

nothing is gained by attributing to his opponents an "assumption of superiority." If anything I have said has really so impressed him, I can only regret the strange misconception. We think our cause right and our case strong, naturally; and do our best to make others think so too. But nothing is further from our thoughts than to assume any superiority whatever.

### TOWN BOYS.

*To the Editor of the Meteor.*

SIR,—I am a being who is very well known by all Rugbeians. A being notheld in the highest esteem, usually, I am afraid, very much the contrary. I have some peculiarities which are special to my genus—peculiarities of dress, of appearance, of pursuits, altogether different from the rest of the School. If you, Sir, notice a particularly dirty and slovenly boy, with a battered hat, rumpled collar, and unlaced boots, and a cravat well greased and torn; who has a natural affinity for playing fives where he ought not, of running between everybody's legs, and, in fact, making himself generally obnoxious, you can safely set this boy down as one of my class, that singular anomaly of Rugby School—a Town Lout.

You will, perhaps, wonder why I can have any reason to write to you, but I, being the only one of my confrères who can spell, have been made the spokesman, who is to state the grievances of the worst used and least appreciated body in the School. My father is a cobbler, and cannot afford to pay the School subscriptions, I am, therefore, debarred from playing any game in the Close. I hear of Town Little Sides, &c., but, alas! we who want something to do, to keep us out of mischief, are left out. I have heard that a high authority has taken our part, and showed the absurdity of keeping any Rugbeian, and we, allow me to state, are the *real* Rugbeians, from enjoying what is the common property of the School, viz., the Close,—but nothing has as yet happened. Sir, cannot you employ your powerful pen in aiding us, and try and persuade the head of the "Town" to let us take part in their games?

This letter has been corrected by Mr. Sale, our writing master, and I hope contains no blunders.

Signed on behalf of twenty-three "Town Louts,"

AN ENERGETIC COBBLER.

*To the Editor of the Meteor.*

DEAR MR. PEPPERDAY—I don't know who to rite my letter to the *Meteor* to except you and I'll Pay you part of that Tuppence hapenny tomorrow if you'll put it in.

I've too grate greevances and old Grub says I oughtn't to stand it any longer and you'll print anything that's a shame even if you're quite small and not a Swell.

first they won't allow us to right anything on the walls any more and they've all got new witewhased and you get lines if you do and it wasn't me last Time and I was only going to Scratcht it out that I ain't a beestly Bully and I know who has wrote it because I only emtied the Inkpot down his cholara.

And then they all laugh at my hat and it wasn't too big at first but its got so and its very hard lines as somebody like mesopotamia said in the *Meteor* that I should have to ware it at all and its got most of the Brim on except the little square bit I wipe my pens on in my pocket. And if your had been sat on for four first Lessons and all the Big Bullies in Mr. Buckle's had puntabouted it most Callingovers it would be very knew now and I shall have a straw after Christmas. Please tell them not.

I remain,

LOWER SCHOOL.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"A. M." We hardly think your proposals would find support.

\* \* \* We consider that we have done our duty in permitting the "hat" question to be sifted, and must now decline to publish any more communications on that subject.

"Duo." Your proposal should have been made a month ago.

\* \* \* The signature "O. R." is becoming so common in our correspondence that we are obliged to beg our friends to ventilate their opinions under other *noms-de-plume*.

A Prize, value £2 (10 Vols. of Charles Dicken's works, ed. 1867), will be given next Term to that resident member of Rugby School who shall show the greatest proficiency in the "Posthumous Papers of the Pickwick Club." The examination, of which due notice will be given, will be conducted by papers only, in the first or second week of next Term. Candidates are required to give in their names to Mr. Billington, on or before December 10th.