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WESTWARD HO!

 ON what I am going to say, I shall not attempt to describe Westward Ho as it is, as it ought to be, or as it will be, only as we saw it. We had often seen the pictorial advertisements of the place in sundry railway stations; perhaps the picture has been noticed by some of my readers. It represents a flourishing sea-side place, with detached villa residences, rows of smaller lodging-houses, convenient shops, a railway station, a pier with a steamboat alongside, and a handsome church. All this is attractive enough, to say nothing of the broad sweep of sand with bathers, &c., which may be seen *in the picture*; and having read Kingsley's novel of the same name, we determined to bring the place within the scope of our autumn walk.

The day before we had walked from Kilkhampton, with its fine church, about six miles from Bude; our intention had been that day to take the cross roads—they are very cross, and practically infinite, as we found—to Morwenstow, where we heard the cliffs (which we never saw) were fine to Hartland Point and Clovelly. Our start was right; *one* village on our route we hit—it was Welcombe—but all the rest was a tortuous maze; the *divertissements* were savage dogs, in one instance three at once; surly labouring folk who would not answer our queries, couched though they were in the politest of phraseology, and uttered in the most

dulcet of tones ; and an inn, which, *when* anyone told us where we were, always figured in the answer—in fact we seemed to be revolving about and around it in irregular courses. We walked for about five hours and got outrageously hungry. M. would talk about *his* hunger and so excite *mine* ; however, he found blackberries as unsolacing as I found nuts and tobacco. When at length we reached Hartland, bread and cheese enabled us to stay the other hour and half to Clovelly. Whoever wants to see a place which *fully* comes up to the descriptions of it in guide books, let him go to Clovelly, and let it be at the full of the moon.

However, Westward Ho ! is our present business. Very loath we were to shoulder our knapsacks and leave Clovelly, but at noon we were off, passing through the charming Hobby drive. Between three and four in the afternoon we found ourselves at the Westward Ho Hotel, a comfortable place and moderate in its charges. We found the cold beef very good—thereby hangs a tale—and well refreshed, we sallied forth to see the place before a table d'hôte dinner. Our first object was the beach, with an eye to to-morrow's dip. The few available spits of sand which we saw are only allowable for ladies ; the men are relegated to far-off spots where pebbles and an ochreous mud formed the natural barrier to the waves. However, we thought we should be able to manage somehow. The pebbles themselves are somewhat of a local notability ; however, *we* had seen the Chesil Beach. Then we turned to see the manner in which nature had been supplemented by art. A sort of green common, with a stray cow and doukey or so : dotted about on this the Inn a Pension, two or three rows of houses, a small church, a pier, and an unfinished bath house close by filled in the panorama. The incomplete aspect of everything was intensely droll as we compared it with the pictorial representations which we had seen. However, we agreed that, having come "a-purpose," a closer inspection was only proper.

In a row of lodging-houses, I think I am right in saying that one at least in every three was vacant, *i.e.*, the whole house empty ; and about half the others had their lodgings vacant. Then we

looked at the shops; there was a row of them. The first was a corner shop, a grocery establishment; the corner window in great measure was filled up with a wire blind painted to represent tea-chests, and other suitable objects; the rest of the shop was—oh! how scantily—furnished with articles of merchandise. The next was kept by a pastry cook, &c.; they boasted *two* of the glass pagoda-like receptacles which are so much affected by the trade; in one were about a dozen, in the other not *quite* so many *small* biscuits; there being not much else in the windows, we could easily see the innerstock, so to speak. There were about a score sponge with two currant cakes, and a few other articles. And so we passed on to a stationer's; this also was the Post Office, whose arrangements fitted up (conveniently) one window, the other was totally empty. However, in the background of the shop were a few things for sale: a few packets of paper, quite a crowd—considering—of little leather reticules, and a dozen or so of penny bottles of ink. An incident which occurred to us will aid to show the (un)limited capabilities of the establishment. The next morning in the coffee-room a gentleman was saying he wanted a lead pencil. We mentioned the stationer. In the afternoon we saw him again and inquired after his success. The owner of the shop had not one for sale, but would be glad to cut his own in two for the benefit of the would-be purchaser. At any rate the man was as accommodating as his circumstances permitted. The next shop was for boots and shoes; here the windows were really filled in an ordinary way, but the back of the shop suffered; in all the shelves which lined the walls I remember nothing save three pairs of coloured ladies' slippers, with rosettes, spread out to cover as large a space as possible. We concluded that when there were more people staying in the place (we had as yet met scarcely one of the visitor stamp) the goods would also increase. And all these houses were well built, with good (unworn, of course) pavements.

And so we wended our way to the pier. It is quite a nice one; visitors—if there were any—could take quite a pleasant walk there in the evenings to listen to the public band—if there were a public to

organize and sustain one. And it has comfortable iron seats forming part of the structure, all round, on which those who were weary—of the solitude—might rest. As we approached the gate-houses which flanked the entrance, we saw in large letters "Admission 1d.;" so we put our hands instinctively into our pockets to feel for that humble coin, and having found, marched forward with the courage of men who can pay their footing. But a silence met us as of a city of the dead; no one was there to relieve us of our coins. M. remarked that it would never pay a man to be stationed there to take the solitary pence. During the time that we were at Westward Ho! I did not see another on the pier; M. thinks he saw *one*; as we were leaving two, on our recommendation, were on their way thither. We both concluded that, even if the office were remunerative, in the present state of the population one could hardly find a spare person to act as collector. However, we enjoyed our stroll thereon very much; we had indeed to get over the gate, which—from disuse we supposed—refused to work, and then returned. On our way back we looked in at the baths. Here the arrangements were good; dressing boxes, spring boards, &c., the baths, as far as my memory serves me, being from four to ten feet; if they would change the water oftener—the next morning we had a bath, and found the liquid somewhat thinner than meagre pea-soup—the place would be very good. We were astonished this afternoon to find a lot of boys bathing there, but we were told they came from a school three miles distant, which accounted for it. The school at Westward Ho! also supplies bathers twice a week.

Such was what we found there in the autumn of 1875. In the way of enterprise the place seems overdone in comparison with the numbers of those who resort thither. But all this scantiness did not affect the inn, and we enjoyed it all thoroughly, perhaps the more from its unconventionality; I know, too, that we enjoyed our dinner and billiards in the evening, and our breakfast and croquet the next morning. Perhaps our greatest enjoyment, especially the retrospect, was our walk over the grass to Appledore. It is new ground, and the intersecting water-courses tried our—mine very

much—powers of jumping with knapsacks ; and when, on reaching a wider one than usual, we were obliged to take them off and throw them over, our fun was complete when, owing to the nerve of M.'s arm, his went too far and rolled into the next little stream. And so we were lost in the noise and turmoil of Barnstaple Fair.

A. H. E.

ORPHEUS AND EURYDICE.

(Virgil Georg. iv., 453-528.)

Be sure it is a God's wrath troubles thee,
Grave are th' offences thou atonest for ;
Orpheus, unhappy, though all innocent
Brings vengeance on thee, if no fate withstand,
In madness grieving for his ravished spouse,
She, flying headlong from thee through the stream,
Saw not before her, maiden doomed to die,
The watchful hydra ambushed in the grass
Fell tenant of the bank. The Dryad bands,
Her playmates, filled the topmost mountain peeks
With wailing ; wept the Rhodopeian heights,
Pangaeus wept and Rhesus loved of Mars,
Wept Attic Orithyia, Hebrus' stream,
And e'en the Thracian bands. He on the shore
Deserted, solaced with the hollow shell
His mournful love, and thee, his dearest spouse,
Thee e'er at sunrise, thee at sunset sang,
Aye, e'en the jaws of Taenarus he essayed,
Dis' deep-sunk portal ; e'en the grove he passed
With black fear darkling, till the shades he reached
Beneath their dread king trembling, and the hearts
Moved by no mortal prayers. Stirred by his song

From lowest depths the phantoms of the dead
 Came flitting, shadows, countless as the birds
 That hide in thousands 'neath the leaves, when ev'n
 Or wintry rainstorms drive them from the hills.
 Matrons and husbands, souls of warriors high,
 And youths whom parent's eyes with grief beheld
 Laid on the funeral pyre. Th' unsightly mud
 Surrounds them ever and Cocytus' marsh
 With reeds unlovely, and the Stygian lake
 With nine-fold stream encircling hems them in.
 Aye, e'en the very heart and home of hell
 Stood rapt in wonder; e'en the Furies paused
 Spellbound, their locks with lurid snakes entwined;
 Dread Cerberus held his triple mouth agape,
 And slumb'ring windbound stood Ixion's wheel.
 And now all perils he had safely passed,
 Returning, and Eurydice restored
 Behind him followed; for the Shades' dread queen
 Had so commanded; when th' unthinking youth
 A sudden madness seized. Yet worthy grace
 Could but the Shades be gracious. Mem'ry fled,
 And strength of purpose failed; he paused, alas,
 And e'en now at the very verge of light
 Looked back upon his spouse. Straight all his toil
 Was vain, the stern king disobeyed, and thrice
 A crash resounded through the Avernian lakes—
 "Alas," she cried, "what sudden madness this
 That hath destroyed me, Orpheus, and thyself?
 Lo once again the stern fates call me back,
 And dark'ning slumber clouds my swimming eyes.
 Farewell for ever; lo they bear me off
 With endless night encircled, and to thee
 My weak hands stretching, ah, no longer thine."
 She spoke and vanished, e'en as smoke dissolves
 With thin air mingling, and vainly he essayed

To grasp the shadow, vainly tried to speak ;
No more she saw him ; nor a second time
Would Orcus' guardian suffer him to pass
The stream that barred the way. What could he do ?
His wife twice ravished, whither could he turn ?
What tears could move the Shades, what prayer the Gods ?
His spouse meanwhile, now cold in death, was borne
Across the Stygian lake. For seven whole months
Beneath a rock at Strymon's lonely stream
'Tis said he wept, and neath the cold stone caves
Poured forth his story, till the very oaks
Moved at his singing and the tigers' breasts
Were softened. So beneath the poplar shade
Sad Philomela wails her ravished young,
Which ploughmen seeing have with ruthless hands
Torn callow from the nest. She all the right
Laments, and from her leafy perch renews
Her mournful song, till all the country round
Seems full of wailing. Him no love could move,
No marriage joys bring comfort to his soul ;
The frozen north and snowy Tanais
Alone he haunted, and the plains ne'er free
From wintry hoar frost, wailing his lost spouse
And Pluto's gifts made useless, till at last
The Cicon matrons, by his constant love
Despised, mid Bacchus' orgies and dark rites
Scattered his body piecemeal o'er the fields.
Then too, when Thracian Hebrus in mid stream
Swept down his head from marble shoulders torn,
" Eurydice !" the very voice and tongue
Cried out with fleeting breath " Ah, hapless maid !"
" Eurydice !" the banks around replied.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Shirburnian.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Although a constant reader of the *Shirburnian*, I have never yet seen in it any account of the football matches which are played by the lower fifteens.

I think it would add much more to the interest already taken in football if a short account of the various matches played on the lower fifteen grounds were sent regularly to the *Shirburnian*. A fellow is always somewhat proud of seeing his name in print, and it certainly seems rather unfair that the chance of attaining this distinction in the pages of the *Shirburnian* should be limited to some thirty individuals.

I would suggest that the captains of the various fifteens should send an account of their matches every week, taking care to mention those who particularly distinguished themselves. I am confident that this would render the game even more popular than it is at present; while, as for the editors themselves, they would be only too pleased to insert anything which would tend to increase at the same time the bulk and circulation of that useful, but oftentimes attenuated journal, the *Shirburnian*.

Yours very truly,

O. S.

To the Editor of the Shirburnian.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I wish to take advantage of a small space in your valuable pages to make a few remarks with regard to the Debating Club. It is in my opinion an institution of considerable value, and I can scarcely remain silent and see it go to ruin. In the first place, I beg to suggest that it would be considerably better if the subjects of debate were chosen more from historical or political subjects

than from matters of a purely local, or, at the most, "school-boy" interest. Again, the debates are so badly supported and kept up, that, much to my disgust, I have often seen the debate closed before eight o'clock for want of speakers. I should have thought that out of the large proportion of members of the Upper School who attend the debates more than five or six ought to be found who could make a short speech. I appeal to all members of the Upper School, or, at all events, of the upper part of it, to support a society which seems in danger of "going to the dogs" for want of energy on the part of the members.

I remain yours, &c.,

NEMO

FOOTBALL.

THE SCHOOL V. CLIFTON CLUB.

This match, which had been postponed from Saturday, December 11th, owing to the frost, was played on the School ground on December 15th, and resulted in a victory for Clifton by one try to nothing. Evans kicked off for the School, but the ball was soon returned into neutral ground by a good drop from Miller. Some hard scrimmages now took place, until Evans, by an excellent run, took the ball into the visitors' 25, where it remained but for a short time. Some good play was now shown by Heathcote and Clark for the School, and by Thompson and Curtis for Clifton. After this nothing of note occurred until half-time was called, when Clifton by some good forward play, aided by some capital drops from Miller, succeeded in obtaining a try by Curtis, but the place by Miller was unsuccessful. After this Evans made another capital run half way across the ground, and the ball was taken into the enemy's quarters, but no further advantage was gained by either side. Had it not been for the loss of Finch, one of our best backs, who was unable to play, we think the game might have resulted differently.

PAST V. PRESENT.

This match was played on December 20th, and resulted in a victory for the Past by two tries to one. The Present, however, it is but fair to say, were deprived of the services of Finch, Sanctuary, and Rees. Evans kicked off for the Present, but the ball was immediately returned, and some scrimmages ensued in the middle of the ground. The Present, however, were kept within their 25, though they managed to avert defeat until half-time was called, when Tanner secured a try for the Past, but the try by Pulling (a difficult one) was unsuccessful. Almost immediately, however, Tancock secured another try for them, the place again being a failure. The Present now warmed up to their work and drove their opponents back, aided by some good runs by Twynam, Grueber and Pink doing good work in the scrimmage, but failed to gain any advantage, though they were several times on the verge of it, until just before time was called Clark, by some good play, got in, the try, however, by Vail being unsuccessful.

THE SCHOOL V. EXETER CLUB.

This match was played December 1st on the School ground, and resulted in a victory for the School by two tries to one. The School winning the toss kicked off, and, following up well, penned their opponents, despite the efforts of Wilson, who made some good runs. After several scrimmages Evans got hold of the ball, and by a drop at goal just grazed the bar, but he again got hold of it and ran in, the place, however, being unsuccessful. On the ball being again set in motion, the Exeter men, with a good rush, carried it within the School's 25, but Evans soon took it well away. They were, however, again driven back, and Dykes, dapping the ball, secured a try in the very corner of the ground, but the try by Massey, though a splendid kick, was unsuccessful. After this nothing of note occurred until half-time, when the ball was again carried into the enemy's quarters, and Sanctuary, by some good play, got a second try for the School right between the posts, the place, an easy one, being a failure. For Exeter, Wilson, Dykes, and Massey played best; and for the School, Tyacke, Tanner, and Cuming.

Exeter.—Massey and Elliot (backs), H. C. Wilson (captain) and Street (half-backs), Jameson (quarter-back), Carpenter, Carter, Dykes, Farquharson, Hutchings, Raddife, Roberts, Syngé, R. P. Wilson, and H. C. Phillips (forwards).

THE SCHOOL V. H. T. TWYNAM'S TEAM.

This match was played on the School ground on November 27, v. a team, chiefly consisting of St. Andrew's Rovers, under the captaincy of H. T. Twynam. Evans winning the toss for the School, elected to kick off. The ball, however, was quickly returned, and the scrimmages for a short time were confined to the School territory, though Finch, Tyacke, and Evans made some good runs. A capital run by Finch brought the ball into neutral ground, where it remained until half-time. Shortly after kicking off Finch was disabled and had to retire, thus depriving the School of one of its best supporters. Our opponents forwards now made a good rush, and Williams obtained a try, though the kick was a failure. The School made matters even by Grueber running in, and Vail kicked a goal. Soon after this Twynam obtained a second touch for his side, the try again being unsuccessful. Just before time was called J. Kolle obtained another touch, which H. Traill converted into a goal, thus leaving the visitors the winners. The game was very fast throughout, good runs being made for the School by backs and forwards, notably Evans, Finch, Tyacke, Grueber, and Rees; for the visitors, E. Tanner and Greaves collared well, whilst Twynam, Ker, J. Kolle, and Campbell did good service.

Twynam's Team.—H. T. Twynam (captain) and E. Tanner (quarter-backs), W. D. Pulling and J. B. Ker (half-backs), A. T. Barney, W. Biden, J. D. Campbell, E. Greaves, J. Kolle, W. Kolle, Plummer, H. Traill, G. Traill, T. Traill, and W. H. Williams.

THE SCHOOL V. DORCHESTER CLUB.

This match was played on February 9th, and resulted in a victory for the School by three goals and three tries to one goal. Soon after play began, Twynam secured a try, the place however being unsuccessful. On the ball being again started it remained for a short time in neutral territory, but soon again Twynam, by an

excellent run, secured a second try, the goal this time being well kicked by Finch. Here the School lost the services of May who was disabled and obliged to retire; they still however had the best of it, tries being gained in quick succession by Evans and Pink, but no goal was kicked. After the change of ends, Kennedy made a splendid run for Dorchester half the length of the ground, and soon afterwards Kennard, by a fine run secured the only try for them, Damen placing the goal. After this Evans ran in twice, goals being kicked by Twynam and Grueber. Besides those already mentioned, Wilson and Price played well, and for the School, Tyacke and Cuming.

Dorchester.—T. W. Wilson (back), G. H. Cooper and B. Woodforde (half-backs), J. Kennedy and P. B. Kennard (quarter-backs), E. J. Damen (Captain), O. H. Maggs, C. Harding, L. Woodforde, Rev. H. P. Price, H. W. Burt, F. Fooks, T. W. Beach, F. Davis, and B. W. Smith.

The following have played for the School in these matches :—
H. W. Vail (back), R. T. Finch and H. D. Tyacke (half-backs), W. F. Evans and H. M. Twynam (quarter-backs), R. Tanner, T. A. Rees, F. G. May, C. Sanctuary, E. E. Heathcote, G. G. Grueber, F. Clark, A. Glasgow, C. Pink, G. Cuming, Aldous, and Tremlett. Aplin, Watkins, and Kinneir also played in one match.

A TO K V. REST OF THE ALPHABET.

This match was played on January 29 and 31. On the first day A to K had much the best of it, many of the Rest getting rather lazy towards the end of the game. During the first half of the game, nothing of note occurred beyond Mr. Kennedy obtaining a try, no goal being kicked. After half-time was called tries were obtained by Evans (two), Mr. Kennedy, Finch, and Grueber (one each), and goals were kicked by Evans (two), Mr. Kennedy, and Finch. On the second day the Rest were reinforced by Tanner, Tyacke, and Pink, and the game consequently was far more equal. Soon after play commenced Evans ran in, the punt out being converted into a goal by Anderson; Mr. Kennedy also secured a try, out of which Finch placed a goal. When time was called the Rest were getting

decidedly the best of it. Beside those already mentioned, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Bennett, Clark, Glasgow, May, and 'Tyacke played well for their respective sides.

COLTS V. VETERANS.

Wednesday and Friday, February 2nd and 4th.—This match resulted in favour of the latter by three goals to one. On the first day the game was very hotly contested, no advantage being gained by either side before half-time was called. On changing sides Finch, by a splendid run, gained a touch for the Veterans, which he converted into a goal. Soon afterwards Mr. Kennedy secured another touch and goal for the Veterans. Towards the end of the game the Colts worked well, some good runs being made, notably by Evans, the Veterans having great difficulty in protecting their goal line. On the second day several players were absent from each side, and consequently the game was not so lively. Shortly after half-time Evans dropped a capital goal for the Colts. After half-time Finch secured a try, out of which Mr. Kennedy kicked a goal. Besides those already mentioned, for the Colts Mr. Wilson and May played well, and for the Veterans Mr. Price and Anderson.

FIRST FIFTEEN V. NEXT TWENTY WITH MASTERS.

Saturday and Monday, February 5th and 7th.—On the first day, during the first half-time, the First Fifteen looked like getting the worst of it, being hard pressed, and for the Twenty Mr. Kennedy got a touch, the try being unsuccessful. Very soon after Mr. Woodforde secured another touch for them, the goal being kicked by Mr. Wilson. After half-time, however, the Fifteen woke up, and the tables were completely turned. Tries were obtained by Twynam, Evans (two), and Clarke, out of which two goals were kicked by Evans and Finch respectively. On Monday the Fifteen had again the best of it, and tries were obtained by Clarke, Evans, Twynam, and Grueber, the latter being converted into a goal by Twynam. Besides those already mentioned, Tanner, Cuming, and May, and for the Twenty, Bewes, Aplin, and Smith played well.

FIRST ELEVEN V. NEXT FIFTEEN WITH MASTERS.

This game was played on Saturday and Monday, the 12th and 14th respectively. On the first day the Eleven were reduced

to nine owing to the absence of Tyacke and Clarke. Soon after play began Mr. Kennedy got a touch for the Fifteen, which he converted into a good goal. For some time the Fifteen penned their opponents, until Evans, by a good run, passed all the Fifteen's backs and secured a try, the place, however, being unsuccessful. Soon afterwards Finch dropped a neat goal. After half-time was called the Fifteen again got the best of it, and touches were obtained in quick succession by Woodforde and Anderson, neither, however, resulting in a goal. The Nine now warmed to their work, and drove their opponents back, and Finch, by a grand run, secured a try, the goal being placed by Evans. The first day's play thus ended in a victory for the Nine, after a very hard fight of it, by two goals and one try to one goal and two tries.

On the second day, for the first part of the time, the Eleven had it all their own way, tries being obtained by Evans (two), Clarke, and Tanner, out of which two goals were kicked by Evans and Rees. After half-time was called the Fifteen were reinforced by Pink, and matters were more even, and William, ma. secured a try, out of which Anderson kicked a goal. Besides those already mentioned, Grueber, Heathcote, and Tanner for the Eleven, and for the Fifteen, Aplin, Williams, mi., and L. Woodforde played well, Smith also collaring very well.

CRICKET.

The following matches have been already arranged :—

June 15th—The School *v.* Kingston Park Cricket Club.

June 19th and 20th—The School *v.* Trinity College, Oxford.

June 30th and July 1st—The School *v.* Clifton College.

July 5th and 6th—The School *v.* Wiltshire Wanderers.

July 28th and 29th—The School *v.* Past Shirburnians.

July 31st and August 1st—Past and Present Shirburnians
v. County of Dorset.

September 26th—The School *v.* Kingston Park (Return).

OLD SHIRBURNIAN SCHOLARSHIPS FUND.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FROM NOVEMBER 1ST, 1874, TO
OCTOBER 31ST, 1875.

1874	INCOME.	£	s.	d.
Nov. 1	Balance in hand on deposit at London and Joint Stock Bank	76	19	2
1875				
Jan. 8	$\frac{1}{2}$ dividend on Canadian Bond, less tax ...	2	19	6
July 2	Ditto	2	19	6
	Discount on Cox's Bills	0	9	0
Oct. 31	Interest on deposit account of income and capital from 1st November, 1874, to date	2	9	5
	69 subscriptions at £1 1s.	72	9	0
		£158	5	7
1874	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Dec. 18	Hire of Room for Meeting	0	15	0
„ 31	Cheque, Rev. H. D. Harper, one year's Scholar- ship to Christmas, 1874	63	0	0
	Stamps	0	6	0
1875				
Jan. 11	Cox & Co., Printing Circulars and Post Cards ...	1	5	9
Mar. 16	Ditto and Reports	4	5	0
	Stationery, Stamps, &c.	0	16	8
Oct. 31	Balance on deposit at London and Joint Stock Bank	87	17	2
		£158	5	7

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT TO 31ST OCTOBER, 1875.

	INCOME.	£	s.	d.
1870 and 1871—	Donations	4	4	0
	Life Member, H. Beadon, Esq. ...	14	0	0
1871 and 1872—	From Income Account	64	1	0
	Life Member, C. J. Upcott, Esq. ...	10	10	0
	Donations	11	5	0
1872 and 1873—	Life Member, J. Parsons, Esq. ...	10	10	0
	Donations	11	1	0
1873 and 1874—	Life Member, Captain Hammond ...	10	10	0
	Donation, R. Pitman, Esq. ...	1	1	0
1874 and 1875—	Life Member, Rev. E. T. Frere ...	10	10	0
		£147	12	0

INVESTMENTS.		£	s.	d.
1872—Feb. 29	Canadian Government £6 per cent. Bond	104	0	0
1875—Oct. 31	Balance on deposit at the London and Joint Stock Bank 	43	12	0
		£147 12 0		

LIST OF LIFE SUBSCRIBERS AND SUBSCRIBERS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.
LIFE SUBSCRIBERS.

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1871 & 1872—C. J. Upcott, Esq. 1874 & 1875—Rev. E. T. Frere.
1872 & 1873—J. Parsons, Esq.

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Ashworth, J. A., Esq.	Henley, E. F., Esq.
Austin, E. J., Esq.	Highmore, J. N., Esq.
Babington, R., Esq.	Hutchins, P. B., Esq.
Ball, F. J., Rev.	Hancock, R. D., Esq.
Beadon, R. J., Esq.	Kedde, S. S., Rev.
Bennet, F. W., Esq.	Kendle, W. J., Rev.
Bennett, F. E., Esq.	Lawrence, T. N., Esq.
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Brodie, B. F., Esq.	Malan, E. C., Esq.
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Broadmead, W. B., Esq.	Messenger, W. R., Esq.
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CIRCULAR.

N.B.—This Circular is addressed both to Subscribers and Non-Subscribers.

DEAR SIR,

Allow me to call your attention to the following extract from the Report of the Meeting of Subscribers held 13th December, 1875 :—

“In the course of a General Statement of the affairs of the Fund, the Secretary read letters from certain *quondam* Subscribers declining to continue their Subscriptions. As in some of these cases, the fact of having subscribed for very short periods—in one case, only two years—was given by the writers as the ground of their discontinuance, the Secretary was instructed to issue a Circular, calling attention to the basis upon which the Fund was originally established, and to the impossibility of continuing it, should such a course become general.”

In pursuance of my instructions, I now beg to lay before you the following considerations :—

The Fund was set on foot in June, 1870, and the number of Subscribers for the (first) year ending

October 31, 1871,	was 61,
” ” 1872,	” 66,
” ” 1873,	” 68,
” ” 1874,	” 75,
” ” 1875,	” 69,

In each year several names drop out of the list and new ones are added ; the balance, as will be seen, having been in our favour until last year, when, in spite of the addition of 10 new Subscribers, the list fell by 6 names from the numbers of the year before.

In the original Circular issued by the promoters of the Fund a hope was expressed that the Subscribers would “give the Committee some sort of assurance that they intend to continue their

Subscriptions annually, inasmuch as the scheme will depend for its success upon the regularity and permanent nature of the subscription."

There is no occasion to fix a limit to the number of years for which Subscriptions should be expected to continue. The composition of a Life Subscriber is £10 10s., but it must be remembered that this is a "composition," so that the number of Subscriptions in lieu of which it is accepted must be something over ten; nevertheless, if every Subscriber's name continued on the List for 10 years, the Fund would be in a flourishing condition enough.

I would not be understood to suggest that everyone who begins subscribing should feel that he was thereby binding himself to continue for 10 or any other number of years; on the contrary, we are glad enough to get Subscriptions for even one year, though we naturally prefer that they should be continuous. What I wish to impress alike upon Subscribers and those who are not at present among that number is this—that the Fund cannot thrive permanently upon precarious Subscriptions alone, and unless a sufficient number of Subscribers are found ready to continue on the List for, say, 10 years, it cannot but dwindle and must eventually die of inanition.

I do not say that at the present moment the Fund is in a bad way, but it is in danger; and my object is to stem what might otherwise (after recent examples) become a general tendency to consider a brief period of Subscription sufficient.

There is another point upon which I would beg permission to remark. I would put it to those who have left the School since the Fund was started, whether, well-known as its nature and beneficial character must be to them, and fresh as is their interest in the School, they have come forward as readily as might perhaps have been expected? Seeing that 61 Subscribers (of whom 40 still remain) were found to contribute in the first year, when a response to the appeal could scarcely be expected but from those whose connection with the School was recent; it seems hard that in the course of four years not 50 should have been added—and these by no means

all junior men ; or being at all constant in their Subscriptions, since only 29 of them are in last year's list.

As I believe everyone would agree in considering it a disgrace to the public spirit of our School if a Fund like this were to be allowed to decline through lack of support ; I trust the above considerations may not only induce those who have withdrawn their Subscriptions, or contemplate doing so, to review their decision, but may also be the means of converting intermittent into regular Subscribers, and of bringing to the List the names of many who have hitherto failed to assist us.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

ROBERT BEADON,

Hon. Sec.

4, Hare Court, Temple, February, 1876.

* * * The Annual Subscription of One Guinea for the year 1875-6 became due 1st November, 1875.

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 As it is desired to bring the Financial Year to a close in June, so as to hold the meeting at a season more convenient to Country Subscribers, it is urgently requested that all Subscriptions may be paid without delay.

SCHOOL NEWS.

We have much pleasure in announcing the following honours gained since the publication of our last number.

- A. Cattley, First-class Classics (Mods.), New College, Oxford.
- W. B. Broadmead, First-class Modern History, Trinity College, Oxford.
- H. W. Andrews, 26th Wrangler, Christ's College, Cambridge.

The list of honours for the year 1875 was as follows :—

- H. Williams, 22nd Wrangler, Magdalene College, Cambridge.
- T. H. Attwater, Scholarship, Pembroke College, Cambridge.
- W. M. Barnes, Scholarship, Brasenose College, Oxford.
- J. L. Holland, Scholarship, Keble College, Oxford.
- E. T. Gibbons, Ellerton Essay (University Prize), Ch. Ch., Oxford.
- W. Warry, First-class Classics (Mods.), Exeter College, Oxford.
- A. W. Upcott, Scholarship, Exeter College, Oxford.
- E. A. Upcott, Scholarship, Balliol College, Oxford.
- A. Cattley, First-class Classics (Mods.), New College, Oxford.
- W. B. Broadmead, First-class Modern History, Trinity College, Oxford.

H. H. Rogers (O.S.) has passed the entrance examination for Woolwich; and M. Taylor (O.S.) the examination for direct commission in the army.

Since our last issue A. Glasgow, F. Clark, and C. Pink have been presented with their first fifteen colours, and Anderson, Williams, mi., Smith, Harries, ma., Harries, mi., May, mi., Bewes, ma., and Kinneir have been put into the Second Twenty.

The first ties for the House matches have been drawn as follows :—

Curteis' *v.* Hetherington's; Wood's *v.* Price's; Tancock's *v.* Town.

The first ties for the fives' matches (doubles) have also been drawn as follows :—

Senior.—Barton, ma. and Crosby, ma. *v.* Sanctuary and Williams, mi.; Lester and Smith, mi. *v.* Heathcote and Vail; Crosby, ma. and Lacey *v.* Lloyd and Tanner; Bewes, ma. and Cuming *v.* Barton, mi. and Upcott; Anderson and Strachey *a bye.*

Junior.—Olivier and Strachey, mi. v. Dennis and Vail, mi. ; Dixon, mi. and Stewart v. Milford mi. and Parker ; Bastard and Broadmead v. Chilcott, mi. and Dixon, ma.

We are sorry to notice that the competition is so small.

The following left the School last term :—Cattley, Hawkins, Player, Maybery, Benson, Chandler, Edwards, mi., Harrison, Gillard, and Phillips, mi.

Hurry, Garland, Smith, ma., English, Harris, Glasgow, Aplin, Harper, ma., Whitehead, ma., and Crosby, ma., have been promoted into the Sixth.

The Digby Prizes were awarded as follows at the end of last term :—Mathematics and Science, Williams, ma. ; Modern Languages and History, Upcott.

The Races have been fixed for the 17th and 18th of April.

The Musical Society gave a concert the evening before we broke up last term. The first part of the programme consisted of a short selection from the Messiah, and Mendelssohn's two cantatas, "Hear my Prayer" and "The Sons of Art." A small orchestra, with Mr. Burnett, in his accustomed place, as leader, played the accompaniments, and the performance of the sacred cantata was very satisfactory, Olivier singing the long and arduous solo part in finished style, and with more than usual care. "The Sons of Art," for male voices, has been heard in the music room more than once before, and the performance on this occasion was by no means the best we have listened to. With all due admiration for the music, it certainly appears too difficult for our resources, and we cannot but think it would be well to withdraw it for the future from the society's repertoire. Mr. Burnett played Beethoven's Romance in G between the two cantatas, and added as an encore a "Berceuse" by Reber, which was much admired. A new feature was given to the concert by the presence of several old members of the Society, who most kindly sang "Glorious Apollo" between the parts, and received a well-merited and deafening encore. In the second part, we should notice particularly a charming sestett from an opera of Nieder-

meyer's, in which Ainslie and Mr. Parker took the prominent parts, and Haydn's solo and chorus "A Wealthy Lord" from the Seasons. We may also give a special word of praise to the choir for the "Football Song," which went better than ever, and Mr. Regan's violin pupils were able to give effective help in one of Rossini's overtures. Mr. Burnett's performance of one of De Beriot's concertos, Mr. Parker's singing of Mendelssohn's "I'm a Roamer" and Mr. Beazley's masterly pianoforte playing were amongst the most noticeable features of the programme. Mr. Sterndale Bennett conducted as usual.

PART I

"For unto us a child is born" (Messiah)	...	...	<i>Handel.</i>
AIR, "O thou that tellest" (Messiah)	...	...	<i>Handel.</i>
MOTET, "Hear my prayer"	...	...	<i>Mendelssohn.</i>
VIOLIN SOLO, Romance in G	<i>Beethoven.</i>

Mr. Burnett.

CANTATA for Male Voices, "The Sons of Art"	...	<i>Mendelssohn.</i>
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PART II.

FOOTBALL SONG	<i>David.</i>
SESTETTO from "Maria Stuarda"	<i>Niedermeyer.</i>
PIANOFORTE SOLO, "Impromptu in E flat"	<i>Schubert.</i>

Mr. Beazley.

TRIO AND CHORUS, "Mynheer Vandunck"	...	...	<i>Bishop.</i>
VIOLIN SOLO, 9th Concerto	<i>De Beriot.</i>

Mr Burnett.

SONG, "I'm a Roamer" (Son and Stranger)	...	<i>Mendelssohn.</i>
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Mr. Parker.

OVERTURE, "Il Barbiere"	<i>Rossini.</i>
SOLO & CHORUS, "A wealthy Lord"	<i>Haydn.</i>

DULCE DOMUM.

We are glad to hear that Mendelssohn's "Elijah" has been put into rehearsal this term. We regret, on the other hand, to hear a rumour that the concerts during the term are likely to be given up.

DEBATING CLUB.

Committee.

R. TANNER, <i>President.</i>		H. M. TWYNAM.
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H. WILLIAMS, <i>Secretary.</i>		H. HENN.

November 29th.—Proposed, R. Tanner: "That a belief in Dreams is not unfounded."

Speakers for.

R. Tanner
H. J. Lloyd
H. P. Tregarthen

Speakers against.

H. Williams
G. B. Smith
G. Williams
C. S. English
J. Taunton
A. Strachey

For the motion, 9 ; against, 19.

December 6th.—Proposed, H. J. Lloyd: "That a Counsel is not justified in defending a Client whom he knows to be guilty."

Speakers for.

H. Lloyd
G. Williams
E. A. Upcott
H. P. Tregarthen

Speakers against.

R. Tanner
C. E. Milford
C. Bere
P. H. Aplin

For the motion, 10 ; against, 12.

December 17.—Proposed, E. A. Upcott: "That the Arctic Expedition is a useless waste of lives and money."

Speakers for.

E. A. Upcott
C. Bere
H. Williams

Speakers against.

R. Tanner
G. Williams

For the motion, 6 ; against, 14.

February 7th.—A preliminary meeting was held, at which a subject was chosen for the next debate, and it was determined that Monday should be continued as the night for debate.

February 14th.—Proposed, H. W. Vail : “That Oliver Cromwell is worthy of our admiration.”

Speakers for.

H. W. Vail
E. A. Upcott
G. Williams
C. E. English

Speakers against.

H. Henn
P. H. Aplin
R. Tanner

For the motion, 8 : against, 9.

After the debate H. Williams announced his intention of resigning the post of Secretary, and H. Henn was elected to fill his place.

February 21st.—Proposed, R. Tanner : “That the literature of the last half-century is inferior to that of no other half-century.”

Speakers for.

R. Tanner
P. H. Aplin

Speakers against.

H. Williams
E. A. Upcott

For the motion, 8 ; against, 4.

It is our melancholy duty to announce the death of J. P. Wills, only son of Dr. Wills, St. Helier's, Jersey, who was drowned in the Strathclyde, on the night of Thursday, February 17th. He left Sherborne at Midsummer, 1869, having been for some time a member of the first eleven. He was in his 23rd year.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following School Magazines :—*Ulula*, *Hurst Johnian* (2), *Haileyburian*, *Tonbridgian* (2), *Marlburian* (2), *Malvernian*, *St. Edward's School Magazine* (2), *Magdalen College School Magazine*, *Wellingtonian* (2), *Felstedian*, *Reading School Magazine*, *Reptonian*, *Blue* (2), *Bloxhamist*, *Verite Chronicle*, *Etonian* (2), *Cliftonian*, *Newtonian*, *Radleian*, *Epsomian*.