

BIG-SIDE LEVEE.

On Wednesday, the 17th inst., the following motions were proposed by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. Gwyer, and carried unanimously:—

- 1.—That the Standing Jumping should be discontinued.
- 2.—That there should be a Quarter-of-a-Mile Handicap, with an entrance-fee of 1s.
- 3.—That one High Jumping, and a Half-Mile Race, both open to all under 5ft. 4in., should be substituted for the two High Jumpings for all under 5ft. 6in. and 5ft. 2in.
- 4.—That the Mile should be open to all, and run in the Close.
- 5.—That all fellows should be allowed to wear flannels at the Athletics.

Mr. Haslam then proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Cordery (O.R.), who has offered a Cup for the Single Racquets. Mr. Francis seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

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On Friday, February 19, a meeting of commissioned and non-commissioned officers was held, at which Captain Phillipotts made a statement of the accounts since May, when the Corps was enrolled. It appeared that there was a balance in favour of the Corps of £1 2s. 4d., in addition to the Government Grant of about £98, which is to be entirely laid aside for the building of the new Range. It is probable that the expenses of the Corps will not be so great in future, since considerable expense has been incurred this year by reason of the change of uniform consequent upon the enrolment of the Corps.—At this meeting it was also decided that there should be a "march-out" to Kenilworth, which will probably take place on Saturday, March 13.

On Thursday, Feb. 25, the Baldwin Challenge Cup was competed for, at 200, 400, and 500 yards, five shots at each distance. The day was cold, with a strong and somewhat gusty wind blowing from left to right across the range. The Cup was won by Ensign Humphry with 42 points, Private Lawson taking the second place with 25.

OLD RUGBEIAN OBITUARY.

Died, February 24th, of injuries received from a fall when hunting, Sir J. V. B. Johnstone, Bart. (O.R.), M.P. for Scarborough.

THE BEST HOUSES AT FOOTBALL.

At the end of last Term we gave a list of the Two Best Houses for a few past years. By reference to the House-book of Mr. Shairp's House we are enabled to prefix the following list with a few particulars as to that celebrated house:—

1852	{ J. C. Shairp, Esq.'s....	1
	{ School House.....	2
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1854	{ J. C. Shairp, Esq.'s....	1
	{ Rev. R. B. Mayor's....	2
1855	{ J. C. Shairp, Esq.'s....	1
	{ School House.....	

We believe we are right in stating that Mr. Shairp's was the first house that vanquished the School House, and it is mentioned, in the records from which we have taken the above, that Shairp's flourished for 13 seasons without a single defeat at football.

In 1852 Shairp's having kicked a goal against the S. H., the two houses played the School, but we do not hear which side won.

In 1853 the S. H. played with a gale in their favour, and with its help just managed to make a drawn match.

In 1854 Mayor's, who had easily beaten all other good houses, were defeated by this champion house, now reduced to 25 members.

In 1855 *there were only 18 left at Mr. Shairp's, but this gallant little House followed-up to a man, and played an even match with the School House Twenty.* This year the two Houses again played the School, and a goal was dropped for the Houses.

From this time till Midsummer, 1857, Shairp's House declined in numbers and was finally given up, the eight remaining members migrating to other houses. The library is in the Arnold Library, and is to be given to the next house which may be opened.

BIG SIDE HARE AND HOUNDS.

On Thursday, February 11th, the Thurleston run took place. The weather was all that could be desired, and the ground perfect for running. A large field appeared at the