caught by Sloman off Tanner for a patient innings of 19. The last wicket soon fell, and thus the innings closed for the wretched total of 44.

The Masters went to the wickets again, and when stumps were drawn had scored 76 for the loss of five wickets, Eddis and R. Tanner having made 31 and 18 respectively, and Sloman being not out for 17. The bowling analysis is rather remarkable.

#### MASTERS.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
R. Tanner, c. Winstanley,			
b. Tritton .....	3	b. Thompson .....	18
H. C. Benbow, b. Thorne ..	10	c. Sherring, b. Thorne ...	5
Rev. W. C. Bedford, c.			
Armitage, b. Thompson ..	11	c. Higgins, b. Thompson ..	1
Rev. A. Sloman, c. Hig-			
gins, b. Thompson .....	6	not out.....	17
A. W. Upcott, b. Higgins ..	8	c. and b. Armitage.....	0
E. M. Blackburne, c. Win-			
stanley, b. Higgins .....	13	not out.....	0
E. Tanner, b. Tritton .....	6		
E. U. Eddis, not out .....	7	b. Tritton .....	31
Rev. W. Failes, c. Tritton,			
b. Higgins .....	0		
C. E. Freeman, run out ....	4		
R. A. Edgell, b. Tritton ...	1		
Extras .....	3	Extras .....	4
Total .....	72	Total .....	76

#### WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

F. T. Higgins, c. Sloman, b. Tanner.....	19
C. A. Sherring, b. E. Tanner .....	2
C. B. Tritton, b. Bedford.....	0
F. G. Thorne, b. Bedford .....	1
A. R. Hurst, c. Sloman, b. Bedford .....	3
A. Armitage, c. Blackburne, b. E. Tanner .....	3
H. A. Thompson, c. and b. Bedford .....	1

\* The Phillimore Verse and Prose Translation and Essay Prizes.

† The Court of Admiralty, dating from Edward III.

R. Ingram, b. E. Tanner .....	5
C. Gibson, run out .....	5
A. Winstanley, not out .....	0
A. Fevez, c. Eddis, b. Bedford .....	1
Extras .....	4
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>44</b>

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

## WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs.
F. T. Higgins .....	12	5	3	20
C. B. Tritton .....	10.3	4	3	22
H. A. Thompson .....	8	1	2	10
F. G. Thorne .....	9	1	1	15

## MASTERS.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs.
Rev. W. C. Bedford .....	12.1	7	5	12
E. Tanner .....	12	1	4	32

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* NONDESCRIPTS.

This match was played at Vincent Square on Saturday, July 7th, and resulted in a win for the School by 22 runs. The visitors, who turned up two short, won the toss, and sent in Mitchell and Holmes to the bowling of Higgins and Tritton. Higgins bowled Holmes without scoring, and Mitchell soon after for 5. Levy and Wilde played steadily for a short time, and then the former was clean bowled by Tritton for 5. Neither Stallard, Welch, Hill, or Blaker did much, being all bowled by Higgins. Sherring, who was playing substitute for them, then came in (there being now seven wickets down for only 28 runs), and gave us some trouble. However, Wilde was now caught off Higgins's bowling for a patient 10, and Harrison, who was also playing substitute, joined Sherring; and these two put on exactly 20 runs before Higgins bowled Harrison. Bowden Smith did nothing, and the innings closed for 67, Sherring carrying out his bat for 24.

After luncheon Higgins and Bedford started our innings to the bowling of Bowden-Smith and Wilde. The first wicket fell for 5, Bedford being bowled by Wilde for 3. Thorne and Higgins increased the score to 20, when the former was caught and bowled by Wilde, who soon after landed Higgins for 14. Armitage joined Tritton, who was bowled by Bowden-Smith for 5. Thus there were four wickets down for 33 runs, so that we had still half the runs to make. However, Hurst and Armitage hit vigorously, and brought on a change of bowling, Hill going on in place of B. Smith. Armitage was at length caught off Wilde for 17, and Hurst made a hard-hit 26 before he was out. The rest did little, and the innings closed for 89.

The visitors started their second innings with Bowden-Smith and L. Mitchell. The former was caught at point, without scoring. Mitchell made 13, and was then caught and bowled by Tritton. Stallard and Welch hit vigorously, and made 11 and 30 respectively. The rest did not give much trouble, and the innings closed for 80.

Tritton and Higgins started our second innings, and both played well, putting on 31 for the first wicket. Bedford did not score, and Armitage and Hurst were both well caught by Stallard for 4 and

5 respectively. Higgins was out the last ball of the match for a well-played 28. Appended is the full score and analysis:

## NONDESCRIPTS.

<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
S. Mitchell, b. Higgins .....	5	c. and b. Tritton .....	13
A. B. Holmes, b. Higgins .....	0	not out .....	4
A. Levy, b. Tritton .....	5	c. Ingram, b. Thorne ...	0
M. Wilde, c. Gibson, b. Higgins .....	10	b. Tritton .....	1
G. S. Stallard, c. Thorne, b. Higgins .....	4	c. Hurst, b. Tritton ....	11
R. C. Welch, b. Higgins ...	1	b. Tritton .....	30
A. M. Hill, b. Higgins .....	2	b. Thorne .....	4
H. Blaker, b. Higgins .....	5	c. Ingram, b. Tritton ...	4
C. A. Sherring ( <i>subs.</i> ), not out .....	24	c. and b. Thorne .....	1
H. Harrison ( <i>subs.</i> ), b. Higgins .....	5	b. Thorne .....	9
Bowden-Smith, c. Hurst, b. Thorne .....	4	c. Ingram, b. Thorne ...	0
Extras .....	2	Extras .....	3
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>Total .....</b>	<b>80</b>

## WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
F. T. Higgins, b. Wilde ...	14	c. Stallard, b. Wilde ...	28
A. E. Bedford, b. Wilde ...	3	b. Wilde .....	0
F. G. Thorne, c. and b. Wilde	3	not out .....	0
C. B. Tritton, b. B. Smith	5	c. and b. Wilde .....	12
A. Armitage, c. Levy, b. Wilde .....	17	c. Stallard, b. Wilde .....	4
A. R. Hurst, c. Harrison, b. Hill .....	26	c. Stallard, b. B. Smith	5
R. Sandilands, b. B. Smith	3	} did not bat.	
C. Gibson, b. Hill .....	5		
A. Fevez, b. Hill .....	0		
A. J. Winstanley, not out...	5		
R. H. Ingram, c. and b. Wilde .....	0		
Extras .....	8	Extras .....	3
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>Total .....</b>	<b>52</b>

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

*First Innings.*

	Runs.	Overs.	Wkts.	Mdns.
F. T. Higgins .....	28	21	8	6
C. B. Tritton .....	26	17	1	6
F. G. Thorne .....	11	4.3	1	0

*Second Innings.*

	Runs.	Overs.	Wkts.	Mdns.
F. T. Higgins .....	31	7	0	1
C. B. Tritton .....	22	14	5	5
F. G. Thorne .....	24	9	5	2

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* FREE FORESTERS.

This match was played on Wednesday, July 11th, and resulted in the defeat of the School by 54 runs. Fortune smiled on the visitors in the toss, and J. Peyton and Macan were the first pair of batsmen to the bowling of Higgins and Tritton. When the score was 11, Higgins clean bowled Peyton, and Toynbee joined Macan. These two raised the score to 49, when the latter was bowled by Tritton for 18. W. Peyton gave some trouble, but was at length bowled by Thorne for 12. Toynbee had been in the meanwhile hitting very hard and scoring at a tremendous pace. He was eventually bowled by Higgins for a

very hard-hit innings of 133. Armstrong made 12 and was then run out. The rest did little, C. Y. Bedford being not out 8; and the innings closed for 210.

After luncheon, Higgins and Bedford started our innings to the bowling of J. Peyton and H. F. Chance. Both batsmen scored fast, Bedford hitting Peyton's first ball for 3. The first wicket at length fell for 68, Bedford being bowled for a well-played 22. This looked as if we were going to win, but in a short space of time Thorne, Tritton, and Armitage were bowled by Armstrong for 6, 1, and 0 respectively—four for 98. Hurst joined Higgins, who was soon after caught at point for a splendid 66, in which there were 4 fours, 8 threes, and 5 twos. Ingram only made 1, and Hurst was bowled by W. Bedford for 11. Sherring and Gibson raised the score from 119 to 140, when the former obstructed his wicket. Winstanley was run out, and Gibson bowled by Armstrong for a useful 12. The innings then closed for 156.

The visitors commenced their second innings with Macan and Cresswell, who was caught at the wicket without scoring. Fresh misfortunes were in store for the visitors, and there were soon four wickets down for 4 runs. However, Toynbee joined Macan, and made a short stand, when Macan was out for a well-played 21. Toynbee was dismissed shortly after by catch at point for 20. W. B. Peyton was the only one of the other batsmen who could do anything with Tritton's bowling, and he carried his bat out for 25. Tritton got six wickets for 18 runs. The innings closed for 87.

#### FREE FORESTERS.

##### First Innings.

J. T. Peyton, b. Higgins.....	6	c. Armitage, b. Tritton	0
G. Macan, b. Tritton .....	18	c. Armitage, b. Tritton	21
P. R. Toynbee, b. Higgins.....	133	c. Ingram, b. Higgins	20
W. B. Peyton, b. Thorne .....	12	not out .....	25
A. Chambers, c. Higgins, b. Thorne .....	6	b. Tritton .....	0
C. A. Cresswell, st. Winstanley, b. Thorne .....	0	c. Winstanley, b. Higgins	0
C. Armstrong, run out .....	12	c. and b. Higgins .....	1
H. F. Chance, c. Tritton, b. Higgins .....	1	c. Hurst, b. Tritton...	0
C. Y. R. Bedford, not out.....	8	absent .....	0
Rev. W. C. R. Bedford, b. Armitage .....	5	b. Tritton .....	8
W. Chance, b. Armitage .....	6	b. Tritton .....	3
Extras .....	3	Extras .....	9
Total .....	210	Total .....	87

#### WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

A. E. Bedford, b. W. C. R. Bedford.....	22
F. T. Higgins, c. C. Y. R. Bedford, b. W. C. R. Bedford .....	66
F. G. Thorne, b. Armstrong .....	6
C. B. Tritton, b. Armstrong .....	1
A. Armitage, b. Armstrong .....	0
A. R. Hurst, b. W. C. R. Bedford.....	11
R. A. Ingram, b. W. C. R. Bedford .....	1
C. A. Sherring, l.b.w., b. H. F. Chance .....	9
C. Gibson, b. Armstrong .....	12
R. Sandilands, not out .....	6
A. Winstanley, run out.....	3
Extras .....	19
Total .....	156

#### BOWLING ANALYSIS.

##### First Innings.

	Runs.	Overs.	Wkts.	Mdns.	Wides.
F. T. Higgins .....	74	14	3	2	2
C. B. Tritton .....	43	13	1	1	0
A. Armitage .....	38	12	2	1	0
F. G. Thorne.....	34	11	3	1	0
A. R. Hurst .....	18	3	0	1	0

##### Second Innings.

	Runs.	Overs.	Wkts.	Mdns.
F. T. Higgins.....	53	13	3	1
C. B. Tritton .....	18	32.2	6	7
A. R. Hurst .....	2	1	0	0

#### WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. INCOGNITI.

This match was played on Saturday, July 14th, and ended in a draw. We went in first, but only succeeded in making 82, Thompson, Ingram, and Winstanley alone reaching double figures. When stumps were drawn, our opponents had made 79 for the loss of 4 wickets, Lindsay being out for an innings of 34, composed chiefly of small hits, &c. The full score is appended :

#### WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

F. T. Higgins, c. Lindsay, b. Maude.....	3
A. E. Bedford, b. Druiitt .....	0
F. G. Thorne, c. Benbow, b. Maude.....	6
C. B. Tritton, b. Druiitt .....	1
A. R. Hurst, b. Maude .....	8
A. Armitage, c. Coleman, b. Maude .....	0
R. A. Ingram, c. and b. Maude .....	11
C. Gibson, b. Maude .....	9
H. A. Thompson, not out .....	17
A. Fevez, b. Maude .....	0
A. Winstanley, b. Druiitt .....	11
Extras .....	16
Total .....	82

#### INCOGNITI.

M. T. Druiitt, c. Thorne, b. Higgins .....	0
H. Ross, b. Higgins .....	7
F. W. Maude, b. Higgins .....	18
W. Lindsay, not out .....	34
W. F. G. Sandwith, run out .....	14
S. Malicrib	} did not bat.
W. Winter	
H. C. Benbow	
J. V. Hornby	
J. Colman	}
A. W. Heming	
Extras .....	6
Total .....	79

#### BOWLING ANALYSIS.

##### INCOGNITI.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs.
F. W. Maude.....	22	8	7	34
Druiitt .....	14.3	5	3	20
Hornby .....	7	3	3	12

##### WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs.
F. T. Higgins .....	10	1	3	39
Tritton .....	10.4	1	0	28
Thorne .....	3	1	0	6

On Wednesday, July 18, a match was played v. O.W.W. It resulted in a victory for the Old Westminster by 52 runs on the first innings. We went in



first and made 94, and they made 146. In our second innings we made 60 for the loss of six wickets.

#### WESTMINSTER v. CHARTERHOUSE.

Our annual match with Charterhouse was played up-fields on Saturday, July 28th. The weather, except during the latter part of the day, was very fine, and the ground all that could be desired. The attendance was large, and the ladies were in greater force than usual. The Carthusians won the toss and sent in Webber and Coulby at 11 o'clock, to the bowling of Higgins and Tritton. Both batsmen appeared quite at home with the bowling, and runs came quickly; Coulby hit a 4 off Tritton's second over, and also off his fourth, while Webber hit several ones and twos. The score soon rose to 20, and 8 runs were obtained off Higgins's next over, and 5 off Tritton's, and so at 35 Thompson went on instead of Higgins and Thorne for Tritton. Runs still continued to come quickly, and the telegraph soon announced that 50 runs had been made. Thompson and Thorne gave up the ball to Armitage and Hurst respectively. The change immediately took effect, both bowlers sending down maidens, and Webber being bowled by Hurst's third ball, for a steadily played innings of 33—one for 61. Cawston came in, and both batsmen hit freely, and the score soon rose to 80, at which figure Higgins went on again in place of Armitage, and Tritton in place of Hurst. Soon after Tritton bowled Cawston for 12—two for 93. Ewing came in, and another long stand was made; the hundred went up at a quarter past twelve, out of which Coulby had made nearly 50. Higgins gave up the ball to Thompson, but runs came as fast as ever, and so Armitage went on at 120. Ewing cut him for 3, and Coulby for the same figure. Thorne went on for Tritton and Hurst for Armitage at 140; and with the addition of only 5 runs Hurst bowled Ewing for 27. Brown came in, and hit several singles off Thorne, who delivered up the ball to Bedford. The batsmen could not make much off Bedford's fast unders, but managed to keep up their wickets, and punished Hurst severely. Tritton came on again instead of Bedford, and, with the score at 201, Brown was well caught by Higgins off Tritton. Ponsonby came in, but after scoring two singles was out, leg before wicket, to Tritton. Walters joined Coulby, who had been playing exceedingly well, and runs came quickly. Thompson went on for Hurst at 210, but the score still continued to rise; Walters hit Thompson for 4 and Tritton for 3, and Coulby got the latter to leg for 3. Walters scored a brace of twos off Thompson, but was soon after bowled by him for 17. Woodbridge came in, and scored 13 before he was caught and bowled by Tritton. Blenkiron came in, and Hurst went on for Thompson, and the last wickets soon fell. Hurst bowled the last comer without scoring. C. H. Vintcent was bowled by Hurst for 1, and L. A. Vintcent stayed in while his colleague made 20, and was then G. A. Coulby carried his bat, having played a bowled by Hurst, the innings closing for 274. brilliant innings of 144, comprising one five, 11 fours, 13 threes, 11 twos, and no less than 34 singles.

Our innings began a little before four o'clock, and we thus had two hours and three quarters with 274 runs to make. Bedford and Higgins went to the wickets, and C. Vintcent and Brown began the bowling. Both batsmen played very carefully, and runs came but slowly. However, by very close running, and by the help of byes, the total slowly rose to 20, and then Blenkiron took the ball from C. Vintcent, but after bowling one over, Vintcent went on again. At 40, Blenkiron went on for Vintcent and Coulby took Brown's place. Higgins hit Blenkiron for 3, but in his next over, Bedford was bowled for 20, Higgins having made 17. Gibson came in, but was given out leg before without scoring. Armitage joined Higgins, who, in trying a short run, was almost run out. C. Vintcent went on instead of Coulby, and off his third ball Armitage was caught at point for 2—three for 46. Tritton came in, and was bowled without scoring—four for 46. Thompson came to the wickets, but, with the addition of only 2 runs, was caught and bowled by Vintcent. Hurst joined Higgins, and the 50 went up at a quarter past five. Hurst got Vintcent to leg for 3, and, in his next over, drove him to the off for 2, and again for 4, which put 60 up. Brown went on instead of Vintcent, and Hurst got 1 from a late cut. Cawston went on for Blenkiron, and Hurst began by cutting his first ball for 3; 70 up. Higgins cut Brown for 3, and Hurst got the same bowler to leg for 1, but he was then caught and bowled by Cawston, for a hard-hit innings of 19—six for 77. Thorne came in and immediately cut Cawston for 2; and Higgins drove him to the on for 3. Blenkiron went on instead of Cawston, and Thorne scored 5 off his first ball, and Higgins hit him to leg for 4; 90 up. Vintcent now bowled from the pavilion end, while Blenkiron and Cawston took alternate overs at the other end. Runs came quickly, and Higgins put the hundred up by driving Cawston to the on for 3. Thorne drove Blenkiron for 4, but was bowled next ball for 16—seven for 106. Ingram joined Higgins, and a stand was made, so that we had hopes of making a draw of it. At 110, Vintcent changed ends, and Webber went on in his old place, and Ingram hit the former for 3. At 120, Brown took the ball from Webber, but without effect; Higgins hit him to the on for 3, and drove Vintcent to the off for the same amount, and also to leg; 130 up. In the next over, Higgins returned the ball hard to Brown, who failed to catch it. In Brown's next over, Ingram was missed at the wicket. Higgins cut Vintcent twice for 2; at 148, Blenkiron took the ball from Brown, and Higgins was caught by Ewing off his fourth ball, for a splendid innings of 70, comprising 3 fours, 9 threes, 8 twos, and 15 singles. There was now a quarter of an hour more, and two wickets to go down, so that our chance of a draw was very good; but disaster awaited us; Ingram was bowled by Brown, who had gone on for Vintcent, and Sherring's wicket also fell to the same bowler, ten minutes before time, Winstanley being not out 1. Our innings thus closed for 149, leaving the Carthusians victors by 125 runs. The full score is as follows:

## CHARTERHOUSE.

R. Webber, b. Hurst .....	33
G. A. Coulby, not out .....	144
E. Cawston, b. Tritton .....	12
W. H. Ewing, b. Hurst .....	27
C. Wreford Brown, c. Higgins, b. Tritton .....	17
H. S. Ponsonby, l.b.w., b. Tritton .....	2
A. M. Walters, b. Thompson .....	17
C. M. Woodbridge, c. and b. Tritton .....	13
T. W. Blenkiron, b. Hurst .....	0
C. H. Vintcent, b. Hurst .....	1
L. A. Vintcent, b. Hurst .....	0
Extras .....	9
Total .....	274

## WESTMINSTER.

A. E. Bedford, b. Blenkiron .....	20
F. T. Higgins, c. Ewing, b. Blenkiron .....	70
C. Gibson, l.b.w., b. Blenkiron .....	0
A. Armitage, c. Blenkiron, b. C. Vintcent .....	2
C. B. Tritton, b. C. Vintcent .....	0
H. Thompson, c. and b. C. Vintcent .....	2
A. R. Hurst, c. and b. Cawston .....	19
F. G. Thorne, b. Blenkiron .....	16
A. R. Ingram, b. Brown .....	9
C. A. Sherring, b. Brown .....	0
A. Winstanley, not out .....	1
Extras .....	10
Total .....	149

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

## WESTMINSTER.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs.
F. T. Higgins .....	24	6	0	59
C. B. Tritton .....	33	8	4	59
F. G. Thorne .....	8	0	0	21
H. Thompson .....	14	5	1	41
A. Armitage .....	10	3	0	36
A. R. Hurst .....	20	6	5	48
A. E. Bedford .....	6	4	0	2

## CHARTERHOUSE.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs.
C. H. Vintcent .....	29	11	3	55
C. W. Brown .....	22	8	2	32
T. W. Blenkiron .....	23	0	4	33
G. A. Coulby .....	3	2	0	1
E. Cawston .....	4	1	1	9
R. Webber .....	3	0	0	9

Tritton and Blenkiron each bowled a wide.

## WATER.

SOME of our readers may be glad to hear something about the change which has taken place in the manner of going to Water this term. At the beginning of the year it was reported that the launch was seriously out of repair, and would require the expenditure of more than £50 to make her fit for service. To this difficulty was added the unsatisfactory character of the boating at Battersea; the boats were extremely bad, so bad that it was next to impossible for anyone to learn how to row properly in them; the water was at times so rough

and cut up as to make good rowing impracticable; and coaching from the bank was impossible except on half-holidays. After many inquiries, it was decided to remove the head-quarters to Putney, and arrangements were made with Mr. Dawe, of the Broadway, to drive us up every day in two breaks, the Elizabethan Club kindly sharing the expense thereof. At present the chief drawback has been that the breaks are hardly large enough for our purpose; but before next season it is hoped that Mr. Dawe will be able to provide more accommodation; that has been impossible this year owing to the difficulty of obtaining other breaks so late in the season. T.BB. v. Q.SS. will be rowed on Saturday, August 4th.

## HENLEY REGATTA, 1883.

Tum creber anhelitus artus  
Aridaque ora quatit; sudor fluit undique rivis.

We may certainly congratulate ourselves that our Four did us credit at Henley; only one of last year's pinks was available this year; the total weight of the crew was two stone lighter than that of any other crew competing; and yet, by plucky rowing, they managed to win their heat from the worst station against the heaviest boat rowing, to win golden opinions from some of the connoisseurs of the art, and to row very creditably with the luck in the station again against them in the final heat.

As everyone knows (thanks to the *Daily Telegraph*), a disaster happened to the boat on the day before leaving for Henley, which nearly stopped our going altogether; but the rent was cleverly mended by two eminent boat-surgeons, and careful polishing afterwards prevented any serious leakage. In consequence of this the boat did not reach Henley till seven on Tuesday evening, after which the crew went out over the course. Travelling and long waiting had naturally told on them, and the rowing was not very satisfactory. On Wednesday, however, when they went out for a short paddle in the morning, and again in the afternoon, the rowing was much improved.

Our heat on Thursday was at two o'clock, the other two heats of the Public Schools having taken place earlier in the day. The names and weights at starting were:

WESTMINSTER (*Bucks Station*).

A. E. Crews ( <i>bow</i> ) .....	8 st. 4 lbs.
2. G. Berens .....	10 st. 4 lbs.
3. R. Armitage .....	10 st. 3 lbs.
O. Scoones ( <i>stroke</i> ) .....	9 st. 12 lbs.
G. G. Phillimore ( <i>cox</i> ) .....	5 st. 12 lbs.

LONDON INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE (*Berks Station*).

T. W. Brooks ( <i>bow</i> ) .....	10 st. 9 lbs.
2. A. Moore .....	11 st. 5 lbs.
3. H. Fraser Luckie .....	11 st. 5 lbs.
A. H. Illingworth ( <i>stroke</i> ) .....	9 st. 8 lbs.
P. H. Illingworth ( <i>cox</i> ) .....	6 st. 11 lbs.

Westminster were the first to strike the water, and perhaps for a second or so showed in front, but their opponents soon forged ahead, and rowing rather the faster stroke of the two, had about a length and a



half's lead when a third of the course had been rowed. At this point Westminster capitably steered close in to the Bucks shore under the protection of the bushes, spurted well, and coming up fast, got on level terms again. The London crew spurted in their turn, and from this point the race was most exciting, the boats' noses being as nearly as possible level. Just before Fawley Court boathouse Westminster seemed to get flurried, and losing the time and swing, once more fell back a length in the rear. Everyone on the bank must now have thought the race over, as the London crew were just nearing the bend, and had a length in hand; but our crew once more settled together, and coming across the river with a grand spurt, passed their opponents as they rounded the corner; just as we had got a length's lead, the London crew suddenly collapsed, and left us to paddle in easily.

## FINAL HEAT, THURSDAY.

BEDFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL (*Bucks Station*).

J. M. Glubb ( <i>bow</i> ) .....	9 st. 8 lbs.
2. G. Cary Elwes .....	10 st. 2 lbs.
3. D. Cary Elwes .....	11 st. 4 lbs.
G. Verey ( <i>stroke</i> ) .....	10 st. 6 lbs.
H. Thurnall ( <i>cox</i> ) .....	5 st. 2 lbs.

HEREFORD SCHOOL (*Berks Station*).

D. L. Rhys ( <i>bow</i> ) .....	9 st. 5 lbs.
2. F. C. Palmer .....	10 st. 5 lbs.
3. H. S. Ware .....	10 st. 6 lbs.
N. P. Symonds ( <i>stroke</i> ) .....	10 st. 10 lbs.
B. Norton ( <i>cox</i> ) .....	5 st. 12 lbs.

We drew the centre, the worst of the three, where both wind and stream were met with the most force. The wind was blowing off the Berks shore, which gave that station an increased advantage, so that nearly every crew won from it during the day. At the start the two other crews drew away from us; Hereford, however, had the race well in hand, and were never pressed by Bedford, finishing about a length to the good. Our crew stuck gamely to their work, the time and swing being remarkably good, and managed by a plucky spurt to keep within two lengths of the Bedford crew till the corner; from this point they fell away, and were finally beaten by four lengths.

Perhaps the merits of the crew were best described by the experienced writer in the *St. James's Gazette*: 'Westminster was pretty' ('and,' might we not add, 'plucky?'), 'but deficient in strength.'

We must not close without offering our warmest thanks to the Rev. A. R. Pritchard, Mr. George Hicks, and all at Hillands, for their great kindness and hospitality to us at Wargrave; to Mr. Phillimore, who invited us to luncheon on Thursday; and to the Exeter College eight, who entertained us on Wednesday and Friday; and especially to Mr. Upcott, who coached most energetically during the whole period of our training, and to whose exertions what success we obtained was chiefly due.

The expenses at Henley amounted to £18. os. 3d. Appended is a list of those who kindly subscribed to make up this amount:

## SUBSCRIBERS TO THE HENLEY FUND.

	£	s.	d.
The Elizabethan Club.....	5	7	3
Sir Robert J. Phillimore.....	3	3	0
C. T. W. Crews, Esq. ....	3	0	0
E. E. Antrobus, Esq.....	1	0	0
W. J. Armitage, Esq.....	1	0	0
R. Berens (sen.), Esq. ....	1	0	0
Rev. H. M. Ingram .....	1	0	0
Rev. C. B. Scott, D.D. ....	1	0	0
R. Berens (jun.), Esq. ....	0	10	0
W. E. Bovill, Esq.....	0	10	0
A. C. W. Jenner, Esq.....	0	10	0

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The eight has been filled up as follows:

O. Scoones, S. H. Clark, R. Armitage, A. E. Crews, G. Berens, W. S. Davis, J. Watt, and C. F. Rogers; *cox*. G. G. Phillimore.

H. N. Crouch, J. Salwey, and H. W. Smyth have got their 'pink and whites.'

## POETRY.

PHILLIMORE VERSE PRIZE TRANSLATION,  
1883.

## EURIPIDES, PHŒNISSÆ,

202-260.

From beside the Tyrian waters  
To the Archer God I come—  
Firstfruits of Phœnissa's daughters—  
Here to serve him in his home,  
Where beneath the snowy fells  
Of Parnassus hill he dwells.  
In a ship of pinewood tossing  
On the wide Ionian sea,  
And the barren ocean crossing,  
Which encircles Sicily;  
While, of heaven's winds the pride,  
Zephyr o'er the waves did ride.  
Chosen from my comrades, fated  
As the fairest offering;  
For my beauty consecrated  
To the great Far-darting king;  
Thus unto this land I came,  
And the heirs of Cadmus' name  
To the city seven-gated,  
Where our kinsman ruled as king,  
Till my presence is awaited  
By the blest Castalian spring,  
Where this maiden hair of mine,  
I must bathe for rites divine.  
O, thou flame-lit rock! O, glory  
On the double-peaked hill!  
On the heights renowned in story,  
And beloved of Bacchus still;  
Fruitful vine, of Bacchus blest,  
Grapes that daily scatterst.  
Ye mysterious caves, where sleeping,  
Erst the Pythian dragon lay!  
Mountains whence their watches keeping,  
Gods the sacred land survey!  
Holy mountain crowned with snow,  
Would that I the joy might know.

In a wheeling dance attending  
On the immortal Queen, so wind,  
Fearlessly my footsteps bending,  
Till earth's central shrine I find,  
Leaving Dirce for the dells  
Where my master Phœbus dwells.

But I see the fierce War-master  
Kindling bloody strife, and pray  
That the Gods so great disaster  
From this city turn away;  
As a man his friend's grief bears,  
So our land this city's shares.

For if all this people fareth,  
In their seven-gated home,  
All their woe Phœnissa shareth,  
For of kindred blood we come,  
Sprung from brethren whom of yore,  
Heifer-horned Io bore.

I, a partner of her sorrow,  
Watch the city girdled thus,  
With a cloud of shields to-morrow,  
On the house of (Edipus,  
Bloody strife and woe to pour—  
Such is Heaven's vengeance sore.

Argos! now shine aid from heaven,  
And thy warlike might, I fear.  
No unrighteous cause has driven  
Him whose army standeth here;  
Armed to battle is he come,  
Seeking here his rightful home.

C. C. J. WEBB.

## Our Contemporaries.

RECEIVED *The Alleynian*, *The Blue*, *The Cambridge Review* (2), *The Carthusian*, *Central Africa* (3), *The Cliftonian*, *The Durham University Journal*, *The Fettesian*, *The Geelong Grammar School Quarterly*, *The Glenalmond Chronicle*, *The Lily*, *The Meteor*, *The Newtonian* (2), *Our School Times*, *The Ousel* (2), *The Rossallian*, *Ulula*, *The University College School Magazine*, *The S. Andrew's College Magazine*, *The Wykehamist*.

According to *The Alleynian* a practice similar to the Christmas circulars of the immortal Squeers obtains in some French schools. An allegory is not very amusing at the best of times; but a mathematical allegory—ugh!

A Cliftonian has collected the history of the famous Caius and Balbus from the fragments of Arnold; he has, however, passed over Balbus's pessimist opinion of the army and Caius's escape from the county jail.

It is sad, indeed, when an editor is driven to furbish up an old story to fill up his space. The editor of *The Durham University Journal* 'resurrects' the fine old crusted paradox of 'the Cretans are all liars'; but perhaps he was ignorant of its age.

*The Fettesian*.—A good deal of Windermere; ditto cricket; an epigram a long way after Simonides—a forged signature, evidently.

The public school muse is not so loquacious as usual; several magazines have taken to borrowing from their contemporaries.

*The Glenalmond School Chronicle*.—School news, interspersed with Tennyson and 'Macbeth.'

*The Newtonian* gives an account of life in college at Winchester, mostly in the Wykehamist tongue; the writer explains nearly all the 'foreign' words, fortunately.

*The Meteor*.—*The Leaflet* has apparently succumbed, or perhaps 'it is Kismet,' and the editor of the elder journal is resigned.

*Our School Times* contains school news and letters *re* the 'Life of Lord Lawrence.'

*The Rossallian* is chiefly cricket; also amusing verses on the woes of editorship.

*The Geelong Grammar School Quarterly* has an interesting paper on the myths of the Blacks.

*The Wykehamist* consists of school news and elation at the defeat of Eton.

The *S. Andrew's C. and D. S. M.* (the full title would appal our readers) publishes a poem entitled (we cannot see for what reason) 'A Modern Advertisement.' Here is a specimen:

'Where dainty protea's buds bedeck the flat  
(Not one of them much bigger than your hat),  
And modest little ferns about the glen  
Suffice to shelter—half-a-dozen men!'

## Correspondence.

### THE CONCERT.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—I shall be much obliged if you will insert a few lines for me, in answer to a letter in your last number, signed 'Second Fiddle.' Had your correspondent omitted the first paragraph, his letter would have been very good, for his suggestions as to an orchestra, &c., are valuable. But with the first part I hope few will agree.

He makes three complaints of the concert: (1) 'the music is inferior'; (2) 'the performance is indifferent'; (3) 'the general arrangements are unworthy.' Therefore, 'he has often thought that it would be better to drop the concert altogether.'

Now, as 'A.G.O.E.' pointed out, the music is not so bad as to merit all the censure heaped on it. Of course it might be improved, even without turning the concert into a Handel Festival as 'The Man' seemed to wish. As to the second point, I would say that surely the singing of Westminster is not exempt from those temporary depressions to which also her classics and athletics, and indeed those of every school are liable. I have read the reports of every concert chronicled in *The Elizabethan*, beginning with '75. I find that those of '75, '78, '79, '80, and '82 are praised. That of '81 there was no space to criticise, but I remember that it was much enjoyed. Those of '76 and '77 were not so good. This is a fair number of successes. As to 'Second Fiddle's' last objection, I am sure that all who know our conductor will bear witness to the interest he takes in his share of the arrangements, while the faults of College Hall as a music room can scarcely be fairly imputed to those who have the management of the concert.

Improve the concert by all means; and to this end 'Second Fiddle's' suggestion as to an orchestra should be earnestly recommended to the authorities. But that one doubtful failure may not have the effect of putting an end to an event looked forward to with pleasure, and enjoyed by many besides myself, is the earnest hope of

Your obedient servant,  
TRIANGLE.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—I feel in duty bound to make some answer to the attacks of your correspondents 'A. G. O. E.' and 'Cyclicus Olim.' First, as regards the former. Though I should be loth to attempt to criticise the merits of any individual composer, I must persist in saying that the majority of people whose opinion on musical matters is worth having would not include either Hiller or Molloy amongst the number of eminent composers.

Again, he omits the potent fact that, even if we include the two last-named composers and do not 'look down upon' Piatti, we can even then only select eight out of the programme of twenty-three. Any sensible person, however, will admit that Stevens's 'Sigh no more, ladies,' is a song well worthy of the concert, and of course, if a judiciously sparse selection be made from the long roll of petty composers, no harm can be done. But here we are simply overwhelmed with a host of comparatively unknown worthies, whose name seems to be legion. Unwilling as I should be to disparage the productions of 'Alice Mary Smith,' or decry the dulcet melodies of Messrs. Moszkowski & Poniatowski, I assure 'A. G. O. E.' that the concert cannot subsist on composers of this sort. Let him read the able letter by 'Second Fiddle' in your last number. His statement, 'the music is inferior,' exactly tallies with mine.

Again, with reference to 'Cyclicus Olim.' I am afraid that the merciful statement of Dr. Troutbeck, which he relates, cannot save the concert from the condemnation it deserves.

The critique on this year's concert was the reverse of complimentary; the opinion of the audience was discouraging. It must and does prove in its present form a 'bogus investment' to those luckless individuals who are induced to attend it, and I heartily concur with 'The Man' in the opinion that unless some reformation is inaugurated in the music annually imposed upon us, the concert will obtain an unenviable reputation, which it will be only too eager to relinquish.

Believe me, Sir, yours truly,

DICK.

#### VINCENT SQUARE.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—In your last number 'W. M. M.' makes a timely protest against the indiscriminate use of Vincent Square by sundry more or less unauthorised cricketers during the Whitsuntide holidays. I also beg leave to express my strong objection to this iniquitous practice of allowing the school ground to be handed over to the hordes of howling Philistines who seem to take possession of it in the absence of the boys. All cricket grounds require a great deal of rest and nursing if they are to be kept in anything like a decent state of efficiency, and so far from there being any reason why Vincent Square should not have that chance of recovering from the legitimate wear and tear of the season, there is every reason why it should.

The O.W. Football Club were refused permission by Dr. Scott to play upfields in the holidays, and were only allowed, as a special favour, to play during the term on 'three or four' Saturdays when the boys did not want the ground. Now it seems to me that Dr. Scott's action was unquestionably right. We all, I think, recognised it as such, and put up with the refusal without grumbling for the sake of the school—and it is, therefore, rather hard to find that complete outsiders are allowed to work ruin on the turf, and convert what really ought to be a splendid cricket ground into a place of desolation, resembling in wet weather an Irish bog, and, in fine, a disused brick-kiln.

I submit, moreover, that it is absolutely illegal for permission to be given, I care not by whom, for any such miscellaneous use of the ground. Hear the words of the 'Public Schools Act, 1868': 'And it shall be incumbent on the said Governing Body to keep, as an open space for the recreation of the boys, and for no other purpose, the said playground in Vincent Square.'

To let all manner of uncouth strangers pour in troops into this place, and plough up the ground as though somebody was going to sow it with turnips, is not maintaining it 'for the recreation of the boys, and for no other purpose,' but is obviously putting it to a totally different purpose, and one which, I am sure, if the subject is inquired into, no one will be found to defend.

I hope that, attention having been called to the matter, care will be taken to prevent in the future what has been so great an evil in the past.

I am, Sir,

Your faithful servant,

T. S. O.

#### THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Since this will be the last number of *The Elizabethan* that will appear before the Athletics, I hope I may not seem too premature in venturing to suggest to the Games Committee that, owing to the present lack of bicyclists in the School, tricyclists also should be allowed to compete; the inferiority of machine could easily be remedied by a proportionately long start.

I also wish to enter a strong protest against a practice that has long existed of devoting some part of the money collected for athletics to other games; and I have it on credible authority that this gross misappropriation of moneys is to be still further increased. Now it must be evident to all sensible people that to collect half-crowns for one thing and to spend it on another, without the consent or, in the majority of cases, without even the knowledge of the payer, is a breach of trust on the part of the payee. Hoping that these facts are not true, or that if true they will be altered,

I am, yours truly,

A. B.

#### 'THE ELIZABETHAN.'

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Many O.W.W. have been surprised that *The Elizabethan*, during the month of June, was conspicuous by its absence. If any good reason can be given for its non-appearance you will much oblige.

SOAPY.

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

R. W. W.—The guide-book you quote has, we believe, no authority for its statement.

J. S. O.—We have inserted your letter in our columns. The facts of the case, however, stand thus. The parish schools of St. John's, St. Margaret's, and St. Matthew's, Westminster, and of St. Stephen's and St. Mary's, Vincent Square, were given permission to play in Vincent Square during the absence of the Westminsters by the late Archdeacon Jennings, before the passing of the Public Schools Act of 1868. These schools have probably since increased into clubs, from a practice growing up of old scholars returning to play where they formerly did. It would now unnecessarily offend many to withdraw entirely from these schools the right they have so long enjoyed; but it is to be hoped that when a convenient moment arrives the authorities may place some restriction on the number of persons who use Vincent Square under cover of the permission granted to these schools.

SOAPY.—*The Elizabethan* is supposed to issue ten numbers a year, including the Play Number. Of the three months, May, June, and July, one month has always gone without a number. It seemed this year to be most convenient that June should be that month. The annual ten numbers will, we hope, be all duly issued this year.

J. PENN.—We fully intended to issue your article this month, but we found ourselves unable to find room for it. As your article is not occasional, but of permanent interest, it is equally appropriate to any number.

We have been asked to make public the following announcement in our columns:

*Westminster School, Past and Present*, comprising an Historical Sketch of the origin and progress of the School to the present day; separate notices of the different Head Masters, with particulars and anecdotes of the school-days of distinguished Old Westminsters; the studies of the School in olden and in modern times; a minute account of the usages and customs peculiar to the School from personal reminiscences of forty years



ago; description and history of the School buildings, with engravings; a full account of the Westminster Play, with engraving; the Water Ledger—the race with Eton in 1845, with engraving of the eight and crew; the fields—the Cricket Ledger; the Fighting Green; notices of celebrated oarsmen educated at Westminster School; a complete list of winners of the School prizes to the present time. By Frederic Hale Forshall, a former Queen's Scholar. This book will be published *Deo volente* in the autumn of this year. Price one guinea. Subscribers will kindly forward their names to F. H. Forshall, Beachy View, Upperton Road, Eastbourne. February 17, 1883.

#### ERRATA.

A correspondent has kindly collected and sent the following:

Vol. iv., p. 26, col. 1,	for 'Tiber'	read	'Liber.'
" " " 2 "	'Tiber'	"	'Liber.'
" p. 3 " 2 "	'J. D.'	"	'T. B.'
" p. 5 " 2 "	'G. H. T.'	"	'G. H. I.'

The last number, we are sorry to say, contained several misprints: p. 40, for 'Newin' read 'Frewen'; p. 41, note, for 'Canon Ball' read 'Canon Bull'; p. 49, for 'Ross' read 'Roos'; and for 'Shelly' read 'Shelley.'

#### NOTICES.

All contributions for the October number of *The Elizabethan* to be sent in before September 25, to the Editor, St. Peter's College, Westminster.

All other communications must be addressed to the Secretary of *The Elizabethan*, St. Peter's College, Westminster, and on no account to the Editor or printers.

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The debt on *The Elizabethan* renders increased support from all Westminsters, past and present, urgently necessary, if the School Magazine is to maintain its present efficiency or to hope for a long-continued existence.

There are two photographs of the caste of the 'Phormio,' 1883, still left, price 3s. 6d. each. Apply to the Captain, St. Peter's College, Westminster.

Florent.