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THE past three weeks may be said with justice to constitute the true dead season of the Rugby year. The time has come round again when, in the words of a Rugby poet of by-gone days—

“The autumn leaves come fluttering down, the trees  
are left all bare;

And Diver roams across Big-Side with a scornful,  
moody air;

And cricket has all vanished from its eminence supreme,  
So Hobley's sweet shop vanishes in some Tantalean  
dream.”

The last Big-Side has been played in a somewhat listless manner, the last Foreign Match has passed almost unheeded, Football is not yet legitimate, and the right of Big-Side Runs to put in an appearance so early is looked on by some as questionable, while many regard them—at such a pitch of degradation have we arrived—as a species of harmless fanaticism, and treat them accordingly! Racquets have created a little sensation, on account of the new *régime* which has just come into force, and the New Pavilion has created a small amount of interest, but there is not the faintest excitement created by any of these, and the *Meteor* is even unable to follow the example of the *Times* of this period, and take up a controversy, as—fortunate mortals—we have no grievance to be rectified! The conversation on all sides is not of the present, but consists entirely of anticipations of “the ensuing campaign” as a *Contemporary* is pleased to style our football season. As usual, we hear every one expressing his decision about the two houses, and about the poor show of caps that the School will make for the Sixth Match, and we feel that we are doomed for the next three months to be hedged in on all sides by, and to breathe, the

atmosphere of pure undiluted football “shop,” which will flow on steadily and without intermission until Christmas. But, as a set-off against this gloomy prospect, let us remember that this is, of all times of the year, the most prolific of Old Rugbeians, and though there was an alarming deficiency in the number of well-known faces last year, we may with reason ascribe that for the most part to unfortunate arrangements, and not to lack of will on the part of the absentees. Let us hope, then, that the unpropitiousness of the elements on Saturday, Oct. 3, may not prove ominous, but that the Football season of 1868 may pass off with as great *éclat* as any of its predecessors.

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FROM its birth the *Meteor* has carefully shunned all politics but those of the School, and has held it its sole office to be of Rugby—Rugbeian. But it has not deemed it inconsistent with that office to recommend to its readers the pursuit of what Rugbeians, since the days of their second Founder, have been taught, as well by example as by words, to regard as one of their highest duties—the study of Politics. Last Term the *Meteor* advocated the founding of a School Debating Society. A better time for its institution than the present it would be hard to find. Now, if ever, fellows must regard traditional or inherited politics with suspicion, for we shall have to look at most questions for the future in quite a different light to that of our defunct Whig and Tory ancestors. How many fellows in Rugby will find in the old political principles of their families a key to the questions of Trades Unions, Compulsory

Education, the Ballot, or the Tenure of Land?

Now, though we hardly expect our readers to have arrived, at 18, at any definite conclusions or deep knowledge of these questions, it would be as well if their daily newspaper reading were turned to some immediate use.

We know that we never read anything more carefully than when we have some immediate object in knowing it; that we think much more steadily and deeply when we have one particular object to fix our thoughts on, than when we are merely taking in general ideas. How many of us, in the ordinary course of things, ever think at all till we have some special reason given for thinking? Where there is no demand for political knowledge there is no likelihood of a great supply. Let a Debating Society establish a demand; there is little danger of the supply failing in times like these, when politics are the most exciting life and death questions.

The House of Lords is threatened. How many fellows could explain its constitution to-day? What a torrent of information would be poured forth in its defence, were it fixed as the subject for debate a fortnight hence. Our experiences would tell us that the School is keenly alive to political interests: a Debating Society is just what we want to turn it to good account.

We hope that before many days such an institution will give those of us who wish it a chance of fitting together our stray ideas, and of making both wider and more accurate our knowledge of events going on around us; only remembering always that we have come to test our theories, not to abuse our opponents, and that our object is not the immediate triumph of our cause by a majority in division, but the gradual establishment of our opinions by honest argument and candid recognition of valid objections. We are probably all of us by nature Tories. Let us all come prepared to sacrifice our feelings, when they are proved contrary to expediency and justice.

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#### RUGBY SCHOOL CONCERT, JULY, 1868.

There can be little doubt that, as a general rule, a long preface, be its subject what it may, is an evil. Few readers will deny that it is a bad sign on taking up a new book to find that the author has thought it necessary to occupy a dozen pages or more in this

way. And this is true almost universally. Good news, like good work, needs no preface: and we may generally suspect there is something dark in the background—some, perhaps, slight defect to be pointed out—where we are only led to our real subject in hand through a long train of introductory remarks.

This will be our excuse for beginning without delay our observations on the Rugby School Midsummer Concert of 1868. Where the success was so complete, so universally acknowledged—where the strain that we have to take is throughout one of commendation and praise—where the journalist's task of criticism has to be laid aside, and the pleasanter task of showering honours upon undeniable merit has to be entered upon—we have no right to indulge any secret fancy we may have for a long spun preface. And that our last Concert was a success there can be little doubt. The selection of the music was judiciously and artistically made; the performance of the music was creditable to the highest degree, revealing that which we are ever glad to welcome in our School doings—*progress*. The company was large and unanimous in its plaudits; the feeling that examination and its cares were over gave fresh spirit to the performers, and everyone, perhaps, excepting half-a-dozen poor wretches who could scarcely keep their minds from wandering to a certain list to be read out upon the morrow, felt that they could justly sing, in the words of Mr. Moberly's capital song,

"Ergo fratres gaudeamus  
In loco desipiamus."

The Concert opened with Farrant's stately anthem, "Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake," the simple strains of which lost none of their effect by being followed by music of a more modern and florid style. This was followed by a selection from Sterndale Bennett's "Woman of Samaria," which, together with several other new works, was produced for the first time at the Birmingham Festival of 1867, and met with an unequivocal success. That this oratorio will maintain its position among succeeding generations of musical critics, or that it will take its stand with the sublime masterpieces of Mendelssohn, or the now time-honoured works of Handel, it may be almost too much to hope, but the chorus, with its beautiful introduction for the tenors, produced a marked impression, and may be expected to do so wherever it is heard.

After the brisk and pleasing anthem, "I

will lift up mine eyes," had been given, the *Elijah* selection began. The beautiful air, "O rest in the Lord," requiring as it does the utmost depth and delicacy of voice, was a bold feat for so young a singer to attempt: but Mr. Arkcoll, we think, showed signs of true musical feeling. The equally charming quartette, "Cast thy burden," which might, perhaps, have been better for a little more rehearsing, was followed by the superb chorus, "Thanks be to God," which, being the culminating point of the first part of the *Elijah*, is one of those works by which Mendelssohn has established his claim to be the *very first* among composers of Oratorio. In such a piece the choir fully felt the value of Mr. Goldschmidt's skill in wielding the *bâton*. The second subject, "But the Lord," begun by the basses, and taken up in succession by all the voices, was given, considering its difficulty, with creditable precision.

The second part opened with the march from Gounod's *Faust*—any defects in which were to be attributed far more to bad luck than to any inefficiency of the performers. The flute, Mr. Leslie, whose performance has been so deservedly popular at previous concerts, was taken ill at the last moment, and prevented from performing: the clarinet, from some occult cause, refused to yield to the by no means unskilful efforts of Mr. Stevenson; and altogether, as we heard from one of the performers, the music had been much better done at rehearsal. We must not omit to notice the addition to the band of Mr. H. W. Gardner, for whom, as a performer, we augur a successful career. Mr. Micholls performed with his usual brilliancy of execution and taste, first a solo by Grieg, and afterwards a Sonata in A, with the violin, by Mozart, in which Herr Petterson delighted the audience by his skill: the only criticisms we can venture to pass was that the piece was perhaps rather too long. "What does little birdie say," a new song by Sullivan, was chosen as Mr. Anstice's solo. Personally we can only say he gave us much more satisfaction than in his former triumph—"Toujours gai." The "Carmen Feriale," by the Rev. C. Moberly, brought the concert to an end: few will be found, we think, to grumble at its frequent repetition. The "Viva la Compagnie," sung by Mr. Rowden, caused considerable amusement, containing several very good hits. We have trespassed so far on our readers' patience that any remarks upon the general state of the choir must be deferred to a future num-

ber. We conclude with reminding the School how large a debt of gratitude they owe to Mr. Goldschmidt, for his conducting, to the Rev. Charles Smith, for his most artistic accompaniments, and to Mr. Edwards and Herr Petterson, for their untiring exertions on behalf of the School Choir.

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#### NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

At a Meeting held June 6th, Papers were read "On a visit to some Salt Works in Cheshire," by F. R. Smith, and on "Dimorphism in Plants, especially the Cowslip and Purple Loose-strife," by the President.

At a Meeting held June 27th, a Lecture was given by the Rev. T. N. Hutchinson, "On permanent axes of rotation, and the Gyroscope." The success of the experiments was received with applause.

It was announced that Mr. Longstaff (late Secretary to the Society) had lately sent "Addenda and Corrigenda to the list of Lepidoptera," and that the Natural History Society lately established at Wellington College had been taken into union for the exchange of publications.

Duff (Arnold's), Sandars (School-house), and Rivington (Hutchinson's) have been elected Associates for their assistance this season in the Botanical Section, and Bull (Elsee's) as an Entomologist.

At the last Meeting of the Term, held July 11th, a paper "On the Rugby Gravels," was read by E. Cleminshaw. He mentioned the different discoveries that have as yet been made in our High and Low Level Gravels, and urged the importance of examining any pits which may hereafter be opened.

With a view to encourage original observation, the Society intends to offer a prize to the School, for essays to be sent in to the Secretary after Christmas; the writer to choose any subject of Natural History he likes, and the merits of the essay to be mainly the *originality* of the observations or descriptions it contains.

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#### THE RIFLE CORPS.

On Monday, July 20, the Wimbledon Eleven went up to London, in order to take part in the competition for the Ashburton Shield the next day. Our Team had been so well instructed, and had thrown themselves with such spirit into their work, that in the opinion of many good judges their chance

was second to none, and certainly the scores they had lately made gave strong grounds for such an opinion.

Tuesday turned out an exceedingly hot day, and the mirage made the shooting at 500 yards exceedingly difficult. Starting at 200 yards the Eleven shot splendidly, being no less than 10 points ahead of any other School, Eton with 142 being second. Humphry's 18 was a brilliant performance, quite a Queen's Prize score. At 500 the whole XI. fell to pieces, the total score made being less than any of our totals at the same range this year. Eton carried off both prizes, being 7 ahead of us for the Shield with 248, Marlborough second 245, Cheltenham tying us for third with 241. Humphry, who had made 32 in this match, shot for the Spencer Cup, which was won by Priv. Bruce, Eton. Scores:—

## RUGBY.

	200 Yds.	500 Yds.	Totl.
Captain Tobin .....	24333-15	03330-9	24
Lieut. Graham .....	33422-14	32023-10	24
Sergt. Humphry .....	34443-18	32333-14	32
Sergt. Botfield .....	32343-15	00022-4	19
Sergt. Penrose .....	33343-16	30342-12	28
Corpl. Wortley .....	43202-11	33223-13	24
Corpl. Whiting .....	22223-11	00020-2	13
Priv. Cobham .....	22332-12	20000-2	14
Priv. Courtenay.....	32343-15	22330-10	25
Priv. Peel .....	24202-10	00302-5	15
Priv. Barrett .....	33333-15	20303-8	23
	152	89	241

## ETON.

	200 Yds.	500 Yds.	Totl.
Priv. Hon. R. Bruce.....	34332-15	34224-15	30
Sergt. Godsal.....	23433-15	04343-14	29
Priv. Way .....	33333-15	34223-14	29
Priv. Hope .....	32223-12	23232-12	24
Priv. Bearcroft .....	43322-14	4r023-9	23
Corpl. Elliott.....	23323-13	04302-9	22
L.-C. Earl Waldegrave..	32422-13	23003-8	21
Priv. Gascoigne.....	33332-14	20320-7	21
Corpl. Garrett .....	23232-12	02320-7	19
Corpl. Newton .....	23220-9	20204-8	17
Corpl. Patton.....	22222-10	03000-3	13
	142	106	248

	200 Yds.	500 Yds.	Totls.
Marlborough .....	137	108	245
Cheltenham .....	123	118	241
Harrow .....	125	88	213
Winchester .....	113	90	203
Rossall .....	121	78	199

On Saturday, October 3rd, Sergeant Tait, late Musketry Instructor of the School Corps, was presented by its members with a handsome gold watch, in token of his long and able services. Captain Phillpotts, in presenting it, said that he had been much pleased to see the ready way in which members had come forward to subscribe to the

testimonial—that he took this readiness as evidence of their good feeling towards Sergeant Tait—that, personally, he begged to thank him for the zealous way he had assisted in bringing on the Corps just before the enrolment, though aware of the short time he remained with them—that in shooting the Wimbledon Eleven were much indebted to Sergeant Tait for his careful coaching. Sergeant Tait, in replying, said that the gift would remind him daily of not only those who had given it, but also of those that had gone before—that he was delighted to see the success which had attended the enrolment—that he hoped to see the shield soon brought to Rugby, but that for this year they must accept Lieut. Carslake's success as a set-off against their disappointment. He begged to thank the Corps most heartily for their handsome present.

It is with great pleasure that we have to chronicle the success of Lieut. Carslake, 5th Somerset, in carrying off the Queen's Prize at Wimbledon this year. This gentleman was a member of the Rev. P. Bowden Smith's, and was sometime Captain of the Rifle Corps, and won laurels both while in the School and afterwards at Oxford by his skill as a rifle shot. Lieut. Carslake also shot in the team which won the China Vase at Wimbledon.

## BIG-SIDE RUNS.

There have been two Big-Side Runs this Term,—the Bilton, and the Barby Hill. The first was run on Sept. 26: Dudgeon (Wilson's) 36 min. 30 sec., and Shirley (S. H.) 41 min. 15 sec., went hares. Of the hounds Scott (Wilson's), 35 min., was first, Maclean (Arnold's), 36½ min., second, and Lefroy (Arnold's), 38½ min., third. The other hounds were distanced.—The Barby Hill Run came off on October 1st. A large field came to the start, but many found the work too hard, and stopped at an early stage of the run. The hounds went rather slowly, but this was partly owing to their not knowing the way accurately. Lomax ma. (Hutchinson's) came in first in 49 min. 55 sec., closely followed by Dudgeon (Wilson's), Thornton, Cobbold, Sidebotham (all in Hutchinson's), and Morris ma. (S. H.). All the rest failed to come in. The hares did the distance in a very short time; Scott doing it in 40 min. exactly, and Bulpett in 44 min. 15 sec. Scott's time is the fastest on record.

CRICKET.

RUGBY SCHOOL v. THE BUTTERFLIES, JULY 20TH AND 21ST.—Monday morning saw the Butterflies in the School Close, and having a vivid recollection of last year's leather hunting, it was not without serious misgivings that the captain lost the toss and the team turned out to field. The prospect of New Big-Side was by no means so inviting as is usually the case; hardly a green blade was visible, the wickets were blistered with the heat, and what breeze there was only made it hotter. Gwyer and Maitland represented the light blues; Pauncefote and Novelli were commissioned to commence the attack on behalf of the Butterflies. To shun needless details, we may briefly state that Pauncefote's stows and Novelli's "head-balls" had disposed of the School at lunch-time for 70 runs only: Moberly and Fitzgerald alone reaching double figures. At 3.15 Hornby and Novelli oppose the bowling of Francis and Walker, which was straight and good, and, aided by a worse wicket than one usually finds at New Big-Side, soon disposed of such crack bats as Messrs. Pauncefote, Verelst and Smith, and five wickets were down for 38 when Hon. H. Vivian joined Mr. Hornby. The former hit hard and fast, and put together 36 in next to no time, Mr. Hornby meantime playing fine cricket, the bowling and fielding of the light-blues being first-rate. The innings closed for 163, or 90 runs ahead of the School, Mr. Hornby, first in, being out last, caught at point, when within two runs of his "century," after having played as fine an innings as has ever been seen in the close. His chief hits were a seven, a five, and six fours. The School had lost four wickets for 62 runs when play ceased for the day. On Tuesday, with the thermometer at 99 in the shade, the School continued their innings, and were all disposed of for 112, the slows being very effective. Moberly was again head scorer, his 28 being obtained by capital cricket. The Butterflies had now 20 runs left them to get, and these were hit off by lunch-time for the loss of 2 wickets, and the School were thus defeated by 8 wickets.

RUGBY SCHOOL.

First innings.	Second innings.	
S. K. Gwyer, c and b Novelli	6 st Verelst b Pauncefote	11
F. H. Maitland, b Pauncefote	7 st Verelst b Pauncefote	5
W. Yardley, c and b Novelli..	7 st Verelst b Pauncefote	18
F. Tobin (ma.), b Novelli ....	7 c Novelli b Pauncefote	23

W. O. Moberly, b Pauncefote..	16	c Steward b Novelli	28
S. P. B. Bucknill, b Novelli ..	3	c Novelli b Pauncefote	0
C. K. Francis, b Novelli ....	5	b Novelli	11
J. W. Gardner, lbw, b Pauncefote	0	c Farwell b Pauncefote	8
G. Fitzgerald, st Hornby, b Pauncefote	15	c Pauncefote, b Novelli	4
J. R. Walker, c Pauncefote b Novelli	0	not out	1
J. C. Lambert, not out	0	b Pauncefote	1
Bye 1, leg byes 2, w 1	4	Wides	2
Total	70	Total	112

THE BUTTERFLIES.

First innings.	Second innings.	
A. N. Hornby, c Moberly b Walker	98	
L. W. Novelli, c Maitland b Walker	5 lbw, b Francis	0
C. J. Smith, b Francis	2 c Moberly b Francis	6
B. Pauncefote, c Maitland b Walker	0 not out	13
H. W. Verelst, b Francis	4 not out	2
W. F. Thompson, b Walker	0	
Hon. H. Vivian, b Francis	36	
G. Farwell, b Francis	0	
A. B. Steward, b Gwyer	3	
A. Wilson, c Gardner, b Walker	4	
A. G. Guillemard, not out	7	
Bye 1, leg-byes 3	4	
Total	163	
Total	21	

M.C.C. v. RUGBY SCHOOL.—At Lord's, July 24th.—On a wicket not remarkable for its goodness, this annual match commenced at 12.10, and a much more extraordinary match could hardly be imagined. The Rugbeians went in first, they being represented by Tobin mi. and Gwyer, Wootton and Capt. Parnell bowling against them. The XI. commenced wonderfully well, 50 runs being telegraphed before a wicket fell. Tobin mi. was run out through no fault of his own; his hits were a five, three fours, &c. Gwyer left at the same total, his hits being a four and three threes; one and two for 50. A perfect panic seemed now to set in, and the wickets fell like "leaves in the autumn," the whole being out in an hour and a quarter, 10 runs out of the gross total being extras. Nor did the M.C.C. make much of an exhibition to boast of, they being all out for 49, not one of the club managing to make a double figure, none being able to resist Francis' bowling, as the score will show. The second innings of Rugby manifested a slight improvement on their first attempt. Tobin mi. made a five and three threes. Yardley a six (off-drive from Parnell) and a three. The wickets fell thus—1 for 1, two for 31, three for 32, four for 45, five and six for 52, seven for 56, eight for 72, nine for 73, and ten for 84. The M.C.C. in their second innings, like the School, made a much better show than be-

fore. In consequence of the match being nearly finished it was determined to play it out, and at 7.20 the M.C.C. were declared winners by three wickets. Score:—

## RUGBY SCHOOL.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
F. Tobin, mi., run out.....	29	c Nixon, b Parnell 22	
S. K. Gwyer, b Wootton.....	15	b Parnell.....	1
W. Yardley, c Nixon, b Wootton	2	b Parnell.....	12
F. Tobin, ma., b Wootton.....	0	c Nixon, b Wootton	0
S. P. Bucknill, b Wootton.....	0	b Wootton.....	0
W. O. Moberly, b Wootton.....	1	c Verelst b Wootton	15
F. H. Maitland, c Verelst, b			
Wootton.....	0	b Wootton.....	0
C. K. Francis, b Parnell.....	2	c Verelst b Wootton	3
J. W. Gardner, b Parnell.....	1	not out.....	13
G. Fitzgerald, not out.....	0	b Parnell.....	0
J. R. Walker, b Parnell.....	0	b Wootton.....	6
B 9, 1 b 2.....	11	B 6, 1 b 3, w 3..	12
Total.....	61	Total.....	84

## M. C. C.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Capt. Trevor, b Francis.....	7	b Francis.....	7
R. Hall, b Francis.....	9	c Tobin ma., b Walker	12
Capt. Currie, b Walker.....	0	b Francis.....	7
H. W. Verelst, b Francis.....	0	b Francis.....	10
Capt. Parnell, b Francis.....	4	c Fitzgerald, b	
M. T. Martin, b Francis.....	6	Francis.....	43
E. H. Ellis, hit w, b Francis.....	9	b Francis.....	4
G. Wootton, run out.....	7	b Gwyer.....	1
R. Mostyn, b Francis.....	1	not out.....	2
R. J. Ward, b Francis.....	2		
H. Nixon, not out.....	0	not out.....	10
Byes 7, leg-byes 3.....	10	Bye 1, leg-bye 1..	2
Total.....	49	Total.....	98

As the above Match was finished on Friday, a return Match was arranged between the M.C.C. and the School for Saturday, when, as the following score will show, the School were victorious:—

## RUGBY SCHOOL.—1st Innings.

F. Tobin mi., c and b Parnell.....	3
S. K. Gwyer, c Mostyn, b Parnell.....	22
W. Yardley, b Farrands.....	55
W. O. Moberly, c Parnell, b Farrands.....	11
F. Tobin ma., c Hearne, b Farrands.....	0
S. P. Bucknill, b Hearne.....	35
C. K. Francis, c Verelst, b Farrands.....	15
F. H. Maitland, b Farrands.....	14
J. W. Gardner, b Farrands.....	0
G. Fitzgerald, not out.....	6
J. R. Walker, run out.....	0
Byes 26, 1-b 5.....	31
Total.....	192

## M.C.C. AND GROUND.—1st Innings.

Capt. Currie, run out.....	0
Capt. Trevor, c Fitzgerald, b Walker.....	7
H. W. Verelst, c and b Walker.....	11
T. Hearne, c Fitzgerald, b Walker.....	35
C. J. Smith, b Walker.....	0
Capt. Parnell, c Fitzgerald, b Walker.....	16
E. H. Ellis, b Francis.....	6
Hon. H. Vivian, b Francis.....	21
Hon. R. Mostyn, b Francis.....	5
R. J. Ward, c and b Francis.....	8
F. Farrands, not out.....	3
Byes 5, 1-b 1, w 2.....	8
Total.....	120

UPPER TOOTING V. RUGBY SCHOOL.—This match was played on the ground of the former on July 27th, and notwithstanding the Tooting team was a very formidable one, the School succeeded in beating them by no less than 214 runs. Score:—

## RUGBY SCHOOL.—1st Innings.

F. Tobin mi., c Stewart, b Brodie.....	29
S. K. Gwyer, c Brodie, b Ratliff.....	38
W. Yardley, not out.....	150
F. Tobin ma., b Harper.....	6
W. O. Moberly, c Stewart, b Ratliff.....	2
S. P. Bucknill, run out.....	0
F. H. Maitland, c Baggally, b Ratliff.....	0
C. K. Francis, c Harper, b Baggally.....	12
J. W. Gardner, b Collyer.....	0
G. Fitzgerald, c Stewart, b Harper.....	51
J. R. Walker, c Stewart, b Baggally.....	19
Byes 3, 1-b 5, w 1.....	9
Total.....	316

## UPPER TOOTING.—1st Innings.

T. W. Baggally, b Francis.....	27
T. W. Buckmaster, c Tobin (mi.), b Francis	0
C. Stewart, run out.....	22
M. T. Martin, c Tobin (mi.), b Walker.....	5
H. V. Ellis, c Yardley, b Francis.....	8
W. R. Collyer, b Francis.....	9
N. Brodie, b Francis.....	3
A. Lee, b Francis.....	9
S. Harper, b Walker.....	8
C. Fryer, lbw, b Walker.....	0
T. Ratliff, not out.....	5
Byes 5, w 1.....	6
Total.....	102

KING'S WALDEN (WITH HUGHES AND WARNER) V. RUGBY SCHOOL.—On the 28th and 29th of July, in the beautiful park of C. C. Hale, Esq., King's Walden, two matches were played, both of them resulting in favour of the School, after very close and exciting finishes. The School, during their stay, were hospitably entertained by G. Hughes, Esq., at Offley. Score:—

## RUGBY SCHOOL.

1st Innings		2nd Innings.	
F. Tobin (mi.), c Warner, b		Hughes.....	0 absent, ill.....
Hughes.....	0	b Pauncefote.....	0
S. K. Gwyer, b Hughes.....	7	b Pauncefote.....	0
W. Yardley, c C. F. Reid, b			
Hughes.....	6	b Hughes.....	11
F. Tobin (ma.), run out.....	13	b Pauncefote.....	0
W. O. Moberly, c Hale, b			
Hughes.....	0	b Pauncefote.....	4
S. P. Bucknill, c G., b Hughes	6	b Pauncefote.....	0
C. K. Francis, c Hale, b Paun-			
cefote.....	28	c Lines, b Hughes	0
F. H. Maitland, c Lines, b			
Pauncefote.....	5	b Hughes.....	1
W. G. Fitzgerald, c Lines, b			
Pauncefote.....	11	c Lines, b Paunce-	
J. W. Gardner, lbw, b Hughes	0	fote.....	25
J. R. Walker, not out.....	0	c Pauncefote, b	
Hughes.....	11		
Extras.....	0	Bye 1, w 1.....	2
Total.....	78	Total.....	63

KING'S WALDEN.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Mr. Warner, b Francis	..... 2	c Bucknill	b Walker 0
Mr. Lines, c Moberly, b Francis	..... 0	b Walker	..... 2
W. H. Trower, run out	..... 0	run out	..... 14
B. Pauncefote, b Francis	..... 16	b Walker	..... 0
G. D. Baker, b Francis	..... 0	c & b Francis	..... 2
Mr. Hughes, c Moberly, b Walker	..... 0	b Francis	..... 0
G. Hughes, b Walker	..... 9	b Francis	..... 19
S. Reid, run out	..... 38	b Francis	..... 12
C. F. Reid, st Yardley, b Francis	..... 2	run out	..... 2
W. E. Bayliff, b Walker	..... 1	lbw, b Francis	..... 6
C. C. Hale, not out	..... 0	not out	..... 0
Bye 1, lb 2, w 1	..... 4	Byes 7, l-b 1	..... 8
Total	..... 72	Total	..... 65

For the information of Old Rugbeians, we may announce that the Rev. C. Elsee now has the house formerly presided over by the Rev. T. W. Jex Blake; also that the Rev. T. L. Papillon has been appointed to the vacant mastership, consequent on the removal of Mr. Jex Blake to Cheltenham.

A challenge, to play 20 a side, has been received by the Head of the School from the Richmond Club, and accepted on the condition, as usual, that the 20 be all Old Rugbeians.

We hear that in consequence of All Saints' Day this year falling on a Sunday, the sermon in behalf of the Fox Memorial Fund will be preached on Wednesday, the 28th inst. The sermon on this occasion will be preached by the Very Rev. E. M. Goulburn, Dean of Norwich. The Old Rugbeian match will be played on the same afternoon.

Football was commenced last Saturday under the most unfavourable circumstances, rain falling heavily nearly the whole day. Football ardour, however, was not to be quenched, and the game was renewed by all the houses.

The following cricketers have been promoted to the Twenty-Two this term:—Westfeldt, Benham, Isherwood, Buckland, Garrett, Wilson, Gilpin, Lushington, Tubb, Bassett, Sidgwick, Robertson, Macmillan.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We cannot be answerable for the opinions of our correspondents.

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*.

DEAR METEOR,—I must really begin by thanking your correspondent "Trebla" for so ably seconding me in my so-called attempt to transform the *Meteor* into "a polemical magazine;" but at the same time I must congratulate myself on the *partial* success at least of my letter, as "Trebla" has, on this

occasion, brought himself down from his high-flown "Trifle Time" style, to argue the point in plain English.

I fear, however, that I cannot allow him to be altogether consistent, even in this letter, and I admit that it does seem absurdly strange to me that this "Patriotism pure and simple," which he now tells us inspired his effusion, should consist—as he owns in his former letter—in "infecting the School with *delirium tremens*, induced by the drugged alcohol of his democratic infatuation." I—poor, ignorant Scrutator—confess that I do not know what this last sentence means, but I am sure that I never yet heard it used as a synonym for patriotism.

I will not again allude to the subject of the letter,—not because I flinch from the raking broadsides of his scathing sarcasms,—on the contrary I rather enjoy them, as showing "my very small shot" have not been wholly without effect upon his equanimity,—but because I do not consider it necessary, having already given you my opinion on the subject.

I need, therefore, add nothing more, being unwilling to furnish "Trebla" with a handle for further rallery, and because I am sure no one would thank me, were I to damp the enthusiasm of such an ardent Rugbeian as he represents himself to be. And I add that I shall not write again on the subject.

I am, yours &c., SCRUTATOR.

[We must ask "Scrutator" what has caused him to suppose that "Trebla" and "Trifle-Time" are identical? Even if they were, "Scrutator" has no right, seeing they are written under different *noms-de-plume*, to confute his opponent by quotations from the other.—ED.]

To the Editor of the *Meteor*.

DEAR SIR,—It seems to me that swimming and diving might very easily and very advantageously be encouraged to a greater extent than they are at present. On their value as healthy and agreeable sports, I need not enlarge: but it seems to me (as an outsider who knows a little of your great School) that it would be a good thing—and a great boon—if those who have started in the School swimming and diving were to be allowed to bathe at Swifts, without a Sixth fellow being with them. I understand that, unless you have Sixth fellows who bathe frequently in the house, it is difficult to get taken down, and I know instances at this moment of boys who have been deprived of proper practice for the race by this very

accident, and who are really fond of bathing—at respectable places. If few take advantage of it, the inconvenience or loss of peculiar privilege to the Sixth will be inconsiderable; if many, it is evident that some encouragement is necessary—if too many, some limitation again might be made—but at present I do think it is hard on a boy who has done well one year in the race to be prevented from practising next year because he cannot get a Sixth fellow to take him down.

Apologizing for troubling you, I remain,  
ETONENSIS.

*To the Editor of the Meteor.*

SIR,—During the past week certain “demonstrations” in Reynolds’s field have reminded us that the Football Season is at hand. A word or two, perhaps, on this subject may not, then, be out of place. In the VIth Match all caps follow up, but not so in the O. R. A selection is made, so many from each house, the number varying according as the house is strong or weak. Now, sir, is not this unfair? Last year a “Cap” who was “honourably mentioned” in the account of the VIth Match, did not follow up in the O. R. because he stood low on the roll of his House Caps, he being a “this year’s” in a strong House. Could not this obvious wrong be rectified by giving power to the Football Committee to draw up a proper list of those who have to follow up? May I take this opportunity, Sir, of asking whether the Committee are going to publish a new edition of the Rules. At present the majority of fellows have an indistinct idea that there are some new Rules, but there their knowledge ends. Umpires, too, would, I think, be glad of a “Blackstone” to fall back on.

Your most obt. Servt., D.O.R.K.

*To the Editor of the Meteor.*

SIR,—It was with much surprise, that, immediately on the assembling of the School, we heard that a Marker was engaged for the Racquet Court, an improvement which we have long desired to see effected. The first idea that struck us was that the Committee appointed for reconstituting the Racquet Court arrangements had come to the determination of engaging a Marker at the end of last term, and that the business which invariably prevails at the end of the term (especially at Midsummer) had prevented our hearing of it at the time. But, however, on appealing to some members of the old

Committee, we were astonished to find that the only two out of the four that we were able to consult were unaware that any such measure had been passed, although mooted—and were quite as much if not more astonished than ourselves (almost an impossibility) at hearing the fact. Such being the case we began to praise the laudable exertions of the new Committee, as we imagined, though we had not heard of the appointment of such a body; but still greater was our surprise at finding on closer enquiry, that not only was no such body yet in existence, but that the engagement had taken place and the keys actually demanded by the marker between the breaking up of the School last term and its reassembling this, or in other words during the Vacation!!

May we now be permitted to ask a few questions in connection with the above: 1. If it be known by whose authority a marker was engaged? 2. If either the resigning or the future heads of the School, or the two combined, have the power of making any such engagement during the vacation, such being the only remaining sources from which we can imagine this engagement to have emanated? 3. Whether any such engagement on the part, even of a Head of the School actually in office, does not need the sanction either of a committee appointed by Big-Side Levee and thereby representing it, or of Big-Side Levee itself?

We could ask many more questions on the subject, but have already proceeded further than we originally intended. We cannot help, however, remarking on the injustice done to Diver in the sudden and unexpected blow dealt to him so unceremoniously, in the omission on the part of the author or authors of the engagement, of a regular notice. But as the fact of its being an injustice seems to be universally felt amongst Old and Present Rugbeians, we can have no doubt that full justice will eventually be done.

With fears that the engagement of the marker, as it now appears, is questionable, to say the least of it, in a constitutional point of view, and with hopes that all will be soon satisfactorily explained and arranged, we are, Sir, yours, anxiously expecting an answer,

F.R.A. (TRES CONSCRIPTI).

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

“666.” Next Term will be more seasonable for your suggestion.—“Justitia.” We are afraid of ill-feeling arising from your letter, and prefer keeping silence on the subject.—“K.T.L.” Your proposal has been made before, but never met with approval.