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BEWARE, courteous reader! turn over these pages with care, treat tenderly a paper that is superannuated. One whole Term has the *Meteor* lived; regular to the day, almost to the hour, has he appeared: four times has he brought forth the multitudes of Rugby to gaze, and to wonder; and he has no business, being a Rugby *Meteor*, to appear any more. He is young, but he is stupid and illiterate, and so he ought to have left: one Term, they say, is quite long enough for that sort of individual. We are all scholars here now-a-days: the rest must take themselves off. But, curiously enough, the *Meteor* is an exception, and he insists on remaining: he remains, however, with a blush and an apology, hoping to survive the very severest superannuation that can be made. But he is very sorry for his past follies: in three months he is well aware that he did more harm than can be reduced to a few lines: he professes Conservatism; but oh! what countless Radical changes are his doing! His very self has been reformed: he began with ill-fashioned white paper, he has grown to yellow; he began with six pages and the Rifle Corps, he has increased to an occasional extra sheet. He has taken up arms (a crest, at any rate) and has waged war with everything and everybody. He presumptuously announced three months holidays—effected a change in the Steeple Chases—an abominable change in the Racquets—started a Natural History Society—insisted that this should be the last year of Athletics in early spring—indulged the feverish delirium of an unreasoning Radical, and was obliged to

rebuke him heavily on his next appearance—hurt the feelings of the public by an Acrostic—and, but oh! let him not add to his crimes by telling them all again. He tried to spare Rugbeian feelings by suppressing a complaint about gloveless hands, and only made matters worse with a Notice to Correspondents. He is sorry for the Acrostic; he repents having turned the School upside down, and means in future to leave it right side up. He promises, when next year's Athletics have passed by, that he will not give two varying accounts of the same race; and he begins his next four appearances in a chastened and humbled spirit, trusting, as usual, to the public, and hoping, for the sake of honourable Rugbeians, that his lustre may not be dimmed by the impurity of the imagined wit of any dishonest contributor.

OUR OLD RUGBEIAN ON "RADICAL."

IN our last number we endeavoured to answer the objections which had been raised by a correspondent to Big-side Levée, as it exists at present. In this number we propose to consider the question—Can Big-side Levée be improved without altering its present character?

One fault we think the most prejudiced admirer of Big-side Levée will be ready to allow. There is no question that measures are very often carried which its members have had little or no opportunity of discussing. So flagrant was this evil while we were at the School, that a law was passed to the