

ought to have died a natural death long ago. The old creed, that a new boy is an inferior animal, who should be taught his inferiority by having his life made a burden to him, is not, we hope, to be found as a really living and professed tenet. But it can yet be traced in many of the stock opinions and threadbare stock phrases still in vogue. The creed, I say, is dead. But the defunct and putrescent dogma still pollutes the air.

The real belief of these Conservatives may be analysed into two main articles.

1. That new boys are "coxy" and must be humbled.
2. That these old privileges constitute the splendour and glory of the place.

Now, Sir, (1) is directly and distinctly contrary to experience. The majority of new boys are timid, and even over-anxious to learn the ways of the place, and if some do seem "coxy" (I use that detestable appellation under protest) it is more often awkwardness than vanity. The really loathsome object (which one has quite enough chances of observing) is the Rugbeian of some standing, who has learnt nothing at Rugby but to despise those of his fellows in whom arrogance and conceit are less indurated.

Against (2) also I am equally anxious to proclaim my fervent hostility. Whatever excellence we have here, is certainly not bound up with any old customs at all; except indeed the old customs of uprightness, energy, and goodwill, which are assuredly not promoted by these petulant and contemptible follies.

What we want, Sir, is a more active and penetrating civilisation: a civilisation to remove all social obstacles, to clear away all stumbling-blocks, hindrances, and restrictions: to promote helpfulness, kindness, culture, spirit, and freedom. We want it to be impossible that any young enthusiasm should be checked, as it is so often and so disastrously checked. We want to condemn all roughness and vulgarity of mind, if possible, to extinction, if not, at any rate to obscurity. The spirit which desires to maintain those puerile frivolities will be found fighting against us on the broader issue also. For it is a spirit born of the meanness and selfishness of a few, and fostered by the unreflecting conservatism of the multitude.

Therefore it is, Sir, that we look for your enlightened aid and countenance in this

struggle between stagnation and progress, between the bigot and the

COSMOPOLITAN.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Macedonicus," and "E."—We are sorry we have not room for your letter in this number.

"Ignoramus."—Your letter will appear in the first number of next Term, when we think it will produce more effect than at the end of this.

"L. W."—We will endeavour to insert your letter before the next Speech-Day.

"A Blakeite."—We have not room for more than a note on your subject this number.

"A.D.A.M."—Your letter will appear in our first number next Term.

CRICKET.

THE SCHOOL v. RUGBY CLUB.—This, the return match, was played in the Close on Saturday, July 6th. Notwithstanding the absence of Pauncefote and Wilkes—two of our best batsmen—the School made an exceedingly good show of batting, the captain for the time being taking the lead with a finely played 72. Stokes and Tobin, ma., Steward and Gardner, also showed some very good batting. The Clubs' prospects did not look very flourishing, losing three wickets in 25 minutes. Score:—

RUGBY SCHOOL.

F. Stokes, c Willes, b Carles	.. 57
W. Yardley, c Swainson, b Buchanan	.. 2
J. T. Soutter, b Buchanan	.. 4
S. P. Bucknill, c and b Buchanan	.. 72
F. Tobin ma., c and b Raven	.. 45
G. E. Steward, not out	.. 34
F. Tobin mi., c and b Raven	.. 12
J. W. Gardner, c Mordaunt, b Buchanan	30
V. Ellis, c Buchanan	.. 6
C. K. Francis, b Buchanan	.. 13
A. A. Bourne, c Browne, b Buchanan	.. 0
Byes 15, 1-b 3, w 13	.. 31
Total	.. 307

RUGBY CLUB.

J. H. Raven, at Yardley, b Bourne	.. 13
C. W. Carles, c Gardner, b Bourne	.. 0
R. F. Smith, c Tobin mi., b Bourne	.. 6
G. L. Bennett, not out	.. 3
D. Buchanan, not out	.. 0
Leg-byes	.. 2
Total	23

FREE FORESTERS V. THE SCHOOL—MONDAY AND TUESDAY, JULY 8 & 9.—The match was very closely contested, and on the fall of Yardley's and Tobin ma.'s wickets in the 2nd innings, it seemed as if the Foresters would yet pull off the match. After some careful play, Tobin mi. made the winning hit for the School, with two wickets to fall. The Foresters lost the services in the middle of the match of Raven, who met with a bad accident. On the one side Mordaunt and Higgins, and on the other Tobin mi., Yardley, and especially Tobin ma.—who played two fine innings—deserve mention. Score:—

FREE FORESTERS.

1st Innings.	2nd Innings.
D. Buchanan, c Ellis b Bourne	0 b Ellis .. 7
G. Bennett, run out	.. 0 not out .. 22
J. R. Raven, retired	.. 43 absent .. 0
A. Hillyard, b Bourne	.. 7 b Bourne .. 11
R. Brodie, b Bourne	.. 1 c Ellis b Bourne 4
O. Mordaunt, c Ellis	.. 6 c Wilkes b Soutter 55
M. F. Higgins, b Ellis	.. 21 b Ellis .. 50
F. Paget, c Tobin mi., b Pauncefote	.. 30 Pauncefote .. 3
A. R. Kenney, c Tobin ma., b Ellis	.. 3
A. Lee, lbw b Ellis	.. 11 c Tobin ma., b Ellis .. 3
S. B. Chamberlayne, not out	.. 4 b Pauncefote .. 14
Bye 1, w 1	.. 2 b 2, 1-b 1, w 2.. 5
Total	128 Total.. 175

RUGBY SCHOOL.

1st Innings.	2nd Innings.
F. Stokes, b Chamberlayne	.. 1 c Hillyard b Chamberlayne 14
J. Wilkes, run out	.. 1 b Buchanan .. 7
J. T. Soutter, run out	.. 18 c Buchanan b Chamberlayne 0
S. P. Bucknill, c Buchanan b Chamberlayne	.. 3 b Chamberlayne 0
F. Tobin ma., b Chamberlayne	75 c Chamberlayne b Buchanan .. 35
W. Yardley, b Hillyard	.. 16 run out .. 53
F. Tobin mi., b Kenney	.. 24 not out .. 6
B. Pauncefote, b Buchanan	.. 6 c and b Chamberlayne .. 9
C. K. Francis, b Buchanan	.. 9 run out .. 0
V. Ellis, not out	.. 3 not out .. 1
A. A. Bourne, run out	.. 9
Byes 4, 1-b 5, w 8	.. 12 b 1, 1-b 1 .. 2
Total	177 Total.. 128

REV. C. B. HUTCHINSON'S HOUSE V. REV. T. W. JEX BLAKE'S HOUSE.—This match was for second House, and was won easily by the Rev. C. B. Hutchinson's House by 145 runs. For Hutchinson's, Wilkes scored well both innings, making 27 and 113; Yardley made 46 and 4; and Gwyer two good innings of 34 and 40. Scully also played two useful innings of 20 and 21. For Blake's, Clark went in first and carried his bat out for 92. Tobin ma., and Gardner (for Tobin mi.) made each two good innings—Tobin ma. making 27 and 27, and Gardner 23 and 17. The score as follows:—

HUTCHINSON'S.

1st Innings.	2nd Innings.
W. Yardley, c and b Clark	.. 46 b Piercy .. 4
J. Wilkes, c Clark, b Graham	.. 27 c Penrose, b Graham .. 113
J. Scully, c Haslam, b Piercy	20 c Tobin b Graham 21
T. G. Hare, c Penrose, b Graham	0 b Clark .. 3
S. K. Gwyer, b Clark	.. 34 c Gray, b Graham 40
J. H. Becke, c and b Clark	.. 9 c Hornby, b Graham .. 12
A. B. Chapman, b Clark	.. 15 b Graham .. 14
C. T. Layton, b Clark	.. 1 (Anderson mi.) c Gray, b Graham 0
F. W. Isherwood, c Gray, b Clark	0 not out .. 4
W. K. Eddis, c Gray, b Graham	15 c Gardner, b Graham .. 0
K. R. Fletcher, not out	.. 7 c Penrose, b Graham .. 5
Extras	.. 20 Extras .. 17
Total	194 Total .. 238

BLAKE'S.

1st Innings.	2nd Innings.
C. H. Clark, not out	.. 92 c Eddis, b Yardley 15
F. Tobin ma., c Wilkes, b Yardley	.. 27 c Yardley, b Gwyer 27
H. P. Hornby, c Layton, b Yardley	.. 4 b Gwyer .. 0
A. Gray, c and b Yardley	.. 2 b Gwyer .. 7
H. H. Johnston, b Gwyer	.. 6 b Yardley .. 7
J. W. Gardner, c and b Yardley	28 c Yardley b Gwyer 17
J. M. Piercy, b Yardley	.. 0 b Yardley .. 16
F. W. Haslam, b Gwyer	.. 3 run out .. 6
J. Graham, b Yardley	.. 2 not out .. 4
J. Penrose, c Yardley, b Gwyer	5 b Yardley .. 0
W. Fletcher, c Eddis, b Gwyer	2 b Yardley .. 0
Extras	.. 18 Extras .. 1
Total	183 Total .. 100

The Rev. C. B. Hutchinson's House Pie Match ended in a victory for Yardley's side by six wickets, the chief scores being H. Hall 22 and 31, W. Yardley 48 and 3, and J. C. Anderson 8 and (not out) 21, for the winning side;

and J. Wilkes 28 and 36, S. K. Gwyer 16 and 22 for the losing.—The Tutor Pie Match was won by Wilkes's side by 7 wickets. W. Yardley made 50 and 51, J. Wilkes 47 and 1, S. K. Gwyer 3 and (not out) 49, W. K. Eddis 41 and 8, and M. Kitchener 20.

A Match between the Twenty and Fifth Forms has been won by the former by six wickets.

Mr. J. M. WILSON'S HOUSE PIE MATCH has been won by Bourne's side, beating Gemmell's by 220 runs. The chief scorers were—Bourne, 0 and 80; Botfield, 3 and 171; Langford (not out) 7; and (not out) 33.

REV. T. W. JEX BLAKE'S TUTOR PIE MATCH, won by Tobin mi.'s side by 9 wickets, the principal scorers being—Tobin ma., 24; Soutter (for Tobin mi.) 23, and Tobin terts., 31; and Clark, 25 (not out).

THE WIMBLEDON SHOOTING.

It seems as if the Ashburton Shield was destined never to return to Rugby. Each year (to omit the never-to-be-mentioned 1866) have we pushed our way among the first three, but never since 1861 have we managed to distance all our opponents.

It is hard to look back on the present season without feeling unfeigned regret that the efforts made by the Rifle Corps have not been crowned with success. It was the hope—and lately the belief—of many that in this illustrious year we should have gained a double victory—at the Oval and at Wimbledon. We have achieved a victory in the former field, and, but for an unlucky accident which befell the Captain of the Rifle Corps a week before the contest, preventing all practice, we may be sure we would have

achieved one on the latter. The best scores were made for us by Lance-Corporal Forster, Lieutenant Graham, and Private Whiting, and to these gentlemen the thanks of the School are due, especially to the first-named, who took second place for the Spencer Cup, with a score which would have obtained the prize in any of the last four years. Subjoined is the score:—

HARROW.			
	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
Private Mitchell ..	14	17	31
Serjeant Richie ..	13	13	26
Serjeant Bentley ..	12	12	24
Serjeant Wood ..	14	10	24
Capt. Shakespeare ..	12	10	22
Lieut. Flood ..	15	7	22
Private Matheson ..	12	9	21
Corporal Richie ..	13	8	21
Corporal Sibney ..	10	9	19
Corporal Maudsley ..	8	10	18
Corporal Lathom ..	13	5	18
	136	108	244

RUGBY.			
	200 yds.	500 yds.	Tl.
Capt. Tobin	2 3 3 4 2-14	2 0 4 0 0-6	.. 20
Lieut. Graham	4 3 3 3 3-17	3 4 2 3 R-12	.. 29
Serjt.-maj. Watkins	2 2 3 2 3-12	0 0 2 0 3-5	.. 17
Serjeant Piercy	4 3 0 3 2-12	2 3 0 2 0-7	.. 19
Lance Cp. Acland ..	2 2 3 3 3-13	0 2 0 2 0-4	.. 17
“ Forster ..	2 2 3 3 4-14	4 3 3 2 4-16	.. 30
“ Humphry ..	3 2 2 2 3-12	0 0 3 3 3-6	.. 18
Private Crowdy	3 2 3 2 3-13	0 2 0 0 0-2	.. 15
“ Fletcher ..	4 2 3 2 2-13	3 3 0 2 3-11	.. 24
“ Penrose ..	3 2 2 3 3-13	3 2 2 0 3-10	.. 28
“ Whiting ..	0 3 4 2 2-11	4 4 2 4 3-17	.. 28
	144	96	240

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
CHELTHENHAM ..	138.	101.	239
ETON	128.	104.	232
ROSSALL	132.	98.	230
MARLBOROUGH ..	114.	90.	204
WINCHESTER ..	124.	69.	193

The following is the score for the Spencer Cup:—

1st—Private Collier (Cheltenham)	2244433	22
2nd—Lance-Corp. Forster (Rugby)	2423323	19
3rd—Corporal Cartwright (Eton)	3033423	18
4th—Private Mitchell (Harrow)	8403332	18
5th—Capt. Bourdillon (Marlborough) ..	2203443	18
6th—Private May (Rossall)	3003233	14
7th—Corporal Helme (Winchester)	3203003	11