

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.