

To the Editor of the Meteor.

SIR,—I shall probably remind you of the old fable (not Æsop's I believe) of the slice of bread, which when just toasted to a turn, objected that it would prefer to remain bread. Still I must ask you two questions, for any solution of which I should be greatly indebted to any of your correspondents. I am aware that they do not properly belong to the *Meteor's* province, but I have no other means of publishing them. They are, (1.) What is a father to do, whose father, grandfather, and great grandfather, have all been at Rugby before him, and though they have not reached a high position in its Vith., have still been useful members of its society,—what can he do when he comes down with his son to his old school, with no great idea of his classical attainments, but with a confidence that he will be no disgrace to the School or himself, and finds there is a matriculation which his son fails to pass? It may be suggested, send him to a private tutor for a time, to have his classics forced, while the extension of his mind is stopped and he loses all the pleasures and advantages of a Public School. Well, suppose the son does go to a private tutor, and after a year or so comes again to Rugby at 15½ years old, say half a year backward in ideas, and half a year in advance of his abilities in classics. Of course he gets into the Lower Middle. At the end of the term he is superannuated and has to leave. And here arises the 2nd question. What is a boy to do who is turned out of Rugby at 16 or 17 years old? Another Public School is a very bad, if a possible solution. A private tutor again is the only alternative if he is to go to college: and I will not trespass on your space to go through the disadvantages of a private tutor,

But remain, your obedient servant,

ANTI-SUPER EDUCATION.

THE RACQUET COURT.

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SIR,—Why is it that the balls at present supplied at the Racquet Court are so bad, and last frequently but two or three rounds? At Cheltenham, where racquets are played as much as at any other School, balls are supplied at the rate of four for 6d. Could not this too be done at Rugby? When we consider that the *old* balls are sometimes sold at 1d. each, what an enormous profit can be

made in this department of Rugby School! I sincerely hope that the selling of racquet balls at 1½d. each may be one of the things done in celebration of the Tercentenary; and I trust this question may be well ventilated in your valuable columns.—Yours hopefully,

THREE HALF-PENCE.

Racquet Court, May 15, 1867.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Equality" we must postpone to a future number.

"H."—We cannot insert your remarks on *The Lion*, since it is only for private circulation.

"A Lower Fifth Fellow," "Investigator," and "C.A.R."—You will perhaps have seen enough about "Radical" and his subject by this time.

"An Old Rugbeian."—You will find your topic noticed under "School-House."

"S."—Your subject has been anticipated by "Happy Thoughts."

"Runnymede."—Hardly the season for Big-side Runs complaints. We will keep your letter.

"B.T.B."—Your letter ought to have been in time for our last number, as the arrangements have been already made for this Term.

"A. Z."—Thank you for your advice, which you will see we have adopted.

ANSWER TO THE ACROSTIC IN OUR LAST.

M	Memento	O
E	Elf	F
T	Turf	F
E	Ennui	I
O	Opodeldoc	C
R	Rome	E

We have received correct solutions from Three Hard Lines, W. E. G., The Boy at Mugby, and Sphinx; and 27 incorrect.

HOUSE NEWS.

SCHOOL-HOUSE.

We have to apologise to the public for inserting the notice of the School-House Debating Society in our last number. We have to remark that no such Debating Society

exists, the notice having been sent us, under a forged name, by an anonymous individual. We beg that this nameless individual will not in future attempt to tarnish our pages by his contemptible contributions.

REV. T. W. JEX BLAKE'S.

The following are the results of the House Athletics of last term:—Single Racquets: 1st Arbuthnot, 2nd Tobin ma. Single Hand-fives: 1st Haslam, ma. Bat-fives: 1st Tobin ma., 2nd Arbuthnot.—The Double Hand-fives of last year were not played off till the end of last term, and were won by Haslam ma. and Graham.

The House Steeple-Chases will be run this Term.

REV. L. F. BURROWS'S.

On Thursday, April 18, the House Steeple-Chase was run, which was won easily by Beever, with Harrison a bad second, Russell, ma. a good third, and Mawdsley a close fourth. The little steeple-chase, under 5ft. 3in., was run over almost the same course, and was won by Perfect, who passed Knubleby at the last jump. O'Connell was a close third.

REV. C. E. MOBERLY'S.

Our House Steeple Chases took place on Saturday, April 13. The course was changed as the School steeple-chases. The "open to all" was won by Richardson first, Crenshaw second. The small steeple-chase, Cochrane first, Southam second.

F. H. Carpenter, formerly of this House, has passed second in the Direct Commissions Examinations. F. Ryley has also passed.

TOWN.

DEBATING SOCIETY.—On Saturday, April 6th, Mr. Spens, seconded by Mr. Tunnard, moved "That Oliver Cromwell was no true Patriot." Opposed by Messrs. H. Thornber and Bucknill, but carried by 7 to 4.

On Saturday, April 13th, Mr. G. R. Thornber, seconded by Mr. Sharp, moved "That the Enfranchisement of the Working Classes will be attended with the most calamitous results." Mr. H. Thornber and Mr. Bucknill opposed, and after a most excited and vigorous debate, the motion was lost by an equal division.

On April 22nd, the President and Vice-

President were re-elected, and Mr. J. V. Fitzgerald was elected secretary.

The first number of "The *Lion*, A Town Chronicle," appeared on April 18th.

It is only fair to mention that the Town scored more points in the Athletic Games this year than any other House, by winning six firsts and three seconds.

TOWN STEEPLE-CHASES.—These were run on Saturday, April 13th. The course of the big steeple-chase (open to all) was nearly the same as the latter part of the School Steeple-chase—over nine water-jumps and five fences. It was won by Millington ma., who kept the lead all the way, and won as he liked, Fitzgerald ma. second, Champneys ma., a good third.—The Small Steeple-chase (open to all under 5ft. 4in.) was over nearly the same course, but some of the jumps were easier. Browne tert., ran well all through and was never headed, Bucknill mi., was a good second, and might have been first had he not refused the last jump; a good race for third between Townsend and Stuart, Townsend winning by about three yards.

We have heard rumours of an important marriage connected with the School about to take place.

CAMBRIDGE.—Messrs. Bourne, Haslam, and Dymock, Exhibitioners, and Collins, Minor Scholar, at St. John's College.

Again has the *Meteor* been the medium for a reform, which will be welcomed by all. The Houses are drawn against each other, instead of the old way of challenging. The following are the ties for the present season, which must be played off by June 2, or both Houses will be scratched:—

Arnold's	play	Hutchinson's.
Blake's	"	School House.
Wilson's	"	Town.
Moberly's	"	Burrows's.
Bowden Smith's.		

There is, however, another question, viz., as to where they are to be played? It is certainly impossible to play on Old Big-side when seven other matches are going on. Our proposal is, that there be certain times specially devoted to House Matches, and as there are only four ties, that three should be played on Old Big-side and one on New, the latter to be played on the Racquet Court side. This arrangement, we think, would bring House Matches to a higher rank than heretofore.