

HUTCHINSONS' v. MOBERLY'S, Nov. 9th.—Moberly's won the toss, and took the School goal, with a slight wind in their favour. After kicking off Hutchinson's panned closely and continued to do so throughout. During the first half hour they made their adversaries touch it down several times, and then touched the ball down in a scrummage on the Goal line. Isherwood tried it, but unsuccessfully. Moberly's now had to touch it down again, and after the take-out Wilson made two good drops at goal. Shortly after Lake touched the ball down, and though it was not far out of touch, Isherwood kicked a fine goal. After the Goals had been changed Hutchinson's again panned, making them touch it down twice. Shortly before "No side" was called, Mackinlay made a good drop at Goal. For Hutchinson's, Gwyer, Isherwood, and Sidebotham, forward, Boyd and Parton (Wilson's, for Gordon) half-back, and Mackinlay, back, were most conspicuous. For Moberly's Cholmondeley (School House, for Garrett) forward, King, half-back, and Harrison, back, played well.

THE SCHOOL v. G. A. THOROLD'S TWENTY.—This match was played on Saturday, Nov. 14th, and excited great interest. The School had the School goal and kick-off, and for long the match seemed anyone's. At last the School got a touch-down and a try for goal, from a splendid run-in by Tobin. This was tried by Isherwood without success. After this the Old Rugbeians played up with great energy, and got two touches-down and a try at goal, also unsuccessful, and after this time a drizzling rain came on which did not permit of much but forward play. For the Old Rugbeians, Thorold, Cordery, and Davenport, perhaps, did best service, whilst for the School the half-back play of Tobin and Moberly excited loud and frequent applause. The Twenties were as follows:—

OLD RUGBEIANS.—G. A. Thorold (Captain), A. Cordery, H. S. Theobald, A. Davenport, J. G. Crowdy, H. H. Johnston, J. Graham, A. W. Rowden, S. P. Bucknill, W. Yardley, S. Haslam, F. S. Gwatkin, J. T. Soutter, W. D. Allen, W. C. Lucy, G. C. Roupell, W. C. Crofts, G. Thornber, and Messrs. Bullock and Phillipotts.

THE SCHOOL.—A. B. Haslam (Captain), W. O. Moberly, F. Cholmondeley, S. Garrett, A. Gray, F. Tobin, J. Mackinlay, E. H. Warner, E. S. Ormerod, E. Morris, J. Dugdale, C. K. Francis, W. E. Kough, C. E. Sidebotham, F. W. Isherwood, S. Gwyer, J. Peake, E. Peel, A. Reynolds, A. Hudson, and R. Dudgeon (21).

SCHOOL HOUSE v. HUTCHINSON'S.—This match was begun on Monday last, and after a very hard struggle, the School House obtained one punt out and two touches down. Play will be continued some day this week.

## 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*.

SIR,—It is unjust to let "Cosmopolitan's" last effusion pass unchallenged. Whatever may have been the merits of the attack made on the "Hat" system by your correspondent, it appears to me right in this case to take up the glove in defence of a large, and in my opinion, the most important section of the School.

"Cosmopolitan" has had great experience of Rugby life—six years at School, and nine years since: I can but boast of five years spent at Rugby. Nevertheless it is my hope that from these five years' experience I may say something to abolish any feelings of sympathy with "Cosmopolitan," which may have found room in the minds of any of your readers since the publication of his letter.

First of all then, let me assert (although he says it is idle to tell him so) that he is dilating on an imaginary grievance. And I say this, accompanying it by the remark, that this prejudice in favour of Old Rugbeians who have attained distinctions, is a sentiment, and moreover a sentiment which can be very little altered by a letter to the *Meteor*.

Nextly, the welcome given to Old Rugbeians when they come back, is given to all who are worthy of it: and is not given to those unworthy of it. You cannot expect a person to give a most hearty welcome to another, in whom he can see very few good points. Now the proportion of fellows who leave unknown or low in the School, who are "bright, brave, honest and kindly" I am sure is very small: and the proportion of fellows who leave distinguished in School or in games, who have some or many good qualities to recommend them, is very large.

Lastly—with reference to the former of my two last assertions, I believe that Rugby some how or other always manages to distinguish merit. Down to the Lower Middles if a fellow is gentlemanly out of School, and honest in his form, he invariably becomes known in his house as such, and will never meet with a cold reception when he returns an Old Rugbeian. Now with reference to the second of those assertions. It

is certain that both excellence in the School and excellence in the Close are conducive to the formation of a gentleman in more senses than one. Thus it happens that rarely you find a vulgar fellow in the Eleven. I am glad to say he is a rarity. But when such a fellow returns as an Old Rugbeian, with whatever sneakish and snobbish admiration he may be looked up to by the typical Lower Middle, who cannot discern his unworthiness, he is nearly always truly estimated by a far more important sect, the swells in School and in games, who, while they acknowledge the cricketer, regret the absence of the gentleman. Such a one, too, when absent, does not come in for the snobbish admiration of succeeding generations: however great a cricketer, if he has been the promoter of immorality he drops away from the recollection of his house, and his name is not handed down in their traditions, as one of the heroes of Rugby.

I, too, feel strongly on this point. I am anxious to maintain that, although there are a few exceptions on both sides, yet on the whole characters are generally rightly estimated here.

It is absurd that the public should be reprimanded because they have not fraternized with and admired fellows whom "Cosmopolitan" knows to be "bright, brave, honest, and kindly," if those fellows during their School career have put these excellent qualities under a bushel, and presented to society only those of a vulgar and uncouth school-boy.

"SCOTUS."

*To the Editor of the Meteor.*

SIR,—In justice to myself and the fellow who went hare with me in the Big-Side Barby Hill Run a few weeks ago, I hope you will allow me to make a few remarks in answer to "Query." As to the quickness of the time in which that run was accomplished, it is not of course for me to say anything, except that the run was correctly timed by two or three fellows, and there could therefore be no mistake. As to the fact that both hares ran rather fast, I do not see that there is any cause for surprise, especially as the time of the second hare, though above the average, has been beaten more than once. It remains for me only to enlighten "Query" on one more point, namely, the course of the run. On the occasion in question the way taken by the hares was exactly that described in the book of Big-Side Runs, written

by L. N. Prance in 1858, and which has not been altered since, except inasmuch as it has been lengthened by the come-in being put nearer home, viz., at Dunchurch Toll-bar, instead of at the Lodge in Hibbert's Park. Hoping that this will satisfy "Query."

I remain, yours, &c.,

A. SCOTT.

*To the Editor of the Meteor.*

SIR,—As you ask me a plain question I will answer plainly that I never for one moment supposed "Trebla" and "Trifle-time" to be identical, nor do I think that you can draw this conclusion from my letter. A certain similarity (perhaps not unintentional) between their manners of writing, made me denominate "Trebla's" "a Trifle-time style," but that does not necessarily imply that the writers were one and the same, any more than a prize poem, because written in Spenserian metre, ought therefore to be attributed to Spenser as an author. And if you will take the trouble to consult the letters once more, you will find I think that all the quotations by which I try to confute "Trebla" are taken from his own letters, and *not* from that of "Trifle-time."

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

SCRUTATOR.

[We apologize for not inserting this letter in our last number, but having laid it aside for reconsideration, it was accidentally omitted. Your explanation is quite clear and just, and our conclusion was perhaps somewhat hasty.—Ed. *Meteor*.]

*To the Editor of the Meteor.*

SIR,—Cannot Rugby School establish and maintain an Architectural Society? The subject is extremely interesting, and, compared with many other sciences, easy; whilst examples, or materials for study, may be found in any civilized country in the world.

I am, Sir, yours truly,

A BRICK.

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Accuracy."—Thank you for your suggestion.

"A. Y. Z."—Too late for insertion.

ERRATUM IN OUR LAST.—In page 1, for "J. Farr Johnson, Scholar, &c." read "J. Farr, Johnson Exhibitioner, &c."