

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 } | | 50 | 5 |
| 10. Warner | | 51 | 8 |
| 11. Lefroy | | 51 | 33 |
| 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.

D'A. B. COLLYER.—First in Sack-race.
 J. GRAHAM.—Second in Broad Jumping.
 MAGD. COLL.
 A. B. STEWARD.—Second in Putting the Stone.
 CAMBRIDGE.
 TRINITY HALL.
 H. W. BADGER.—First in Putting the Stone.
 W. M. COLVIN.—First in Throwing the Hammer.
 T. T. PAINE (Trin. Coll.).—Second in Strangers' Race (3 miles).

TRIN. COLL.

T. T. PAINE.—First in Mile Race.
 L. R. WHIGHAM.—First in Three-Mile Race.
 J. D. NICHOL.—Second in Putting the Stone.

We hear that A. W. Lambert (O.R.), one of the representatives of Cambridge in the Quarter-of-a-Mile race against Oxford last year, will not be able, on account of ill health, to run this year.

We notice the publication of a new periodical—*The Atlas, or Public Schools' Chronicle*,—based, we are informed, on Constitutional principles, and "devoting its principal attention to the important question of the day—Education." It reports weekly at considerable length on one of the Public Schools.

The *Eton Chronicle* tells us that the beagles have had two capital runs, one on January 28th, the other on February 2nd, the latter being the best run of the season.—The practice of the Eight has been much thrown back by the floods, but has begun at last.—We are glad to hear that the last barrier between Collegers and Oppidians has been broken down by the admission of Collegers to the "Boats." In consequence of this a new eight-oar has been put on.—The Eton Society has held two debates, one on the Ballot, the introduction of which was negatived, the other on Compulsory Education, against which there was a good majority.

The *Oxford Undergraduates' Journal* is interesting to all who favour Oxford Athletics; it also gives some information about the boat, and Notices about the different Public Schools.

Our American correspondents at Racine College have again sent over their publication, in which there are some good articles. We miss, however, the account of Athletics which appears in all our Public School papers.

We learn from a recent number of the *Eton Chronicle* that, of all the Public-Schools, next to Eton, Rugby sends up most new members to the present Parliament.

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,—The following letter, with a collection of Ferns, was received by Mr. Wilson, who requested me to send a copy to the *Meteor*.

Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand,
 5th October, 1868.

DEAR SIR,—I find that the Rugby boys are paying considerable attention to Botany. As a pupil of an Old Rugbeian, the Rev. F. C. Simmons, I venture to offer for your School Library a collection of the Ferns of this province, with which I this year obtained the prize at the High School of Otago. I have forwarded it by the Panama boat.

I remain, Sir, yours truly,

D. REID.

P.S.—I shall be glad to hear of their safe arrival.

To J. M. Wilson, Esq., Rugby.

Thinking it might certainly be interesting to publish,

I remain, yours,

JAMES H. DAVIES.

SCHOOL MAGAZINES.

To the Editor of the *Meteor*.

SIR,—I was glad to see in your last number some remarks on the subject of School Magazines, or, to speak more strictly, on the subject of the *Meteor*; and I trust that, as one who has had some experience in the double capacity of contributor and editor, you will allow me to say a few words on that perplexing subject.

One point, I suppose, may be dismissed without further discussion, namely, whether or not it be advisable to make a School Magazine a vehicle for School news. No one will deny that it is interesting to past and present Rugbeians to possess a record of School events. No one will refuse to share in Horace's regret that many brave men should have died before Agamemnon and been lost to memory because they lacked the sacred bard. A chronicle of the School cricket-matches has indeed been published, but alas! without an account of the matches,