

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.

R. S. R. V. C.

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

start; Scott (Wilson's) and Lomax (Hutchinson's) went Hares, the former accomplishing the distance in 44 min. 50 sec., being exactly three minutes faster than previously on record, the quickest time heretofore being that of Gordon's (Blake's), in 47 min. 50 sec.; the first four hounds also beat this time by some seconds, although they made rather a round by going along the road, instead of over the fields, to the Dunchurch toll-bar. From the commencement Walker made the running for the hounds, and kept first till near the toll-bar, when unfortunately mistaking the way, he lost his place and was unable to regain it. The running throughout was exceedingly good, since, notwithstanding the quickness of the pace, and the distance, which must be more than seven miles, twelve out of the sixteen hounds came in, the first five within 51 sec. of one another. The following is the list of those who came in:—

	HARES.	MIN.	SEC.
Lomax		50	41
Scott		44	50
HOUNDS.			
1. Bulpett		47	2
2. Brierley		47	4
3. Sidgwick mi.		47	35
4. Kough		47	45
5. Walker		47	53
6. Cobbold		48	41
7. Agnew		49	10
8. Francis }		50	0
9. Gwyer }			
10. Warner		50	5
11. Lefroy		51	8
12. Cholmondeley		51	33

Sayer, Peel, Masterman, and Sidgwick ma. started, but failed to come in by a few minutes.

On Saturday, February 20th, there was a Bigside Paper-chase; a large field appeared at the start, which was from Mr. Hutchinson's house; Francis, Gwyer, and Warner went hares. They chose a capital course, and set some stiff jumps, but unfortunately near Bilton Grange the pack lost the scent, and being dispersed, each chose his own way home.

SCHOOL PLACING:—1, Sidgwick ma. (S.H.); 2, Gwyer (Rev. C. B. Hutchinson's).—SCHOOL DROPPING:—1, Moberly (S.H.); 2, Peel (Rev. C. T. Arnold's).

Some Inter-Public-School Athletics have been projected, to take place at Beaufort House during the Easter holidays. Nothing however seems to be as yet definitely arranged.

HOUSE NEWS.

J. M. WILSON'S, ESQ.—Our house steeple-chases came off on Tuesday, February 23. The number of starters was small, and in each an easy victory was achieved by the winner. In the Big steeple-chase Brocklehurst showed to the front for the first few jumps, the rest being close up; but Francis gradually ran through the rest, and won as he liked—Combe and Bulpett were a moderate second and third. For the Little event Jeffery went off with the lead, the others being in close attendance, and Cassavetti bringing up the rear, which position he retained throughout. There was a good race between the first three or four, until Steel took first place, and, running in very good style, came in an easy winner—Adanson second, and Bulpett mi. third.

The House placing was won by Langford; Dudgeon second. The House Dropping by Bulpett ma.; Tennant second.

REV. C. B. HUTCHINSON'S.—The House Steeple Chases took place on Thursday, February 25th. Eight started in that open to all. They all kept close together till about two-thirds of the course had been run, when Gwyer ma. took the lead and won by about 30 yards; Mackinlay was second, Isherwood ma. third, and Agnew fourth.

In the Steeple Chase under 5ft. 6in. there was a good field of 20. Hallsworth took a decided lead at first, but Cobbold, passing him near the end, won by 20 yards. Hallsworth was second, Anderson third, Boyd fourth, and Lomax mi. fifth.

Among the winners and seconds in the recent College "grinds" at both Universities we notice the following Old Rugbeians:—

OXFORD.

LINCOLN COLL.

G. E. STEWARD.—First in 100 yards and Quarter-of-a-Mile; Second in Half-Mile Handicap.

A. CORDERY.—First in Hurdle Race and High Jump.
W. F. THOMPSON.—Second in Putting the Stone, Throwing the Hammer, and Throwing the Cricket-ball (in the latter giving 6 yards).

C. C. C.

F. H. MAITLAND.—First in Broad Jumping and Throwing the Cricket-ball.

J. T. SOUTTER.—First in Consolation Stakes and Second in Throwing the Cricket-ball.