

A paper was read by D. A. Ogilvie on "Self-Defence in the Animal Kingdom."

Mr. Wilson read a portion of a paper on the River Gravels.

At a private business meeting, held afterwards, a rule was passed, by which Corresponding Members may, by a composition of 10s. for six years, receive the Society's publications without further payment.

An amendment to the rule by which members may admit two visitors, to admit four instead of two, was carried.

The Committee elected R. J. Williamson a Member of the Society.

A Microscopic Meeting (for Members and Associates only) will be held at Mr. Kitchener's House on Saturday, March 20th.

### THE RIFLE CORPS.

On Saturday, March 13th, the School Corps went to Kenilworth for their first annual dinner. Starting from the Armoury at half-past eleven, the Corps proceeded to the station and took train for Kenilworth. At Coventry they marched to the top of the hill, where they went through several manoeuvres, returning in good time for the train which took them to Kenilworth. Arrived there, they marched to the Bowling Green Inn, where a substantial repast had been prepared, to which full justice was done. After dinner they marched to the Castle and disbanded for ten minutes in order to explore the ruins, after which they again fell in and marched to the station, whence they proceeded by train to Rugby, having enjoyed a very pleasant expedition, and one which had afforded plenty of exercise, most of the marching being performed at the double. We must not omit to mention that the dinner was graced by the presence of Mrs. Lee Warner, Miss E. Lee Warner, and Miss Blake Humfrey.

A match for the Town and School Challenge Cup is being arranged, which, it is hoped, will take place shortly.

### THE SCHOOL STEEPLE-CHASES.

The annual Steeple-chases were run on Thursday, the 4th inst, the day being everything that could be desired in point of weather, and the ground in a very tolerable state. The course was an exceedingly long one—about a mile and a half,—but the water-jumps were perhaps, on the whole, not quite so formidable as usual. For the Big

Steeple-chase about nine came to the scratch. Concerning the race itself there is very little to be recorded. Francis (Wilson's) took the lead from the commencement, Moberly (S. H.) lying second till the railway bridge. His place, however, was there taken by Gwyer (Hutchinson's), Francis still retaining the lead. The race was now virtually confined to these two, the rest being quite outpaced. Francis, by his splendid jumping, succeeded in keeping himself perfectly dry, a fact which told greatly in his favour, and although Gwyer pressed him hard at one time, he won easily by about twenty yards, the order being:—C. K. Francis (Wilson's), 1; S. K. Gwyer (Hutchinson's), 2; F. H. Lemonius (Elsee's), 3; F. W. Isherwood (Hutchinson's), 0. For the Junior Steeplechase (under 5ft. 7in.) about ten starters came to the post. At first Bigg (Burrows's) went to the front, making the running at a tremendous pace, and closely followed by Peake (Wilson's). At the third jump, however, Cobbold (Hutchinson's) took the lead, followed by Sidgwick mi (S.H.), the pace still being very fast. The same order was maintained until a long field was reached, through which the course lay just before the last jump, when Warner (S. H.) who had been running well within himself, and holding the third place, spurred and took the lead, and, clearing the last jump in front of Cobbold, won by about 15 yards, Sidgwick being a good third. The order was, therefore, E. H. Warner (S. H.), 1; F. A. Cobbold (Hutchinson's), 2; C. Sidgwick (S. H.), 3; H. R. H. Bigg (Burrows's), 0.

### HOUSE NEWS.

REV. P. BOWDEN SMITH'S.—The House Steeple-chase was on Saturday, the 6th; the course being the usual one. A field of nine started for the big steeple-chase: Davies ma. started off with the lead closely followed by Weston and Brierley. The latter soon came to the front, but yielded in his turn to Weston, who held the lead till within 200 yards of home; here he succumbed to Bush, who finally won by some 30 yards. Bonham-Carter ma., who ran very pluckily throughout, second.—In the small steeple-chases, under 5ft. 4in., Groom led all the way, and won easily; Macgregor second.

REV. C. T. ARNOLD'S.—On the afternoon of Thursday, March 11, the House Mile was run, on the cross-roads beyond the Water-Tower. This is a new institution, for which

there is an annual cup value £2, and money-prizes for 2nd and 3rd. There were six at the start, of whom Walker took the lead from the first, accomplishing the distance in 4m. 55sec., the second place being kept throughout by Lefroy. The rest all ran it under six minutes. The order was—1st, Walker; 2nd, Lefroy; 3rd, Byrne; 4th, Stokes; 5th, Buckland, ma.—House Single Racquets: 1st, Walker; 2nd Peel. Double Racquets, 1st, Walker and Peel. House Double Hand-Fives, 1st, Buckland, ma., Heather.

REV. L. F. BURROWS'S.—The House Steeple-chases were run on Saturday, 27th February. There were eight starters for the open one. Soon after the commencement Riley, Michell, and Bigg, ma. took the lead, and continued in that order until the last jump, where Bigg passed the other two, and won by about ten yards: Riley second. For the one under 5ft. 3in. six started. Bigg, mi., owing to his mistaking the course, lost a considerable distance at the beginning, which, however, he soon made up, and won easily by fifty or sixty yards; Holland second.

SCHOOL HOUSE.—The House Steeple-chases took place on Saturday, February 27th. In the open one a very fair number came to the scratch. Sidgwick, mi. took the lead at first, and made the pace very hot; he was closely followed by Moberly, Warner, and Gooding. About half way Gooding came to the front, but unfortunately diverged slightly from the course, and gave up the race. Warner and Moberly then led, and, after twice changing places, the latter eventually won by about ten yards. Warner second; Ellis a good third. In the small one Taylor ma. kept the lead for about three quarters of the way, when he missed the course and dropped out of the race, which was pluckily won by Masterman; Field ma. second, and Bertran De Lis third.

#### OLD RUGBEIAN OBITUARY.

DEATH OF THE OLDEST RUGBEIAN.—The death is announced of Sir Arthur Benjamin Clifton, K.C.B., Knight Companion of the Royal Guelphic Order: Lieutenant General, and Colonel of the 1st Royal Dragoons. He was entered at Rugby in 1783, and in his first half-year fought a battle with the celebrated Walter Savage Landor. He entered the army in 1794, and was present at the engagements of Talavera, Busaco, Fuentes d'Onoro, Vittoria, and Toulouse: and was

one of the twenty-five Rugbeians engaged at Waterloo. Peninsula Medal with three clasps, Gold War Medal for Vittoria and Fuentes d'Onoro, and Waterloo Medal. His two elder brothers, seventh and eighth baronets, were also educated at Rugby.

#### SCHOOL MAGAZINES.

The *Cheltonian* has the temerity to begin its number for March with a novel on School life. There is hardly any School news at all; none of importance.

The *Etonian* for February 25th contains an account of the Steeplechases; the winner was Johnstone. The floods have again interfered with the rowing. The same publication for March 11th gives an account of the procession of boats. The mile was won in 4 min. 45½ secs. by Forbes, Patton being second. The two mile walking race was won by Moss, the time being 17 min. 50 secs. The cricket ball was thrown 100 yards by Parker. The beagles have met several times, and they have had some good runs.

The *Marlburian*, in the absence of school news, is filled chiefly by the doings of the Marlborough Nomads. There are only three members of their XI. left, viz., R. Leach, W. E. Leach, and H. B. Carlyon.

The *Oxford Undergraduates' Journal* gives an account of the Torpids.

The Report of the Debating Society reached us too late for insertion.

OXFORD HONOURS.—J. A. Godley, Balliol College, *Proxime accessit* for the Ireland Scholarship.

We omitted to state in our last Number that S. Lupton (C.R.) Ch. Ch., was *Proxime accessit* for the Christ Church Physical Science Junior Studentship.

Hon. F. H. Baring, Scholar of Corpus, Oxford: *Proxime accessit*, A. B. Haslam.

#### 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,—Before proceeding to the main object of my letter, allow me to make one remark on a subject discussed in your two last numbers. It seems to me that the only fault that