

Term 1865, and a similar honour in the final classical School in Michaelmas Term 1867. Both Mr. Barratt and Mr. Case were educated at Rugby—the former at the Rev. T. W. Jex Blake's, and the latter at the Rev. R. B. Mayor's, now J. M. Wilson's, Esq.

There is a talk of a School match with a Twenty from Cambridge, next Saturday. None but Old Rugbeians are going to play, and we are sure that it will meet with the same success that attended Mr. Harrison's match last term.

The *Eton College Chronicle* contains a leading article on "Reform at Eton." The Eton Collegers complain that they are in school too much; that they have a great deal too much to learn by heart; that chapel every day is not conducive to attention to the service every day in general, and on Sunday in particular; that, at Eton, Sunday is not a day of rest. Such are the grievances of the Etonians, which are evidently intended to impress the new Headmaster, although, as is usual with school periodicals, they introduce their subject by solemnly affirming that they "do not intend in the least to touch upon the prerogative of the Masters."

## HOUSE NEWS.

THE REV. T. W. JEX BLAKE'S.

The Debating Society held a very successful session last term. Besides those recorded, the following motions were carried:—"That the cheap Press is beneficial;" "That the pleasures of day are preferable to those of night;" "That the introduction of a Cat Tax would be a beneficial measure." The following were negatived:—"That the literature of modern times is superior to that of ancient times;" "That works of fiction are not beneficial to society."

The Football Challenge Cup last term was won by F. Tobin, ma.

J. M. WILSON'S, ESQ.

This House had a paper-chase last Thursday, round by Brownsover, Clifton, and Hillmorton, the distance being about 7 miles. The hares were Lloyd and Francis. Of the hounds Scott came in first, Bulpett ma. second, and Peake third, the rest being close up.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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To the Editor of the *Meteor*.

DEAR SIR,—On the strength of that old saying that "three heads are better than one," I venture to add my suggestions to those of your two former correspondents, in the hope of helping to settle the old Fives Court grievance.

"O.R. who was in the Sixth" hardly made his defence of the Arnoldites good. That they play more puntabout than other Houses is easily accounted for: they have private ground and balls. The fact of their playing more cricket than other Houses, is only a further argument for the alteration of the present system of "bagging" ground and courts, for they have almost as entire monopoly of the best ends as of the fives courts.

For your correspondent to make his "voluntary games" theory good, he must prove that they play more bat-fives and racquets than other Houses; but how will he do it?

If there is good reason for saying that the Arnoldites have a monopoly of after-dinner fives courts, how is the matter to be remedied?

The objections to all the School running from the Doctor's wall are—

(i.) That it would be such an awfully long race.

(ii.) It would make fellows liable to be late for dinner.

(iii.) Old Big-Side would be hardly a clear enough course for a race at 1.30, either during the Football or the Cricket season, because of the House matches and pie matches.

I would suggest that the *School Bath* would make a good starting-point for all running at dinner time, for these reasons:

(i.) It is pretty equally distant from all the things to be run for—fives court, bat-fives court, or ends.

(ii.) It would not necessitate such a trying race, spoil fellows' comfort at dinner, or make them so liable to be late for it.

(iii.) It would not be too near the ends to prevent the possibility of a fair race for them, as starting from Arnold's gate now does.

(iv.) The course for the race would be out of the way of all games generally.