



# The Meteor.

Edited by Members of Rugby School.

No. 12.

RUGBY, DECEMBER 21st, 1867.

Price 6d.

Our contemporaries, as a rule, are at this festive season presenting their readers with some special source of amusement, in the shape of extra pages filled with such matter as seems only to come into existence at Christmas time, and to be one of the chief features of the season. We suppose it is conventional,—just as it is conventional to eat goose at Michaelmas, or pancakes on Shrove Tuesday,—for periodicals to swell in size and to feed their friends with light and digestible “pudding” (which is after all the real meaning of a periodical “pudding,”) about the month of December. Our readers must, however, and we hope willingly, accept our Christmas number free from all such adornment. The motto which has been before our Editorial minds, even if not generally known, is “*Simplex munditiis*,” and so we hope it will remain. Want of material or poverty of ideas is far from our complaint: our correspondents are still loquacious, our own pens could easily become more prolific than they are. But we must have an eye to the future, and were we to make such a precedent, our successors might in future ages be at loss to keep it. Besides, we quite feel that the School is generally satiated with “extras” just now, and any more might become disagreeable, for we are certainly not prepared to provide light reading and stirring stories, such as to form a pleasant break in the midst of the heavier subjects that an examination entails. We can but express a hope, in conclusion, that our efforts to satisfy what was fast becoming a serious want, have been attended with success. Should any one, but we can hardly fancy it,

cry out in answer to it that our price is perhaps a little high, we can but feel sorry for not being capable of initiating such a grumbler into the difficulties of the literary world; but at the same time we should feel glad if that malcontent would thoroughly digest Mr. Carlyle’s opinions upon “Cheap and Nasty.” With the best wishes of the season to all who have kindly patronised or criticised us, we beg to announce that the next “Meteoric display” may be expected early in February, when we shall again crave the indulgent favour of our readers.

PERHAPS one of the most striking changes in the feelings of the School just now is the apathy which is growing upon them with regard to Big-Side Runs. Hare and Hounds used to be justly considered one of the most prominent amusements of Rugby, and we probably still enjoy a reputation for activity in that branch of exercise, simply because our old prestige is not likely to fade or decline without some very urgent reason. Steps, however, ought to be taken to prevent any such decline becoming even possible. In the Book of Rugby School there is a chapter devoted to description of our running, a description such as to impress any one with an idea of the immense fervour with which all able-bodied members of the School join in such aglorious recreation. Football is of course allowed the foremost sports, but place in our next to Football, Hare and Hounds is proved to be far the most engrossing excitement. And so it was no doubt until quite lately, and

does it not seem more than a pity, a downright shame and disgrace, that there should be any cause to lament its degeneracy? But at the same time, it must be evident to any but the blindest that if we do not exert ourselves to keep our reputation unimpaired, if we do not feel convinced ourselves and try our best to convince others,—that running must not decline, that the very routes of the runs must not pass out of memory, and that our theories about the advisability of runs must be put into actual practice,—the glory of a “good scud” will soon be unknown. It is true that Hare and Hounds is only meant to be a pass-time, a substitute and no unworthy one, for Football, in case of frosts or bad weather. And further, it is true that until the quite recent burst of bad weather, we have been entirely slaves to Football without a chance of a respite, because the ground was always fit, and always serviceable. But still the apathy, of which mention has been made, became perceptible. The days were, and moreover they were not good “old” days, when the first Big-Side Run formed the subject of many a speculation and much excitement. The days were when every Big-Side Run was decently attended, and not a farce, a mere private amusement for an odd trio, which had no concern with and offered no interest to the rest of the world. One used to hear enquiries, aye, and anxious enquiries, about the order in which fellows had come in last Big-Side Run: and then followed anticipations for the Crick: “so and so ought to do well”—“so and so does not improve, and will hardly do for the Crick.” But there is barely interest, much less excitement now, if the notice of a run appears on Big School door. We can all imagine the horror, the actual shudder that would run through us, the disgust for future generations that we should feel, were we suddenly to be told absolutely for certain, that within thirty years Football would have quite died out, that the word “puntabout” or “maul” would be a mere barbarism, an unintelligible sound. Certainly Big-Side Running has not become so extinct as that yet; we do know what “scud” means though we never use the word. We do pretend to run, and most of the runs are just kept up in the memory of a few who are good enough to feel interest in them. But still the fact of being so close upon the verge of degeneracy, or at all in a state of apathy about Big-Side Hare and Hounds, would have caused real grief to many a predecessor whose example

we should do well to follow. There is the same remedy to be suggested for this as for almost everything that is classed under the name of “Big-Side.” Let each house take care to keep up an attachment to running by wholesome application of that most excellent panacea for *ennui* on a wet day, and of indigestion on a whole-School day,—a House Run. Let fellows first gain confidence in their powers in minor performances such as those, and then let them by all means aim at a higher and faster grade of running, and join the Big-Sides. It is perhaps rather late in the season to comment upon such a subject, but we are bold enough to hope that our remarks may not be so transient as our name indicates, and that next Term and more particularly next autumn, it may be remembered that our predecessors have won a reputation which has devolved upon us to sustain.

THE Hat controversy has closed: the ravings of “An Utter Fool,” the logic of “Cosmopolitan,” are alike silenced; it is time for the *Meteor* itself, if not to close, to take a little holiday. Long has the great question of black beaver hats or black straw hats been the *Meteor*'s theme; long, so at least calumniators have said, its stay and support. It has had to throw away its stay; will it not need a few weeks to learn to do without it? So it is fortunate, perhaps, the end of the Term has come. Now, for a little retrospect, a little reflection, a little reproof.

There are two distinct ways, as every one who has been in a position of authority knows, in which anything disagreeable may be given, and each way possesses its special advantages. The first method has the greater chance of success; the second by far the least trouble for the giver. Imagine the case of a father whose son has been disgracefully ploughed for Moderations. In the course of time the unfortunate youth is received into the bosom of his somewhat-disgusted family: in the course of time an interview takes place between the father and the son, in which naturally the former has to inflict a considerable amount of the article reproof upon the latter. Now, there are obviously two ways in which he may go to work. He may either begin by a description of the attractions of University life, by an assurance that tutors will sometimes be careless, that many men who turn out well are ploughed, &c., &c.; so gradually work round to the fact that he has been driving at all

the time—that he must give up all idea of an Alpine tour this year, and read nine hours a-day with a coach. Or he may blurt it out at once—"You have, Sir, wasted a disgraceful amount of money, you have done yourself discredit; if you don't read 9 hours a-day &c."

Now, we have a reproof to give our readers, and in doing so have to choose one or other of these methods. Which? Our selfishness leads us to choose the latter. We will make no prelude, we will go by no circuitous route,—straight to the point at once.

In the last few months the School has not been *energetic*; and want of energy is a grievous fault.

We may seem rather to despond, but a careful review of the past year, and may we not say of the past Term, reveals the existence of the fault. The actual play at Football of the School has, we believe, been the subject of praise and commendation from those who are good judges of the game; but the frequent talk of "notes," of revival of "compulsory" rules, seems to point to something wrong in the spirit with which Football is regarded. But in the Running of the School has been the chief exhibition of the evil: Big-Sides have dwindled; the idea of running 8 or 9 miles, on rather a damp cold day, has been scouted in a way which ought to terrify us. The Natural History Society has been kept afloat—shall we rouse the ire still further of a deity who, we fear, already bears us a grudge, by saying just afloat?—at any rate those most intimately acquainted with it would, we suspect, if made to confess the whole truth, wish that the School did a little more than it does at present to maintain it in its present position.

Of course there are, and have been, some brilliant exceptions. The Rifle Corps is to be enrolled, and to gain thereby numberless advantages. May the fame of those who have wrought the change live as long as there are Rugbeian arms to wield the rifle—Rugbeian feet to execute the goose-step! Within our own columns we could point to one or two instances in which a cause has been advocated, arguments adduced, adversaries squashed, in a way that betrays no want of energy at all.

#### NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

On the 6th a special meeting was held, at which Rev. J. W. Hayward (of Price's) presented to the Society a large Collection of Butterflies and Sphinges. Mr. Hayward

congratulated the members on the advantages naturalists in the School enjoyed now, as contrasted with the disadvantages which he had himself experienced. He cautioned the members against a reckless love of collecting eggs; many rare birds were, he said, fast becoming extinct, owing to the careless rapacity of collectors.

Notes were read by G. B. Longstaff on "Some additional instances of mimicry in Insects," and on "Lists of Local Fauna."

On the 14th the last meeting of this Term was held; papers were read by J. M. Lester on "Mimicry in animals;" by F. R. Smith on "The Nutmeg-tree," in explanation of a specimen presented by him to the School collection; and on "The Lias Fossils," by E. Cleminshaw. This last paper was the most valuable communication that has been made by any member, honorary or ordinary, since the Society has been in existence: it contained the results of long research in the neighbourhood, and was illustrated by the whole of the author's local collection.

A list of about 90 birds observed near Rugby was handed in by H. C. Reader, and a large collection of plants, made in a tour this summer in Germany and Switzerland, by F. R. Smith. E. W. Prevost (Bowden Smith's) was elected an associate.

#### FOOTBALL.

BLAKE'S *v.* SCHOOL HOUSE.—This match, after being long deferred on account of the weather, was played on Thursday, December 12th, and continued on Saturday and Tuesday. Blake's won the toss and chose kick off; School House took the Island Goal. Very soon after commencing, by some very good forward play, the School House carried the ball down to their adversaries' goal, where they were obliged to touch it down. It was then taken out, and in a very short time it was taken back, and was touched down a second time in Blake's goal. After this time, however, Blakes' had somewhat of the advantage in penning, although with no result. During this match, Moberly (School House) unfortunately met with a bad accident, breaking his collar bone.

Saturday, Dec. 14th.—The match was continued, and with more equal results. The School House had the best of the penning, and each side obtained a touch down. Some very excellent play was shown this day. The results on each side are so small that it

would be useless detailing the day's play.

Tuesday, Dec. 17th. This day each side played with 19 men, owing to a difficulty in obtaining substitutes. Soon after the beginning, Blake's forced their opponents past the three trees, and down to their goal, where soon very hard play followed. Here the ball was kept for a long time, near the School House goal, when after a scrimmage, Reynolds touched the ball down for Blake's. A try was about to follow, but this was mauled, and was consequently scored as a punt-out. The game was then continued, and soon after this, Haslam (Blake's), getting a severe blow on the head, was totally disabled. Not long after, Ingram made a long run to the Barby road side, which materially changed the state of the game. Here, again, after some very hard play on both sides, the ball was touched down in Blake's goal by Stunt. A try followed by Davenport which was unsuccessful, and after some scrummaging Blake's were obliged to touch it down. Here ended the match. Where the play was so universally good it is hard to select any, but we may say that of the School House the play of Westfeldt, Davenport, Phillips (substitute for Moberly), and Cholmondeley was excellent; while for Blake's, Tobin ma., Graham, Fletcher, and Botfield (substitute for Hornby), played splendidly.

MOBERLY'S v. BURROWS'.—This match was played on Monday last, and was very equally contested, chiefly through the excellent play of Lambert (Arnold's), who was playing substitute for Ellis ma., the latter being prevented from playing, owing to severe indisposition. Soon after the beginning, the ball was brought down to the neighbourhood of Moberly's goal, by a succession of runs by Lambert, where it was finally touched down for Burrows'. A very good try at goal followed, considering that the kick was from the slope. After this the game was very equally contested for some time, when a very good run by Southam changed the state of the game and brought the ball within Burrows' 25-yds. post. Here, by two splendid runs by Crenshaw, the ball was brought into Burrows' goal, when it was touched down for them by Cochrane, after a maul with two of the opposite side. A try followed which was unsuccessful. Burrows' were then obliged to touch it down, and soon "no-side" was called. Thus each side had obtained a try at goal, and Moberly's had one touch down to their credit.

TWO COCK HOUSES v. SCHOOL; BELOW CAPS.—This match was played on Thursday, November 28th, and resulted in a slight victory for the School of a couple of touches down, though the two Houses (the School House and Mr. Hutchinson's) made a much better fight of it than could have been expected from the overpowering weight of their adversaries. For the two Houses we noticed Fowler, Gwyer, Westfeldt (half-back), and Layton (back) as playing very well; while Nicolson, Marshall, and Tinkler (half-back) did good service for the School.

School Dropping ..... 1. Tobin mi.  
2. Crenshaw.

School Placing ..... 1. Baylis.  
2. { Peshall.  
Yardley.

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE.—At a meeting held on Thursday morning last it was decided that the order of the Houses be—1, School House; 2, Blake's. It was also proposed, and afterwards carried at Big-Side levée, that in future the head of the School be a member of the committee *ex-officio* without a vote.

#### BIG-SIDE RUNS.

THE THURLASTON.—This run came off on Thursday, December 5th. The ground was not in a very favourable condition for running, but very slippery owing to the thaw after the recent frost, but in spite of this seven out of eight came in. The Hares Bucknill (Town) and Graham (Blake's) were slightly beaten by the leading Hounds, who came in in the following order. 1st, Eddis (Hutchinson's), 49min. 20sec.; 2nd, Lane (Town), 50min.; 3rd, Townsend (Arnold's), 50min. 10sec.; 4th, Whiting (Bowden Smith's), 52min.; 5th, Shirley (School House), 53min. 35sec.; 6th, Gordon (Burrows's), 54 min. Milner (Arnold's) was unfortunately unable to start until a few minutes after the other Hounds, but came in easily, accomplishing the run a little over 50min.

THE CRICK.—After two adjournments, the Crick at length came off on Saturday, December 14th. It is perhaps worth mentioning as a curious fact, that it is exactly 10 years since the Crick has been run on a Saturday, or indeed upon any other day than Thursday. Most unfortunately illness and the House Match in the morning prevented five fellows from going who had intended to run. But in spite of the small start, and the dire prognostications of some despairing prophets

that the run would not be accomplished in less than ten minutes longer than last time, the pace was fair being only one minute slower than last year's. Some of the fields were very heavy, especially those which had been recently ploughed. The Hares, Milner and Whiting, left the School Gates at 2.33, and the Hounds who were six in number, ten minutes after them. For the first mile the latter all kept well together, but after this, Eddis and Townsend took the lead and soon lost sight of the rest with the exception of Lane, who ran about 200 yards behind them until they reached Crick. Going up the hill into Hillmorton, the two first Hounds sighted one of the Hares about 300 yards in front of them, a distance which they gradually lessened, until upon reaching the "come in" it was diminished to 30 yards. The following are the times:—Hares, G. H. Milner (Arnold's), 1h. 33min., H. Whiting (Bowden Smith's), 1h. 35min. 55sec. Hounds, H. Eddis (Hutchinson's), 1h. 26min.; J. H. Townsend (Arnold's), 1h. 26 min. None of the other hounds came in, in the requisite time.

**ERRATA IN OUR LAST.**—In the letter signed "Psittacus," two mistakes considerably change his meaning. For "monstrous" read "monotonous"; and for "disposition" read "disproportion."

It is with pleasure that we notice that the Terminal Prize Foils, at the Gymnasium, Oxford, have been again won by an Old Rugbeian, E. Wason, of Wadham.

Old Rugbeians will be glad to know that the Rugby Register has been reprinted and continued up to the present term, covering from 1675 to 1867.

**NEW CAPS.**—Fletcher (Blake's) received his cap on November 24th. The following have received a like honour within the last week:—Arnold's—Sartoris and Marshall; Burrows'—Dodds & Riley; Bowden Smith's—Mac-millan ma. and Micholls; Blake's—Penrose, Stevenson, and Dugdale; School House—Field, Stunt, and Fowler; Wilson's—Nicolson; Moberly's—Stock and Eaden; Hutchinson's—Gwyer.

During the late frost, owing to the prohibition of real skating, it was carried on vigorously in the close, where the gravel, we should imagine, made considerable havoc among new and good skates.

The School Concert is fixed for Monday next, December 23rd. The first part will contain selections from "Israel in Egypt" and the "Messiah."

We learn from the *Cheltonian* that the College Council have lately presented the Cheltenham College Rifle Corps with £70 for new rifles. Oh! for a College Council! The above-mentioned Corps are before the world in reform, being assisted by an efficient band of 28 performers.

It is with the deepest regret that we notice the death of one who was till recently a member of this School. Mervyn Prower, formerly of the Rev. C. B. Hutchinson's House, expired at his rooms at Brasenose College, Oxford, on the 29th of November last. We believe we are right in saying that the immediate cause of his death was fever, but its proving fatal may be attributed more or less to a serious blow on the head, which he unfortunately received during the recent Oxford riots. The deceased left the School, of which he had been a member for about five years, at the end of the Midsummer Term of 1866. As Captain of the Rifle Corps and one of our best "Caps," he held a prominent position in the School; and at Oxford he had already proved himself a very promising oar. His frank good nature and manly heartiness caused him to be a universal favourite, while those who were intimate with him will regret him as a true and affectionate friend.

We regret to have to announce the death of John Bakewell, late of the Rev. C. E. Moberly's House, and of Quorndon, near Derby, who died of congestion of the lungs, at Dr. Sharp's house, on December 4. He only came amongst us in January, and consequently was not very generally known, but his death called forth a universal feeling of sympathy for his father and mother, whose only son he was, and for Mr. Moberly, who has had so much anxiety this Term. The annual house supper is, in consequence, postponed till Easter.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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,—Before public attention is entirely turned away from football, will you kindly allow me to make a few remarks on the present state of the game?

First of all, I wish to make an emphatic protest against a practice which threatens to grow into a very serious evil; I mean that of holding by the neck, or "scragging." Lookers-on have observed and remarked upon the fact that attempts to "tackle" are becoming more and more reckless attacks upon the neck of the holder of the ball. If we could only realize how very tender, how very liable to serious injury, the upper part of the spine is, I am sure that all such attempts would at once entirely cease.

Again, the opinion seems to prevail that "scragging" is the legitimate remedy in cases of obstinate refusal to "have it down." Judging from the rules, which forbid "all attempts to throttle as totally opposed to the principles of the game," I should imagine that hacking—on this occasion only combined with holding—is the remedy intended for such obstinate cases; and indeed, a tradition, if not a rule, exists which authorises its application.

Lastly, I wish to point out clearly what appears to be the certain result of the present "tight scrummages;" their extraordinary compactness is caused by the custom which many players have of holding on to those in front of them, sometimes even of grasping the front rank of the opposite side. To such an extent does this custom prevail that in a scrum last week no less than four strong arms were observed encircling one sturdy pair of shoulders. Now to say nothing of the obvious breach of the rules committed by *holding a player who has not got the ball*, the immediate result of this unnatural tightness is to prevent the ball from being taken through, consequently it is "raked out" at the sides; and already, I see, good forward players, finding that they are useless in the centre of the scrum, have begun to hang about its outskirts, playing almost half-back: by and by everyone will avoid the centre, and the scrum will by slow degrees melt away, and fall into disuse.

Whether this would be a desirable consummation or not is a question on which I offer no opinion, I merely wish to show to what results the present system must inevitably lead.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,  
J. H. D. M.

*To the Editor of the Meteor.*

SIR,—I think your correspondent "Psittacus," in bringing forward a torrent of crushing argument to make "O.R. at Oxford" feel small and hide his diminished head, misunderstands that gentleman. In no other way can I account for his extraordinary argument. He says, with reference to the School Twenty, "If you ask 'Who are they to play?' he answers 'Oh! the other Caps of course. It would be like the Eleven playing the Twenty-Two in Cricket.'" He goes on to say in so many words "I do not know what it may be like in cricket, but we do not want any more matches like the Eleven and Twenty-Two match in football!" In this case I do not see what this has to do with it, surely there is no resemblance between the Eleven *v.* the Twenty-Two, and the Eleven and the Twenty-Two *v.* the School! Neither is it to the point as far as numbers are concerned, for the School Twenty would not be much outnumbered by their opponents; indeed I should think they would probably make up for more in quality than their opponents would in quantity.

Without dwelling on the (in my opinion) manifest advantages of a School Twenty; except in so far as to say, that I entirely disagree with "Psittacus" in what he says about playing other Public Schools,

I beg leave to remain, Sir,  
Yours humbly,  
CARLO.

## THE RACQUET COURT.

*To the Editor of the Meteor.*

SIR,—In your last number but one you touched on a subject which is a matter of great interest to all Racquet players. Nobody, however, has taken up the glove which you have thrown down; so I venture to submit the following suggestions to your readers. Few will be so blind to the faults of Rugby as to deny that in Racquets we hold a most inferior place compared with other Schools. Old Rugbeians are always well up for the

Racquet prizes in the Universities, but somehow they never get them. Critics say that we are deficient in wrist and style, that we never take the trouble to follow up our adversaries' drops, and that instead of a good drop just above the line we invariably volley the ball back with all our force above the service line. Now I do not think that our Court is the sole cause of all this. It is somewhat dead and certainly too big; but still these are faults on the right side for beginners. If we can play well in a large court we shall be sure to get about better in a smaller one. The cause of our bad play lies first in the difficulty which good players find in obtaining the court; and secondly, in the want of good models from which to learn their style.

The first cause ought to be removed at once. It is better that a great School like Rugby should send out a few first-rate players, than a number of inferior ones who have no natural aptitude for playing. If this is granted, we have only to grant the best players an opportunity of improving themselves. It might be effected in this way. The head of each House should send up every year a list of the best players in his House. This list should be laid before a Council of the Head of the School, the winner of the School Racquets, and the winners of the House Racquets. This council should choose the 50 best players, and, to prevent any unfairness, the worst five in the 50 so chosen should be liable to not more than two challenges each Term. In case he were beaten the victor would take his place. To prevent any foolish challenges the challenge ought first to be sanctioned by two members of the Council. This plan might be considerably modified but I don't think 50 would be too small a number: and Big-Side might settle whether three or four days should be given up to them in the week.

This, I think, is the best way of curing the first evil; but the second is no less important though I fear the Conservatism of Rugby will not allow a change in it so easily. The players want style. This they cannot get from occasionally watching good players, who being unacquainted with the court, are not at home upon it. This is only to be got from a competent manager. Why the management of our courts, with the revenue that can be derived from it, should be tacked on to the already well-paid office of cricket professional I have never yet understood.

It is unfair on the School, unfair on any future professional, who, surely, will not succeed to this iniquity, and last, but not least, it is most unfair on those numerous racquet markers who, having struggled for the Championship, and played many good matches, naturally look out for some of these School places as the prizes of their profession. I have come across many of them, especially that family which has held the Championship of England for the last seven years, and found them the most unassuming and honest men that I could wish to see. One of them lately talking to me about School courts, who is himself going to Eton, said that all the good players at the Universities came up from School (generally Harrow) with a good style to begin with, but Rugby men never. He also told me that he would be content to take any School situation for nothing, if he had the monopoly of balls, racquets, &c. I am sure Rugby would do well to get a good marker: the fellows would soon learn a good style, and he would be invaluable in arranging handicaps. I will not now take up any more of your space, but leave these crude remarks for discussion. I hope the subject will be well considered. We have spent near £3000 on our Racquet Court, and how has the name of Rugby been benefitted by it? A new game has been introduced merely that we may show our own weakness.

I am, Sir, yours obediently,  
W. L. W.

#### HARE AND HOUNDS.

*To the Editor of the Meteor.*

December, 1867.

SIR,—As I believe that no letter has yet appeared in your columns bearing any reference to the grievance to which I am about to refer, I think that this letter might, not unreasonably, obtain a corner in your already well-known paper. The question that I wish to ask can easily be answered, namely, What is the reason of the decadence of Big-Side Runs? Why does Rugby, celebrated in days long gone by for her Hare and Hounds, neglect this ancient institution in the times of her prosperity? The answer is simply this. No encouragement is given to Big-Side Runs, and therefore fellows, as a rule, do not think it worth while to run them; and even those who do, see that they can get no earthly good by coming in first, and there-

fore they do not take the trouble to train. The consequence is that about four fellows usually start with one hare, and only about one of them comes in. Is there no remedy for this? Cannot Hare and Hounds be elevated again to its ancient importance? Let us at all events do what we can for it, and not suffer it to die out utterly. Why should not the School give a prize to the fellow who has the highest average of coming-in for the Big-sides of the year, and another extra prize for the winner and second in the Crick? For if the winner of the mile receives a prize, much more should the winner of the Crick, as it is obvious to the meanest capacity that running 12 or 13 miles is harder work than running one. Hoping that you will excuse any error that I may have made,

I remain, Yours, &c.,  
N. or M.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—The two letters from "A.M." and "Ne Sutor Supra Crepidam" will appear in our next.

SCHOOL PRIZES.

DR. ROBINSON'S DIVINITY PRIZE:—

- 1. Adam
- Browne (3) } æqual.

INDIAN PRIZE:—Ellis.

- HORACE PRIZE:—1. Browne ma.  
2. Barnwell.

MATHEMATICAL PRIZES:—

- Sixth ..... Baring.
- Upper School ..... 1. Ogilvie ma.  
2. Southam.
- Middle School ..... 1. Parton.  
2. Ogilvie mi.

NATURAL SCIENCE PRIZES:—

- Mechanics ..... 1. Ogilvie mi.
- Botany ..... 1. Smith mi.  
2. Knubley.
- Chemistry ..... Longstaff.

NATURAL HISTORY:—

- Fossils ..... Cleminshaw.
- Plants ..... 1. Knubley.  
2. Smith mi.
- Butterflies ..... Haslam.
- EXTRA BOTANICAL Smith mi.

GERMAN:—Upper School, Micholls.

FRENCH:—

- Upper School ... 1. Adam.
- Middle School... 1. Buckland mi. } æq.  
Romilly.  
2. Buckley.

HOUSE NEWS.

J. M. WILSON'S, Esq.

Through the kindness of Mr. Wilson, a valuable addition has lately been made to this house—a Vth Form room. Although called by that name it is open (at certain times) to every member of the house. All thanks are due to Mr. Sidgwick for the great taste and liberality he has shown in furnishing it.

RIFLE CORPS.

THE TERCENTENARY CHALLENGE-CUP was competed for on Tuesday, December 3rd, for the second time since its presentation,—7 rounds each man at 200 yards and 10 at 500. The match was a very close and well-contested one throughout. The Cup was won last Term by Corporal Humphry, who would by the conditions have kept it had he won it a second time consecutively; he lost it, however, to Captain Tobin, as follows:—

- 200 yards. 500 yards.
- 1st.—CAPTAIN TOBIN ... 2332342-19 2323442243-29-48
- 2nd.—CORPL. HUMPHRY.. 3234323-20 3328r24234-26-46
- 3rd.—LIEUT. GRAHAM... 322422-17 4340234034-27-44

MR. BALDWIN'S CHALLENGE-CUP was also shot for the same week—Thursday, the 5th, and won from Lance-Corporal Penrose by Captain Tobin, who made a total of 37 points; L.-Corpl. Penrose also made 37, but was beaten in shooting off the tie (Capt. Tobin a centre, L.C. Penrose an outer); and Corporal Humphry 3rd with 33. The match had to be begun, upon this occasion, at the long ranges, on account of the quickly-fading daylight.

SCORE:

- 400 yds. 500 yds. 200 yds.
- 1st—Capt. TOBIN ..... 22224-12 43222-13 23223-12—37
- 2nd—L.-Corpl. PENROSE 24423-15 23032-10 23222-12—37
- 3rd—Corpl. HUMPHRY.. 34002- 9 44034-15 03222- 9—33

MR. BLAKE'S HOUSE CHALLENGE-CUP was shot for on Friday, the 29th, for the first time, at 200, 500, and 600 yards. Result—Captain Tobin 1st, L.-Corpl. Penrose 2nd.

THE FENIANS.—At a late hour on Thursday night, owing to a gross misunderstanding, a poor man's words were construed so as to give great suspicions that he was a member of the Fenian conspiracy, and that the School Armoury was the point on which the attack was to be made. The Town Rifle Corps was immediately called out, and policemen, armed to the teeth, guarded the "sanctum" of the R.S.R.C. Many were the rumours circulated, but for the feelings of those taken in by this hoax we shall not divulge them.