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WITH great readiness is it that we now take up our pen: for a single moment, Editors as we are, believe us, we can cast away those myriad fears that haunt us whenever our quickly-recurring "middle" week calls us to our duty. For our present subject is one that calls for no timidity or caution on our part or on the part of our readers, but that even invites the utmost boldness.

We need not fear that from what we say in this page the avenging bolt of some almighty Jove will obliterate our *Meteor* light from the face of the universe, because it throws its light on things altogether too high for it, and attempts to reform the Masters. Our subject, too, is essentially a School one: so we trespass not on other planets of older date and more extended orbit. We will boldly avow that nothing written in this article shall figure in any future confessional, by which Fortune, as she did scarcely a month ago, may bid us plead for a prolonged existence.

The note we are about to touch is one which will, we feel sure, find a ready echo in the mind of every Rugbeian, old or present, Radical or anti-Radical. Know then, O Rugbeian, that it is now the wont of this noble School to oblige those fair and many-coloured Elevens who visit us, swallow-like, in the sunny summer,—and sometimes, as we have seen lately, in the rainy spring,—to pay out of their own purses and pockets for that pavilion-dinner, a seat at which, in hungry moments thou hast so often coveted, even though but as humble scorer. Know that amid such, thy School's cricketing

guests, having feasted, ever may be seen a figure gliding in and out with a bag!—to receive in hard cash the payment for that dinner of which they have just partaken from off thy own spike-worn deal.

To descend to more sober argument: there must be few, if any, of our readers who will not feel ashamed that, unlike Marlborough, Harrow, or Eton, Rugby should entertain her visitors at their own expense. Deceive not thyself, reader: we cannot excuse ourselves by any means, or in any measure, by saying that of those who come to play the School a large number, perhaps the majority, are Old Rugbeians, who have no objection to subscribe to our School Cricket Club, even in the form of payment for their own dinner. Even if such thy excuse could be maintained, reader; if there is no novelty, and therefore less hardship, in Rugby's stinginess to her old children; remember how many of those whose play delights our cricketing ideas, and horrifies our school patriotism, come to Rugby for the first time, only too ready, perhaps, to form comparisons between ourselves and other schools better known to them. With what account of us and our land, thinkest thou, will these involuntary spies return to their cricketing brethren at Oxford, or Cambridge, or elsewhere: "Yes, we have been to Rugby; a very fair eleven; one or two who will cut a good figure up here in a year or two; a very pretty ground and racquet court, though the latter is rather large and dead; but—they made us pay for our dinner." Surely it is not well to oblige our guests to descend from

their high opinion of our cricket and ourselves to thinking, with Tennyson's Will Waterproof:—

"I ranged too high: what draws me down  
Into the common day?  
Is it the weight of that half-crown  
Which I shall have to pay?"

Need we argue any further; need we remind our readers, as Englishmen, of national hospitality—of Garibaldi's banquetted—of Belgian Volunteers subscribed for, &c.; or as Rugbeians of that which serves as the climax of so many even of our own warnings at this season, that 1867 is the glorious Tercentenary of Lawrence Sheriffe's School, a time most apt for reforms.

Be it Tercentenary or not, be our ideas of Tercentenary reforms high or low, one thing is certain—it is never well to recede: we paid for our foreign elevens' dinners in 1866, why should we not do so in 1867?

OUR correspondents are indeed going very far. We feel that two such letters as those of "A Mathematical Swell" and "Anti-super-Education," need some comment from us, if only as an apology for their insertion. Their very signatures, as well, demand it. "A Mathematical Swell" must not be passed over unnoticed. "A Mathematical Swell!" Perhaps, though we must not accuse him of conceit, for Mathematics are not held in such high honour here as to make the claim to being a Mathematical Swell a very conceited one. "Anti-super-Education," too! He has just saved himself from self-annihilation by italicising the super. We think it was unnecessary for him to tell us that his little fable was not Æsop's. We think it was unnecessary for him to tell us, by its means, that it was presumptuous to kick against the pricks, or, if we follow out his little conceit, to try to wriggle off the prongs of the toasting fork. Of course no solution has come to hand of his tiresome questions. Of course he could not expect any (one of us suggests that perhaps there is no solution); oh, no! the obvious reason is that no one has thought it necessary to put down on paper what is clear to everybody. We must decline to answer his questions for the same reason; for none other, be assured, satirical reader.

Of course it is absolutely necessary that every one whose classics are not good should be lopped off as useless: of course it never does happen, except in the imagination of flighty correspondents, that fellows of much use to the School, and of not absolutely use-

less abilities, spend much of their time here with a drawn sword over their heads, dreading superannuation at the next opportunity, and that such dread really hurts their characters.

We fear any "friend of the School" would fully qualify himself for superannuation, if not for very strict medical care when superannuated, who could advocate either of these propositions.

We find at the end of "A Mathematical Swell's" letter, a hope that we shall not give him credit for doing the exact thing that he has done all through his letter. But we must not hit him. Superannuation is passed; its day has begun; and he has no friends. We beg his pardon; our eye catches sight on our editorial table of "A Letter to the Masters and Seniors of St. John's College, Cambridge, by J. M. Wilson, M.A., F.G.S., F.R.A.S., &c.," and we cannot help suspecting that the spirit of that letter would revolt at the fact of a boy who had been head of his Natural Science Set two Terms, being obliged to leave from inferiority in Classics. We recal our words. "A Mathematical Swell" must have a friend, we think. We confess we are muddled.

#### A TERCENTENARY DREAM.

Who shall say  
That dreams do import nothing?  
Old Play.  
For dreams, too, come from Jove.  
Jones' Homer.  
Verissima noctis imago.  
Gradus.

SIR,—Last night I dreamed a dream, and thinking it might possess matter of interest for some of your readers, I have set it down and send it to you.

Methought I had left Rugby many years ago, and being now grown grey and bearded, had once more revisited the scenes of my youth on the anniversary of the Tercentenary. As I strayed into the School Quadrangle I was astonished to see that the stone paving had disappeared. In answer to a question, an intelligent Sixth fellow informed me that it was no longer necessary to commence a general weeding in prospect of the advent of the Trustees, and that the School Quadrangle was no longer a receptacle for the waste paper and orange peel of the School in general, and of the School-House in particular. A rumour likewise reached me, though unsupported by authority, that members of the School-House no longer

played cricket in the cloisters, with broom-handles and inverted dust-bins. Playing fives against the wall of Big-School was (I was given to understand) considered throughout the School as a sign of social and moral degeneracy. What was still more strange, it had suddenly been discovered that the old Pump was neither useful nor ornamental, and in commemoration of the Tercentenary its removal had been ordered.

On entering the Close I discovered that the board against trespassers had been removed, no small boy of the lower orders having been prosecuted "within the memory of man,"—that is (as explained by Mr. Hallam) since the era of Richard the Second. The ivy, planted on the outside of the schools looking towards the close, which in my day had always withered prematurely, now mantled richly over the ancient walls. Mr. Wilson's scheme for removing the slope had been successfully carried out, and I was told that the laundresses had complained of a visible falling-off in the number of flannels which weekly fell into their hands.

Suddenly the ground seemed to shake beneath the tread of armed feet. I turned my head, and beheld the Rifle Corps, three hundred and twenty in number, marching into the close. Spies from Russia, France, Austria, and Prussia, followed close on their heels, in order to transmit to those great Powers hints borrowed from the bayonet-exercise and blank-cartridge firing of the Corps. I heard, without much surprise, that their ingress had been unprohibited by the Rugby Police Corps, who was at that moment keeping an observant eye on the public welfare in the tap-room of the *Dog and Gun*. During the progress of the evolutions Captain Tobin suddenly levelled his rifle and shot a Phoenix, who at that moment was building his nest in the crater of an extinct volcano in the moon. This feat was greeted with loud applause. It is confidently affirmed that this rare bird will be stuffed and added to the valuable collection in the gallery of the Sixth School.

Whilst I was expressing my delight at the accuracy of the shot, my cicerone pulled me by the sleeve, and whispered me that it was no long matter of doubt in the School, that the shooting of the Eleven at Wimbledon, this year, would be even more striking than that of last year.

Being struck by seeing a small boy engaged in studying a large folio sheet of paper, I enquired of him what it was, and

was interested to discover that he was perusing the Sociological and Biological column of the *Meteor*. The prosperity of this paper was chiefly proved by the Notices to Correspondents, among which I observed the following:—

TOM BROWN.—Your style of writing is scarcely up to our standard. Study some of the best models of English prose in the pages of the *Meteor*.

G. J. GOSCHEN.—You are improving rapidly. We have no doubt you will soon be sufficiently advanced to contribute papers to our columns on the "Board of Trade," and the "Theory of Exchanges."

LORD STANLEY.—Still too conservative and statistical. Purchase the *Meteor's* "*Handbook to Statesmanship*;" it will soon show you your most glaring faults. Let us hear from you again.

I found, to my surprise, that the face of the Island was changed. Instead of a hideous exterior, deformed by the addition of unparallel parallel bars—which, though constructed for the purposes of suspension, invariably broke with anyone who trusted to their fair-seeming fickleness—as well as by the addition of rotten swings, which entailed a fall of forty feet on anyone sufficiently rash to gravitate within them; the whole place now bloomed as the garden of Eden; odorous shrubs and beauteous flowers thrilled through the breast of the smallest fag, and awakened in him a romantic sense of the beauties of Nature.

At the Racquet-court, as elsewhere, changes had gone on. The front wall had been finally re-built of imperishable stone and indissoluble cement. My cicerone informed me that before this desired consummation had been attained, enough money had been spent on the front wall to build two new Racquet Courts and half an Eton Fives Court.

On glancing round the Close I discovered, to my astonishment, that my old friends the nets had disappeared. I could not conceal my chagrin at this; but my companion, when I mentioned the fact, tossed his head with an air of supreme content. "You speak, sir, of the barbarous institution of a barbarous age. We have reached a higher stage of civilisation. Know, sir, that the faint and uncertain voice of tradition tells us of a time in the dim past when Rugby balls at Lord's were not fielded, and Rugby catches at Lord's were missed. But this time has passed away. Every new fellow is fagged to field two hours on every half-holiday, and

one hour on every whole school-day during his first Term. This time is reduced by half an hour every Term. And what is the result? A prize was given last Athletics to the best catch, but it could not be awarded, for no fellow was ever found to miss a catch, Forms II. III. and IV. being always excepted, in consideration of their inability to resist the momentum imparted, by a body of the size of the cricket ball falling through space, with a velocity varying inversely as the square of the distance." The elegance of the last sentence gave me a high idea of the advantages of a study of Natural Philosophy.

My curiosity was not yet satisfied, and I eagerly enquired after the welfare of Football: "Are House Matches played with the same ardour as in former days?" My companion threw upon me a mingled glance of aversion and scorn. "If by ardour," he replied, "you mean the bloodthirsty spirit which led to those disgraceful scenes of which tradition speaks, I am thankful to say that it has died out from amongst us. In accordance with a law passed at Big-side Levée, all House Twenties, before they begin to play, exchange the kiss of peace." "The kiss of peace!" I exclaimed, in a tone of strong disgust, "Have the School become Quakers?" "And if they had imitated the peaceful character of the Society of Friends," said my companion, "what of that? Does it beseem your grey hairs, Sir, to strive to inflame the passions of the School about a ball of inflated leather? Does it beseem your grey hairs to recommend a calculation of the number of hacks which will suffice to break an opponent's leg? Know that every navy is proscribed, the thickness of whose sole exceeds 12-100ths of an inch." I blushed and was silent. "Come this way," he added, in a milder tone, "you may be interested in hearing a debate at Big-side Levée." I followed eagerly to the Fifth School. What a sight burst upon my view! The whole Levée was seated in order upon benches. The chairman was dressed in a purple robe, on which were emblazoned the Founder's arms. Before him lay a mace, topped by the letters "L. S." Three fags were occupied at a table as clerks, receiving the petitions and making minutes of the debates. Petitions were presented from twenty Moberlyites praying that measures might be taken against sundry bucolics who had thrashed them with pitchforks for trespassing; from seven Burrowsites, praying for the removal of the Cattle Fair and its attendant plagues to

a greater distance from their House door; from fifteen Mayorites, praying that they might be no longer compelled to have their breakfasts in their studies; from ten "enlightened Blakeites," praying that the nuisance of Hand-fives in the porch might be stopped; from thirty School-House fags, praying that they might only have to sweep out the Præpostors' studies every other week, and that night-fagging be reduced from half-an-hour to one quarter; from five "very small Arnoldites," praying that leave be given them to play cricket on the grass before their house; and from the whole Town, praying that a severe fine be inflicted on all who address members of the foundation by opprobrious terms. Unfortunately, as the debate was about to begin, the chairman rose and ordered strangers to withdraw; whereupon I was reluctantly compelled to betake myself to my old House.

After what I had heard of entrance examinations, scholarship examinations, monthly unseen papers, Terminal unseen papers, Fifth lessons, extra lessons, I was scarcely astonished on entering the House to find our boot-boy seated by the pantry fire and busily engaged in collating the Vatican and Bodleian M.SS. of Thucydides. In reply to a question of mine he informed me that he had just been writing for the *Journal of Classical and Oriental Philology*, a criticism on the Latin Primer. His review, he said, had been more imperfect than he would have wished, through his inability to consult the fragments of Ennius and Pævius, as well as the First Book of Cato—*De Re Rusticâ*. He had hoped to be able to prove from those important authorities that the first syllable of the word "Primer" was long and not short. He trusted, however, to rectify this deficiency during the holidays, by obtaining a sight of the valuable collection of anti-Ciceronian authors in the British museum.

As I reached the hall door the sonorous cadences of a powerful voice fell upon my ear. I gently entered and took my seat unobserved. Without much difficulty I discovered that I was witnessing a meeting of the Blakeite Debating Society. The secretary stole up to me and informed me in a whisper that they were at present uniting the glories of eloquence and science, and that the subject of debate was "That the resemblance between the Caucassian and gorilla families, considered in relation to the ganglienic nerve and the tetanic chord, does not tend to favour the theory of the deriva-

tion of man from the mollusc." Whilst with the help of a member, who kindly offered his services as moonshee, I was endeavouring to grasp the full import of this mysterious proposition, a loud burst of applause greeted the conclusion of the speech. I started up—and discovered myself sitting in my bed in No. 2 bedroom, with the ten minutes' bell ringing for first lesson.\*

I am Sir, yours, &c.,

TREBLA.

Rev. Jex Blake's, Rugby.

\* We do not hold ourselves responsible either for the waking assertions or the sleeping imaginations of our correspondent.—ED.

SCHOOL PRIZES.—English Verse, 1 Fowler, 2 Barnwell; English Essay, 1 Rowden, 2 Ellis; Latin Hexameters, Ormerod; Latin Lyrics, Haslam mi.; Latin Essay, Rowden; Greek Prose, 1 Masterman, 2 Haslam ma.; Vth Form Prose, 1 Stuart Wortley, 2 Browne quarts.; Vth Form Verse, Stuart Wortley and Kynnersley mi., æq.: 2 Gray.

Mr. R. E. Baynes was last week elected Mathematical Scholar of Wadham College, Oxford.

Mr. A. Godley who went up to Balliol last October, has just carried off the Latin Verse Prize at Oxford.

Mr. W. Lee Warner passed 20th for the Indian Civil Service lately, and Mr. L. Fulton 21st.

We hear that an additional £10 has been put on to the charge for our best bathing place, by Mr. Bagshaw, miller, who would be well paid if this addition were the whole price. We would have Mr. Bagshaw know that geese of golden eggs are mortal, and that the river Avon has two banks.

A well-known architect has been seen prowling about the School buildings lately. This looks hopeful.

The members of Mr. J. M. Wilson's house are indebted to him for a most admirable institution,—a house gymnasium.

The School clock has been out of sorts lately. We fear it keeps irregular hours.

The plans for the market-cross have not yet, we believe, been published.

Rugby was ably represented during the past week of the C. U. B. C. races, by the undermentioned gentlemen:—W. J. Pinckney (Arnold's), stroke of the 1st Trinity 1st boat, which rowed head of the river for the six consecutive nights. Baker (Burrows's), Colvin (P. B. Smith's), and Kirby (Hutchinson's), in the Trinity Hall 1st boat, 4th on the river. H. Browne (School House), in

the Emmanuel boat, 5th on the river. J. L. Seager (Arnold's), coxswain of 1st Trinity 2nd boat, 6th on the river. Baynes (Burrows's), in the Lady Margaret, 2nd, and F. E. Marshall (Arnold's), in the 1st Trinity 3rd boats.

A Town Fete in celebration of the Tercentenary is announced to take place on the 26th inst., in Mr. Reynolds's field.

CRICKET.

ANOMALIES V. THE SCHOOL.—This match came off on May 27 and 28. The weather on both days was anything but agreeable, reminding one more of October than May, consequently very little cricket was shown, if we except Brand for the Anomalies and Pauncefote and Stokes for the School. The Match ended in a draw. Score:

ANOMALIES.		2nd Innings.	
1st Innings.			
A. J. Wilkinson, c Yardley b Bourne	6	c Bucknill, b Ellis	0
H. W. Verelst, c Ellis, b Bourne	3	st Gray, b Pauncefote	44
E. C. Follett, c Pauncefote, b Ellis	2	c Stokes, b Bourne	19
E. W. Burnett, c Pauncefote, b Ellis	24	c Yardley, b Ellis	3
H. R. Brand, run out	55	c Wilkes, b Ellis	0
Capt. Decie, c Tobin mi., b Ellis	1	b Ellis	1
F. Paget, run out	11	c Stokes b Pauncefote	1
J. F. Horner, b Pauncefote	15	c Tobin mi., b Ellis	9
L. Lane, not out	13	not out	6
*J. T. Soutter, b Pauncefote	14	c Tobin mi., b Pauncefote	19
*G. E. Brown, b Pauncefote	2	c Bourne, b Pauncefote	13
Leg-bye 1, w 2	3	Byes 2, 1-b 1	3
Total	149	Total	119

\*Substitutes.

RUGBY SCHOOL.

1st Innings.	
B. Pauncefote, c Paget, b Wilkinson	27
F. Stokes, b Horner	13
F. Tobin mi., b Follett	4
S. P. Bucknill, c Browne, b Follett	1
F. Tobin ma., b Follett	4
V. Ellis, c Verelst, b Horner	6
J. W. Gardner, b Horner	2
J. Wilkes, c and b Follett	8
W. Yardley, c Soutter, b Horner	20
A. Gray, c Soutter, b Horner	3
A. A. Bourne, not out	1
Wides 2	2
Total	91

RUGBY SCHOOL (second innings).—B. Pauncefote (not out), 10; F. Stokes, c and b Decie, 14; bye, 1; wide, 1; total, 26

RUGBY CLUB V. THE SCHOOL.—This match was played on Monday and Tuesday last, on the ground of the former. Score:

RUGBY CLUB.		2nd Innings.	
1st Innings.			
D. Buchanan, c & b Pauncefote	4	c and b Soutter	27
J. H. Raven, c Francis b Pauncefote	38	b Ellis	9
J. C. C. Pipon, c and b Pauncefote	25	c Soutter b Pauncefote	5
R. F. Smith, b Ellis	6	b Francis	42
O. Mordaunt, b Ellis	1	c Soutter b Pauncefote	23
E. Willes, b Ellis	3	b Pauncefote	2
C. W. Carles, b Pauncefote	4	c and b Pauncefote	61

D. Campbell, b Pauncefote ..	4	1	b w., b Francis ..	0
A. C. Thewles, not out ..	12	c Ellis b Pauncefote	15	
F. A. Paget, b Ellis ..	0	not out ..	5	
G. E. Browne, c Pauncefote b				
Ellis ..	0	run out ..	9	
Byes 2, 1-b 2, ..	4	b 3, 1-b 3	6	
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>Total..</b>	<b>204</b>	

SCHOOL.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
F. Stokes, b Mordaunt ..	6	b Mordaunt ..	20
G. E. Steward, b Buchanan ..	1		
F. Tobin mi., b Mordaunt ..	6	b Mordaunt	19
S. P. Bucknill, c Mordaunt b			
Smith ..	48	b Buchanan	1
B. Pauncefote, c Mordaunt b			
Buchanan ..	16	not out ..	18
F. Tobin ma., c Campbell b			
Smith ..	16	b Mordaunt	19
W. Yardley, c Campbell b			
Mordaunt ..	24	b Buchanan	5
J. Wilkes, st Carles b Mor-			
daunt ..	7	not out ..	13
V. Ellis, c Campbell, b Buch-			
anan ..	0		
J. T. Soutter, not out ..	2	b Mordaunt	4
C. K. Francis, b Buchanan ..	9		
Byes 1, 1-b 3, w 3 ..	7	Byes 6, 1-b 2, w 2	10
<b>Total..</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>Total..</b>	<b>90</b>

XI. v. NEXT IX., WITH COWELL AND DIVER.

—Played May 30th and June 1st and 6th. Score:—

THE ELEVEN.

1st Innings.	
J. Wilkes, c Gardner, b Diver ..	31
F. Stokes, b Diver ..	28
F. Tobin ma., b Diver ..	0
B. Pauncefote, c Roupell, b Diver ..	18
J. T. Soutter, c Gray, b Diver ..	5
W. Yardley, c Gwatkin, b Diver ..	31
G. E. Steward, c Gray, b Cowell ..	4
F. Tobin mi., b Cowell ..	23
V. Ellis, not out ..	15
A. A. Bourne, b Diver ..	4
S. P. Bucknill, c and b Diver ..	56
Byes 3, 1-b 3, w 2 ..	8
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>220</b>

NEXT NINE, with DIVER and COWELL.

1st Innings.	
Diver, b Pauncefote ..	3
Cowell, c Steward, b Ellis ..	5
J. W. Gardner, c Stokes, b Ellis ..	13
C. K. Francis, st. Tobin ma., b Pauncefote ..	5
G. C. Roupell, c Steward, b Pauncefote ..	2
G. E. Browne, c Wilkes, b Ellis ..	5
T. Gemmell, c Tobin mi., b Ellis ..	18
S. Gwyer, c and b Ellis ..	2
A. Gray, c Tobin mi., b Pauncefote ..	7
F. S. Gwatkin, c Wilkes, b Ellis ..	5
H. Hall, not out ..	0
Leg-byes 1, w 2 ..	3
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>68</b>

XI. v. XXII.—Played May 14th. The XXII. won by 44 runs. Score:—

THE ELEVEN.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
B. Pauncefote, c Francis, b Hall	21	c Steward, b Sout-	3
F. Stokes, c Soutter, b Francis	9	c Gwatkin, b	0
		Soutter	

J. W. Gardner, b Fitzgerald ..	2	c Radcliffe, b Fitz-	1
S. P. Bucknill, c Collins. b Fitz-		gerald ..	
gerald ..	27	b Soutter ..	7
F. Tobin mi., c Francis, b Fitz-			
gerald ..	1	c Roupell, b Sout-	3
		ter ..	
F. Tobin ma., c Bicknell, b			
Fitzgerald ..	34	b Francis ..	13
V. Ellis, c Gwatkin, b Warner	8	b Francis ..	7
J. Wilkes, c Francis, b Soutter	1	c Steward, b Mill-	37
		ington ..	
W. Yardley, not out ..	16	c Soutter, b Ste-	3
		ward ..	
T. Gemmell, c Tyser, b Soutter	3	not out ..	12
A. A. Bourne, b Warner ..	1	b Millington ..	0
Wides 11 ..	11	Byes 2, w 8	10
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>Total ..</b>	<b>94</b>

THE TWENTY-TWO.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
H. Hall, c F. Tobin, b Ellis ..	3		
W. G. Fitzgerald, b Ellis ..	18	b Pauncefote ..	0
T. T. Soutter, b Ellis ..	0	c Wilkes, b Paunce-	0
		fote ..	
W. Field, b Ellis ..	0	b Pauncefote ..	4
F. S. Gwatkin, b Bourne ..	6	c Gemmell, b	
		Pauncefote ..	14
G. E. Browne, run out ..	3	b Pauncefote ..	3
C. K. Francis, c Gardner, b Ellis	0	b Pauncefote ..	0
S. Gwyer, c Gemmell, b Ellis ..	2	b Bourne ..	15
J. A. C. Collins, b Ellis ..	2	b Stokes ..	2
A. W. Rowden, run out ..	2		
A. Gray, c and b Ellis ..	10	c Gardner, b	
		Bourne ..	29
G. E. Steward, c Pauncefote, b			
Bourne ..	0	run out ..	57
W. Bicknell, c Gemmell, b			
Ellis ..	2	b Stokes ..	0
F. Radcliffe, c Wilkes, b Ellis	0	c Yardley, bowled	
		Pauncefote ..	8
F. Maitland, b Bourne ..	0	b Stokes ..	0
G. Millington, b Ellis ..	5	run out ..	6
J. Eaden, c Pauncefote, b			
Bourne ..	0	b Pauncefote ..	14
C. Tyser, c Tobin, b Gemmell	13	c Ellis, b Paunce-	
		fote ..	2
C. H. Clark, c Ellis, b Bourne	0	st. Yardley, b	
		Pauncefote ..	13
J. Hone, b Ellis ..	6	not out ..	4
W. Warner, not out ..	15	c & b Pauncefote	1
		Wides 6 ..	6
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>Total..</b>	<b>197</b>

REV. T. W. JEX BLAKE'S v. SCHOOL HOUSE.

—This Match was finished on June 1st, and Blake's were victorious by 136 runs.

BLAKE'S

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
C. H. Clark, c Field, b Soutter	9	b Warner ..	31
H. H. Johnston, c Moberly, b			
Soutter ..	14	b Warner ..	1
F. Tobin ma., b Warner ..	9	run out ..	87
F. Tobin, mi., c Warner, b			
Soutter ..	28	b Moberly ..	18
A. Gray, c. Field, b. Warner	4	c Moberly b War-	18
		ner ..	
F. W. Haslam, b Warner ..	0	b Gwatkin ..	9
J. M. Piercy c and b Soutter ..	4	b Gwatkin ..	4
T. R. Mills, c Lushington b			
Warner ..	4	b Soutter ..	3
J. Graham, b Soutter ..	12	b Soutter ..	3
R. E. Anstie, c Pearson b			
Warner ..	1	b Moberly ..	0

H. P. Hornby, not out .. 0 not out .. 13  
Byes 3, 1-b 1, w 13 .. 17 b 6, 1-b 2, w 20, n b 2 30

Total .. 102 Total .. 217

SCHOOL HOUSE.

1st Innings.

2nd Innings.

W. O. Moberly, c Gray, b Graham .. 9 b Graham .. 8  
F. S. Gwatkin, b Graham .. 0 c Clark b Graham 5  
W. Field, b Clarke .. 0 c sub., b Graham 0  
J. T. Soutter, b Graham .. 31 b Clark .. 0  
E. H. Warner, c Gray, b Graham 8 c Johnston, b Clark .. 17  
G. T. Oldham, c Gray, b Clark 2 b Clark .. 0  
T. G. Lushington, c Gray, b Graham .. 15 b Clark .. 1  
S. Pearson, b Tobin mi., .. 15 c Percy, b Clark 28  
J. B. Thornycroft, b Graham .. 0 not out .. 0  
A. H. Hudson, not out .. 1 c Percy, b Clark 2  
A. Davenport, b Clark .. 14 b Graham .. 6  
Byes 1, 1-b 5, w 6 .. 12 B 5, 1-b 1, w 3 9

Total .. 107 Total .. 76

REV. C. T. ARNOLD'S v. REV. C. B. HUTCHINSON'S.—Mr. Arnold's won in one innings by 78 runs. The Arnoldites' wickets fell as follows:—1 for 64, 2 for 83, 3 for 142, 4 for 195, 5 for 205, 6 for 205, 7 for 205, 8 for 217, 9 for 229, 10 for 276. Score:—

REV. C. T. ARNOLD'S.

1st Innings.

B. Pauncefote, c Wilkes, b Eddis .. 74  
F. Stokes, c Eddis, b Gwyer .. 33  
T. Walker, run out .. 9  
G. E. Steward, c Walker, b Eddis .. 43  
F. Radcliffe, c Wilkes, b Eddis .. 27  
B. R. C. Tower, c and b Yardley .. 0  
T. T. Farr, c Wilkes, b Eddis .. 11  
T. C. Lambert, c Walker\*, b Eddis .. 0  
S. Peshall (Lambert), c Chapman, b Yardley 27  
W. Sharp, b Eddis .. 12  
W. C. Marshall, not out .. 7  
Byes 6, w 17, n-b 1 .. 24

Total .. 276

REV. C. B. HUTCHINSON'S.

1st Innings.

2nd Innings.

H. Hall, c Pauncefote, b Stokes 2 b Pauncefote .. 5  
T. Scully, 1b w., b Pauncefote 1 b Pauncefote .. 0  
S. P. Gwyer, c Tower, b Stokes 9 not out .. 19  
J. Wilkes, b Stokes .. 44 run out .. 9  
W. Yardley, b Pauncefote .. 12 c Sharp, b Stokes 5  
T. G. Hare, c Sharp, b Stokes 25 c Sharp b Pauncefote .. 7  
J. H. Becke, b Stokes .. 0 b Stokes .. 11  
W. K. Eddis, b Pauncefote .. 3 c Steward, b Pauncefote .. 0  
K. R. Fletcher, b Pauncefote .. 0 b Pauncefote .. 1  
F. W. Isherwood, b Pauncefote 0 b Pauncefote .. 9  
A. S. B. Chapman, not out .. 9 b Pauncefote .. 0  
Byes 3, 1-b 2, w 7 .. 12 Byes 6, w 6 .. 12

Total .. 120 Total .. 78

J. M. WILSON'S, Esq., below XI. and XXII. have defeated Blake's by 29 runs, after some good scoring on both sides. Score:—

WILSON'S.

1st Innings.

2nd Innings.

A. G. Botfield, b Graham .. 15 b Percy .. 36  
E. Benham, b Graham .. 1 b Graham .. 3

H. W. Badger, b Anstice .. 9 c Haslam, b Graham .. 6  
F. Selous, run out .. 6 c Mills, b Graham 38  
G. H. Lloyd, st. Hornby, b Graham .. 7 b Fletcher .. 6  
G. Walsh, not out .. 72 b Fletcher .. 4  
G. Parton, b Bassett .. 3 not out .. 1  
W. Fawcett, b Bassett .. 8 c Peel, b Fletcher 4  
R. M. Campbell, b Fletcher .. 9 b Percy .. 1  
H. W. Peake, b Fletcher .. 5 c Haslam, b Graham .. 11  
H. S. Jeffery, c Mills, b Fletcher 18 b Fletcher .. 7  
Extras .. 23 Extras .. 11

Total .. 175 Total .. 128

BLAKE'S.

1st Innings.

2nd Innings.

R. E. Anstice, b Fawcett .. 5 c Subst. b Parton 4  
W. Fletcher, run out .. 5 b Botfield .. 12  
J. M. Percy, b Walsh .. 3 c Selous b Botfield 7  
T. Mills, b Fawcett .. 5 c Subst., b Walsh 4  
J. Graham, b Walsh .. 4 b Walsh .. 1  
H. P. Hornby, c Burnham, b Botfield .. 37 c Botfield b Walsh 5  
F. W. Haslam, b Lloyd .. 45 b Botfield .. 3  
H. H. Johnston, b Walsh .. 20 c and b Parton .. 24  
T. Bassett, b Botfield .. 0 b Walsh .. 1  
E. Peel, b Fawcett .. 3 run out .. 9  
G. H. Sim, not out .. 4 not out .. 3  
Extras .. 31 Extras .. 39

Total .. 162 Total .. 112

REV. C. E. MOBERLY'S v. REV. L. F. BURROWS'S.—The latter won by seven wickets. Score:—

MOBERLY'S.

1st Innings.

2nd Innings.

C. R. Tyser, b Hone .. 7 c Hone, b Ellis .. 7  
J. Derrington, b Ellis .. 3 b Ellis .. 21  
J. F. Eaden, b Ellis .. 47 ht. wkt. b Ellis .. 19  
W. F. Wilson, b Hone .. 5 b Ellis .. 9  
J. Richardson, c Hone, b Ellis 26 c Hone, b Ellis .. 0  
C. C. Scott, run out .. 0 b Ellis .. 0  
W. G. Crenshaw, c Perfect, b Ellis .. 0 not out .. 15  
S. Garrett, b Ellis .. 0 c Merewether, b Ellis .. 2  
E. T. Ward, c Subst., b Merewether .. 0 b Perfect .. 0  
T. S. Plumb, not out .. 4 b Ellis .. 0  
W. Sinclair, b Merewether .. 11 b Perfect .. 25  
Byes 5, 1-b 2, w 12 .. 19 Byes 12, 1-b 1, w 18 31

Total .. 122 Total .. 129

BURROWS'S.

1st Innings.

2nd Innings.

F. H. Maitland, b Richardson 28 b Scott .. 3  
J. Hone, b Eaden .. 1 not out .. 42  
C. G. Merewether, b Richardson 5 c Sinclair b Eaden 0  
E. L. Currie, c Garrett, b Richardson .. 0 c Richardson, b Eaden .. 5  
G. C. Roupell, c Tyser, b Eaden 19  
V. Ellis, b Eaden .. 16  
W. M. Perfect, c Derrington, b Scott .. 18  
H. R. Gordon, b Eaden .. 3  
E. Ellis, c Tyser, b Scott .. 4  
W. A. Lucy, c Sinclair, b Scott 18  
W. H. Mawdsley (Gordon), not out .. 4 not out .. 23  
Byes 6, 1-b 1, w 25 .. 32 B 2, 1b 1, w 17, n b 1 21

Total .. 158 Total .. 94

J. M. WILSON'S, Esq., v. THE TOWN.

This match was finished on June 1, and resulted in a victory for Wilson's by six wickets. Subjoined is the score:—

TOWN.		2nd Innings.	
1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
G. E. Browne, c Francis, b Gem-	10 c	Campbell, b	
mell .....		Bourne .....	24
W. G. Fitzgerald mi., b Bourne..	16 c	Campbell, b	
		Bourne .....	0
S. P. Bucknill, c Gemmell, b			
Bourne .....	16 b	Francis.....	7
G. Millington ma., b Francis....	8 b	Francis .....	24
F. W. Reader, not out.. .....	0 c	Bourne, b	
		Gemmell....	2
E. Dundas, c Francis, b Bourne	1 b	Francis .....	0
J. V. Fitzgerald ma., c & b Bourne	3 b	Walsh .....	7
J. Spens, c Lloyd, b Francis .....	6 c	Gemmell, b	
		Francis .....	2
H. Phillips, b Bourne .....	0 1 b	w., b Walsh	0
C. T. Champneys, b Francis .....	6 b	Walsh .....	0
J. Millington mi., c Badger, b			
Bourne .....	2 not out		0
Extras .....	11	Wides .....	2
Total .....	79	Total .....	68

WILSON'S.		2nd Innings.	
1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
A. G. Botfield, b Millington mi...	0 not out		17
G. Walsh, c Bucknill, b Fitz-			
gerald mi. ....	10 c	Phillips b Mil-	
		lington ma...	2
A. A. Bourne, b Fitzgerald mi. . .	12		
C. K. Francis, b Fitzgerald mi... 10	ht. wkt. b Mil-	ington ma. . .	1
H. W. Badger, b Fitzgerald mi... 1	not out		8
T. Gemmell, b Millington ma. . .	11 b	Millington ma	13
E. Benham, c Dundas, b Milling-			
ton ma. ....	0		
J. Collins, b Millington ma. ....	8		
F. Selous, not out.....	21 b	Millington ma	0
R. M. Campbell, b Millington ma.	0		
G. H. Lloyd, c Fitzgerald mi., b			
Millington ma .....	10		
Extras .....	20	Extras.....	5
Total.....	103	Total .....	46

REV. P. BOWDEN SMITH'S.—HOUSE PIE-MATCH.—Played between Gardner's and Bicknell's Sides. Bicknell's side won by 10 wickets. Gardner made 13 and 52; Rowden 25 and not out 7; Bicknell 14 and not out 4; Barnwell 15.

TOWN PIE MATCH.—Played on Monday, May 13th, Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th, and Saturday 18th, between Browne's and Bucknill's Sides. The chief scorers were Browne 36 and 22, J. Millington 10 and 10, Bucknill 29 and 20, Fitzgerald mi. 26 and 9, and Fitzgerald ma. 31.

Rev. C. T. Arnold's House Pie Match. Pauncefote's side won in one innings and 9 runs. Pauncefote made 109, Ridley 29, Wilkes 24 and 8, and Tower 15 and 23.

The Rev. T. W. Jex Blake's House Pie Match. The principal scores were F. Tobin ma. 24 and 114 not out, R. O. Milne 18 not

out and 12, F. Tobin mi. 16 and 11, A. Gray 9 and 22, and T. Mills 6 and not out 21.

We are sorry that we are unable, from want of space, to give the scores of the different Pie-Matches in this number.

## HOUSE NEWS.

REV. C. T. ARNOLD'S.

The only match below XI. and XXII. yet finished was v. Mr. Hutchinsons. Mr. Arnold's won in one innings, with 50 runs to spare.

House Racquets: 1st, Stokes; 2nd, Vivian. House Hand-fives: 1st, Marshall; 2nd, Farr.

REV. C. B. HUTCHINSON'S.

The School Bat-fives has been won by Yardley, making in all 8 firsts and 3 seconds gained by this House this year.

Ogilvie ma. was second in the Upper School Mathematical Examination; Ogilvie mi. equal second in the Upper Middle Examination.

C. P. Hare (O.R.), late of this House, has passed the examination for Direct Commissions.

## SCHOOL HOUSE.

June 7th.—The following were the winners of the House prizes for Racquets, &c., played for last Term:—Double Racquets, Ringrose and Thorneycroft; Double Hand-fives, Oldham and Gwatkin. Single Racquets, Thorneycroft; Single Hand-fives, Ringrose; Bat-fives, Gwatkin.

In a Below XI. and XXII. with Moberly's, begun on May 14th, the School House won by 8 wickets.

REV. P. BOWDEN SMITH'S.

House Single Racquets, Bicknell; Double Racquets, Bicknell and Purves mi.; Single Hand-fives, Bicknell; Double Hand-fives, Bicknell and Baring; Bat-fives, Bicknell.

The Cups given by J. S. Phillpots, Esq., and the Sixth of the House to the fellows best in House Runs, &c., were awarded to Kough, open to all; to Gardner mi., open to all under 5ft. 3in.; to Bonham Carter, open to all under 16 years.

Mr. H. G. Lushington, who last year gained the House Single Hand-fives and Single Racquets, has gained the School Single Racquets and Double Hand-fives at Cheltenham College.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

We cannot be answerable for the opinions of our correspondents.

Contributions for the next number should be sent in by this day fortnight, written on *one* side of the paper only.

Contributions will be received at the *Advertiser* Office, or at Mr. Pepperday's, under cover to the "Editor of the *Meteor*."

*To the Editor of the Meteor.*

SIR,—We are all naturally anxious to celebrate the coming Tercentenary by improvements in matters connected with the welfare of the School. Allow me to make a suggestion of one way in which this may be done. At present all new fellows, on coming to the School, are compelled to wear a hat for a certain period, not in every case a Term, but always a sufficient number of weeks to make it very unpleasant. Why should not this custom be done away with?

The arguments in favour of keeping it up, at least as far as I have heard, are these:—  
1. It is an old custom. 2. It reduces new fellows to a sense of their inferiority. 3. It enables new fellows to be recognised at once. I believe that some go so far as to argue that the evils which you yourself have endured, should likewise be endured by others; this, however, is so utterly absurd on the face of it, that it requires no answer. In reply to the first argument stated, I would say—We have not stood still in other respects; then why in this? If an old custom cannot distinctly be proved good, why retain it simply because it is old? Next I beg to remark, that it simply bores new fellows. If they are, as indeed they sometimes are, conceited when they come, the conceit is speedily taken out of them. If on the other hand, they are sufficiently humble, it only depresses them.

I will allow, in the third place, that it is a most effectual means of distinguishing new boys; but as there are others equally effective and less disagreeable, by which the same object may be arrived at, I confess I cannot see why it should be retained.

I would suggest that, as it is desirable to distinguish new boys—though I have heard some even deny this—there should be an universal rule that they should all wear black straw hats for the first year. If that is too great an innovation, that they should wear the old black riband on a grey straw hat. It would be perfectly easy to mark the distinction between them and those who are in mourning, by adopting for the latter a crape band round the straw. Lastly, they might

wear their house colours arranged somewhat differently to the usual pattern. These are, of course, merely suggestions; the matter must be reserved for mature deliberation. But the main point is to have abolished the compulsory wearing of hats by new fellows. There can be no doubt that the hat is a decided nuisance at any time, but especially in summer, and only an encouragement to others to knock it about. In fact, I should say that among small fellows the new boys are marked out to be bullied thus.

I have stated the case but imperfectly. My main object is to bring the matter before the consideration of the School. I will therefore conclude with expressing a hope that this year may see the abolition of that bugbear of new fellows, the hat.

I am, Sir, yours, &c,

A. H. ST. V.

*To the Editor of the Meteor.*

SIR,—The subject discussed by "K." in your last has been too long neglected; it is to be hoped that, thanks to his initiative, it will now receive the attention it deserves.

Our Hymn-book contains sixty-seven tunes; of these not more than thirty are worthy of notice; of the thirty, some six or seven are proper to particular seasons, and cannot therefore be sung on ordinary occasions. There are, then about two dozen tunes available for general use. Among the best of these are Crasselius, Angel's Hymn, and Wareham ("K.'s" opinion to the contrary notwithstanding); the first, moreover, is almost the only tune in the book which is correctly given.\*

Nor is "K." quite right in his statement

\* The tune Crasselius (Rugby School Hymn-book p. 48) is taken from Havergal's "Old Church Psalmody," p. 7. Mr. Havergal states the author to be "Crasselius, a Lutheran Presbyter, at Düsseldorf, cir. 1650," but he does not give his authority. The tune is evidently a contraction of that given on p. 23 of Filitz's "Choralbuch," the melody of which is there attributed to Freilinghausen, and dated 1704; and this again is but an abbreviation of a still longer form given as No. 63 in the "Choral Book for England," which was composed by Rosemüller or by Hintze. The German melody was naturalised among us long before "Crasselius" appeared. A tune known as "Winchester New," L.M., triple time, that came into general use about the middle of the last century, and which is still popular, is also derived from No. 63 of the "Choral Book for England," or from one of its shorter forms. "Winchester New" first appeared in "A Collection of Tunes in three parts," published by Thos. Knibb, some time before 1759. In some collections it is called "Frankfort," a name indicating its German origin. It is worthy of note that "Crasselius" resembles "Winchester New" much more nearly than it does the German tunes, from which we may conclude that the former is but the latter revised.

as to the very frequent repetition of these three tunes. During last term thirty-three tunes (not "about six" as "K." asserts) were sung in the Chapel service, for which no less than sixty-five psalms and hymns were required. If "K." will examine his hymn-book he will find that not a few of the tunes are set to four, and even five, psalms or hymns; repetition is, therefore, unavoidable, and, provided the thing repeated be good, is, I venture to think, unobjectionable. It is not desirable that we should emulate those arrant psalm-singers, the Puritans of New England, who, for generations limited themselves to five tunes; but the "variety" and "prettiness" for which "K." yearns, certainly ought not to be introduced for their own sakes. Some variety is necessary to prevent weariness, but too much change would result in the hymns not being sung at all; for a large number of hymns could not be learnt, or, if learnt, could not be remembered. Neither should prettiness, apart from real musical worth, recommend a tune, because the direct tendency of such music is to corrupt the taste, and to produce a coarse style of singing. Cranbrook, Shirland, and Miles Lane are tunes which a large section of the School would pronounce to be "awfully jolly;" but surely "K." would not pander to *such* a taste! To do so would be an æsthetic crime.

But it is possible to avoid mere prettiness and undue variety without falling into dullness and monotony. There are enough and to spare of standard English tunes having abundance of melody; let these form the bulk of our new book, there will then be no need of the leaden heaviness of the chorale, of the fripperies of the conventicle, or of the wretched tinkering to be met with in the book we now use, which is a marvel in everything but merit.

"K." has pointed out some doggerel rhymes; he might have shown that which is worse,—much unwarrantable alteration in the text of the hymns, unaccompanied by the slightest indication that the originals have been *improved*.

The following remark by the Rev. Henry Parr is applicable not only to most of the tunes, but to many of the hymns:—"The systematic alteration of other men's compositions is both wrong in itself and mischievous in its effects. For the first, it does injustice to the author; as to the second, it deceives and misleads the public."

I am, yours &c.,

E.

*To the Editor of the Meteor.*

SIR,—The reaction of feeling in the School against the Chapel Hymn-book is at present so strong, that I fear your correspondent "K" expresses a somewhat general tendency to do injustice to the collection; which, though it has the disadvantages of a work hurriedly compiled, contains many exceedingly beautiful specimens. To condemn it as worthless is, moreover, a piece of ingratitude towards the two gentlemen who once lent their unerring taste and musical skill to aid in the compilation of our Hymn-book, and who now guide our tenors and basses in performing the tunes which it contains, adding that strength and breadth which maturer years alone give to the voice. "K.'s" first objection is, that we hear six hymns perpetually, and that those six are poor ones. Now, sir, granting for the sake of argument, that this is the case, I would submit, that to have six poor specimens selected and tediously repeated is not a fault characteristic of this book in particular, but a misfortune which might happen to any collection of homns whatever; and one, too which would inevitably create a prejudice against it, however good it might be. I am also in doubt as to whether any hymns could be efficiently given, if the choir singing them were not provided with notes to aid nature in keeping them to their parts. The charge of quaintness against the paraphrase quoted by "K," is one which would, I fear, apply equally to the original of David; the latter runs "For many dogs have come about me . . . I may tell all my bones; they stand staring and looking upon Me." Psalm xxii. v. 16-17. And yet this (which is by no means the quaintest passage in the Psalms) is sung by those "modern congregations," which boast the latest Ecclesiastical improvements. The same remark would in some degree apply to the second passage quoted: "When John the Apostle heard the fame," etc.; which by the bye, as "K." remarks, is never sung, and therefore cannot be very distressing. I think all will agree with "K," that we want a new Hymn-book, especially as the more important half of the old one, the music, has been omitted in all the copies which have been sold lately; but I do not think that "K.'s" epithets,—"ludicrous," "profane," or "distressing," can justly be applied to any part of the work from which we have sung for years, and to which some of us at least have become not a little attached.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

X. O. R.

*To the Editor of the Meteor.*

Cambridge, 7th June, 1867.

SIR,—I am an Old Rugbeian, and therefore possess an immemorial right of picking holes in Rugby. When I say further, that my attachment to Rugby can only be fitly described as passionate, and that my interest in it is yearly and daily on the increase, I shall have effectually secured myself against any presumption of malice or cynicism.

The virtue of patriotism is very strong and very deeply rooted in Rugby, as in all institutions or societies with any past or any present nobleness. It is no transient sentiment, doomed to be extinguished by a wider education or experience; it is a vital and vivifying enthusiasm, founded on a deep and pervading gratitude, and only in the meanest minds is it ever dormant or temporary.

As is the feeling of Rugbeians for Rugby, so, and often even stronger, is the feeling of the members of each House for their own more limited society. And here, as there, its good effects are beyond praise. It promotes sympathy, generosity, self-sacrifice; it stimulates and inspires to effort in all departments of activity.

But it is every day more and more forced upon my mind that its good effects are not all. Along with the genuine virtue there has arisen a spurious patriotism, often so externally similar that it is hard to say what is wheat and what is tares, but productive of really pernicious results, and rendering nugatory what would otherwise be incalculably beneficial. It is against the false and not the true patriotism that I wish to raise my voice.

As regards the extreme development of house-feeling which inculcates the hatred and contempt of all other Houses as the first article of belief, I need not dwell long upon that. It only needs to be stated in black and white to reveal its utter irreclaimable baseness. And of course no one really holds this belief in any effective way; it is too absurd. But I am speaking seriously when I say, that it is only the same dogma, developed to its fullest growth, that forms an integral part of the creed of a large number of Rugbeians.

What can be more absurd, for instance, than the bar which public opinion puts upon free intercourse between the Houses? When I speak of public opinion, I mean of course not the enlightened minority, who regret these obstacles as much as I do, but the

feeling of the mass. And there can be no doubt that real freedom of intercourse is discouraged and discountenanced, if not practically prohibited. What is more natural, on the principle of elective affinities—a principle older even than Rugby—than that a fellow's best friend should be in another House! And yet, unless he is able to disregard the populace, how seldom would he dare to visit his friend's study? I know it will be said that to choose your friends in another House, when it is so much more natural that you should be intimate with your own House, is a proof, at the very best, of a cantankerous disposition. And to prove this, instances will be adduced—or would be if it were not too personal—which *primâ facie* appear to be weighty. But, sir, this is only the result of the very thing I complain of. *Why* is it "natural" to choose your friends in your own House? Because society practically debars you from forming real intimacies elsewhere. And of course, where that is so, it necessarily follows that some of those who do seek friends in other Houses are either unable to find friends in their own, or have a peculiar disposition.

The Houses must necessarily live much apart; and living apart must necessarily develop different virtues in different proportions. Nothing could be more beneficial in every way than the freest intercourse and the freest interchange of opinions. Those of similar tastes would find sympathy and encouragement from each other, where now they are not unfrequently damped by isolation, if not too commonly by contempt. Those in each House who struggle against vice and evil of all sorts, and do what in them lies to leave their House better than they found it, would have their hands strengthened by union and sympathy with similar labourers in other Houses. In short I believe that morally, intellectually, and socially alike, the advantage would be incalculable. And it would be gained, I am confident, without the loss of anything the least valuable. The generous rivalry would be quite as eager as ever, while it would lose much of its pitiable narrow-mindedness, and all its brutality. That both of these qualities are on the wane, we have every reason to hope; but it is quite certain that they are neither of them extinct yet.

Hoping for criticism,

I am, Sir, yours obediently,

COSMOPOLITAN.

*To the Editor of the Meteor.*

SIR,—I am a monomaniac. My monomania is about 23 hours old. It allowed me no sleep last night, and naturally I wish to get rid of it. I hope to do this by writing to you. It consists in wondering why all who uphold the perfection of Rugby, have still to allow that there is no boating here: and this, when there is within a mile-and-a-half of the School gates, a canal, which no doubt its proprietors would be glad to let the use of to the School, and which would do admirably for a bumping race. Objections innumerable of course there are. My present state of mind only allows me to see two; the barges, and turning. With a little care a barge could be passed, except at the bridges, and one or two other places, in any part of the canal; and as far as my experience of barge-men goes, they would willingly stop on exceptional cases for races, for a consideration. As to turning, there are many places on the canal where a four oar, and several where an eight oar could turn.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

WHEEL-HIM-TO-THE-POUND.

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#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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We must refer hundreds of letters in favour of a new Chapel to higher quarters. All that the *Meteor* can do is to give its vote for re-building.

“A Coal.”—We fear your proposition would not find favour.

“Chorister.”—Is the Chapel Hymn-book out of print? We can see no reason for re-publishing it by instalments in our columns.

“Woolwich.”—Your victim has been already sufficiently punished.

“A former Member of the Choir,” and “A former Member of the Choir.”—You will see that this number is full of your subject.

“A constant Reader.”—We were obliged to apply to your letter the precaution attached to your name.

“O. R.”—Your subject is mentioned in this number.

“Olim Victor.”—We hope you will be satisfied by seeing your signature in print.

“M. or N.”—Your style is unexceptionable. Could you not find a subject to write to us upon?

“Centipede.”—Why not join the Natural History Society?

“H. E.”—We must reserve your letter for a future number.

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#### THE RIFLE CORPS.

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Target Practice has been going on vigorously for the last month with the new Hay rifles, which are much liked. The shooting is much better than it was last year, but there is still plenty of room for improvement. The Baldwin Challenge Cup has been shot for twice this Term, and was won the first time by Private Penrose, after shooting a tie with Lance-corporal Acland, with a total of 40; the 2nd time it was won by Lieutenant Graham, in a perfect hurricane, which quite prevented high scores: on the latter occasion Private Whiting was three ahead, but was handicapped six, which lost him the Cup. There is to be a match with the Town Corps on Thursday (this day) on which occasion the XI. will consist of Captain Tobin, Lieutenant Graham, Sergeant Major Walker, Sergeant Piercy, Lance Corporals Acland, Forster, Humphry, privates Crowdy, Fletcher, Penrose, Whiting. The Wimbledon shooting will, in all probability, be in the week commencing Monday, July 8th.