

into a rippling sea of molten gold;" suppose the last pages adorned with poetry on "Dear Avon's glassy rill," and hexameters "Written on searching an old desk;" do you not feel morally convinced that that very Jones would be the first to cry out, the first to make funny remarks about sending the Editors to to Hanwell by public subscription, &c. ? Do you imagine Jones has ever for a moment considered the possibility of making a school magazine decently exciting ?

It must be borne in mind that we are assuming all the time that we are some good. We believe this to be the opinion even of the cynical Jones himself, certainly of the majority of the Rugby world. Smith may look down upon us with contempt, from his intellectual elevation and ridicule the tameness of the articles and the poverty of the subjects; but he was really glad when we set the Hat question on foot. Bails, even, the all absorbed athlete, thinks at the bottom of his heart, (if cricket and football have not absorbed all that valuable organ) it is better that we should appear than not. Blockhead, laughs at us, not because he has an especial objection to school journals, but because it is his dignified habit to say to everything, except perhaps what contributes to his direct personal gratification, "What rubbish!"

We are aware that the grounds of praise or support which we receive from those who do praise and support us may not be wholly unimpeachable. Cainhandell, in the xxii., says he really thinks a school like Rugby ought to have a periodical; but his real reason for visiting Pepperday's every third week and depositing sixpence is not because he thinks those who give Rugby a dignity it ought to have are to be supported, but because he has a predilection for seeing his glorious old Norman name in real printer's type. "Smallboy" too gives us a good name among his acquaintance, because he likes to be able to say at the critical moment when the paternal hand is in the pocket and another half-sovereign is trembling in the balance: "You'd like me to *buy* (with especial stress on the *buy*) the *Meteor* and send it; to let you know how the school is going on, you know."

But we are tempted to doubt if the reasons of our reviling friends are as good even as these. It must be remembered that there are matters in which the opinion of a theoretical man does not avail much against practical experience.

A member of the Anatomical branch of

the Natural History Society, if such a branch existed, might demonstrate to you that there was sufficient motive power in the muscles of your leg to jump a six-barred gate; he might try to convince you that the force of gravity was not sufficient to counteract this. But you would have much more confidence in your practical experience which tells you that you have often stumbled at a rail a good four inches lower, and that a "howler" would most emphatically result from any compliance with his wishes.

If our readers have any belief in our honesty, ought they not to conclude that we are convinced that novels and rhymes are best out of our pages, and that what we produce is the result of our best efforts ?

Be it borne in mind finally that we do not wish to avoid fair criticism. We do not deny that many a number, many a page of ours may justly merit correction, perhaps contempt. But we would ask you, reader, to consider whether a school magazine is desirable, and unless you decide candidly that such a thing is altogether useless, to take up our numbers with a will rather to favour than to criticise; above all not to set up a standard, the real impossibility of attaining which you have never attempted to consider.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

A meeting of this Society was held on May 23rd. Among the exhibitions was a collection of Andamanese curiosities presented by Capt. Fryer. Papers were read by F. Lefroy, on "Reason and Instinct in Animals;" and F. R. Smith, on "Enplectella, a Siliceous Sponge," which he exhibited. 54 persons were present. The number of the Society has been limited to 20 members and 20 associates. The new members are V. Ellis, H. Powell, G. A. Ogilvie; and the new associates A. Napier, C. T. Clough, and J. D. Anderson.

CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, OXFORD v. THE SCHOOL.—This was only a one-day's match, consequently each side had but one innings. The School were worsted by 27 runs. As will be seen from the annexed score, many of the enemy troubled the scorers; for us notably Tobin ml. and Francis. Very fine fielding was shown by Kennaway at cover point. Score:—

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.—1st Innings.

W. H. Lipscomb, c and b Walker	21
A. A. Wilmot, c Gardner, b Francis	10
B. Pauncefote, c Gwyer, b Walker	6
R. Thresher, c Bucknill, b Walker	6
A. G. Lee, run out	36
F. Greenham, b Francis	2
F. W. Davenport, run out	35
C. L. Kennaway, not out	17
J. Shelley, c Maitland, b Walker	0
B. Hill, c Gardner, b Francis	11
R. B. Wilson, b Soutter	0
Byes 6, leg-bye 1	7

Total..... 151

THE SCHOOL.—1st Innings.

F. Tobin (mi.), c Thresher, b Lipscomb	26
S. K. Gwyer, c Wilson, b Lipscomb	0
W. Yardley, c Davenport, b Lipscomb	13
S. P. Bucknill, c and b Lipscomb	0
F. Tobin (ma.), run out	6
J. T. Soutter, c Pauncefote, b Lipscomb	9
C. K. Francis, b Pauncefote	25
F. Maitland, b Kennaway	12
G. Fitzgerald, c Kennaway, b Pauncefote	4
J. W. Gardner, not out	12
J. R. Walker, b Kennaway	3
Byes 8, leg-byes 4, wides 2	14

Total..... 124

RUGBY CLUB V. THE SCHOOL.—This match took place at the Club ground, and resulted in a complete victory for the School. The bowling on both sides was very good; consequently low scoring was the order of the day. For the Club, Millington hit recklessly, Buchanan cautiously: For the School, the Tobins and Maitland played in excellent form. The Club gave little trouble to the scorers in their second innings. Score:—

RUGBY CLUB.

1st Innings.	2nd Innings.	
Rev. S. C. Voules, b Francis	1 c Soutter b Francis	3
G. Millington, run out	24 c Tobin, b Francis	0
R. P. Smith, b Francis	4 b Francis	0
J. C. Pison, c Ellis, b Walker	14 c Tobin, b Walker	1
D. Buchanan, not out	15 b Walker	3
C. W. Carles, b Francis	0 c Gwyer, b Walker	9
W. A. Browne, b Walker	5 not out	0
Rev. W. Benn, b Walker	1 c Soutter, b Ellis	3
F. Paget, b Francis	5 ht wkt, b Ellis	2
G. Fitzgerald, b Francis	4 b Francis	3
A. C. Thewles, b Francis	0 c Tobin, b Francis	0
B 3, 1-b 1	4 Leg bye	1

Total..... 77 Total..... 25

THE SCHOOL.—1st Innings.

F. Tobin (mi.), b Voules	25
S. K. Gwyer, c Carles, b Millington	9
W. Yardley, b Millington	1
S. P. Bucknill, st Carles, b Buchanan	6
F. Tobin (ma.), b Buchanan	16
C. K. Francis, st Carles, b Buchanan	0
F. H. Maitland, not out	17
J. T. Soutter, c Pison, b Buchanan	2
G. W. Gardner, c Fitzgerald, b Buchanan	11
J. R. Walker, b Buchanan	3
J. Ellis, c Millington, b Buchanan	2
Byes 2, leg-byes 2	4

Total..... 96

In the second innings of the School, Tobin (mi.) scored (not out) 3, Maitland (not out) 2; leg byes 2—total 7.

FREE FORESTERS V. THE SCHOOL, June 1st.

—This match is always looked forward to with great interest; last year it was brought to an exciting crisis, and was finally won by the School by one wicket. This time, however, the School have been beaten, but a sufficiently good match was made of it. The School having won the toss elected to go in first, Tobin mi. and Gwyer batting, to the bowling of Buchanan and Millington. Gwyer made 12 by some good hits, and was then caught; soon after Tobin was bowled. Yardley made a very good innings of 38, Bucknill ably seconding him with 29. Of the rest Soutter played carefully for 19; and the innings closed for 124. The Foresters then commenced their innings, H. Verelst, G. N. Marten, and Newport especially distinguishing themselves; the bowling and fielding of the Eleven being very good. Score 129; five in advance of the School. By dinner time on the second day all the School were out for 106; Gwyer and Bucknill again showing to the front. This left the Foresters only 102 to get for a victory, which they obtained at the cost of five wickets. It may be noticed that the Foresters only numbered 9, and had the assistance of G. Millington and Fitzgerald. The weather was of the most perfect description on the first day; a storm seemed impending all through the second, but merely resolved itself into an annoying drizzle. Score:—

THE SCHOOL.

1st Innings.	2nd Innings.	
F. Tobin mi., b Millington	2 b Buchanan	15
S. K. Gwyer, c Marten b Millington	12 b Buchanan	33
W. Yardley, c Dakyns b Millington	38 c Wakeman b Buchanan	0
S. P. Bucknill, c Marten b Buchanan	29 b Dakyns	20
F. Tobin ma, c Hornby b Millington	9 b Buchanan	2
C. K. Francis, b Buchanan	2 c Marten b Dakyns	14
F. H. Maitland, c Buchanan b Millington	2 b Buchanan	2
J. T. Soutter, st Wakeman b Buchanan	19 c Millington b Buchanan	3
J. R. Walker, c Wakeman b Buchanan	3 not out	2
J. W. Gardner, st Wakeman b Buchanan	0 1 b w, b Dakyns	5
V. Ellis, not out	5 b Buchanan	2
B 2, 1-b 1	3 b 2, 1-b 6	8

Total.... 124 106

FREE FORESTERS.

1st Innings.	2nd Innings.	
E. W. Wakeman, 1 b w, b Francis	3 c Walker b Francis	25
D. Buchanan, b Ellis	0	
E. K. Hornby, b Francis	0 c Tobin ma, b Walker	7
H. Verelst, c Soutter b Walker	22 not out	37

G. Fitzgerald, b Ellis	4	
G. Millington, c Francis b Ellis	1	
C. S. Dakyns, b Francis	9	b Francis
G. N. Marten, c Gwyer b Soutter	86	c Walker b Francis
F. Paget, c Bucknill b Walker	5	
W. Newport, not out	34	c Tobin ma, b Francis
A. Lee, b Francis	12	not out
B 1, 1-b 2	3	b 2, 1-b 1
Total	129	102

THE SIXTH v. THE SCHOOL.—This match ended, as was anticipated, in the complete defeat of the Præpostors. Many tried to avert it in the second innings, but all they could do was to save the innings. The following is the score:—

SIXTH FORM			
1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
F. Tobin (ml.), c Walsh, b Francis	7	b Francis	15
F. H. Maitland, b Francis	10	c Bucknill b Walker	30
J. T. Soutter, c Francis, b Walker	0	st Gwyer b Yardley	15
A. Gray, b Francis	11	b Francis	2
W. O. Moberly, b Francis	7	c and b Francis	22
V. Ellis, b Walker	0	b Yardley	6
J. F. Eaden, c Walker, b Francis	0	c Warner b Yardley	10
A. W. Rowden (Botfield), not out	11	not out	34
E. H. Baring, c Fitzgerald, b Francis	0	c and b Gwyer	11
J. Graham, b Francis	0	b Yardley	0
S. Garrett, c Walker, b Francis	0	b Gwyer	0
Byes	6	B 2, 1-b 1, w 2	5
Total	52	Total	150

THE SCHOOL.—1st Innings.

S. K. Gwyer, c Maitland, b Tobin	14
J. R. Walker, c Soutter, b Tobin	11
G. Fitzgerald, c Gray, b Tobin	0
S. P. Bucknill, c and b Tobin	10
F. Tobin (ma.), c Eaden, b Graham	35
C. K. Francis, c Tobin, b Moberly	28
J. W. Gardner, c Moberly, b Graham	34
G. Walsh, b Graham	4
C. Sidgwick, not out	2
E. H. Warner, c Eaden, b Soutter	4
W. Yardley, c Soutter, b Graham	8
Byes 2, 1-b 1, w 4	14

Total 164

In the second innings of The School, Tobin (ma.) scored (not out) 3, Sidgwick (b Soutter) 7, Yardley (not out) 28; byes 3, w 1—total 42.

J. M. WILSON'S, Esq. v. Rev. C. T. ARNOLD'S.—This match was decided in favour of Wilson's, who would probably have won in one innings had Arnold's not scratched. The batting of Francis, Botfield, Lloyd, Badger, Selous, and Walsh was irresistible. The bowling of Heath in the first innings was good. Tower, Buckland, and Lambert played well under the circumstances. The score is as follows:—

J. M. WILSON'S.—1st Innings.

G. Walsh, b Montagu	24
A. Botfield, c Buckland, b Montagu	47
F. C. Selous, run out	32
G. H. Lloyd, c Buckland, b Milner	47

C. K. Francis, b Montagu	39
H. Badger, c Maclean, b Montagu	36
G. A. Benham, run out	7
R. Heath, run out	11
H. Tubb, b Montagu	0
A. Dudgeon, b Walker	4
T. F. Langford, not out	14
Extras	35
Total	296

REV. C. T. ARNOLD'S.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
B. Tower, run out	4	not out	17
J. R. Walker, c Francis, b Heath	0	c Badger b Heath	1
J. C. Lambert, b Heath	0	b Francis	14
P. A. Buckland, c Benham, b Heath	17	b Francis	0
W. B. Gilpin, lbw, b Heath	0	run out	2
F. D. Thompson, c Langford, b Heath	10	c and b Francis	1
C. J. Peele, b Heath	0	b Francis	0
D. F. Maclean, b Heath	3		
E. Montagu, b Francis	5		
T. Hoare, not out	4		
G. H. Milner, b Heath	0		
Extras	5	Extras	6
Total	51	Total	41

BELOW XI.—J. M. WILSON'S, Esq. v. SCHOOL HOUSE.—This match was decided in favour of Wilson's by five wickets, chiefly owing to the good play of Badger, Selous, and Benham. C. Sidgwick and Moberly played very well for the School House. Score:—

SCHOOL HOUSE.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
S. Pearson, c Walsh, b Heath	0	c Botfield, b Walsh	9
C. Sidgwick, c Badger, b Heath	2	c Walsh, b Heath	39
W. O. Moberly, b Heath	34	c Selous, b Heath	16
E. H. Warner, c Benham, b Heath	17	b Walsh	0
A. S. Hudson, b Walsh	2	c Botfield, b Walsh	24
G. R. Westfeldt, b Heath	15	c and b Walsh	1
J. G. Lushington, b Heath	10	c Botfield, b Heath	0
A. E. Ringrose, not out	6	b Heath	9
A. Lushington, b Tennant	1	b Walsh	8
A. P. Humphry, b Tennant	2	not out	37
A. Sidgwick, c Heath, b Tennant	4	b Tennant	27
Extras	13	Extras	18
Total	106	Total	188

J. M. WILSON'S.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
F. C. Selous, b A. Lushington	1	b Moberly	32
G. Walsh, c Moberly, b A. Lushington	0	c and b Moberly	3
A. G. Botfield, b A. Lushington	15	c Pearson, b Moberly	5
H. W. Badger, c Moberly, b A. Lushington	9	not out	93
G. H. Lloyd, c Humphry, b A. Lushington	0	c Pearson, b Moberly	3
R. Heath, c and b Warner	28		
G. A. Benham, b Humphry	38	not out	15
T. F. Langford, not out	11	c Pearson, b Moberly	9
H. W. Peake, b A. Lushington	5		
H. C. Harrison, c Moberly, b A. Lushington	0		
J. R. Tennant, b A. Lushington	0		
Extras	13	Extras	19
Total	120	Total	179

WILSON'S HOUSE PIEMATCH.—Francis and Botfield chose sides, Francis's side winning by ten wickets. The chief scorers were Benham, 30 and 9; C. K. Francis, 78 and (not out) 27; Combe, 30; G. Walsh, 17 and 15; F. Selous, 14 and 10; H. Badger, 27 and 21; Langford, 0 and 23; Harrison, 10 and 40.

BELOW XI. & XXII.—Rev. C. T. ARNOLD'S v. Rev. C. B. HUTCHINSON'S.—This match ended in favour of Hutchinson's by seven wickets. Score:—

REV. C. T. ARNOLD'S.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
W. B. Gilpin, b Isherwood ..	0 c Ogilvie, b Sampson	5	0
C. J. Peele, b Sampson	0 b Sampson	0	0
T. Hoare, b Isherwood	0 b Isherwood	3	0
P. A. Buckland, b Isherwood	1 b Sampson	26	
E. E. Montagu, b Sampson	4 b Isherwood	23	
F. D. Thompson, b Sampson	5 b Sampson	0	
G. H. Milner, run out	5 b Sampson	0	
D. F. D. Maclean, b Isherwood	4 c Sampson b Isherwood	1	
L. Griffiths, b Sampson	0 b Sampson	19	
E. J. Norton, b Isherwood ..	0 not out	0	
M. W. E. De Bunsen (Montagu) not out	0 b Isherwood	23	
Byes 6, wides 4	10	B 15, 1-b 2, w 12	29
Total	20	Total	129

REV. C. B. HUTCHINSON'S.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
F. W. Isherwood, b Montagu	7 c Milner, b Gilpin ..	9	
F. D. Foster, b Montagu	0		
K. R. Fletcher, b Montagu	24 not out	11	
F. Giberne, b Montagu	0		
T. G. Hare, c Sub, b Buckland	31 (D. Wilson) not out	4	
G. Mackinlay, st Peele, b Buckland	25 b Gilpin	17	
T. Lake, c Thompson, b Montagu	6		
A. G. Ogilvie, not out	9 c Thompson b Gilpin	5	
T. Collin, c Buckland, b Montagu	0		
A. S. Sampson, c Buckland b Montagu	0		
J. Anderson, b Montagu	0		
Byes 1, wides 5	6	Byes 1, w 5	6
Total	108	Total	52

THE RUGBY PHILHARMONIC.—Mr. Edwards and his colleague, Mr. Petterson, achieved a signal success on Wednesday and Thursday nights, when Handel's Oratorio the *Messiah* was given at the Town Hall, as the closing performance of the first season of the Rugby Philharmonic Society. The high reputation of the soloists renders any remarks on their success superfluous; but it would be a gross omission on our part to leave unnoticed the choral portion of the work, in which many gentlemen connected with the School took so leading a part. It would be hardly possible to choose where all the choruses were so admirably delivered; but, when we con-

sider their extreme difficulty, and the faultless precision and spirit with which they were given, we may select "He trusted in God," and "And with his stripes" as the most remarkable. The peculiar skill with which that usually somewhat unsatisfactory instrument, the harmonium, was handled, was beyond all praise, especially in "The people that sat in darkness," where Mozart's accompaniment was filled in with admirable effect. Altogether we may congratulate Mr. Edwards and Herr Petterson on a most successful close to their labours.

We have much pleasure in announcing a new composition from the pen of Mr. Edwards, which has gained the prize offered by the College of Organists for the best anthem. The words are taken from the 135th Psalm, "O Give Thanks," &c. It is written throughout with great skill and vigour, the close being peculiarly graceful; and from its melodious simplicity, and the attractiveness of its subjects, it is peculiarly adapted for performance by amateurs. We hope, however, that our readers may soon have a better opportunity of judging the merits of this anthem, than a mere newspaper notice can give them.

The following Rugbeians were among the successful candidates for the India Civil Service:—J. A. Baines, D. O. Meiklejohn, and A. B. Steward.

"B." requests us to make a correction. Painting the top windows of the Racquet Court cost £9, not £6.

The fields between the Railway and the Swifts are for the future "out of bounds," except for those privileged to bathe at Swifts.

The fact that Marlborough has been defeated by Cheltenham, should not by any means lead us to relax our efforts to obtain a victory over the former. If beaten by Marlborough, *a fortiori* &c. ?

We may inform Old Rugbeians interested, that Butler, a Notts Colt, is engaged to bowl for a couple of months.

The half-yearly prize for Fencing, at the Royal Academy, Woolwich, has this Term been gained by an Old Rugbeian, E. Dickenson, formerly of the Rev. P. Bowden Smith's House.

The secretary for the Tercentenary Fund lately received a subscription from an Old Rugbeian in Abyssinia.