

REV. T. W. JEX BLAKE'S.

The Debating Society met on Friday, March 22nd, when Mr. Lupton moved "That the Royal Navy has done more good to England than the Army." Mr. Tobin seconded. Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Stuart-Wortley, opposed. Ayes, 6; noes, 7.—On Friday, March 29th, Mr. Graham moved "That Oxford is a superior University to Cambridge." Mr. Lupton seconded. Mr. F. W. Haslam, seconded by Mr. Tinkler, opposed. Ayes, 6; noes, 5.—On Friday, April 5th, Mr. Graham moved "That a Statesman has more influence upon his country than a Warrior or Poet." Mr. Gray seconded. Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. H. S. Kynnersley, opposed. Mr. Babington, *o.e.*, made an eloquent speech for the motion. Ayes, 13; noes, 3. The Society will not meet again until the Autumn.

The House Steeple-chases will probably be run next week.

REV. C. E. MOBERLEY'S.

DEBATING SOCIETY.—The motion "That no further extension of the Franchise is needed," brought forward by Mr. Philby, occupied the attention of the Society for three successive meetings. The motion was very strongly opposed by Mr. Tyser and Mr. Eaden, and after a most animated debate, was carried by a majority of four.

Richardson ran very well for the Small School Steeple-chase, and had it not been for several mistakes he made in the course, would probably have been better placed.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

The praiseworthy efforts of Messrs Eastwick and Oldham were at length crowned with success, and to-night the School House held its first debate. Mr. Eastwick proposed "That Oliver Cromwell was a bold, bad man;" a sharp debate ensued, Mr. Watkins leading the opposition, but the motion was negatived by 4 votes.—April 5th.

APRIL 6.—Mr. Oldham, seconded by Mr. Ringrose, proposed "That backbiting, though so common, should be sternly repressed." Mr. Fowler opposed; this motion was carried by 9 to 1.

It is proposed to continue the meeting next Saturday, when Mr. Ormerod will propose that "True humour is preferable to mere wit."

TOWN.

On Saturday, March 23, Mr. Fitzgerald moved "That an extension of the suffrage is desirable, coupled with plurality of votes for those possessed of large property." Mr.

Tunnard seconded. Mr. G. R. Thornber, seconded by Mr. Bucknill, opposed. The result was—ayes, 6; noes, 4. On Saturday, March 30, Mr. Tunnard, seconded by Mr. Reader, moved "That the introduction of railroads into England was a detrimental measure." Mr. H. Thornber, seconded by Mr. G. E. Browne, opposed, and on a division carried their opposition by a majority of 10 to 3.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

The Rugby School Natural History Society had its second meeting last Saturday, at the Rev. T. N. Hutchinson's House. The President, F. E. Kitchener, Esq., was in the chair. After the rules had been read, and commented on, the President suggested that one of the objects of the Society should be to form a library of Natural History books. Several objects of interest were then exhibited; such as plants, minerals, fossils, eggs, and insects.

Papers were then read, by G. B. Longstaff, "On collecting and preserving insects;" and by A. S. Scott, on "Local Nomenclature."

It was settled that the next meeting of the Society be on Thursday, April 18th, in the Sixth School.

UNIVERSITY HONOURS.—Mr. J. A. Ormerod, Scholar of Corpus Christi College; Oxford.

We hear, on good authority, that Mr. J. A. Godley, who has been in residence only since October last, was fourth for the late Hertford Scholarship.

THE BUTTERFLIES.—This Club, originated by and chiefly composed of Old Rugbeians, held its annual meeting on March 18th at Oxford, A. Wilson, in the chair, when Messrs. R. B. Wilson, (Sc. H.) and J. A. Godley, (Blake's) were elected. A. Wilson was re-elected Captain, and R. G. Venables, Secretary in Oxford.

In the University Sports at Oxford the only two Rugbeians we find victorious were, T. C. Colmore, 1st. in 100 yards, and W. Hedley, 2nd. in Putting the Stone.

We hear the new rule about Double Racquets and Double Handfives is not considered good or expedient amongst Old Rugbeians at Oxford.

O. F. Walton (Bowden Smith's), has just gained the Terminal Prize Foils at the Gymnasium, Oxford.

Two new Racquet Courts are about to be built at Eton, to cost £1,895, subscriptions

for which already amount to £1,401. The courts will be finished by June next.

T. W. Willes, Captain of the School Eleven some ten or eleven years ago, has been training eleven aborigines of Australia to play cricket, and so well do they play, their "eye" being marvellous, that they were to leave Sydney on March 1st., and may be expected in England in May, to try their fortunes at Lord's and the Oval. We are sure Mr. Willes would be much gratified if a match could be arranged between his team and the School Eleven.

The Concert will take place on Easter Monday; a trio from the German entitled "When Meteor lights dance o'er the glen," and Balfe's "Laughing Trio" are likely to be among the most effective pieces; among the most popular glees will be *Integer vice*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We cannot be answerable for the opinions of our correspondents.

The next *Meteor* will be published on the second Thursday after the Easter Holidays. Contributions should always be sent in by the Thursday preceding the day of publication, written on one side of the paper only.

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NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Investigator." You are hard upon the Middle School.

"7 $\frac{3}{4}$." Your statistics can scarcely be correct; you cannot have seen 98 pairs of hands without gloves in chapel on the Sunday you mentioned.

"O.R." Thank you: but we have no room for your paragraph.

"J. H." The *Times* is more adapted for your complaint than the *Meteor*.

"W. M." Sit down and count 200; and your mind will be less confused.

To the Editor of the Meteor.

SIR,—Would it not be as well if the farce of playing the Big-side Piematch as a trial for the Twenty-two were at once abolished. Some of those tried did not get even one innings, while several who got in high contributed 0 to the score. If the Twenty-two is to be made up by the head of the Eleven's reminiscences of last year's play (of which he generally knows very little), and by the characters given by those who send in the names, it would be better not to deceive fellows with

the expectation of playing well in the Piematch, and getting their dark blue in consequence.—I am, Sir, yours,

HOUSE ELEVEN.

To the Editor of the Meteor.

SIR,—Though there is no doubt that your paper is a great and glorious institution, and one that ought to be kept up, yet there is one thing about it which I object to. Everybody writes their ideas for improving and altering the old institutions of the School. If matters go on like this, and everybody's hints are carried out as quickly as those in your paper have been as yet, I am afraid that soon all the old customs will be changed, and we shall see the School re-modelled. For instance, I was sorry to hear that the Steeple-chase Course was changed, after it had been what it was for many years. I suppose this was done on account of the letter of a Correspondent of yours. Would it not be better to have two Steeple-chases, one on the old course, and the other on the new? I am sure the School would not mind having another allowance stopped, and it seems a pity to entirely lose sight of the old plan.

A CONSERVATIVE.

To the Editor of the Meteor.

DEAR SIR,—If "A Radical" will take the trouble to consult a School List for this Term, he will find that out of 182 members in the Upper School, more than 130 play Football either in House Twenties or Below Caps. Surely if this be the case, Big-side Levée can hardly be said to consist in a great measure of fellows who only play Little-sides, or an occasional Second Twenties. Big-side Levée may be a farce, but a "Radical," before he blames it as utterly incapable, should take care that his assertions be well grounded.

A MEMBER OF BIG-SIDE.

P.S. The number 182 is exclusive of those who are absent.

To the Editor of the Meteor.

DEAR SIR,—Why is it there is never, or perhaps I should say seldom, any "Rugby" News in the *Oxford Undergraduates Journal*? Who is responsible for sending up such information? Really Rugby should not be behind hand!—Yours obediently,

METEOR.

To the Editor of the Meteor.

SIR,—If you will be good enough to bear with me a little, I should like to make a few