

and scholarly he has dignified his calling. His fellow-craftsmen will feel under an especial obligation to him, but his chapters have interest also for the world at large.

*Boating.* By W. B. Woodgate. Boston: Little, Brown & Co.

THIS is one of the Badminton library of books devoted to various sports and pastimes, and it is fully equal to the volumes which have preceded it both in interest and completeness. A learned introduction by the Rev. E. Warre of Eton deals with Greek and Roman rowing, with biremes, and triremes, and quinqueremes; and then Mr. Woodgate takes up the story, and, beginning with the first race for "Doggert's coat and badge" in 1715, tells of early races at Eton and Westminster, and so comes down to the first race between Oxford and Cambridge at Henley in 1829, and the beginning of the races for the "Wingfield sculls," the equivalent of the amateur sculling championship in the following year. Elaborate tables at the end of the book give the results, times, and other interesting particulars of all the important races in England from 1830 to the present time, and nothing has been left undone to present an adequate history of the growth of scientific rowing. Incidentally, many interesting contests are referred to, as, for instance, the race in 1843 between Oxford and Cambridge crews at Henley, which is known as the "Seven-oar episode." Just before the final heat the Oxford stroke fainted. Cambridge objected to a substitute, and the Oxford men determined to row with seven oars, and, as the wind was abeam and favored the side which was manned by three oars, they eventually won by a length!

Amateurs of the present day may have forgotten that the sliding seats which have added so much to the pace of modern rowing are one of the many results of American ingenuity, and that their introduction into Eng-

land was due to the visit of two Tyne crews to this country in 1871. The crew captained by Chambers was distinctly faster than that captained by Taylor, but the Taylor crew rowed against the Biglin-Coulter, an American crew using the sliding seats, and Taylor satisfied himself that the slide was an improvement. As soon as the Tyne crews returned to England, Taylor arranged a match, and had his boat secretly fitted with slides, and the ease with which his crew defeated their former antagonists led to the universal adoption of slides at the Henley regatta of 1882.

The chapters on scientific oarsmanship and training are admirable discourses on the text, "If a thing is worth doing at all, it is worth doing well." The rules laid down are sound, though possibly too numerous to be readily borne in mind. Out of the seventeen details noted at p. 57 most oarsmen will consider the following as worth more than all the others put together: (1) "Keep the back rigid and swing from the hips"; (2) "Maintain the shoulders braced when the oar enters the water"; (3) "Use the legs and feet correctly and at the exact moment required." Mr. Woodgate is undoubtedly right in recommending a modification of the old training diet in the direction of more fluid and more vegetable food, and his advice on this head applies with even greater force in our climate than in England.

Mr. Woodgate is quite unable to account for the curious fact that, since the appearance of Hanlan, English professional oarsmen have been lamentably inferior to their Canadian, American, and Australian competitors. He considers Beach, the present Australian champion, faster than Hanlan was at his best, and holds him up as an example of the old saying that "A good big one is better than a good little one"—a truth which is further exemplified by the statistics of the University races, which show that in two cases out of every three the heavier crews won.

In the course of his story, Mr. Woodgate has occasion to mention many of the leading oars-

men of past years, while, with exemplary modesty, he never speaks of his own doings; but his conclusions carry additional weight from the fact that he was one of the best oars in England during the sixties, and was often seen at Oxford sculling directly ahead of the 'Varsity eight—a position which would have been fraught with danger to a less speedy performer.

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