



# The Meteor.

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A change is needed in the *Meteor*: it is so intensely Rugbeian, that outside the small circle of ourselves and Old Rugbeians, there are very few people whom it interests, and indeed the reason why fellows in the School buy it, is often to see their own names in print, as having made a good run, or a good score on Big-Side; and so they send the *Meteor* home for their people to see—perhaps with the paragraph marked at the side, in which their own name figures; and then when their parents have read the line about their son, they naturally look into the rest of the paper, hoping to find something to amuse them, for I am sure with the world at large, schoolboys are thought to be amusing. They may perhaps see a whole page about hats for new fellows, but now that their son is no longer a new fellow, and they no longer have any interest in the number of hats he wears out, they do not care at all about it; or again, who but an anxious mother who objects to her son running on an empty stomach, cares whether we run for our fives courts before or after dinner. I remember, too, when at home showing the *Meteor* to a lady, and she read it for a few minutes, and I was beginning to think that she was appreciating it, when suddenly she threw it down and pronounced it to be very slow, for she said,—what did she care whether the School House beat Hutchinson's or Hutchinson's the School House. This is, I am afraid, only too true, and we should do well to imitate our Contemporaries at Marlborough, and put in something that would be interesting to everybody. Surely we do not lack material in the School, —the spirited eloquence of the Debating

Society directly refutes this charge, but somehow there is a lack of help shewn to us by the School in general, which it is hoped will soon be otherwise.

SLOWLY but surely are the farmers enclosing us in their toils. House Paper Chases have already fallen before them, and to such a pitch has their audacity come that they have actually dared to restrict the august proceedings of Big-Side itself. Already we are driven one mile from the town, and possibly our relentless enemies will not even be satisfied with this concession, and Rugby Paper-Chases, now looked on with envious admiration by the whole of the outer world, though handed down to undying renown in the immortal pages of "Tom Brown's School-days," may become a thing of the past.

Nor is this our only institution that is threatened. Let "Radical" and his Myrmidons triumph! A blow has been struck at the existence of Big-Side Levée: its decision has been referred to a higher tribunal. No doubt in this particular case the course taken was perfectly sensible and justifiable, but the precedent is dangerous. Let us at all events not lose our Big-Side Levée till we have found an efficient substitute for it; and no scheme as yet suggested can altogether be pronounced a decided improvement.

## DEBATING SOCIETY.

We are glad to announce the formation, in accordance with the suggestion of the