

it was found to consist of but 12; emergencies, however, were easily found from the School. The match was played in Reynolds' Field; School won the toss and chose the lower goal, there being a considerable wind. From the very beginning the School had the best of it, and penned their adversaries nearly the whole time. Lloyd made a good run in, but being far from the goal and a high wind blowing, the try was not successful. After this, Tobin mi., Badger, and Gardner successively ran in, but still no goal was kicked until Badger got fairly in between the posts, and a goal was kicked by Yardley. The match throughout was a most enjoyable one, and we hope they will continue next season. The victory for the School may be mainly attributed to their first-rate play behind the scrummage.

MR. LLOYD'S TEAM. SCHOOL TWENTY.

J. E. Lloyd.	A. B. Haslam.
W. J. Dixon.	A. W. Rowden.
J. Collins.	C. W. Kennedy.
A. Cordery.	J. Graham.
A. Davenport.	J. T. Soutter.
J. D. Nicol.	A. Gray.
T. De la Rue.	F. Tobin mi.
A. Smythies.	F. Tobin ma.
J. Hoole.	K. R. Fletcher.
C. J. Peile.	G. R. Westfeldt.
H. Lee Warner.	W. Yardley.
J. S. Phillpots.	S. P. Bucknell.
*V. Ellis.	T. G. Hare.
*W. E. Kough.	H. Badger.
*I. C. Lambert.	A. H. Hudson.
*J. S. Masterman.	A. S. Reynolds.
*E. E. Montagu.	A. Lloyd.
*E. H. Morris.	H. W. Gardner.
*F. J. Selous.	G. Botfield.
*W. Welsh.	F. G. Cholmondeley.

\* Emergencies.

The Lizard is dead.

Mr. Speke is not an Old Rugbeian.

The Rugby Scratch Fours at Cambridge will be rowed on Saturday next.

Mr. W. Lee Warner has been elected Secretary of the Union Society for the present term.

We are sorry to find that no Rugbeian has obtained a place in the Oxford Boat this year: only one, R. W. Hanbury, was in the Trial Eights. At Cambridge W. J. Pinckney still rows stroke, but it is uncertain how long he will continue in that place. A. G. Kirby has been compelled to give way.

In the College Athletic Games at Oxford the following Rugbeians distinguished themselves:—

CORPUS:—

- R. W. Hanbury, 2nd in Throwing the Hammer.  
1st in Half-mile Handicap.
- D'A. B. Collyer, (80 yds. start) 1st in Half-mile Handicap.

UNIVERSITY:—

- W. Hedley ..... 1st in Throwing the Hammer.
- R. G. Venables, 2nd in 100 yds.
- R. B. Wilson ... 1st in Throwing Cricket Ball.

LINCOLN:—

- A. Cordery ..... 1st in High Jump.
- G. E. Steward... 2nd in ditto.  
2nd in 440 yds.  
3rd in two miles race.
- W. F. Thompson, 1st in Throwing the Hammer.  
1st in Throwing the Cricket Ball (105½ yds.)
- E. S. Morgan ... 1st in two miles race.

At Cambridge not much has been done in the Athletic line, viz., three College Sports.

AT ST. JOHN'S:—

- W. Lee Warner, 1st in Throwing the Hammer.  
1st in High Jump.  
2nd in Hurdle Race.
- A. W. Lambert, 1st in Broad Jump (19ft. 1½in.)  
1st in 100 yds.  
1st in Hurdle Race.  
1st in Quarter of a Mile (open to Volunteers).  
2nd in Quarter of a Mile.

This Gentleman also won a cup, value £15, given by 3rd Trinity Club, for half-mile Stranger's Race.

AT MAGDALEN:—

- A. W. Lambert, 1st in Quarter of a Mile Stranger's Race.
- J. F. Hoole, 2nd in Consolation Race.

We are not aware of any Rugbeians at St. Peter's.

We hear that owing to many impediments which inevitably come in the way of arranging new matches, the challenges of Cheltenham and Rossall have been declined. We are very sorry that this should have been necessary, as it is high time that all prejudices should be abolished in such matters.

A rumour has reached us that it has been proposed to play the Cricket Match v. Marlborough here. Of course we are not yet in a position to speak with any certainty, nor do we feel it necessary to discuss the advantages or disadvantages of such a step, but we think it right to give our readers all the information we possess ourselves.

The School Steeplechases are, we believe, to be run on Thursday, the 4th. We believe that the course fixed upon is the same as that of last year.

The information which we gave in our last number, with respect to Mr. George Melly proves erroneous; instead of waiting till next general election, Mr. Melly has been returned member for Stoke-upon-Trent.

Our readers will doubtless remember that by the Rules framed by the committee of the Racquet Club, three weeks were to elapse before any challenge could take place under the new system. The time has now elapsed. We have heard as yet of but few challenges.

**THE TORPIDS OXFORD.**—The following Old Rugbeians have places in their respective College boats. H. R. Poole, Ch. Ch. (1); L. H. West, Ch. Ch. (2); D'A B. Collyer, C. C. C.; E. S. Morgan, G. E. Steward, and A. Cordery, Lincoln; H. K. Cook, Trinity; G. A. Were, New.

At Harrow the system of allowing Racquets with india-rubber soft balls to be played on the Rugby Five Courts, works so well that Rugby Fives is never played on them, in spite of the rule which is in force there, viz., "that any fellow who wishes to play Hand-fives may turn off another who is playing Racquets."

We have been in hourly expectation of receiving an enquiry from some anxious correspondent for the reason why the well-known practice of running round the close has not yet begun. Is it that our distinguished runners are confining themselves to exercise on the roads? or does that careful training exist only in the imaginations of those who insisted on the Athletics being transferred to this Term? In default of such a correspondent, we will venture ourselves to make the enquiry.

We see, by the last number of the *Field*, that the Football Association has added largely this year to its ranks. At the annual meeting held at the end of last month, a considerable addition was made to the committee of the association, which now includes Old Etonians, an Old Harrovian, an Old Westminster, and an Old Carthusian, besides members of several leading football clubs. By this it would seem that there is much more probability than formerly of a set of rules being adopted all over the country.

An idea has been started, that a select number of Big-Side runners and jumpers should go by train by Crick, or some station seven or eight miles from Rugby, and thence take their course home. The plan has its advantages, as we should in that case be out of the reach of the oft-exasperated farmers who live in the immediate neighbourhood of Rugby. But it seems to us to have been brought forward rather late, as Cricket is proposed for next Saturday. And moreover, we have not yet heard how the coats of the members of Big-Side are to be conveyed home.

The Examiners for the Pickwick Prize have issued the subjoined list. Marks.

	Maximum 400.
Kennedy .....	257
Foster mi.....	204
Cholmondely .....	176
Lambert .....	144
Tobin tert.....	116
Gilbert .....	94
Allison .....	90
Ellis mi.....	74
Goldschmidt.....	66
Lawson.....	54
Ormerod .....	48
Shirley .....	24
Ralli .....	8

The organ fund progresses slowly. From the perpetual flux in which the particles, which constitute the world of Rugby, exist, it is natural that such a movement should lose the aid of its first authors and promoters. And such has been to great extent the case. It may not, then, be out of place to give a reminder to the leaders of the Choir and of the School generally that it devolves on them to continue the work which their predecessors in office began; and to the Rugby world generally that such a work is in every way worthy of support, and ought, in spite of all difficulties, whether pecuniary or otherwise, in spite of Athletic allowances, and House-games allowances, in spite of new and more engaging interests, to be kept up.

Rugby has heard a good deal of the Education Commission which has been sitting for several years past. Some of the facts, however, which have been brought to light by its investigation may still be new to some of our readers. The following was the condition of some of the Schools which the Com-

missioners examined:—Hanley Castle, endowment £247 per annum, educates 40 boys; one half the number however are, at 20 years of age, unable to read or write. Penwortham, endowment £966 per annum, has 20 grammar boys. Butterwick, endowment £312, has two learning the declensions. Humberstone, with £737 a year, has five or six. Bosworth, with £1,120 a year, has three boys learning grammar!

THE VERY LAST OF THE HAT QUESTION.

COSMOPOLITAN :—

- “ Seedy new fellow, wandering about in  
Cloister or School-quad, miserably seeking  
What to do next, I want a little conver-  
sation with you, please!
- “ Tell me, new fellow! how came you to wear hats?  
Do the big brutes tyrannically use you,  
Make you wear tall hats, laugh at your tears, and  
Piteous remonstrance?
- “ Weary new fellow, little think the proud swells,—  
Who in their straw hats stroll about the streets and  
Close,—what hard work 'tis walking all day long in  
Chimney-pot hats, O!
- “ I am a Cosmopolitan, and you, too,  
Did you but know it, are a Cosmopoli-  
tan, and you therefore ought to wear a straw hat,  
Ribbon included.
- “ Look at my tears, a trembling on my eyelids;  
Tell me your tale, the *Meteor* shall have it,—  
There shall you see it, beautifully printed,  
All for a sixpence!”
- NEW FELLOW :—
- “ Sixpence, God bless you! I have none to give, sir:  
Only last night they cleaned me out of every  
Sixpence I had, sir, for (I think they said) the  
Little-Side Raquets.
- “ Hats are a plague,—they knock 'em off and kick them;  
Only this morning, going into lesson,  
This poor old hat (for old it looks, sir, now,) was  
Scrunched in a scrimmage.
- “ Still I don't mind much,—theirs have been as seedy,  
And the next lot's will be as bad; and, please sir,  
I should be glad to spend the little coin you  
Mentioned, at Hobley's.”

COSMOPOLITAN :—

- “ Hobley's! *O mores!* I will see you far first!  
Wretch! whom no sense of wrong can rouse to  
grumble!  
Sordid, unfeeling, reprobate, degraded,  
Spiritless outcast!”

[Exit Cosmopolitan, knocking off new fellow's hat in  
a rage.]

HOUSE NEWS.

SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A “Below Caps” v. Hutchinson's was commenced on Feb. 8th, on which day the School-House obtained a touch-down, after a good run in by Shirley. The match was resumed on Feb. 15th, when the School-House again obtained a touch-down and a try, which was, however, again missed. For the School-House we may mention Sidgwick (forward) and Vecqueray ma. (half-back) as deserving especial notice; while for Hutchinson's, Machinlay (back) played well.

This House has had three Paper-chases this Term,—on Feb. 11th, Feb. 20th, and Feb. 27th.

On Feb. 24th there was Brook-leaping, in which the House was joined by Tobin mi. (Blake's) and Bennett (O.R.)

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,—The difficulties of taking Fives-courts by running are and always have been great.

Running from calling-over was prolific in disorder and disputes. The story of its abolition is historical. A certain head of the school, short and corpulent, whom not even the burning suns of India have been able to prevent growing more corpulent, and more short, at least of wind, insisted on ten yards start, and answered his name from the fives-court. The calling-over Master naturally objected. A deity interveled of no less gravity than Dr. Goulburn, and the Sixth had to give up scudding and take by seniority. Big-Side, I believe, was not consulted, it being thought that the Sixth could not all be so fat as to be outrun by the XX.

Here, for the first time, scudding succumbed; and therefore the rule I am attacking having thus yielded before, may do so again. The taking of courts after other epochs than calling-over—such as dinner, or second lesson—is further complicated by the start being either not at the same time, or not from the same place, or neither.

The ambiguities of these questions lead to a constitutional struggle, fiercely contested on both sides, soon after Dr. Temple came, which could only be determined by again