

been, at the time when most fellows resort to it, perfectly sunless: it has been peculiarly cold, partly from this cause, partly from its structure, containing as it did hardly a single seat out of a draught; and being quite beyond the powers of the fires at the end. The books, if we except the magazines, which belong to the Masters, were hardly of a nature calculated to attract even on a wet half-holiday; altogether it was a very miserable place.

But luckily the Arnold Library has not escaped the march of universal improvement which marks the year of grace, 1867, in the history of Rugby; the fault has grown and grown in the eyes of the Masters till it has become so great as imperatively to demand removal: or to speak what is, we expect, nearer the truth, they have at last seen their way to a better state of things. The aspect of the room cannot, as yet, be changed, but screens have been put up which will keep off the draughts; the room has been fitted up with everything necessary for comfort, with easy chairs, with ample tables, with abundance of writing paper for any one who may have a happy thought to send to the *Meteor*, or elsewhere; and it is hoped that soon there may be abundance of magazines and papers awaiting the intending speaker at his Debating Society. And now comes the most important point of all. "You speak of this Elysium," says one close to us, "how can we gain admittance to it? I'm only in Sidgwick's, and no one but upper-school fellows can go to the Arnold Library."

In future the rules of admittance are, we are told, to be as follows:—

Any VIth. fellow can have a key and take two fellows with him at any time.

Any one in the Upper School can have a key on getting a note from his Tutor.

Any one in the Middle School can have a key on getting a note from the Doctor, his Tutor, and Form-master.

How far these rules may serve to increase the attendance we can hardly venture to predict. Our duty will have been done in stating what improvements have been made, and what the state of the Library now is, and when we have recorded our own opinion that few places will be found more comfortable for passing a spare hour on a whole school day.

No Reports have yet reached the *Meteor* Office of any doings of the Natural History Society this Term.

FOOTBALL.

BELOW CAPS MATCHES:—

SCHOOL-HOUSE v. WILSON'S.—Played Oct. 10, in which School-House were easily victorious by two goals, besides numerous tries, &c.

BLAKE'S v. MOBERLY'S.—Played Oct. 12. The former were victorious, by two goals to one. The game was continued after the winning goal was kicked, when Moberly's kicked a goal.

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE.—The Committee met on Tuesday morning, when A. Davenport (School House) was elected President, and the time for the weekly meeting fixed, for the present, for Tuesday, at 2:15 p.m.

Up to the time of our writing we have heard of the following New "Caps" to play in the Sixth Match on the School side:—
Blake's: Hornby. Wilson's: Badger, Botfield, Selous. Hutchinson's: Welsh, Isherwood. Arnold's: Delarue, Sharp. Burrows': Russell.

The Committee had their first meeting last night to draw the House-Match Ties. The lots fell as follows:—

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| 2. Wilson's | play | Blake's. |
| 3. Burrows's | " | Bowden Smith's. |
| 4. Hutchinson's | " | Town. |
| 1. Arnold's | " | School-House. |

Moberly's.

The numbers before the ties indicate the order of "Grounds."

CRICKET.

[We fear that so many Cricket scores may seem out of season at this time of year; but we think nevertheless many of our readers may wish to preserve accounts of the following School matches.]

M. C. C. AND GROUND v. RUGBY SCHOOL.—This annual match was commenced at Lord's on Thursday, August 1st, when Marylebone scored 75 in their first innings and 63 for the loss of three wickets in their second, Rugby's first innings amounting to 109. On Friday, at 11:30 a.m., Biddulph (not out 23) and Capt. Parnell went to the wickets to the bowling of Messrs. Bourne and Ellis. Both batsmen hit hard and well, and notwithstanding the splendid fielding of the light blues, the scores rose rapidly, so Mr. Francis took the ball from Mr. Ellis, and Mr. Scutter

superseded Mr. Bourne at the Pavilion end. This change proved effectual, a fine ball from Mr. Francis spoiling the shape of Capt. Parnell's wicket. Capt. Kenney—the Rugby Captain in 1859—filled the vacant post, and the hitting progressed favourably for M. C. C. interests. Mr. Stokes now took up the bowling at the Pavilion wicket, and the first over of his fast deliveries got rid of Biddulph, a very fast shooter making fearful havoc of his stumps. His innings of 79 was well played, and he did not give a chance that we saw. Capt. Kenney and Mr. Ellis—also one of the Rugby Eleven in 1859—were now together, but the former was finely caught at short slip after an able contribution of 52. Mr. Ellis hit up 40 before he was run out, and the innings closed for 275. The loss of the judgment and experience of the Rugby captain was a great blow to the light blues in this innings, to say nothing of his bowling. Rugby, having the task of 242 runs to get to win set them, were represented by Messrs. Stokes and Wilkes, the bowlers being A. Shaw (Notts) and Mumford (Middlesex). Mr. Wilkes succumbed to Shaw's attack after scoring four only, and lunch here intervened. On play being resumed, Mr. Soutter joined Mr. Stokes, but was dismissed by Shaw in his third over. Mr. Tobin ma. next appeared, and great things were expected of him. His scores in his last four innings were 75 and 35 v. Free Foresters, 85 v. Butterflies, and 62 v. Civil Service, and he soon showed his hitting abilities. The bowling at both ends got severely punished, Mr. Stokes driving Shaw up the hill for five and cutting him behind the wicket to the Pavilion for three, Mr. Tobin meanwhile making a fine off-drive from Mumford's bowling for four. The two Ground men now retired in favour of Capt. Parnell and Major Thompson (slows) but the ball was hit to all parts of the ground. Mr. Tobin was at length caught at the wicket: his score of 44 contained one five, one four, six threes and three twos: he was much applauded. The two Professionals now resumed bowling, and Shaw dismissed Messrs. Bucknill and Yardley, whilst Messrs. Tobin mi. and Francis both put their legs where their bats ought to have been. Mr. Stokes had been playing fine cricket all this time, driving Shaw finely up the hill past the Grand Stand for five, and snicking him for four through the slips, whilst Mumford suffered at his hands to the extent of a four (off-drive) and two threes (cuts up the hill).

Mr. Bourne being caught at point, Mr. Maitland joined Mr. Stokes, and played capitally, when we consider the fact that he is only in the School Third Eleven. He drove Mumford for a brace and cut Shaw twice for three, and with a couple more twos put together 12 before he succumbed to the Notts bowler, Mr. Stokes meanwhile making a splendid leg-hit from Shaw, for which five were run. Mr. Ward now took Mumford's end, but after several maiden overs, Shaw bowled Mr. Ellis, the innings closing for 150. In first, Mr. Stokes carried his bat out, his score of 64 comprising three fives, three fours, five threes and six twos. His hitting all round was very fine, his cutting being perhaps his forte, and the brilliant defence which he exhibited in playing over after over of Shaw's best was far the best cricket displayed in the match. He was loudly cheered on his return to the Pavilion, and the Old Rugbeians on the ground presented him with a prize bat. M. C. C. and Ground thus won by 91 runs, a verdict which would in all probability have been reversed had Mr. Pauncefote—the best Public School batsman developed this season—been able to play. The light blues also suffered a great loss from the lameness of Mr. Ellis, whilst Mr. Wilkes was so unwell as to be scarcely fit to play at all. The following is the score:—

M. C. C.	
1st Innings.	2nd Innings.
Major Thompson, b Bourne ..	2 c Tobin ma., b Bourne ..
Capt. Trevor, c Soutter b Bourne ..	0 b Francis ..
A. Shaw, c Soutter, b Bourne..	17 b Bourne..
S. Biddulph, c Bucknill, b Ellis ..	0 b Stokes ..
Hon. P. Methuen, h w, b Ellis ..	4 lbw, b Soutter ..
Captain Parnell, b Ellis ..	23 b Francis ..
E. H. Ellis, Esq., c Stokes, b Ellis ..	6 run out ..
Captain Kenney, c Stokes, b Bourne ..	16 c Yardley b Stokes ..
R. J. Ward, Esq., run out ..	5 b Stokes ..
W. C. Sandars, Esq., c Bourne, b Ellis ..	0 not out ..
G. Mumford, not out ..	1 b Bourne..
Leg-bye ..	1 l-b 1, w 8 ..
Total ..	Total ..
75	275

RUGBY SCHOOL.	
1st Innings.	2nd Innings.
J. Wilkes, b Shaw ..	5 b Shaw ..
F. Stokes, st Biddulph, b Ward ..	26 not out ..
J. T. Soutter, b Mumford ..	4 b Shaw ..
F. Tobin ma., b Shaw ..	15 c Biddulph, b Parnell ..
S. P. Bucknill, b Shaw..	11 b Shaw ..
W. Yardley, c and b Shaw ..	20 b Shaw ..
F. Tobin mi., c Mumford, b Shaw ..	0 lbw, b Mumford ..
C. K. Francis, b Mumford ..	17 lbw, b Shaw ..
A. A. Bourne, c Sandars, b Mumford ..	2 c Mumford, b Shaw ..
	5

V. Ellis, not out	1 b Shaw	0
F. Maitland, b Mumford ..	2 b Shaw	12
Leg-byes 2, byes 3, wide 1	6 W 2, b 4, 1-b 1	7
Total ..	109	Total.. 150

BUTTERFLIES V. RUGBY SCHOOL.—On Saturday, July 27th, the Butterflies commenced their annual match with the School Eleven, who won the toss, and at 11:30 sent Messrs. Stokes and Wilkes to the wickets, to the bowling of Messrs. Hornby and Smith. Both batsmen hit freely and well: Mr. Stokes gave half a chance to long-leg in the first over, but it was not accepted, and at luncheon time—two p.m.—the telegraph exhibited 213. Mr. Wilkes not out 120, Mr. Stokes not out 82, and the Butterflies' bowling "in a corner." At three o'clock play was resumed, and with the score at 246 the first wicket fell, Mr. Hornby bowling Mr. Stokes for 93, including three fours and eleven threes. Mr. Stokes ought to have been stumped when he had made about 60, but his innings was a capital one, his cutting being especially brilliant. We fancy that the score of 246 for the first wicket is without a parallel in cricket annals. Mr. Wilkes was eventually caught at mid-off: his innings of 175 was played without a chance, and comprised five fours, eighteen threes and twenty twos. His return to the Pavilion was received with immense cheering, and the Butterflies presented him with a prize bat. The captain played well for his 45, but both he and Mr. Tobin, whose hitting powers were only too manifest to a Butterfly's eye, ought to have been caught at long-leg almost before scoring. Mr. Tobin's 85 included a six, a five, four fours, and ten threes. Messrs. Yardley, Tobin mi. and Bourne also hit freely and well. The innings closed for 528 at 7 p.m. precisely. The Butterflies—far the better for a day's rest—began the batting on Monday, Messrs. Hornby and Goschen causing 59 to be telegraphed before being parted. Mr. Goschen's 32 included a five, a four and five threes. Mr. Verelst played capably, but like his predecessor was unfortunately run out. Mr. Smith and Mr. Green played good innings, and Mr. Steward—the last man—hit up his 31 very quickly, a four and four threes being among his figures. And thus the match ended in a draw in favour of the School. Score:—

RUGBY SCHOOL.—First Innings.

F. Stokes, b Hornby	93
J. Wilkes, c Hornby, b Smith ..	175
J. T. Soutter, c Thompson, b Hornby ..	12

B. Pauncefote, c H. Verelst, b Smith ..	45
S. P. Bucknill, c H. Verelst, b Smith ..	3
F. Tobin, ma., b C. Verelst	85
W. Yardley, c Hornby, b C. Verelst ..	39
F. Tobin, mi., c H., b C. Verelst ..	24
C. K. Francis, c and b C. Verelst ..	1
A. A. Bourne, c Wilson, b C. Verelst ..	23
V. Ellis, not out	0
Byes 10, 1-b 3, w 15	28
Total	528

BUTTERFLIES.—First Innings.

A. N. Hornby, c Soutter, b Bourne ..	26
W. E. Goschen, run out	32
H. W. Verelst, run out	36
C. J. Smith, b Pauncefote	30
J. F. Green, 1 b w, b Pauncefote ..	20
W. F. Thompson, b Pauncefote ..	9
C. V. Verelst, c Tobin, mi., b Bourne ..	10
W. L. Selge, c Tobin, mi., b Pauncefote	2
A. Wilson, c Wilkes, b Bourne ..	12
A. G. Guillelard, b Bourne	0
A. B. Steward, not out	31
Byes 3, 1-b 2, w 1	6
Total	214

TOOTING CLUB V. RUGBY SCHOOL.—This new match was played at Upper Tooting on Saturday, August 3rd. It is worthy of remark that the Tooting eleven contained seven Rugbeians, one Marlburian, one Cheltonian, and one Carthusian. Tooting went first to the wickets, and 48 runs were scored before a wicket fell. Mr. Bagallay played a faultless innings of 84, and was well caught by Mr. V. Ellis. Messrs. Green and E. H. Ellis also played good innings; and the whole side was disposed of for 243 runs. The largeness of the score is partly accounted for by the indifferent fielding of Rugby, four catches being badly missed, one off Mr. Pauncefote's, and three off Mr. Ellis's bowling. At 5.10 Rugby began their innings, and Mr. Stokes again played a capital innings of 46 (not out.) He and Mr. Tobin ma. however, scored very slowly, chiefly owing to the brilliant fielding of Messrs. H. V. Ellis and Green at long-leg and cover point, and of Mr. Ratliff at long-off. The stumps and the match were drawn at 6.55, the latter in favour of Tooting. Score:—

TOOTING.—First Innings.

T. W. Bagallay, c Ellis, b Bourne ..	84
F. Baker, b Pauncefote	18
R. Brodie, b Francis	5
H. V. Ellis, c and b Soutter	2
J. F. Green, c and b Pauncefote ..	50
E. H. Ellis, b Pauncefote	29
C. S. Dakyns, b Francis	10
F. A. Gore, b Soutter	4
R. Murray, c Pauncefote, b Soutter ..	16
J. B. Congreve, not out	9
T. Ratliff, b Pauncefote	18
Leg-byes 2, wides 2	4
Total	243

RUGBY SCHOOL.—First Innings.

F. Stokes, not out	46
J. Wilkes, b Dakyns	5
J. T. Soutter, b Gore	3
F. Tobin ma., c Murray, b Gore	25
S. P. Bucknill, b Brodie	4
W. Yardley, c E. H. Ellis, b Brodie.. .. .	24
C. K. Francis, b Brodie	0
Leg-byes 2, wides 3	5
Total	108

The following had to bat: A. A. Bourne, F. Tobin mi., V. Ellis, and B. Pauncefote.

THE SCHOOL V. CIVIL SERVICE.—This match was played at Battersea Park, on Wednesday, July 31st. The School were unfortunately deprived of the services of Messrs. Wilkes and Ellis, who were unable to play. In place of these gentlemen, Hon. C. H. Vivian, T. Hone, and Hon. E. Thesiger played for us, and the game was played twelve-a-side. Civil Service went first to the wickets, when the batting of Messrs. Maitland and Taylor raised the score to something very considerable. For the School Tobin ma. thoroughly confirmed his reputation, while both the past and present Captains played in good style. The match was therefore left drawn in favour of Civil Service, one day alone being the time prescribed. The following are the particulars:—

CIVIL SERVICE.—First Innings.

E. F. Taylor, b Francis	46
S. L. S. Smith, c Vivian, b Pauncefote	3
W. J. Maitland, c Yardley b Pauncefote	89
A. R. Hawkins, c Stokes, b Soutter	6
W. Lindsay, b Francis	2
F. W. Peake, b Pauncefote	14
F. Kirkpatrick, c Hone, b Bourne	6
H. P. Thomas, c and b Bourne	4
H. Gray, b Bourne	0
J. Wearne, c Tobin mi., b Bourne	6
C. T. Martin, not out	5
W. H. Fulcher, run out	0
Byes 8, 1-b 2, n-b 3	13
Total	194

RUGBY SCHOOL.—First Innings.

F. Tobin ma., c Thomas, b Kirkpatrick	62
F. Stokes, c Kirkpatrick, b Taylor	0
J. T. Soutter, b Kirkpatrick	0
B. Pauncefote, b Lindsay.. .. .	27
S. P. Bucknill, b Kirkpatrick	23
W. Yardley, b Kirkpatrick	6
F. Tobin, mi., b Kirkpatrick	0
C. K. Francis, run out	0
A. A. Bourne, 1 b w, b Taylor	1
T. Hone, not out	10
Hon. C. Vivian, b Kirkpatrick	0
Hon. E. Thesiger, b Kirkpatrick.. .. .	12
Byes 7, 1-b 6, w 2	15
Total	156

SECOND ELEVEN V. SOUTH DERBYSHIRE.—This match was played at Derby on the South Derbyshire Ground on July 31st and

August 1st. The School evidently were not at home on a strange ground in the 1st innings; although our bowling was all that could be desired. Some good scoring was done in the 2nd Innings, especially by Millington ma. Notwithstanding the small score, the match became most exciting towards the finish, and was finally won by the South Derbyshire by one wicket. After the match was finished another was begun, in which the School was aided by Mr. A. Wilson. In this the School scored 106; South Derbyshire, 101; Bicknell scoring 45 by some very good and careful play. The score of the principal match was as follows:—

THE SCHOOL.

1st Innings.	2nd Innings.
C. H. Clark, c and b Bury.. .. .	10 c Fitzherbert b Smith 4
G. Millington, b Bury	0 b G. M. Boden ... 49
J. W. Gardner, b Smith	1 c W. Boden, b Bury 0
G. E. Steward, b Smith	7 b Smith 5
T. Gemmel, b Bury	4 b Bury 0
W. Bicknell, c G. Boden b Bury	7 c Davenport b Smith 14
G. E. Browne, c W. Boden b Bury	2 c Bury b Smith 11
A. Gray, b Bury	2 c Bury b Davenport 17
A. W. Rowden, b Smith	1 c Smith b W. Boden 19
F. S. Gwatkin, b Smith	1 not out 14
J. Collins, not out	0 b Davenport 0
Extras	1 Extras 5
Total	36 Total 138

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE.

1st Innings.	2nd Innings.
A. A. Wilmot, c & b Millington	6 c Bicknell, b Millington 24
J. Smith, c Bicknell, b Millington	5 b Clark 0
F. W. Davenport, c Bicknell, b Clark	3 c Gray, b Clark 11
Rev. T. W. Bury, b Clark	20 c Gray, b Millington 13
G. M. Boden, b Clark	7 c Gwatkin, b Clark 6
B. Fitzherbert, b Clark	1 lb w, b Bicknell .. 2
W. Boden, not out	9 c Gwatkin b Bicknell 17
Rev. J. S. Holden, b Bicknell	1 b Clark 0
A. B. Steward, c Browne, b Clark	14 lb w, b Clark 1
E. H. Boden, c Bicknell, b Clark	9 not out 5
C. J. Boden, b Bicknell	1 not out 1
Extras	11 Extras 8
Total	87 Total 88

SECOND ELEVEN V. BURTON-ON-TRENT.—Played August 30th. After numerous inquiries, we have been unable to obtain the score of the match of the 2nd Eleven v. Burton-on-Trent; suffice it to say that the match was drawn, in favour of the School.

Griffin,—late Pearce,—late Nixon, hatter, Rugby.

It is to be hoped that the School Placing for last Season will take place while Old Rugbeians are here for the Sixth Match.

RIFLE CORPS.

On Tuesday, the 14th, the new Challenge Cup, presented to the Corps by E. Baldwin, Esq., was shot for under the following conditions: five shots each, at 200, 400, and 500 yards; marksmen handicapped three points, second class men two points. As will be seen from the score, Corporal Penrose was two points behind Captain Tobin, but the latter being handicapped three points, was consequently beaten. Lieutenant Graham was third, two points behind Corporal Penrose. Score:—

	200.	400.	500.	Total.
L.-Corpl. Penrose ...	15	10	11	36
Capt. Tobin	16	7	15	38
Lieut. Graham	11	15	8	34

BIGSIDE RUN.

The first run of the season came off on Thursday, October 10th. In accordance with an old custom it was the Lawford instead of the Bilton, which has been of late years the first run of the year. The day was favourable for running, though the ground, especially in the fields, was very wet and slippery; however, the run was accomplished by all in very fair time.

The hares, who were Townsend and Milner (Arnold's), were slightly gained on by the leading hounds. The latter came in in the following order:—

1 Scott (Wilson's).....	38 ms. 58 secs.
2 O'Connell (Burrows's)	40 ms. 45 secs.
3 { Walker (Arnold's)	41 ms. 0 secs.
{ Eddis (Hutchinson's)	
5 Gordon (Burrows's) ...	42 ms. 30 secs.
6 Shirley (School House)	43 ms. 0 secs.

In order to let Old Rugbeians know the prospects of the School XI. in 1868, the following are the old members of this year's team: S. P. Bucknill (captain), W. Yardley, F. Tobin ma., V. Ellis, J. T. Soutter, F. Tobin mi., and C. K. Francis. Of those whom we have lost, B. Pauncefote has gone up to Brazenose College, Oxford; J. Wilkes and A. A. Bourne to St. John's College, Cambridge.

We are glad to hear that the Organ Fund is progressing very well, in spite of many of its best supporters having left. The total amount received from the Houses last Term (not including the Town) is £74. Some levées have also, we believe, been held, voting the Subscription for this Term.

HOUSE NEWS.

REV. C. E. MOBERLY'S.

The Debating Society has been recommenced. A very spirited debate was held on Friday, on the motion of Mr. Tyser—"That the Government are pursuing a true policy with reference to Abyssinia." The division was postponed until the next meeting.

REV. T. W. JEX BLAKE'S.

A Cup, given by A. Babington, Esq., will be awarded for the greatest number of runs-in, goals dropped, or touches-down (in the adversaries' goal), at House Little-Sides during the Term.

The Debating Society has had one meeting this Term, on the motion of Mr. Graham—"That the Cheap Press is beneficial." Mr. Tobin mi. seconded, and Mr. Lupton opposed, but the motion was finally carried, by 11 votes to 6.—Mr. Gray is President, and Mr. Tobin mi. Vice-President, for the present month.

SCHOOL-HOUSE.

There have been two House-Runs,—the Newbold and Bilton, in which Moberly and Ingram went hares, and Wheler came in first of the hounds; and the Churchover, in which the hares were Ingram and Shirley.

REV. P. BOWDEN SMITH'S.

This House had a House-Run—The Bilton—on Tuesday last. Mr. Philpotts and Rowden went hares. Kough and Whiting ran well. The time was 39 min.

The General Election has taken place, consequent on the passing of the Reform Bill. The members elected to serve in the present Parliament are as follows:—

School-House	A. Davenport.
Rev. C. T. Arnold's.....	J. Peshall.
Rev. L. F. Burrows's	V. Ellis.
Rev. P. Bowden Smith's...	A. W. Rowden.
Rev. T. W. Jex Blake's ...	A. Gray.
Rev. C. B. Hutchinson's...	W. Yardley.
Rev. C. E. Moberly's	W. G. Crenshaw.
J. M. Wilson's, Esq.	S. Forster.
Town	S. P. Bucknill.

Mr. B. E. Hammond has been elected to a Fellowship at Trinity College, Cambridge.

Mr. A. Babington has been elected Assistant-Master at Marlborough College.

Mr. W. D. Allen on Saturday last was elected to a Demyship at Magdalen College, Oxford.