

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

A Meeting of this Society, chiefly for private business, was held on Feb. 8th.

The Officers elected for the year are F. E. Kitchener, President; G. B. Longstaff, Secretary; and H. C. Reader, Treasurer.

A Committee was appointed to edit some of the papers read, and lists prepared, in the past year.

Lefroy (Burrows') was elected a Member, and J. Armitage (Wilson's) and Curry (Burrows') Associates.

The President read a paper on what the Society has done in the past year.

Two cases of Indian insects were presented by E. J. Norton, and some rare Lepidoptera by the Rev. A. Wratlslaw (O.R.) of Bury St. Edmunds'.

The most interesting exhibition was that of a vertebra from Hillmorton—the first Saurian bone from that locality. Certain nodules had been found there last Term, which had been shown, by an analysis made by the Secretary, to be coprolites; and Mr. Wilson had predicted, at the last Meeting, that the discovery of bones would soon follow that of the coprolites. Accordingly a vertebra has been found there, by J. M. Lester, during the holidays.

The Society will meet on the 22nd inst., at 7.45, at Mr. N. Hutchinson's, for the exhibition of microscopic objects.

THE "TWO HOUSE MATCH."

THIS match, always looked forward to with the greatest interest by Old Rugbeians, was played, as far as play was possible, on Saturday, December 21. The fine weather, which had favoured us for the greater part of the Term, had now forsaken us, and a more miserable day for such an important match could not be conceived. The state of the ground rendered science and running impossible, and sheer weight told its inevitable tale. For the Two Houses Cordery, Novelli, Tobin ma., and Brocklebank played back; Haslam, Gwatkin, and W. R. Collyer half-back. The School had Yates, Rutter, Green, and Fryer back, and Holmes and Ellis half-back. Out of so many good players forward, it would be difficult to select those who distinguished themselves most, but we noticed Thompson, Bischoff, and Clayton for the Two Houses, and Verelst and Bennett for the School, more particularly. W. R. Collyer unfortunately met with an accident during the match,

which prevented his playing more; up to this time, however, he had shown himself to play as he did of old. The School obtained a try at goal and two or three touches down.

The two victorious House Twenties were as follows:—

School House. CAPS.	Blake's. CAPS.
J. S. Masterman.	A. B. Haslam.
W. O. Moberly.	J. Graham.
W. W. Fowler.	W. E. Stevenson.
A. Davenport.	A. Gray.
C. W. Kennedy.	F. Tobin, ma.
F. G. Cholmondeley.	H. P. Hornby.
J. T. Soutter.	F. Tobin, mi.
G. R. Westfeldt.	J. Penrose.
E. Morris.	W. Fletcher.
E. S. Ormerod.	E. Peel.
W. Warner.	A. S. Reynolds.
A. H. Hudson.	J. M. Dugdale.
E. Field.	
W. Stunt.	C. B. Stuart Wortley.
A. Sidgwick.	J. Tinkler.
	C. H. Clark.
E. Ingram.	W. E. Barratt.
W. N. Senior.	F. Barker.
C. Sidgwick.	R. Bassett.
W. F. Gooding.	
A. Lyon.	F. H. Lemonius.
	Hon. S. Parker.
G. C. Vecqueray.	

The Two Houses for the last six years were—

1862.	1.	Rev. L. F. Burrows'.
	2.	Rev. C. E. Moberly's.
1863.	1.	Rev. T. W. Jex Blake's.
		School House.
1864.	1.	School House.
	2.	Rev. T. W. Jex Blake's.
1865.	1.	School House.
	2.	Rev. T. W. Jex Blake's.
1866.	1.	Rev. C. T. Arnold's.
		Rev. C. B. Hutchinson's.
1867.	1.	School House.
	2.	Rev. T. W. Jex Blake's.

BIGSIDE LEVEE.

At a Bigside Levée, last week, it was proposed by Mr. Masterman, seconded by Mr. Bucknill, that there be one compulsory bigside a week this Term, in Reynolds' field. An amendment moved by Mr. Graham and seconded by Mr. Yardley, that the bigside be voluntary, was carried by a small majority. It was then proposed that there be one compulsory and one voluntary bigside a week, which motion was lost.

Mr. Masterman, seconded by Mr. Rowden, then proposed that Messrs. Soutter and Yardley be Stewards of the Athletic Games. The Stewards for the year, therefore, are J. S. Masterman, Head of the School; S. P.

Bucknill, Captain of the Eleven; J. T. Soutter, and W. Yardley, elected.

Mr. Masterman, seconded by Mr. Gray, then proposed that the Stewards of the Athletic Games form a Committee, with power to add to their number, to revise the Racquet Rules. This was carried *nem con*.

THE RACQUET CLUB.

We hail with pleasure the new state of things at the Racquet Court. A committee, consisting of the Athletic Stewards, was appointed by Bigside Levée to revise the rules of the Racquet Court, with a view to giving more time for the better players to practice. It may be said by some that the rules (which we give under) virtually exclude all the School except the 36 from the greater part of the hours; but it must be remembered that there are few able to play racquets at all, who are not included in the Club, and those few will not be worth much if they cannot get a place in it, by challenging.

RULES FOR THE RACQUET COURT.

- 1.—That the RACQUET CLUB consist of 36 Members for the present.
- 2.—That three days a week, namely, Monday, Thursday, and, Friday, be set aside wholly for the use of the Racquet Club.
- 3.—That the remaining days be open to the whole School alike.
- 4.—That any Member of the Racquet Club be liable to a challenge from any one not in the Club: and if beaten, that his place be taken by the winner.
- 5.—That all challenges must first receive the sanction of the Committee; and no challenge be played on any of the Club days.
- 6.—That if the challenger be beaten, he be not allowed to challenge the *same player* again for six weeks.
- 7.—That no challenge be allowed for the first 3 weeks.
- 8.—That no Member of the Racquet Club take on any Member of the School on a Racquet Club day, unless unable to make up a game without him. And, that any Member of the Racquet Club finding any Member of the School on may take his place at once.
- 9.—That the Committee have power to eject any Member from the Racquet Club, and fill up his place or not at discretion.
- 10.—That Courts be taken a fortnight in advance; but no Member of the Racquet Club may have his name down more than once in 3 days, no Member of the rest of the School more than once in a fortnight.
- 11.—That the Masters be Honorary Members of the Racquet Club.

No signs of the building of the long-talked-of Pavilion have as yet appeared. Did we not know that the Committee appointed for the object included some most energetic and persevering Old Rugbeians, and that they have, moreover, to contend with difficulties in high quarters, we should be inclined to accuse them of neglect. As it is, we hear

that £300 more has yet to be raised, and that the money at present subscribed (about £500) has been profitably invested. We must therefore call upon all who have not yet subscribed to give liberally, and wait patiently, in confident expectation that when we do get a new Pavilion it will be something magnificent, as the largeness of the sum required leads us to anticipate.

TERCENTENARY FUND.—We understand that a supplemented list of subscriptions to the above will be published very shortly. We would therefore strongly urge all O.R.'s who have not yet subscribed to send in their names without delay, as the Committee, we hear, are desirous to form an estimate of the amount that is likely to be raised.

The following is, we believe, a correct list of the Old Rugbeians who have passed for, or entered the Army during the year, 1867:

- Royal Artillery:—*
- H. T. S. Yates, (B. Smith).
- Royal Engineers:—*
- M. H. Gregson, (Wilson).
- Royal Military Academy, Woolwich:—*
- W. H. Sykes, (Arnold).
C. W. Sherrard, (Hutchinson).
H. V. H. Davis, (Blake).
- Royal Military College, Sandhurst:—*
- L. E. Coker, (Moberly).
- Regiments of the Line:—*
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| O. Allcard, (Hutchinson) | 9th Regt. |
| L. H. Bathurst, (Wilson) | " |
| E. H. Boden, (Burrows) | 85th " |
| F. H. Carpenter, (Moberly) | " |
| O. T. Cavenagh (Arnold) | 75th " |
| S. R. Elwes, (Arnold) | 60th " |
| C. P. Hare, (Hutchinson) | 1st " |
| B. H. Kennett, (Arnold) | 51st " |
| H. G. Lefroy, (Burrows) | 44th " |
| G. R. R. Poole, (School) | " |
| H. A. Rasch, (Blake) | 65th " |
| H. T. Rhoades, (Town) | 22nd " |
| F. Ryley, (Moberly) | 81st " |
| A. P. Thornton, (Blake) | 36th " |
| P. H. Wallerstein, (Town) | 6th " |
| F. H. Wheler, (Burrows) | 81st " |
| H. P. Woodroofs, (Burrows) | 62nd " |
| J. F. Wyley, (Town) | 22nd " |

Mr. Alfred Barratt, late Scholar of Balliol, and Mr. Thomas Case, Commoner of the same College, were elected on Friday last to open Fellowships at Brasenose College. Mr. Barratt obtained a double-first in the examination before the Moderators of Easter Term, 1864, while in the final examinations he obtained a first class in classics in Michaelmas Term 1864, a first class in mathematics in Trinity Term 1866, and a first class in Law and Modern History in the Michaelmas Term 1866. Mr. Case obtained a classical first in the examination before Moderators of Easter