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DEATH OF AN OLD RUGBEIAN.

DIED on the 28th day of May last, at the Rectory of Newbold Verdon in the County of Leicester, in the 71st year of his age, the Rev. William Whitmore Greenway, Rector of Newbold Verdon, and Vicar of Shackerstone, near adjoining. He was the son of a solicitor in considerable practice at Nuneaton in this county, whose firm was not unknown to the *si disant* George Eliot, the authoress of Adam Bede, in her delineations of character in that neighbourhood. Mr. Greenway entered Rugby School at midsummer, 1806, being eight years of age on the 28th of February previous, in the last year of the mastership of Dr. Ingles, who resigned at midsummer, 1807. During the last three half-years of Dr. Ingles' mastership we find among the entries of admission to Rugby School the names of William Dickens, Esq., the present Chairman of the Quarter Sessions; the present Lord of the Manor of Rugby; the late Sir George Harper Crewe, Baronet, sometime member for South Derbyshire; the late Lord Hatherton; and the late Dr. Hastings Robinson, all well-known and distinguished Rugbeians. Mr. Greenway evinced no great partiality for classical learning, he studied man rather than books, but he early commenced the battle of life in earnest. A few weeks after his entry at school an old servant of his father was sent to Rugby to enquire after him; on his return to Nuneaton he made his report:—"Oh! sir, you had better take Master William away from school; he has fought three battles and has been flogged four times already." Pretty well for a juvenile of little more than eight years of age. But he was not remarkable in these respects; no disgrace was then attached to floggings—except for faults unbecoming the character of a gentleman—they were inflicted as a matter of course on the most trivial occasions, but the stripes were few, rarely severe, and easily bearable, and the punishment was no sooner over than it was forgotten. As to fighting, Mr. Greenway was not more pugnacious than his schoolfellows, but in the then ordeal of school life

way's associates in the Boarding House, Dr. Bloxam's, at which he was placed, were Sir G. H. Crewe, Bart., M.P.; the present Dean of Worcester; the Right Hon. Jonathan Peel, M.P. for Huntingdon, and sometime Secretary of State for War; and Lawrence Peel, Esq., sometime M.P. for Cockermouth; but he had friends in every boarding-house, for the present exclusive system, by which—if we are rightly informed—a boy in one boarding-house ventures not into the study of a friend, or into the yard of another boarding-house, being considered as an obtrusive intruder, did not then prevail, and there was more cordiality of feeling amongst the members of the School generally; and although each boarding-house had its own '*esprit de corps*,' there was no feeling of jealousy or assumption of superiority by one house over another.

The average then of schoolboy life at Rugby was of longer period than at the present day, perhaps not less than seven years in duration. Some were at school for eleven or twelve years, or even more, and friendships lasting through life were made, not hastily, but with a full knowledge of individual disposition and character, acquired through an intercourse and intimate acquaintance in daily life for many years.

Sometime after leaving Rugby, and in the year 1818, Mr. Greenway was admitted as Fellow Commoner at Trinity Hall, Cambridge. During his residence at that University he was as well known for his physical prowess as he had been at Rugby. In Town and Gown rows, in which he, however, never interfered ostentatiously, or as he considered unnecessarily, his very presence was often instrumental in quelling an incipient disturbance. In due time he took his degree, and entered into holy orders; in the year 1822 he was instituted to the Rectory of Newbold Verdon, which with the Vicarage of Shackerstone, within a distance of four miles, he held till his death, a period of 46 years. A good and diligent Parish Priest, of genuine practical piety, kind to his poorer parishioners, intimate with and observant of all, he exercised, with fidelity, one of the highest and most important duties it falls to the lot of educated men in this country to be called to.