

FOOTBALL.

RICHMOND CLUB v. 15 OF RUGBY SCHOOL.

This match was played on Richmond Green on Monday, the 11th of January, and from the memorable match last term attracted an unusually large attendance. The weather, fortunately, was fine. The match commenced at three o'clock, Rugby, who lost the toss, occupying the Station Goal. After playing for ten minutes, without any advantage on either side, the ball was carried, by a good run on the part of Badger (who at this period of the game was unfortunately disabled and obliged to leave the field), up to the Richmond Goal, where it was finally touched down between the posts by Gray, who attempted the try himself but was unequal to the occasion, the ball wanting both height and direction. The superior weight of Richmond now drove the School back to their own goal, and a maul was the result in favour of the School, aided by W. Mackinlay, who, though not an O.R., was fortunately "all there" to lend us his valuable assistance. Holmes and E. Rutter now made some dashing runs for Richmond, which however did not meet with the success they deserved, owing to the good tackling on the part of the School backs,—Benham and the brothers Mackinlay. Twice the School were obliged to touch it down, owing to the brilliant drops of E. Rutter and Emanuel, which justly deserved the applause they gained.

When "No side" was called, Rugby had gained the advantage by one "try" and a touch-down to three touches-down. This was one of the most evenly contested matches played on Richmond Green this season. For Richmond, Holmes (back), E. Rutter (back), Harper (back), Lambert, Turner, A. Rutter, and Weber, deserved the highest praise. For the School, Benham, the two Mackinlays (backs), Moberly, Kough, Gray (forwards), principally distinguished themselves. The following is a list of the two sides:—

The School: W. Mackinlay, J. E. H. Mackinlay, E. A. R. Benham (backs), H. W. Badger, C. K. Francis (half-backs), W. O. Moberly, A. Gray, W. E. Kough, E. H. Eddis, G. O. Unna, T. J. Paine, A. W. Seton, E. Cant, W. Johnson, and J. C. Anderson.

Richmond: E. C. Holmes (Captain), E. Rutter, S. Harper (backs), A. G. Guillebard, and H. Emanuel (half-backs), A. Rutter,

with ready voice and 'cello, to assist the body over which he had so ably presided. There can be little doubt that all the praise that is ever lavished on M. Costa for power of control, is in like manner due to Herr Petterson, whose *bâton* controls and conducts such a varied body of amateurs, and, in spite of the absence of the clarionet, succeeds in obtaining an *encore*. Another O.R. very opportunely tendered his services, namely, Mr. G. E. Steward, whose singing of "The Ruby" gave great satisfaction. Massinghi's trio "The Wreath," sung with good taste by the good voices of Messrs. Anstice, Grisewood, and Thornton, obtained also a well-merited *encore*. After the choral trio "Haste, gentle shepherd," Mr. Anstice came forward and sang Purcell's "Come unto these yellow sands," and his careful, though easy singing, was honoured with the *encore* that he has never yet failed to win. We much fear, from reports that have reached us, that we have heard Mr. Anstice as a *soprano* for the last time; but can safely say that the School has scarcely ever produced a singer who has given us so much pleasure as, from his first appearance in "*Toujours gai*," to his last and most agreeable performance, we have experienced in listening to Mr. Anstice. Macfarren's difficult and somewhat crabbed part-song, "The Hunt's up," was next sung, without accompaniment, very creditably. Then followed the *Carmen Feriale*; and the *Vive la Compagnie*, sung with great spirit and clearness by Mr. Gray, closed a Concert which we hope it will in some measure requite those whose unwearying efforts are spent in its preparation to pronounce the most successful we have heard in Big School for some time past.

HOUSE NEWS.

J. M. WILSON'S, ESQ.—This House had a house-run,—the Clifton and Hillmorton,—on Tuesday, January 26th. Bulpett ma. and Steel went hares, doing it in good time. Of the hounds, Scott came in first, Adamson and Langford being a good second and third.

REV. C. B. HUTCHINSON'S.—On Monday, Jan. 25th, we had the Bilton as our first House-Run of the Term. Lake and Gwyer went hares, and did the distance in 40 mins. Hallsworth came in first of the hounds in 45 minutes, with Cobbold close behind him. Twenty-one came in out of 23 starters.

C. Tomkins, D. Turner, — Richards, G. Hamilton, J. C. Lambert, Weber, Christopher, and Giles.

THE TWO COCK HOUSE MATCH.

[BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

I cannot but feel that this Match, played on December 16th, 1868, would have been a fitter theme for Homer than for a Special Correspondent like myself. The scrummages did not present that close-compact struggle of mere weight which we sometimes see in smaller matches; but they were made up of distinct groups of combatants, all hard at work in that quarter where their weight seemed most needed, affording to the mere looker-on a spectacle of much more varied interest. Had I then the pen of a Homer, I might perhaps hope to put before my readers a few of the many brilliant exploits that grouped themselves round that hard-used ball. I might tell how the invincible son of Brown with well-leathered toe inflicted dire destruction on the wind-swift shin of mighty Jones, while cheering on his men with vast clamour; or how Robinson out-sprang from the crowd, and would have struck the ball in close encounter, but could not pass the fence of serried shins, and in mighty overthrow fell tower-like on the plain. As it is, however, I must confine myself to the plain Newspaper facts. The day was most favourable, and an unusual number of Old Rugbeians turned up from those four winds of theirs to do battle on either side. Yes, and many a young lady with all her charms might well be jealous of the attractions of that ugly brown ball which can gather so many stalwart admirers around her. But this in passing. The Two Houses had the best of it throughout, except very occasionally when the School got their superior weight to tell. By good forward play, assisted by the runs of Henderson and the other back-players, the ball was brought down close to the School goal, and Field (O.R.) eventually got the ball, and scored the first run-in for the Two Houses. The "try" was missed, but this only stimulated the Houses to still greater efforts, and they drove the ball in again by sheer forward play. Their champion, Isherwood, was equal to the occasion, and a splendid goal was kicked amid hearty cheers from the School House and Hutchinson's. Nothing further decisive was done, so when No-side was called the

Two Houses were left masters of the field for the first time since 1863. In those huge scrummages some of the best play was necessarily hidden from view, but there was one O.R. named Soutter who seemed inseparable from the ball, and whatever the scrumage these two might invariably be seen forcing their way through together.

Dissyllables v. The School was the first Big-Side, in which the former gained the advantage by two tries and one punt-out to one try for the latter; neither side, however, succeeded in obtaining a goal. For the Dissyllables, Warner and Hudson, and for The School, Yule (O.R.) and Kough, played well.

The next Big-Side was played on January 30th, when Dissyllables v. The School was again gone on with, but this time all in favour of the School, who quickly scored two goals,—one from a drop by King, the other from a place by Isherwood, from a run-in by Cholmondeley. As this Big-Side was so soon finished Barby v. Hillmorton was begun, but this again was one-sided, and two goals were quickly scored for Hillmorton by Sidgwick ma. Another Big-Side now commenced—A to M v. The School, and when "No side" was called A to M had scored one goal and a try. Ogilvie ma, Peel and Garrett, played well throughout.

SCHOOL HOUSE.—This house played the Rev. C. Elsee's, Below Caps, on Saturday morning, January 23rd, and gained an easy victory, obtaining a goal in less than a quarter of an hour, which was followed by two others. They also made three unsuccessful tries.

BELOW CAPS.—BOWDEN SMITH'S v. HUTCHINSON'S.—This match took place in Reynolds's field, on Saturday, January 30th. Hutchinson's kicked off, but Bowden Smith's soon brought the ball back to their goal, where it was kept during the greater part of the game, Bowden Smith's eventually winning by a try and several touches-down to one touch-down gained by Hutchinson's.

J. M. WILSON'S, ESQ.—This House have had two Below Caps this term. The first on Jan. 21st, v. Bowden Smith's, resulting, though very slightly, in favour of the latter. Bowden Smith's obtained a goal and a touch-down, and Wilson's a try, a punt-out, and five touches-down. The second was on Jan. 23rd, v. Moberly's. Wilson's obtained a goal, a try, and a punt-out, whereas Moberly's only got three touches-down. In both these

below caps Moss (half-back), Brocklehurst (back), Campbell, and Langford distinguished themselves.

It was settled at a Levée of Caps that all Big-Side should this Term be voluntary.

BIGSIDE PAPER-CHASE.

There have been two Big-Side Paper-Chases this term, on Jan. 21st and 28th. On the former occasion Francis (Wilson's), Warner (S.H.), and Gardner (B. Smith's) went hares, starting from Whitehall, and going round by Hillmorton. On the 28th the hares were Scott and Bulpett (Wilson's). The course taken was by Dunchurch Tollbar, the fir plantations in Mr. Lancaster's park, Rainsbrook, and Hillmorton, coming in at the School Gates. A large field started, among whom was S. P. Bucknill (O.R.), lately head of the School Eleven.

At a Big-Side Levée, the Athletics were fixed for Monday and Tuesday, March 15th and 16th,—S. K. Gwyer being elected fourth Steward.

RUGBY HONOURS.—Mr. J. S. ff. Chamberlain (St. John's, Cambridge), 16th Wrangler.

Among the successful competitors in the late Examination for admission into Woolwich we notice the names of A. C. Bruce and F. W. Campbell (both formerly in the School House) and J. Hone (Rev. L. F. Burrows's).

We notice the publication, by Messrs. Macmillan, of a new edition of *Tom Brown's School-days*, profusely illustrated.

In place of Sir T. Gresley, Bart., whose death is noticed in our columns, another Old Rugbeian, Col. Henry Wilmot, has been elected M.P. for South Derbyshire. Col. Wilmot is the only Rugbeian who has, as yet, gained the Victoria Cross. This honour he obtained when Captain in the Rifle Brigade, for conspicuous gallantry at Lucknow, March 11, 1858, on which occasion he covered the retreat of two of his men who were bearing away a wounded comrade in the face of a large body of the enemy. Col. Wilmot is a Conservative.

We notice the return of W. J. Pinckney (O.R.), last year's stroke, to his place in the Cambridge boat. His place in the Eight was supplied at the beginning of the term by L. R. Wigham (O.R.).

THE SCHOOL MAGAZINES.

The *Cheltonian* gives a long account of Dr. Barry, who, during the six years of his Headmastership, seems to have thoroughly gained the affections of Cheltonians in general. The rest of the Number is principally filled up with Football.

The *Eton Chronicle*, in its review of last term, laments the bad support of the Field-Football, and the consequent weakness of the Field Eleven. The Wall game, however, has prospered. Mr. Drury's was cock house.

Our fame has penetrated to America.—We have received a periodical from Racine College, which, however, contains nothing of special interest.

OLD RUGBEIAN OBITUARY.

The death is announced of Sir T. Gresley, Bart., M.P. for South Derbyshire, in the 36th year of his age. He entered the School in August, 1845.

The death is announced of Capt. Bagenal, of the 16th Lancers. This gentleman is described in *The County Families* as "educated at Rugby," but we can find no mention of his name in the Register. Perhaps some of our readers can enlighten us on this point.

We hear on good authority, as an instance of the gratitude of a nation for a valuable discovery, that Major Palliser, the inventor of chilled shot, has received from the British Government, beside the empty title of C.B., exactly half as much as he expended in making his discovery known to the world.

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,—Although there is very little chance of anything resulting from a continued duel with "Cosmopolitan" than mere contradiction on both sides, will you allow me this once to put in my plea?

In my former letter I asserted that the number of fellows who leave unknown or low in the School, "who are bright, brave, honest, and kindly," is very small. "Cosmopolitan," neglecting my limitation, in his next thrust