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THE ATHLETIC GAMES.

The Athletic Games were held on Monday and Tuesday last, the 23rd and 24th March. The weather was abominable, but what could we expect? It was not very fine at this time last year; it seldom is in March. Experience is said to be the best of teachers, and perhaps by next year we shall have learnt our lesson. Perhaps the only argument for the sports being held at this season is, that this is the usual time for Athletics at other places. But even if they are held at other places, we surely have now found to our cost that Rugby is too far north, and that we cannot any longer follow the example of the Universities and other Public Schools, and have our Athletics in the Lent Term. Monday morning was chill and cold, and just as the spectators had taken their places along the road to view the finish of the mile race, a heavy snowstorm began to give a coating of slime to the road. For about ten minutes it fell thickly, and a courier announced that the competitors would not start till it finished. Judging from the condition of the road, we may safely say that the time was good, although not less than in former years, when the race was run in the close. This may also refer to nearly all the sports on the first day; in one case the same competitor jumped three inches higher the second day. We shall now give a detailed account of the games; but we must first mention that to the Stewards great praise is due for their excellent management of affairs in getting all the sports finished in the prescribed time. The Stewards, we may repeat,

were—J. S. Masterman, S. P. Bucknill, W. Yardley, and J. T. Soutter. The first event was

Flat Race, 200 yards; open to all.

Winners of heats: Badger, Bucknill, Lloyd ma., and Southam.

Final heat: 1. H. W. Badger; 2. S. P. Bucknill.—Time, 21m. $3\frac{1}{4}$ s.

Badger drew away very soon and won easily. Southam was second, but not being allowed to take two prizes for the same distance, and winning the following race, chose the prize for that in preference.

Flat Race, 200 yards; under 5 ft. 7 in.

Winners of heats: Badger, Fletcher, Macmillan, Rickards ma., and Southam.

Final heat: 1. F. A. Southam; 2. K. R. Fletcher.—Time, 22 sec.

Badger, by winning the former race, was disqualified. Ingram ran second in the final, but had been beaten in his heat by Fletcher.

High Jump; under 5 ft. 2 in.

1. H. Collingridge; 2. W. Moss.—Height, 4ft. 3in.

Gordon and King jumped over 4 ft.; Sim also cleared 4 ft. 3 in., but was disqualified, being just over 5 ft. 2 in.

Mile Race.

1. S. P. Bucknill; 2. W. Welsh; 3. A. Scott; then Lloyd, Lane, Eddis, Russell.—Time, 5 min. 20 sec.

Bucknill drew away and made all the running; near the finish, however, coming down the road, Welsh put on a splendid