

thick fog and drizzling rain. The match took place on the 4th of December. Score:—

THE SCHOOL.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Tls.
Captain Tobin . . .	2 3 8 3—14	3 4 3 3 3—16	30
Col.-Sgt. Humphry	2 3 3 0 3—11	3 0 2 3 4—12	23
Sergeant Penrose..	4 2 2 4 3—15	4 3 3 3 4—17	32
Crpl. Stuart Wortley	3 3 3 2 3—14	3 3 4 0 0—10	24
Corporal Chaplin ..	3 3 2 2 2—12	3 3 2 2 2—12	24
Lance-Corpl. Peel..	2 2 2 3 3—12	0 3 4 3 3—13	25
" " Gobham	3 2 2 2 2—11	3 0 0 0 0—3	14
Private Courtenay..	2 3 0 2 3—10	0 0 3 3 0—6	16
" " Lawson....	3 3 2 3 3—14	0 0 3 4 0—7	21
" " Tubb .....	0 2 4 4 3—13	0 0 0 3 4—7	20
" " Emson .....	0 2 0 2 0—4	0 0 0 0 0—0	4
Totals.....	130	103	233

MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Tls.
Ensign Yeatman ..	3 2 2 3 3—13	2 3 2 0 0—7	20
Corpl. Jeffreys ....	2 3 3 3 0—11	3 3 4 3 3—16	27
Private Dalton ....	2 3 2 2 2—11	0 0 2 3 2—7	18
" " Edwards ..	3 2 3 3 0—11	0 0 3 2 3—8	19
L.-Corpl. Coates ...	2 2 3 2 4—13	3 0 2 3 4—12	25
Private Almaack....	2 0 4 2 2—10	0 0 0 0 0—0	10
" " Vernon....	0 2 2 2 2—6	2 4 3 0 0—9	15
" " Fenwick ..	2 3 2 3 3—13	2 0 0 0 4—6	19
" " Brown ....	3 3 3 3 0—9	3 0 3 3 0—9	18
Sgt.-Mjr. Edgeworth	3 4 3 2 3—15	0 0 0 3 3—6	21
Bugler Bailly .....	4 2 3 2 3—14	3 3 0 3 3—12	26
Totals.....	126	92	218
* Substitutes.			

On Saturday, December 5th, the election for the School Officer took place in Big School. Sergeant Humphry was chosen to succeed Captain Tobin by a large majority. The announcement of the final state of the poll gave universal satisfaction, and most enthusiastic cheers were given for the late Captain, as also for the new officer and Capt. Philpotts.

OLD RUGBEIAN OBITUARY.

We regret to announce the death of an Old Rugbeian, Cracroft Wilson, formerly a member of the Rev. C. T. Arnold's house. While crossing a river in New Zealand, a friend, who was travelling with him, was carried away by the stream, and Wilson, in trying to save him, was drowned.

The School concert will begin at 7.30 to-morrow evening (Wednesday) instead of 8 o'clock, as on previous occasions.

The principal feature of the sacred portion of the Concert will be Spohr's cxxviiiith Psalm, besides some Christmas anthems, &c.

THE Fencing Prize at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, has again been carried off by E. Dickenson, formerly of Mr. Bowden Smith's house.

FOOTBALL.

SCHOOL HOUSE v. HUTCHINSON'S, Nov. 23rd.

—The School House won the toss and took the Island goal. Hutchinson's therefore had kick-off, and secured a decided advantage thereby, but the match was very equal in penning, though the School House secured a punt-out and one touch down.

Nov. 28.—The School House had kick-off, and, making good use of it, kept the ball for the whole match on the School side of the Three Trees, though they only managed to get two touches down.

Dec. 3.—The School House immediately took the ball to the School side of the Three Trees and kept it there throughout, obtaining a try at goal, unsuccessfully kicked by Sidgwick, ma., and four touches down.

For the School House Westfeldt, ma., whether in person or through his substitutes, (Francis 1st day, Reynolds 2nd Day), played well throughout. We also noticed Moberly, Cholmondeley, Hudson and Morris.—For Hutchinson's, Sidebotham, Gwyer, Isherwood, Eddis, and Boyd, played very well.

HUTCHINSON'S v. ELSEE'S.—This match, for "Second House," was begun December 5th. Elsee's winning the toss chose the Island goal, in favour of which was a strong wind. Hutchinson's gained considerably by the kick off, but after the first scrummage Gardner made a good run to the Barby-road side. Elsee's now penned considerably, and though Hutchinson's forwards, after some time, got into the middle of the ground again, Tobin ma., by a splendid run, nearly got in on the Chapel side; and immediately after, Gray touched the ball down in goal. It was, however, too near touch to be punted out, and fell in touch-in-goal, where it was again driven soon after the take-out. A fine run of Mackinlay's alone saved Hutchinson's from touching it down again. After this, by some fine forward play, they got as far as the Three Trees, where "No side" was called. For Elsee's Tobin ma. and Gardner (Bowden Smith's, for Tinkler) half-back, Gray, Reynolds, and Sidgwick (S. H. for Dugdale) forward; and for Hutchinson's Gwyer, Isherwood, and Eddis forward, Boyd half-back, and Mackinlay back played best. Parton (Wilson's) played half-back for Gordon, Ralli for Bassett, and Weston for Warner.

This match was continued December 7th. After Elsee's kick-off, the ball was soon

taken on a line with the Three Trees, but by the good play of Tobin and Gardner, it was again brought near the School goal. Here the scrummage became loose, and Gwyer, who was playing quarter-back, made a very fine dribble to the island side of the Three Trees. Tobin soon after, by a fine run, would have got in had he not been overtaken by Parton. Hutchinson's now drove the ball past the Three Trees to the slope, where it remained some time; and though Gardner made a good run to the 25-yards post on that side, their superior forward play enabled them to work the ball back to the slope, and thence in front of Elsee's goal, when Parton, by a clever drop, gained a goal for his side. Only five minutes remaining, Elsee's kicked off again, but the ball had been driven to the Three Trees before the match was ended. For Hutchinson's Parton and Boyd half-back, Gwyer quarter-back, Sidebotham, Ogilvie ma., and Eddis forward, played best; and for Elsee's, Tobin ma. and Gardner half-back, Gray and Sidgwick forward, distinguished themselves. It was decided by the Committee that the match should be continued on Wednesday, the 9th, but the illness of no less than seven of their Caps preventing Elsee's from playing, they thought it advisable to resign their claims to any further play. Hutchinson's were, therefore, decided to be "Second House."

**BOWDEN SMITH'S v. MOBERLY'S.**—Moberly's won the toss and took the island goal. Bowden Smith's kicked off, and from that time till "no side" was called, penned their adversaries throughout. Early in the game Gardner ran in between the posts, but the try at goal which followed was unsuccessful. Bowden Smith's also had another try and made their adversaries touch the ball down twice. For Bowden Smith's Macmillan, Gardner, Kough, and Baring played well. For Moberly's Garrett, Crossley, and Harrison were most conspicuous.

### THE TWO HOUSES.

The following is a list of the Two Houses since 1854, at which time, we believe, the School House ceased to play the School. We shall be happy if any reader can supply deficiencies or correct mistakes:—

1854. { Rev. R. B. Mayor's,  
      { J. C. Shairp's, Esq.  
      The Two Houses won.

1855. } No record: The Rev. P. B.  
1856. } Smith's was one of the  
      } Houses in 1856.  
1857. { School House,  
      } Rev. G. G. Bradley's.  
      Two Houses kicked a goal.  
1858. { School House,  
      } Rev. C. Evans'.  
Won by the Two Houses by a goal and try.  
1859. 1 { Rev. T. W. Jex Blake's,  
      } Rev. C. Evans'.  
Won by the School by 1 punt-out and 8  
      touches down to 0.  
1860. 1 Rev. C. Evans'.  
      2 Rev. R. B. Mayor's.  
No detailed record; the School had the  
      advantage.  
1861. 1 { School House,  
      } Rev. C. T. Arnold's.  
      No account: the School won.  
1862. 1 Rev. L. F. Burrows',  
      2 Rev. C. E. Moberly's.  
      School won; 2 tries, etc.  
1863. 1 { School House,  
      } Rev. T. W. Jex Blake's.  
      Two Houses kicked a goal.  
1864. 1 School House,  
      2 Rev. T. W. Jex Blake's.  
      No match.  
1865. 1 School House,  
      2 Rev. T. W. Jex Blake's.  
      School got a goal.  
1866. 1 { Rev. C. T. Arnold's,  
      } Rev. C. B. Hutchinson's.  
Ground very bad. School had the advantage.  
1867. 1 School House,  
      2 Rev. T. W. Jex Blake's.  
Ground very bad. School obtained 1 punt-  
      out and 3 touches down.

### 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 SIR,—I was glad to see in a recent copy of your valuable paper a hint to the committee to revise and republish the existing book of football rules, and in prospect of their doing so, it would be well if the present custom regarding substitutes in House Matches were thoroughly investigated, and the conclusion come to inserted amongst the other rules. I am perfectly conscious that I am approaching dangerous ground, in pro-