

performances in that race, it would cite the time of the Half-Mile, and also of the Two Hundred yards, the time in the latter being, it may be safely asserted, wholly unprecedented. The excellence of the High Jump may next be noted, and the result of the Putting may be quoted as an instance of the growing powers of the Rugbeian biceps. It regrets the unavoidable absence of the Three Mile Race, but thinks that the 120 yards Hurdle Race an excellent substitute, inasmuch as it was better calculated to entertain the members of the fair sex, who, braving frost and cold winds, graced the close with their presence. It was disappointed on seeing the small field of starters for the Old Rugbeian Race, but it reminded itself of the superior attractions afforded by the Boat Race, and of the fact that the Cambridge Term was not yet concluded, and that the terrors of Little-go were impending over several of the School's most ardent admirers; and it forgave them for their absence. On the whole the *Meteor* is inclined to be proud of the Athletic powers of the School, whose tutelary deity it is, and its only hope is that the successes of 1870 may eclipse those of 1869.

Given at this our Castle in the air, on this the Seventeenth day of March, A.D., One Thousand, Eight Hundred, and Sixty-nine. As witness our hand and seal.

## THE ATHLETIC GAMES.

FIRST DAY, MARCH 15TH.

### *Flat Race, 200 Yards.*

First Heat—Brocklehurst, 1; Chaplin, 2.

Second Heat—Dudgeon, 1; Griffiths, 2.

Third Heat—Riley, 1; Lawrence, 2.

Fourth Heat—Southam, 1; Tubb, 2.

FINAL HEAT—Southam, 1; Gwyer, 2.—Won easily, Gwyer gaining second honours, after winning a challenge from Tubb. Time, 21 secs.

### *Flat Race, 200 Yards, under 5 ft. 7 in.*

First Heat—Blacklock, 1; Anstey, 2.

Second Heat—Gardner, 1; Ellis, 2.

Third Heat—Shirley, 1; Plumb, 2.

Fourth Heat—Warner, 1; Vecqueray, 2.

FINAL HEAT—Warner, 1; Vecqueray, 2. Time, 22½ secs.

Gardner was second in the Final Heat, but on being challenged by Vecqueray, resigned.

### *Bright's High Jumping.*

Tennant, 1; Hudson, 2. Height, 5 ft. 1 in.—The winner was easily first, clearing 3 in. more than anyone else. This is a great improvement on last year's height. Brownfield tied Hudson for 2nd, but on a subsequent trial was beaten.

### *Mile Race.*

First Heat—Kough, 1; Bush, 2; Gooding, 3.—Brierly made the running for nearly two laps, but then dropped behind, leaving Kough with the lead, which he easily retained till the end. Time, 5 min. 16 secs.

Second Heat—Lomax, 1; Scott and Walker (æq.), 2.—This was a splendid race from first to last, Lomax principally making the running, followed closely by Scott till the end of the second lap, when Scott took the lead; Lomax, however, passed him again about 100 yards from home, and finally won a ding-dong race by 3 yards. Walker, by a fine spurt, got equal with Scott on the tape, making a dead heat for second place. Time, 5 min. 9 secs.

FINAL HEAT—Walker, 1; Francis, 2; Kough, 3. Time, 4 min. 57 secs.—Gooding went off with the lead, but was soon overtaken by Gwyer, who made the pace very hot for the first two laps. Here Walker spurted to the front, followed by Kough and Francis; these three ran a splendid race for the last 200 yards, but Walker kept his lead, and won by a three yards, hardly a yard separating the second and third. Lomax was fourth. This is the fastest mile race that has been run at Rugby, and, considering that it was run on turf, the time was exceedingly good.

### *Flat Race, Half-a-Mile, under 5 ft. 4 in.*

First Heat—Cobbold, 1; Benham, 2.—Won by a fine and well-judged spurt in the last 50 yards.

Second Heat—Groom, 1; Field, 2.

Third Heat—Lomax mi., 1; Masterman, 2.

Fourth Heat—Shirley, 1; Warner, 2.—The pace in this heat was much better than in any of the others. Shirley ran in very good form, taking a long lead at first, and winning easily.

FINAL HEAT—Shirley, 1; Cobbold and Groom (æq.), 2. Time, 2 min. 18 secs.—Shirley again took the lead, Groom running second, which positions were maintained throughout, Cobbold, who waited rather too long, just making a dead heat with Groom.

### *Throwing the Cricket Ball.*

Francis, 1; Gardner, 2. Distance, 87 yards.—We cannot account for this distance, as both the winner and several of the other competitors have greatly exceeded it in practice.

### *Flat Race, 200 Yards, under 5 ft. 2 in.*

First Heat—Arbuthnot, 1; Carnac, 2.

Second Heat—Collin, 1; Field ma., 2.

Third Heat—Newton, 1; Lomax mi., 2.

Fourth Heat—Peters, 1; Nicholson, 2.

Fifth Heat—Stock, 1.

FINAL HEAT—Newton, 1; Collin, 2. Time, 24 secs.—Collin was challenged by Lomax mi., but kept his place.

### *Half-Mile Flat.*

First Heat—Francis, 1; Currie, 2.

Second Heat—Kough, 1; Isherwood, 2.

Third Heat—Lomax ma., 1; Mackinlay, 2.

Fourth Heat—Plumb, 1; Sidgwick mi., 2.

Fifth Heat—Walker, 1; Vecqueray, 2.

FINAL HEAT—Gwyer, 1; Kough, 2. Time, 2 min. 5 secs.—Gwyer soon took the lead, and increasing it in the second lap, won by 15 yards,

Kough reserving his spurt too long, but coming up very fast; Plumb was a good third. This was a very great improvement on last year's time.

*High Jumping, under 5 ft. 4 in.*

Sim, 1, Buckland, 2. Height, 4 ft. 7 in.

*Flat Race, Quarter of a Mile (Handicap).*

First Heat—Agnew (26), 1; Bonham-Carter, (38), 2.

Second Heat—Chaplin (20), 1; Dudgeon (19), 2.

Third Heat—Gwyer ma. (9), 1; Harrison (17), 2.

Fourth Heat—Lomax (15), 1; Kough (0), 2.

Fifth Heat—Plumb (10), 1; Riley (10), 2.

Sixth Heat—Tagart (25), 1; Warner (14), 2.

FINAL HEAT—Harrison (17), 1; Warner (14), 2. Time, 58 secs.—Agnew led till within 10 yards of home, but, tiring suddenly, was passed by Harrison and Warner. Gwyer, though a winner of his heat, did not run, having run the mile a few minutes before.

SECOND DAY, MARCH 16TH.

*Bright's 100 Yards, Flat.*

First Heat—Brocklehurst, 1.

Second Heat—Dugdale, 1.

Third Heat—Lawrence, 1.

Fourth Heat, Southam, 1.

Fifth Heat—Tubb, 1.

FINAL HEAT—Southam, 1; Shirley, 2. Time, 11 secs.—Gwyer and Dugdale ran a dead heat for second, but being challenged by Shirley, the second in the Winner's heat, were beaten.

*Putting the Stone (14lbs.)*

Gwyer, 1; Francis, 2. Distance, 33 ft. 11 in.

*Quarter of a Mile, Flat.*

First Heat—Hudson, 1; Agnew, 2.

Second Heat—Lomax, 1; Kough, 2.

Third Heat—Shirley, 1; Tubb, 2.

The Final Heat was deferred to another day.

*Broad Jumping.*

Gwyer, 1; Vecqueray, 2. Distance, 17 ft. 8 in.

*Old Rugbeian Race.*

For this only three competitors—G. E. Steward (Linc. Coll., Oxford), G. Millington, and G. R. Thornber—showed. Steward made the running, and was never headed, winning by about 30 yards, in 58 secs., Thornber a bad third.

*Half-Mile Hurdle Race, Open.*

First Heat—Kough, 1; Barkworth, 2.

Second Heat—Sidgwick mi., 1; Peel, 2.

The Final Heat of this also is deferred.

*Hurdle Race, 200 Yards, under 5 ft. 7 in.*

First Heat—Blacklock, 1.

Second Heat—King, 1.

Third Heat—Peake, 1.

Fourth Heat—Southam, 1.

Fifth Heat—Warner, 1.

FINAL HEAT—Blacklock, 1; Warner, 2. Time, 26½ secs.

*Hardle Race, 200 Yards, Open.*

First Heat—Blacklock, 1.

Second Heat—Dugdale, 1.

Third Heat—Humphry, 1.

Fourth Heat—Sidgwick ma., 1.

Fifth Heat—Warner, 1.

FINAL HEAT—Southam, 1; Dugdale, 2. Time, 28½ secs.

Southam was allowed to run in the Final Heat. He also won the Hurdle Race under 5 ft., 7 in., but was not allowed to take both prizes.

*Hurdle Race, 120 Yards (Prize given by J. Dugdale, Esq.)*

First Heat—Barkworth, 1.

Second Heat—Hudson, 1.

Third Heat—Hoare, 1.

Fourth Heat—Michell, 1.

Fifth Heat—Sim, 1.

Sixth Heat—Southam, 1.

FINAL HEAT—Barkworth, 1; Hudson, 2; Gwyer, 3. Time, 21 secs.

*Consolation Stakes, 200 yards.*

First Heat—Brocklehurst, 1.

Second Heat—Dudgeon, 1.

Third Heat—Riley, 1.

Fourth Heat—Tubb, 1.

FINAL HEAT—Brocklehurst, 1; Dudgeon, 2. Time, 21½ secs.

The Stewards were A. B. Haslam (Town), W. O. Moberly (School House), C. K. Francis (Wilson's), S. K. Gwyer (Hutchinson's). We cannot but congratulate them on their praiseworthy exertions and the many improvements they have this year introduced into the Athletics.

To show more fully the excellence of Walker's performance in the Mile this year, we append the Names of the Winners and the Times since 1860 :—

1860. R. Garnett .....	5 min. 34 secs.
1861. H. M. Draper .....	5 " 13 "
1862. G. Denshire .....	5 " 2 "
1863. C. E. Romilly .....	5 " 15 "
1864. C. J. Peile .....	5 " 11 "
1865. L. R. Whigham .....	5 " 7 "
1866. J. Akenhead .....	5 " 20 "
1867. H. Hall .....	5 " 23 "
1868. S. P. Bucknill .....	5 " 20 "

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A meeting of the Society was held on Saturday, March 6th. In the absence of the President, Mr. Wilson took the chair.

The prize offered by the Society for Natural History Essays was awarded to N. Masterman.

The following donations were received;—*The Marlborough Society's Report* for the half-year ending Christmas, 1868; *The Science Gossip* for March, 1869, from the Rev. T. N. Hutchinson; two pair of Buck's horns were exhibited by N. Masterman; a stereoscopic slide of the Moon by Mr. Wilson.