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SADDER and wiser we became, as we thought of the Radical and his letter; not sadder because the Levée is abused, not sadder because he wishes to destroy a thing "that has existed for generations," but because this proposal of a change is taken in hand by an individual whose apparent knowledge and experience of Levées is so shockingly limited, and because his ideal assembly is so absurdly inferior to the one he abuses: wiser we became, for we little thought that an individual—whose writing proves him of some importance, whether he is a "swell of the first water" or not—could have trifled with a grave subject in so frivolous a style. He has, at any rate, ventilated the matter, and has said some of the old stuff about "ancient classics and modern games," which we have often noticed goes down with the lower orders of the community. He has done very little else, besides committing several gross errors, one of which is the groundless supposition that a great part of Big-side plays no Football, except in Second Twenties. He also lets us know his ideas of honour; he would justly deem it an honour to attend an assembly of House Twenties and Elevens; but he considers it a bore to attend a Levée as a member of the highest and most important division of the School. "Bring together 180 members of the Upper School," he would say, "and you have dust and row; bring together 200 athletes, and all is quiet and orderly." He has an almost childish idea of the worth of an audience of athletes.

We think it not out of place to suggest a few remarks upon the subject, hoping for

comments and improvements upon them from correspondents. It is evident, first, that the Levée is too large. When the Upper School was first constituted as the governing body, it was much smaller than it is now: now we want some simple arrangement, and as the division between the Upper and Middle School is great, so is it great between the Vth and the forms below. If we took the VIth, XX, and Vth as our Levée, and ten were elected out of the Lower Vth, we should not have a much more complicated one than we have now. We would, however, admit any member of the XI who was not already admitted by this arrangement; and we would exclude everyone who had not been a certain time, say a year, in the School. Our Levée would, by this means, number about 110, which would not be too many, and it would include most, if not all, of the influential members of the School. We wish to add one or two remarks upon the Radical's letter: we wish to remind him, that all ordinary Athletic prizes are £1, unless there is an express arrangement that they shall be higher: also, that it is usual to give a second prize as an understood thing. This is for his private information, as he seems a little ignorant of these matters. We also beg to suggest that it is not the material, but the working of the Levée which is "a farce;" that this farce is the result of the fickle nature which is the part of every great assembly, and also of the carelessness into which those who attend the Levée have fallen; that arguments might just as easily be produced, if they would only rouse them-