

Something more we had to say, but we will reserve it for another time. We hope on some future occasion to replace this negative defence by one more positive. But one thing we think that we have proved. If Big-side Levée be indeed plagued with the great

plagues of worthlessness and incapacity, our Correspondent has neither discovered the causes nor the remedies of those plagues, nor has he devised an assembly which shall be exempt from their influence.

DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

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While we faintly still bemoan her, hope erroneous, visionary,
Lightning flash, *The New Rugbeian*, only to leave the darkness darker ;
We with brightness duller, steadier, will dispel it.
Ah ! you know us ! hush then ! *tête-a-tête* pray tell it.

1. { Forget me not, some token dear,
{ Parting with but love, not fear.
2. { A sprite,
{ A light,
{ Unearthly being quite.
3. { To fast ones quadruped, well—yes—a pleasure,
{ And fast ones biped in immoderate measure.
4. { A twice told tale, a weariness monotonous,
{ A much too frequently inflicted lot on us.
5. { Allopathists and homœopathists
{ To work their cures my potent charm assists.
6. { The moving point of courtly strife
{ Between imperial man and wife.

THE ATHLETIC GAMES.

April 8th and 9th.

The Athletic Games took place on the appointed days, in spite of the roughness and inclemency of the weather ; it was scarcely to be expected that the *Meteor* would err in a prophecy which related in any way to the state of the atmosphere, and the benefit of the arrangement of Big-side was deeply felt upon the very windy and unpleasant morning of Tuesday last. The Stewards were F. W. Haslam, J. A. Ormerod, B. Pauncefote, and C. H. Vivian.

FIRST DAY.—The Sports began soon after Twelve o'clock.

I.—Flat Race, 200 Yards, open to all ; winners of Heats, Bevor, Gardner, Jeffery, Steward ; winner of Final Heat, Gardner, (Rev. P. B. Smith's) ; 2, Pauncefote, (Rev. C. T. Arnold's). This race was rather easily and very prettily won. Pauncefote and Haslam ran only in the Final Heat, having been required to start the Heats.

II.—Flat Race, 200 Yards, open to all under 5 feet 7 inches, Winners of Heats,

Badger, Crofts, Delarue, Gardner, Layton, Ringrose.

III.—Throwing a Cricket Ball came next. This was won by Gardner, with a throw of 95 yards ; Yardley was second, Harrison third.

IV.—Standing Jumping. The following entered :—Allen, Farr, Gardner, Harrison, Haslam, Pauncefote, Sykes, Yardley. This was well contested by Farr, Gardner, and Pauncefote ; but Farr failed, and Gardner (Rev. P. B. Smith's), Pauncefote (Rev. C. T. Arnold's) were equal first ; height 4 feet $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

V.—Mile Race :—Bailey, Becke, Fletcher, Gretton, Gwatkin, Hall, Milner, Paine, Richardson, and Scott, entered for what was supposed to be the first Heat ; but it was afterwards found that none of the Second came up to the scratch. Becke made the running at first, and led for some distance ; after some time Scott passed him, and both soon gave way to Hall and Richardson ; Richardson got the lead by a good spurt, but within 25 yards of the end he was passed by Hall. 1, Hall (Rev. C. B. Hutchinson's) ;