

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.

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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