

## 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.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

We cannot be answerable for the opinions of our correspondents.

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

Any Old Rugbeian can have the *Meteor* forwarded to him regularly, on application to Messrs. TAIT AND SONS.

*To the Editor of the Meteor.*

"These haughty dunces, whose unlearned pen  
Could ne'er spell grammar, would be reading men."

SIR,—I was at first very doubtful whether, such a long time having elapsed since "A. H. St. V's" last letter, I should again trouble you and your readers by reviving the now wearisome discussion on the hat. But on reading his letter a second time, I found that, in justice to myself, I could not keep silence. He has brought numerous accusations against me, which are certainly unfounded. Without commenting on the reasons which induced him to bring forward these charges, or expressing any opinion on the good taste displayed in so doing, I will at once proceed to refute some of the most important of them.

"A. H. St. V." laments my not offering any practical suggestion. I never intended to offer any; I only wished to show the argument he employed was not quite unanswerable, and that something might be said on the other side as well as on his. Wishing the matter to rest as it now does, I do not see why I should offer any "practical suggestion." "A. H. St. V." also asks why I did not condescend to defend the objections raised against the abolition of the "hat." Simply because the objections he stated were not the ones I considered most likely to hold ground. They were objections of his own coining, and I really am not prepared to defend objections, which I do not recognise as such. As to my "wilful mis-statement," I stated the discomfort attendant on a hat to be small, partly from experience, partly from the opinions expressed by those who are competent judges,—I mean those who at present wear the hat. In no part of my letter can I find the argument, which he puts into my mouth, viz.: "that as the hat is only worn for a short time it should always be worn." I have never come to such a conclusion either in writing or imagination. Sir, I am afraid I am hardly justified in sending this letter, which is only a defence of my own thick-headedness. To the *Meteor* I have not

said a word about "Cosmopolitan's" letter. But this latter correspondent left me to "the tender mercies" of "A. H. St. V.," and quietly hinted that I should remember the proverb "*Ne sutor supra crepidam.*" I know I am a poor advocate of an unpopular cause, but I could not allow the matter to be decided hastily, as once it promised to be, without raising my feeble voice. For the settlement of the question will establish a precedent, by indicating which, many of the existing institutions of the School may be altered or overthrown. One word more. Whatever we do, above all things, do not let us allow the discussion to drop into a mere exchange of personalities. If we do, it will bring ridicule on ourselves and our cause. "A. H. St. V.," I am afraid, lost sight of this subject in his anxiety to show me forth in as ridiculous a light as possible. If he wants a vent for his feelings let him find it, not in anathematising "Utter Fools," but in dreaming of that golden age, when the form will be gorgeous with white waistcoats, redolent with flowers; when the newest of new boys has his white straw sent up, from some future Pearce's, wrapped up in these pages, which contain the imbecile, and, I am afraid, futile rambblings of

AN UTTER FOOL.

P.S.—I have not sent my right name, as it is the football season, and the new fellows are, more than usually, numerous, and some very big. I have also omitted taking any notice of "A. H. St. V's." postscript; but you yourself, sir, so exposed its weak points that it is needless for me to say a word more about it. And the fewer words said about it the better.

*To the Editor of the Meteor.*

October, 1867.

SIR,—You kindly devoted  $3\frac{1}{2}$  columns to our Hat-complaint in the last number of the *Meteor*: It was an article calculated to amuse, to instruct (*vide* the quotations), to impress; but (if you will forgive me for saying so) not at all to convince. It contained criticism, but no *argument*.

Briefly, this is our case. Hats are annoying to the new boys. Mere annoyance does no good to them, and certainly no good to others.

Which of these statements is false?

If they are true, what more is there to say?

Yours,

COSMOPOLITAN.