

this privilege is, by the force of public opinion, not extended to all.

If a fellow has been high in the School, or if he has been in any way athletically distinguished, we see his face often afterwards, and are very glad to see it. But if he has been nameless and unknown, he either never dares to return, or should he venture, he is too often regarded coldly and askance, and his conduct is considered arrogant and assuming. "Jones here!" they say. "Did you see Jones swelling about?" "I saw him with a loud tie and a cane!" "Why, he didn't even get his blue riband!" Poor Jones! If he had only been in the XXII., or had his cap, he might have been the vulgarest beast on earth, and his reappearance would have passed unchallenged; nay these very critics might possibly have felt for him a sneaking and a snobbish admiration.

I speak strongly, Sir, for I feel strongly. I have heard such remarks made, and every fibre in me has been jarred by their meanness and vulgarity. With the greatest regard for the unquestioned superiority of the VI., and with a distant and respectful admiration for the heroes of cricket and football, I cannot but feel that Rugby owes a deep debt of loving and grateful remembrance to that still larger number of bright, brave, honest, and kindly fellows who leave us without acquiring any distinction, who by their merits and their patriotism have helped to make us what we are, and yet who are not considered worthy to revisit us after their departure.

It is idle to tell me that I am dilating upon an imaginary grievance. I know what I am talking about. There may be many, I hope there are many, high up in the school, who have never shared this prejudice, or even who do not know of its existence. But it exists for all that, and produces its baneful effect. Time after time I have asked some nameless superannuated Lower Middle,—who, for all his obscurity, was a far more creditable Rugbeian than many a cap or many a blue ribbon,—when we should see him here again. The invariable response has been this; "Oh, sometime in a year or two, *when most of the fellows I know have gone.*" That answer, sir, has made me gnash my teeth; for what does it mean? It means that he is debarred by a fear of ridicule and contempt

from returning to the place where so many bright associations are centred, until after the friends with whom he lived are gone away, and the place has become cold and strange to him.

It may be said, lastly, that this prejudice, though irrational and mischievous, is a matter of sentiment; and that a sentiment cannot be affected by a letter in the *Meteor*. I do not believe it. I write to you, sir, because I am sure that there are many who do not share this sentiment; many more who, perhaps, do not know of it, and would resist it as it deserves; many more, again, who have only acquiesced in it, because they have never reflected on its utter baseness. But whether successful or not, I, for one, have no choice but to raise my voice against it.

Believe me, Sir, yours truly,

COSMOPOLITAN.

To the Editor of the Meteor.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—May I ask why no accounts of Football Matches—save the Old Rugbeians—have appeared in *Bell's Life* and the *Field* this season? I perceive that *Land and Water* is represented at Rugby, why not the papers above mentioned?

Yours faithfully,

PHILORUGBY.

Oxford, Nov. 2, 1868.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Cap."—Rule 28 has been practically annulled, as far as House Matches are concerned.

"Not in the Town."—He is partly to blame and you are partly to blame, but your letter is below our standard.

BATTING AVERAGES OF THE ELEVEN FOR THE SEASON, 1868.
(THE WHOLE YEAR.)

Names.	Matches.	Innings.	Runs.	Most in an Innings.	Most in a Match.	Average per Innings.	Over.	Times not out.	Least in a Match.
S. P. BUCKNILL	21	28	395	70	90	14 ..	3	2	0
W. YARDLEY	21	27	837	150*	150*	30 ..	0	3	1
F. TOBIN, ma.	20	28	554	107	107	19 ..	22	1	0
V. ELLIS	9	10	62	23	23	6 ..	2	4	0
J. T. SOUTTER	14	18	355	70*	70*	19 .	13	2	2
F. TOBIN, mi.....	16	21	300	54	54	14 ..	6	1	1
C. K. FRANCIS	22	32	402	65	65	12 ..	18	0	1
S. K. GWYER	22	31	455	50	79	14 ..	21	0	1
J. R. WALKER	21	22	154	19	19	7 ..	0	7	0
F. H. MAITLAND	18	24	217	30	40	9 ..	1	2	0
W. O. MOBERLY.....	14	22	330	50	53	15 ..	0	0	0
J. W. GARDNER.....	20	24	205	39*	39*	8 ..	13	5	0
J. V. FITZGERALD	12	16	219	51	51	13 ..	11	3	0

FOREIGN MATCHES ONLY.

Names.	Innings.	Runs.	Most in a Match.	Times not out.	Average per Innings.	Over.
S. P. BUCKNILL	18	220	49	0	12 ..	4
W. YARDLEY.....	18	600	150*	1	35 ..	5
F. TOBIN, ma.....	18	318	107	0	17 ..	12
J. T. SOUTTER.....	10	221	59	0	22 ..	1
V. ELLIS	5	18	8*	3	9 ..	0
F. TOBIN, mi.	13	223	51	0	17 ..	2
C. K. FRANCIS	18	240	37	0	13 ..	6
S. K. GWYER	19	299	45	0	15 ..	14
J. R. WALKER	19	79	19	6	6 ..	1
F. H. MAITLAND	17	103	17*	2	6 ..	13
J. W. GARDNER	18	121	39*	5	9 ..	4
W. O. MOBERLY	11	162	45	0	14 ..	8
J. V. FITZGERALD	8	112	51	2	18 ..	4

RESULTS OF MATCHES.

The School v. Crusaders :—
 School 213
 Crusaders (3 wickets down) 90

The School v. University College, Oxford :—
 School 124
 University College 151
 The School v. Rugby Club :—
 School (No wickets down 2nd innings)..... 96 7
 Club 77 25