

"Reading maketh a full man; Conference a ready man; and Writing an exact man.—BACON.

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Elizabethan.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

The following books have been purchased for the library this term:—

“Cassell’s Library of English Literature,” by Professor H. Morley; 5 vols.

MORLEY’S ENGLISH LITERATURE is a most valuable collection of the best works of our greatest English authors, from the very earliest times to the present day, and though within the compass of five volumes—goodly quarto tomes though they be—it is of course impossible to give all the works dealt with in full, yet this “Library” is by no means another addition to the numerous “Elegant Extracts” which do so much to render a real knowledge of our literature unattainable. The purpose of the work may perhaps best be described in the editor’s own words. This is “to provide a compact and comprehensive library of English thought. . . . The arrangement will be chronological. Characteristics of our Celtic and Teutonic forefathers; the days of transition after the conquest, through the time of Chaucer, with the rising spirit of the Reformation, to the England of Elizabeth; the conflicts of opinion by which England advanced from the days of her first Stuart king to the revolution of 1688; and the course of thought and action by which we have been brought to the England of to-day. . . . All these should be found here represented. . . . The work has been planned to contain—

1. A series selected from all the best poems, short enough to be given in full.
2. A corresponding series of the best of our prose works.
3. A series of pieces in prose and verse illustrating the religious life of England.
4. A series of plays by the best dramatists.
5. A selection of parts of longer works in verse and prose.

The volumes are freely illustrated with copies from trustworthy portraits, sketches of places, contemporary illustrations of manners and customs, or of incidents described or referred to in the pieces quoted. Thus even those who choose a book from the library chiefly to look at the pictures will find in these volumes much to amuse and to instruct at the same time.

It will at once be seen that it would be impossible to describe the whole contents of these teeming volumes in the space that can be allotted to "Our Library Table"; but to show how much these contents come home to our every day life, as it were, we may mention that we find among them a full account of those two very early poems—*Beowulf*, and *Cædmon's Story of Creation*—about which our minds have been exercised in our period of English history for this year's examination. A short account of each of these is all that we have space for here, but all present and future aspirants for the Chairman of the Governors' English History Prizes will find all the literature mentioned in their history books, fully described in these volumes.

Of *Beowulf*, Professor Morley says:—"Most ancient of English poems is the old Saga, which tells how Beowulf rescued Hrothgar from the attacks of Grendel; how he ruled over Hygelac's people, and died for them of a wound received in victorious combat with a dragon. The tale was brought into this country from Scandinavia by settlers from the north. It lived among our first English as a tradition, and was put into verse by a poet of this country."

The language in which the poem is given by Morley is a translation of the original into modern English—otherwise we fear that it could have but few readers. Notwithstanding the diminution of force always to be found in a translation, the description of the slaying of Grendel is very vigorous—

“Then from the moor, under the shroud of mist
 Came Grendel striding
 with his hands broke through
 For he was swollen with rage, the house’s mouth

 He saw within the hall a kindred band
 Of many men asleep
 He swiftly seized
 A sleeper, slit him unaware, bit through
 His bone-case, from his veins drank blood, and soon
 Swallowing in large lumps, had eaten all
 The dead man, feet and hands. Then nearer, forth
 He stepped, laid hands on the stout-hearted chief
 Upon his couch. But he against the foe
 Stretched out a hand, soon knew his foul intent,
 And fastened on his arm
 A stronger hand-grip never had he felt.
 Fearful in mind and soul he sought escape
 too tightly he was held
 By him then strongest of all living men.
 the fell wretch endured sore pain,
 A wide wound on his shoulder could be seen;
 The sinews snapped, the bone enclosures burst,
 Glory of battle was to Beowulf given;
 To his fen shades, death-struck, must Grendel flee
 Seek a sad home, well-knowing that life’s end
 Was come, the number of his days was past.”

How Beowulf afterwards fought the dragon and died of the wound received in his fearsome fight, we can strongly recommend our readers to study for themselves.

Of *Cædmon’s Story of Creation* the following account is given. The only existing MS. of it was found by James Ussher, when looking for books to furnish the library of Trinity College, Dublin. As Ussher could not read the MS. he gave it to Francis Junius, a scholar learned in the northern tongues, and a familiar friend of Milton’s. Junius recognised in it part of Cædmon’s long lost work, and had it printed. The poem begins with the story of Creation,

and joins with it the same legend of the fall of Satan, as Milton uses in "Paradise Lost." It is very probable that Milton may have got some of his ideas for his own great poem from Cædmon. The passage in which Satan works himself up into rebellion against God is particularly fine—

. "His mind urged him, he said,
No need have I of master. I can work

.
With my own hands great marvels, and have power
To build a throne more worthy of a god,
Higher in heaven. Why shall I for His smile
Serve Him, bend to Him thus in vassalage?
I may be God as He

.
Hard-mooded heroes, famous warriors
Have chosen me for chief

.
I am their master and may rule this realm;
Therefore it seems not right that I should cringe
To God for any good, and I will be
No more His servant."

The latter part of the MS. is founded on New Testament story, and has for its theme Christ and Satan. As Cædmon's poem was produced during the rule of Abbess Hilda in the Whitby Monastery, its date is probably between the years 670 and 680, and so well deserves the title of the "First English Poem."

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F A S T I.

BARNET GRAMMAR SCHOOL *v.* BARNET POLICE FORCE.

Played at Barnet Grammar School Field on May 23rd, 1883. Resulted in a victory for the School by 3 wickets.

Full score:—

BARNET POLICE FORCE.			
1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Hayden, run out	1	b Shenton	4
Cadd, b French	1	b French	0
Bristow, b French	6	b French	2
Culling, run out	2	b French	0
Tyce, c French, b Shenton ..	7	c and b Shenton	9
Mead, c Church r., b French ..	0	b Shenton	21
Herrington, c Walker, b French	2	b Shenton	10
Inspector Davey, run out ..	0	b Shenton	8
Samson, b Shenton	0	not out	3
English, run out	1	b French	3
Simmons, run out	0	b Bryant	2
Extras	4	Extras	8
	24		67

BARNET GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Mr. Hodson, c and b Tyce ..	15	b Tyce	3
Widdicombe, b Tyce	5	b Hayden	5
Bryant, run out	6	b Hayden	1
Shenton, c Culling, b Hayden	3	b Tyce	16
French, not out	19	c Tyce, b Hayden	0
Nixon, c Mead, b Hayden ..	2	c Davey, b Tyce	4
Church ma., run out	3	not out	1
Shenton mi., c Culling, b Hayden	0	c and b Hayden	1
Hill, c Tyce, b Hayden ..	1		
Walker, b Tyce	0		
Church mi., c and b Hayden ..	0		
Extras	7	Extras	5
	61		36

BARNET GRAMMAR SCHOOL *v.* BARNET POLICE (Return.)

Played at Barnet on June 5th, 1883. Resulted in a victory for the School by 5 wickets. Full score:—

BARNET POLICE.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Tyce, c and b French	27	c Hodson, b Shenton	17
Cadd, c Widdicombe, b French	2	c Bryant, b French	4
Mead, run out	2	c Bryant, b Shenton	3
Culling, run out	0	b Shenton	0
Hayden, b French	3	b French	0
Bristow, c French, b Shenton	0	c Church II., b French	1
Herrington, c and b French	11	b French	0
Shorter, c Church, b French	0	b Hodson	2
Samson, c and b Bryant	2	c Bryant, b French	0
English, not out	0	b Shenton	4
Evans, b Bryant	4	not out	0
Extras	7	Extras	5
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	58		36

SCHOOL.

Mr. Hodson, b Hayden	21		
French, b Hayden	24		
Bryant, c Bristow, b Hayden	0	c Ewens, b Tyce	19
Shenton, b Tyce	0	run out	0
Mr. Columbine, not out	5	c Mead, b Tyce	4
Church I., b Tyce	1	c Tyce, b Hayden	0
Widdicombe, b Tyce	1		
Nixon, run out	4		
Church II., run out	0		
Shenton II., b Tyce	3		
Walker, b Tyce	0		
Extras	7	Extras	3
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	66		26

BARNET GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. ISLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL.

Played at Barnet on June 20th, 1883, and resulted in the first defeat for the School by 8 runs on the first innings; unfortunately time prevented the conclusion of the 2nd innings. Full Score:—

ISLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Myhill, b Shenton	9	b French	6
Dave II., b French	0	b French	0
Mr. Russel, b Shenton	5	b Bryant	0
Mr. Field, not out	9	b Bryant	0
Dave I., c Columbine, b Shenton	0	b French	7
Copland, c Shenton II., b Shenton I.	0	st Bryant, b French	17
Hawkins I., run out	3	b French	14
Metivier, b Shenton	0	b French	0
Smart, b French	1	b Columbine	0
Stanhum, b Bryant	2	st Bryant, b Columbine	0
Hawkins II., b Bryant	0	st Bryant, b Columbine	3
Extras	13	Extras	12
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Total	42	Total	59

BARNET GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
French I., b Russel	7	b Copland	0
Bryant, b Russel	14	not out	9
Mr. Columbine, b Myhill	2	c and b Copland	0
Shenton I., c Field, b Russel ..	1	not out	3
Widdicombe I., b Russel	1		
Nixon I., c and b Myhill	0		
Church I., c Copland, b Russel ..	3		
Church II., c Metivier, b Russel ..	0		
Hill, b Myhill	3		
Shenton II., not out	1		
Nixon II., b Russel	9		
Extras	2		
Total	34	Total	12

BARNET GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. TORRINGTON PARK C. C.

Played at Barnet on June 16th, 1883, and resulted in a victory for the Barnet Grammar School by 59 runs. Full Score.—

TORRINGTON PARK.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
M. Johnson, c Church, b French..	0	b French	2
S. Eldridge, b French	2	st Bryant, b Shenton	0
Dalrymple, b French	0	b French	5
Tubbs, b French	0	c and b French	0
R. Elliott, not out	18	b French	0
Simkins, b Shenton	3	run out	1
S. Elliott, b Shenton	4	b French	0
Skinner, b French	1	not out	13
H. Johnson, c Widdicombe, b French	0	b Bryant	0
E. Eldridge, st Bryant, b French..	0	st French, b Bryant	2
Baxter, run out	0	absent	0
Extras	4	Extras	5
Total	32	Total	30

BARNET GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
French, c Johnson, b Elliot	0	c Baxter, b Tubbs	0
Bryant, b Tubbs	3	b Simkins	8
Mr. Columbine, b Tubbs	6	b Skinner	31
Shenton I., b Tubbs	0	run out	8
Widdicombe I., b Tubbs	1	b Simkins..	15
Gard'ner, b Tubbs	2	b Tubbs	3
Church I., run out	3	b Simkins..	0
Nixon, b Tubbs..	3	c Elliot, b Simkins	9
Hill, b Simkins	0	not out	1
Shenton II., c Eldridge, b Simkins	2	c and b Simkins	0
Brooking, not out	4	st Johnson, b Simkins	0
Extras	6	Extras	15
Total	30	Total	90

BARNET GRAMMAR SCHOOL *v.* POTTERS BAR C. C.

Played at Barnet School field on June 2nd, 1883, and resulted in a victory for the School by 11 runs on 1st innings. Full Score:—

POTTERS BAR.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Rev. S. Wetherfield, run out ..	0	run out	13
Harris, run out	1	did not bat	0
Hocombe, b Shenton	1	b Hodson	26
Gard'ner, c Columbine, b Shenton	1	not out	3
Sheppard, c Hodson, b Shenton ..	2	b Hodson	0
Fulcher, c Hodson, b Shenton ..	3	q Columbine	9
Billing, jun., b Hodson	2	st Bryant, b Hodson	6
Swisay, c and b Hodson	5	b Bryant.. .. .	0
Wiggs, b Shenton	1	c Church, b Hodson	12
Billing, sen., c and b Hodson ..	0	b Columbine	6
Bradfield, not out	0	b Shenton.. .. .	0
Extras	4	Extras	10
Total	20	Total	85

BARNET GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Mr. Hodson, b Fulcher	8	b Hocombe	0
Shenton, b Hocombe	3	b Hocombe	1
Bryant, c Billing, b Fulcher	6	not out	30
Mr. Columbine, b Hocombe	0	b Swisay	4
Church I., run out	0	not out	1
Nixon, c Fulcher, b Hocombe..	0		
Church II., b Hocombe	2		
Church III., c Fulcher, b Hocombe	0		
Shenton II., not out	6		
Hill, b Sheppard	2		
Walker, b Sheppard	0		
Extras	4	Extras	1
Total	31	Total	37

GRAMMAR SCHOOL *v.* MILITIA.

Played at Barnet Grammar School Field on May 30th, 1883. Resulted in a victory for School by 36 runs. Full score:—

MILITIA.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Sergt. Coble, run out	1	c Columbine, b French	0
Lieut. Sanderith, b Hodson ..	16	b Hodson	5
Musician Ewings, b Shenton ..	1	b Hodson	1
Lieut. MacGregor, run out ..	15	b Hodson	20
Sergt. King, b French	1	st Bryant, b French.. ..	1
Capt. Crawford, not out	11	c and b French	2
Sergt. Scott, c Hodson, b French..	0	not out	1
Bugler White, b Hodson	0	c Bryant, b Hodson	2
Sergt. Matthews, st Bryant, b Hodson	2	b French	3
Musician Wilson, c Walker, b ditto	1	b Hodson	3
Sergt. Turner, b French	0	run out	1
Extras	6	Extras	2
Total..	54	Total	41

SCHOOL.

Mr. Hodson, b Crawford	32
Bryant, c and b Ewings	2
French I., ht wkt, b Ewings ..	5
Shenton I., b Ewings	16
Widdicombe I., b Crawford.. ..	4
Shenton II., c Matthews, b Crawford ..	4
Church I., run out	0
Mr. Columbine, run out	10
Walker I., b Ewings.. ..	0
Church II., c Ewings, b Crawford ..	2
Hill, not out	0
Extras	15
Total	—90

EDITORIAL.

We found new floors on the fives' courts when we came back this term. Early in the term a meeting was held in Mr. Stevens's class-room, to make rules about the games. The meeting was well attended. Mr. Stevens explained how the 2s. 6d. a term paid by each boy for cricket was more than swallowed up by the rent of the field, so voluntary subscriptions were agreed upon as in previous years, and a "games committee" was elected to draw up rules for the use of the fives' courts and kindred matters. On this committee Shenton ma., French ma., Church ma., and Widdicombe ma. were elected, the captain of the cricket being an *ex officio* member. The rules which they have drawn up for the fives' courts have been placed on the

“board,” and we are very glad to see that the fellows have respected them. On May 22nd we had another meeting in the same class-room, for arranging a second eleven, when Reekes was elected captain and Wilton vice-captain. The second eleven have had some very fair play on various half holidays, but towards the end of the term, on account of the heat perhaps, their energies have begun to flag. There is, we think, some very good material among them for the first eleven in days to come. While on this subject we would remind the fellows that all the money which has to be spent in keeping the hedges in good repair, means that so much less can be spent in keeping the pitch in order, and that if fellows will make gaps in the hedges, they cannot be surprised if the thorn bushes fail to shew any inclination to grow up and fill the gaps, or if the cattle in the neighbouring fields shew a taste for exploring, and in their joy at finding new pastures prance about on the pitch.

So far as the season has gone, our XI. has been very fortunate; if we keep it on till the end of the term, we shall have a capital report to show at the end. We have been able to play our full strength more regularly this season, the fellows are willing to play in a match, where some excitement is created, but the drudgery of practice and a little manual labour with the roller are lightly esteemed. We certainly ought to have a first rate pitch, the elements are in no wise to be blamed, for no one can complain of a scarcity of rain of late to soften the ground; want of energy is the cause, It ought to be possible to instil a notion of early preparation into some of the fellows without the idea of some immediate visible benefit. French ma. has bowled very successfully; we hope he may yet improve; he must study his adversary's likes and dislikes, and vary his pitch accordingly, his pace and direction are very good. Shenton ma. has acquired a good screw with the ball and has done very good service in our matches. These

two bowlers have generally dismissed our opponents so that our "changes" have not had much chance of displaying their powers. Bryant has improved in hitting powers, but has not gained patience, he is still far too anxious to score before he is well set. French ma. bats more freely and with more confidence than last year, he has made runs when they were required at some very critical periods of the game; and the fielding has improved in so far as catching is concerned, and we have seen some very fine catches made, notably when French caught a tremendous skier from Tye; it was a splendid instance of patient judgment.

We are glad to learn that the library continues one of the most popular of the School institutions. The books are not only much used, but also respectfully treated. When we look over the pages of other school Magazines, we must confess that we feel a certain amount of envy at reading the lists of donations. A library is just one of those institutions which cannot be started all at once, if we may use the term; unless with a very great outlay of money, and that with us, as we have received no windfall in the way of legacy, is out of the question; so the authorities have to make the very best use of the modest sum produced by the fees, consequently the growth of our library is somewhat slow. At many schools the fellows on leaving feel moved to present books to their school library, and when we look inside the covers of some of the books on our library shelves, we see that from time to time it is a rule which has been followed here.

We hope that the Games Committee will be able early next month to arrange a Fives Tournament. There has been a fair amount of practice this term, the "returns" from some of the fellows are hard and well placed, and some of the servers are able to put on a "fair amount of screw." There is plenty of material for many interesting and close games, and the committee will be called upon to exercise some judgment in drawing up the sides.

We were very sorry that such a downpour of rain fell on the day we had Past v. Present. However, the match was played out, and we should have published the score with the other matches had not some accident befallen the scoring book, so that the official record of the play has got lost. It is one of the most enjoyable matches of the season, for then Past and Present exchange experiences, and the seniors perhaps develop a tendency to give advice. We could wish that they would go further, and put pen to paper, so as to diminish editorial anxieties. Our readers, for instance, would be very glad to learn if any of the old members of the first eleven have gone on with their cricket in the various parts of the world in which they now find themselves. We were promised "our experiences" in Australia from an old boy there, but we have not yet received them. When these fellows in far off lands look at the picture of the hall door on our cover, when it reminds them of the many times they have crossed its threshold, we are unkind enough to trust that twinges of reproach at their forgetfulness may assail them, and that they will let their successors in our classrooms hear of their doings and experiences.

We must apologise to our readers for the somewhat late appearance of this number. This is due to a certain extent to the fact at which we have just hinted, that many of the Old Boys content themselves merely with subscribing to their school magazine, and never think of contributing matter for its pages. Although they are no longer of our number, still we look on them as belonging to us, and at all times their school magazine would be glad to hear from them.

Although with us bicycling has never received any official recognition, when we consider the number of fellows who use them, some daily, we wonder that nothing has ever been done towards arranging some racing. We are far enough out from London here to have our roads comparatively free

from crowded traffic, and we believe Barnet is a kind of goal for bicyclists. Cricket and football ought to admit of no rivals as employments of our leisure, so we should prefer that any arrangement for bicycle races should be made for the holidays. We have heard of long journeys, almost across England, made by some of the fellows in this way, and of some interesting adventures on the road, but without a certain amount of training this is an amusement not unaccompanied by risks.

NOTES OF NEWS.

SPEECH DAY.—This all-important event is fixed, as usual, for the last Saturday in July (28th). Three pieces are in course of preparation; an English, a French, and a German piece. The English piece is a selection from our old favourite, "The Rivals;" though the scenes to be given are quite new to our boards, and a new character, the famous Mrs. Malaprop, is to make her bow for the first time. The French piece is from Molière's "Bourgeois Gentilhomme," but this is also a new selection; and the German piece is an amusing little comedietta, "Das Huhn."

THE HOLIDAYS will date from Speech Day to Wednesday, September 12th.

NEW BOYS.—The following new boys have joined this term:—Form IV., E. Brewerton; Form III., W. M. F. Coates; Form II., T. Pierrepont, H. Cooke, A. S. Meredith, G. E. Church; Lower School—T. W. Bell, W. H. Ottaway, and the following two elected foundation scholars, H. Halsey, Albert Saunders. The following left last term: A. F. Hart, T. Honeybourne, S. Weston, J. Creamer.

SOUTH KENSINGTON EXAMINATIONS.—The following passed in Mathematics:—

Second Stage, First Class—

R. H. French (Prize.)

Second Class.

H. G. Pritchard.
 H. W. Bryant.
 F. E. King.
 W. T. Barrett.

First Stage, First Class—

Montague Simons (Prize.)

Second Class.

S. H. Widdicombe.
 S. E. Baxter.
 P. S. Oakeshott.
 E. S. Shoults.
 H. Sutton.
 E. G. Barrett.
 J. H. Fossett.
 S. F. Weston.
 A. H. French.
 W. Fletcher.
 C. C. Chipperfield.
 A. E. G. Widdicombe.
 F. C. Poole.
 A. F. Hart.

The following passed in Inorganic Chemistry :—

First Class.

J. H. Fossett (Prize.)
 F. W. Shenton „
 C. C. Chipperfield „

Second Class.

P. S. Oakeshott.
 M. Simons.
 A. E. G. Widdicombe.
 W. P. Wilton.
 F. C. Poole.
 S. H. Widdicombe.
 H. E. Church.
 S. E. Baxter.
 H. G. Pritchard.
 E. H. Reeves.
 F. E. King.
 R. H. French.
 A. F. Hart.

DONATION.—We have great pleasure in recording a donation of £1 to the Cricket Field from A. F. Hart, on his leaving school.

SECOND ELEVEN BAT.—We believe that Mr. E. H. Hay has again kindly offered to give a bat for the best average in the Second Eleven.

NEW PREFECTS.—H. Church and H. Bryant have been made Prefects this term.

ROLLER FUND.—We beg leave with many thanks to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions towards the “Roller Fund”:

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Mrs. Elliott	2	6
Mrs. Glover	2	0
Mrs. Wilde	2	6
F. Milne, Esq.	2	6
C. Hemery, Esq.	4	0
C. Matthews, Esq.	5	0
Mrs. Church	1	6
Mr. French	5	0
C. T. Carter, Esq.	3	0
Pritchard, Esq.	2	6
Mrs. Weatherill	6	0
Mrs. Shoults.	2	0
Mrs. Shenton	4	0
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We find that about £12 is needed to purchase the kind of roller we need.

NEW GOVERNORS.—H. Parker, Esq., J.P., has been elected in the place of G. Pooley, Esq., deceased; and C. Matthews, Esq., in the place of Mr Huggins, whose period of office has expired.

OUR CONTEMPORIES.—We beg leave, with many thanks, to acknowledge the receipt of the following School Magazines:—*The Lily, The Reading School Magazine, Our Magazine, The Mill Hill Magazine, The Tonbridgian, The Berkhamstedian, The Norvicensian, The Aldenhamian, The Abethan, The Felstedian.*