

without any injury. If this is allowed, surely an annual race of three miles would be sanctioned; and I doubt not but that ere long we should see more Rugbeians contesting on behalf of the Sister Universities. If, therefore, you have a Three-mile race, to which no adequate objection can be raised, see that it is run on a good running path, or on the best and straightest road that can be found.

Apologizing for the length of these remarks, my respect for Rugby School being my only excuse,

I am, Sir, yours,
HARRY MERTON.

To the Editor of the Meteor.

SIR,—The results of the recent discussions in Big-side Levee have made me feel still more strongly than before that it is impossible in this way to arrive at the true opinion of the School. In the first place the voting is almost exclusively by Houses. The proposer of a measure has only to get an influential member of another house to promise his support, and the votes of his house follow as a matter of course. This evil is bad enough, but I think that the present legislators of the School are not as a body at all competent to decide on most of the questions brought before them; and I think that the recent appeal from them to a different body is a very fortunate precedent.

I consider that the proposal of "Radical" some time ago to form a levee which would represent the different games, is right in principle, though the details are doubtless faulty.

I am, Sir, yours truly,
FREETHINKER.

To the Editor of the Meteor.

SIR,—After so many letters have appeared in the *Meteor* advocating improvements or changes in the time of celebration and management of the School Athletics, I venture to suggest an alteration in the dress of the athletes themselves. It is, the adoption of flannels reaching to the knee, and of running-shoes. Long flannels, and perhaps worse, "ducks," tucked into stockings, prevent the free action of the knee in running, and although I have seen shortened bags used often, I think that the nearest approach to that at the Athletics was one solitary pair of knicker-bockers. Light running-shoes, too, with small spikes, would give an immense advantage on grass (especially if wet). Either stockings or boots in my time were

the two kinds of foot-coverings for competitors; indeed, during five years' experience, I think I only saw one pair of running-shoes (clumsy ones they were, too), and a very few pairs of cricket-shoes used in races. I also think that every one ought to wear flannels for running, as I do not see why the privilege of comfort in dress should depend upon proficiency in football, and I know that the necessity of running in "ducks" has prevented good runners from entering for races which they might have won.

I think, therefore, that anything which would better the very slow times of our races at Rugby ought to be tried. If, then, a few would set the example,—or if a strangers' race were instituted, where the competitors would dress as runners generally dress,—in fact, if it could be made "the correct thing" among you, I am sure it would materially improve the style of running and shorten the times of the races.

I am, &c., &c.,

TOM SKITCH.

To the Editor of the Meteor.

SIR,—About a year ago, when our Athletic Games were over, the reformers of our manners and customs, with all the eagerness of those who wish to shut the stable door when the horse is gone, poured forth their eloquence on the subject of the way of deciding on the holder of the Athletic Cup. Many and various were the schemes they proposed for altering the ways of our ancestors—and no doubt they were as excellent as they were various. Are they to fall away unheeded—or at least untried? Assure your correspondent and admirer

M. L.

To the Editor of the Meteor.

SIR,—In addition to the names mentioned in the list you have already published, I think you will find the four following Members of the present Parliament are also Old Rugbeians.

I am, Sir, yours truly, E. G. L.

Mr. F. C. Smith (C.), N. Notts.

Mr. W. Powell (C.), Malmesbury.

Mr. W. H. H. Bradley (C.), East Riding, Yorkshire.

Col. S. W. Clowes (C.), N. Leicestershire.

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