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THIS paper proposes to remedy a fault which has been keenly felt for, we may say, generations of Rugbeians; we have had magazines years ago, but it has been often felt that something of our nature was required, to hand down to posterity a short Chronicle of what was daily passing around us. On glancing at this paper you will immediately exclaim, "How long will it last? Any longer than its predecessors?" But pray look above. The Meteor! Of course we shall die even sooner than they did; we have neither the energy nor the power to continue our existence to any length: and what can we hope of posterity? But we feel that the School is at present in such a prosperous state that it would be a grief to posterity to be ignorant of the doing of their distinguished predecessors. Last year's eleven has passed away unnoted; who was there to tell of its glories? This year it shall not be so. Was not last year's football better than the football of former years? Yet the half-back play of a Pauncefote and a Gwatkin, and the forward play of such as Davenport, Cook, Vivian, Ringrose, and Hartcup, were unrecorded. Big-side Runs! we would speak of you! but alas! how can we?—Where is our Denshire, where our Garnett, and our Tanqueray? Of the Rifle Corps, more hereafter. The year we have just entered on will be memorable. Everything has a Tercentenary, and Rugby, amongst the rest; the chief object in view, is to draw as much money as convenient, from Old Rugbeians, a race of beings always generous, equally inclined to give

either to a Pavilion or a Chapel. We have always been warned in addition to these, of a Gymnasium, a Swimming Bath, a new Racquet Court, a few new Fives Courts, and several other luxuries; but these last we believe to be at present, visionary.

"Whatever you do, do well," is a maxim which it would be well to apply to the Rugby School Rifle Corps. It seems strange that Rugby, who is so energetic in her cricket and football, should so strangely belie her character in this respect. Not that she has not turned out her good marksmen, for at the present time the Universities rank one or two old members of our Rifle Corps among their best shots; but these are as nothing to the number we shall expect from a school whose *esprit de corps* is so high in every other respect. When first raised, in 1860, the Rifle Corps consisted of 120 members, and these were not those whose leisure hours were not occupied in any other amusement, but consisted chiefly of the best football players and the best cricketers in the School, who thus sacrificed for the glory of Rugby a great portion of their spare time, though it was already very much taken up by the demands of their favorite pursuits; but since that time it has gone through a course of perpetual dwindling, till, on our return last month, it was found to consist of the paltry total of 30. Surely the rate at which it had come down hill, might