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WERE all other motives absent, one, and a powerful one, would still exist, to lead us to speak, and contribute to the welfare, of our School Rifle Corps. We feel, when we begin to treat of it, that it has for us a familiarity, a fondness of association, which quite distinguish it from any of the other subjects which may engage us. For, as our readers will doubtless remember, the *Meteor*, when in its very infancy, united itself with the military element of the School, and the pages of its first number bore the names of those who had recently assumed the uniform of the R.S.B.C. We may be pardoned, then, if we speak at some length, and with much earnestness, on our present subject. At about the same time as that we have been mentioning,—the time, namely of our first appearance,—as will be also remembered, the hearts of Sergeant TAIT, and, indeed, of all true friends of the School, were delighted by a very sudden rekindling of the martial spirit among us. Our Rifle Corps had been established several years, but from various causes—principally the gradual decline of the spirit which had originated it—it had become miserably contracted; the members became fewer, the attendance at drill and at the butts smaller, the numbers dwindled to a solitary company, and even the most blind and sanguine were forced to allow a lamentable decline. Yet in spite of all this, in spite of the distance of the range, in spite of the attractions of cricket and racquets, there was one thing left, one thread, as it were, by which the friends of the Rifle Corps might snatch it from its threatened fate,—namely, the Public School Competition at Wimbledon.

And this was not overlooked: by degrees the School were gradually brought to feel that it was disgraceful that the School which had once held the Shield in its keeping, the School which could maintain its own so well in cricket and football, should fall so miserably short of its past doings and its present capability in this one respect; and at the beginning of this year, by the energy of the Captain and some of the Masters, the number of recruits exceeded that of the old members; new rules were made for drill and shooting; and, most important of all, new and improved rifles were got for the Eleven. These exertions were fully answered by the results. In the Summer Term many of the winter recruits were found to be fit for the Wimbledon team; foreign matches were introduced, in the majority of which the School was successful and above all we were, as we heard at the Concert, "a very good second" for the Wimbledon Shield.

It is with the hope of advancing, in some measure, the next step of the Rifle Corps, that we are writing now. It is proposed by persons who have the interest of the Corps very much at heart, to have it *enrolled*. In case some of our readers may have forgotten or never known what this term implies, we will explain a little. Any School Rifle Corps (having a certain number of efficient members) can, on application to the Lord-Lieutenant of the county, be sworn in and become enrolled. What this enrolment means is best seen by seeing what are its results; and to save time we will take them in our case by dividing them into two classes—the advantageous and disadvantageous. Firstly,

as to the advantageous results. In an enrolled corps every extra-efficient member—that is, every member efficient both in shooting and drill—receives 30s. a-year, every member efficient in drill alone, £1. In addition to this, were our Corps enrolled, Government would pay the sergeant-instructor 2s. 6d. a-day, and supply every enrolled member with a rifle and 60 rounds of ammunition per annum. Now these great advantages are really enormous in the case of our School Corps. For it is undeniable that nothing more hinders the progress of our rifle-shooting than the deficiencies of our range, which is short,—capable only of 800 yards practice, of which 200 are useless in the summer,—and only attainable by a considerable walk. Within the last few months another range, which could be reached in a shorter time, and 1000 yards in length, has been found; and the expense of this would be fully covered by the profits of a single year's enrolment. For, reckoning the pay of 40 extra-efficient and 50 efficient members at £110, and the saving in the cost of the sergeant-instructor and ammunition at £30 and £13 10s. respectively, we find that the amount received by the Corps from Government, if enrolled, would be more than £150 per annum.

Now what disadvantages are to be set in the balance against these? Few, we venture to assert, and of little weight. Firstly, a change in the character and acquirements of the officers would become necessary. It can hardly have been overlooked by any careful observer that the officers of the Corps—we speak with no dishonour of the many distinguished names to which Captain, Lieutenant, &c., have been prefixed—have hitherto had but little to do with the manœuvring, &c., of the men. Enrolment would alter this. All the officers would then have to become masters of the drill, both company and battalion, and this, with the short tenure of office many of them enjoy, might be found a difficult task. In the next place, the Corps would have to attend three battalion drills and one inspection every year, at the head-quarters of the battalion.

Our article has grown to a prodigious length, and it is time to conclude. We recommend the subject to our readers' best consideration: may we not say with a hope that we have proved that the movement which it is desired by the officers of the Corps to make, is a good one, and that we may predict for the R.S.R.C., if not the glory

which a certain dreamer pictured, with its Russian spies and Austrian informers, at any rate, if it be enrolled, a prosperous future.

A NEW reign has begun, and we are looking forward with pleasure to the entire absence of dispute and indecision in all Football matters, under our new Committee. Big-Side has passed its Reform Bill without a murmur, and considers this virtual suicide as the crowning success of all its deliberations last Term. Perhaps some members had scruples about so sudden a change, and, despairing or careless of getting so far as a division, stayed away: anyhow, the attendance at the Levée was rather less than usual. The Rules for Football Arrangements were proposed with the winning tones of a Disraeli, and some vague expression about "large discretionary powers" was satisfactorily explained away as really nothing,—it only made the Committee perfectly absolute. Henceforth Big-Side will not be required to do anything more than hear and obey what its nine representatives have to say on all matters of Football. Still there is comfort in the hope that House Matches and their troubles will be well managed, and conducted with the decorum that such solemn struggles deserve, and not hurried over without reference to the state of the ground, or, what is more, the condition of the players. We wish all success to the Committee, and at the same time beg to call their attention to one or two points. The attendance of the Caps at the usual Big-Sides during the week, was frequently remarkable for its irregularity and slackness during the last Football season. Perhaps this can now be remedied, if not by persuasion, by a system of fines, which could be arranged by the Committee, and exacted by any of its members. Again, "long scrummages" and "mauling" were becoming too common to keep the game as amusing or skilful as it used to be; and this is a fault easily corrected if first attended to in Little-Sides and the smaller matches.

THE SCHOOL CONCERT.

IN spite of the long period of nine weeks' holiday, over which we have to carry our readers back, we think it would be a grave error on our part were we to pass by without any notice in our present number the very successful Concert which the School Choir gave at the end of last term. For if we are grieved and driven to despair at the thought

of how many of those, who best acquitted themselves then, there are, whose voices must be missed in Chapel this Term, yet by looking at what has been done we see how great a cause we have still to maintain, and are encouraged to make the most of what material is still left us.

Difficult as it is, and always must be, to select a work of one of the great masters which meets the requirements of such a choir as ours, we feel sure that the selection has rarely if ever been better made than last Term in the choice of Mendelssohn's 42nd Psalm. Made up as our choir is of a large number of voices, the majority of which require support and leading, and the best of which are either unformed or peculiarly liable to change, having, as it has, only the short time of two hours a week for about ten weeks for instruction, it is necessary that our *piece de resistance* should be short, not very difficult, and yet pleasing to learn. Yet the choice has rarely if ever been better made than in Mendelssohn's 42nd Psalm. The whole performance of it was, we have reason to believe, highly satisfactory: the choruses had been well learnt, and we were fortunate in having a voice fully equal to the large number of soprano songs and recitatives the Psalm contains. If we were forced to decide on any part which gave us especial pleasure, we should select the first chorus, "As the hart pants." the solo by Mr. Anstice, "For my soul thirsteth for God," and the most beautiful solos with chorus, for altos and trebles, "For I had gone forth most gladly." The second part opened with the overture to Zampa, charming as ever, and very well played by Messrs. Micholls and Hurst. "The Harp that once through Tara's hall," was next given by the choir, a glee for which we confess we have but little love. Messrs. Squarey and Arkcoll followed with a very pretty duet by Kucken, "The swallows trills so gaily;" the second part struck us as being particularly well sung and we hope these two gentlemen will often be seen on our concert platform. Loder's "Martin, the man-at-arms," from the hearty manner in which Mr. Jeffery sung it, fully merited the encore it obtained.

And now came what to every one must have been, we think, one of the best and most charming pieces in the evening,—Schumann's *Gipsy Life*. Whatever variety of opinion may exist as to the general charm of this great modern composer's music, none can deny it the beauty of originality and great graphic power. Mr. Edwards had contrived most

admirably to make the Choir feel the spirit of this song, and the changes of idea and harmony were alike truthfully rendered.

We need hardly say that Mr. Anstice's song was a great success, and was rapturously encored, especially when we have to relate that it was Gounod's very graceful barcarole "*Dites la jeune belle*." Nor must we omit to mention that he was most admirably accompanied on the flute by Mr. Leslie.

A song (enthusiastically encored)—"I shot an arrow into the air," and a duet by Messrs. Dale and Jeffery, brought us to the well-known "*Vive la Compagnie*," which was sung with the greatest success by Mr. Soutter. We confess we were utterly at a loss to understand how "The Huge Globe"—Bishop, which followed, was not encored by the audience. But perhaps they were reserving their powers of applause for the Laughing Trio, which, as there was still time, was granted them. And here, in real truth, they were carried away, and before the last bars of the music were finished, a universal shout from all parts of the room demanded its repetition. Nor can we doubt for a moment in endorsing the opinion of the audience; for anything better than the acting and singing of the trio it would be hard to imagine.

We are rejoiced to hear that already the number of recruits in the Choir more than fills up the places of those who have left. A report, by no means less welcome, has reached us, that Mr. Edwards' arduous labours are to be shared by Herr Petersen, whom some of us may remember as a performer at one of our Concerts a little time back. We can then feel sure, that nothing will be wanting on their part to make our School and Concert singing good. May the School do theirs as well!

THE ARNOLD LIBRARY.

THOUGH, as far as we are aware, no statistics exist upon the subject, we cannot but think that every one must consider that there is good ground for the opinion, which has been known to be held by the Masters for some time past, that the use made by the School of the Arnold Library is very small, far smaller than the use of the School Library ought to be. For this failure in the hopes of those who originated the testimonial to Dr. Arnold many causes have contributed. The room looks north, and has therefore always

been, at the time when most fellows resort to it, perfectly sunless: it has been peculiarly cold, partly from this cause, partly from its structure, containing as it did hardly a single seat out of a draught; and being quite beyond the powers of the fires at the end. The books, if we except the magazines, which belong to the Masters, were hardly of a nature calculated to attract even on a wet half-holiday; altogether it was a very miserable place.

But luckily the Arnold Library has not escaped the march of universal improvement which marks the year of grace, 1867, in the history of Rugby; the fault has grown and grown in the eyes of the Masters till it has become so great as imperatively to demand removal: or to speak what is, we expect, nearer the truth, they have at last seen their way to a better state of things. The aspect of the room cannot, as yet, be changed, but screens have been put up which will keep off the draughts; the room has been fitted up with everything necessary for comfort, with easy chairs, with ample tables, with abundance of writing paper for any one who may have a happy thought to send to the *Meteor*, or elsewhere; and it is hoped that soon there may be abundance of magazines and papers awaiting the intending speaker at his Debating Society. And now comes the most important point of all. "You speak of this Elysium," says one close to us, "how can we gain admittance to it? I'm only in Sidgwick's, and no one but upper-school fellows can go to the Arnold Library."

In future the rules of admittance are, we are told, to be as follows:—

Any VIth. fellow can have a key and take two fellows with him at any time.

Any one in the Upper School can have a key on getting a note from his Tutor.

Any one in the Middle School can have a key on getting a note from the Doctor, his Tutor, and Form-master.

How far these rules may serve to increase the attendance we can hardly venture to predict. Our duty will have been done in stating what improvements have been made, and what the state of the Library now is, and when we have recorded our own opinion that few places will be found more comfortable for passing a spare hour on a whole school day.

No Reports have yet reached the *Meteor* Office of any doings of the Natural History Society this Term.

FOOTBALL.

BELOW CAPS MATCHES:—

SCHOOL-HOUSE v. WILSON'S.—Played Oct. 10, in which School-House were easily victorious by two goals, besides numerous tries, &c.

BLAKE'S v. MOBERLY'S.—Played Oct. 12. The former were victorious, by two goals to one. The game was continued after the winning goal was kicked, when Moberly's kicked a goal.

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE.—The Committee met on Tuesday morning, when A. Davenport (School House) was elected President, and the time for the weekly meeting fixed, for the present, for Tuesday, at 2:15 p.m.

Up to the time of our writing we have heard of the following New "Caps" to play in the Sixth Match on the School side:—
Blake's: Hornby. Wilson's: Badger, Botfield, Selous. Hutchinson's: Welsh, Isherwood. Arnold's: Delarue, Sharp. Burrows': Russell.

The Committee had their first meeting last night to draw the House-Match Ties. The lots fell as follows:—

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| 2. Wilson's | play | Blake's. |
| 3. Burrows's | " | Bowden Smith's. |
| 4. Hutchinson's | " | Town. |
| 1. Arnold's | " | School-House. |

Moberly's.

The numbers before the ties indicate the order of "Grounds."

CRICKET.

[We fear that so many Cricket scores may seem out of season at this time of year; but we think nevertheless many of our readers may wish to preserve accounts of the following School matches.]

M. C. C. AND GROUND v. RUGBY SCHOOL.—This annual match was commenced at Lord's on Thursday, August 1st, when Marylebone scored 75 in their first innings and 63 for the loss of three wickets in their second, Rugby's first innings amounting to 109. On Friday, at 11:30 a.m., Biddulph (not out 23) and Capt. Parnell went to the wickets to the bowling of Messrs. Bourne and Ellis. Both batsmen hit hard and well, and notwithstanding the splendid fielding of the light blues, the scores rose rapidly, so Mr. Francis took the ball from Mr. Ellis, and Mr. Scutter

superseded Mr. Bourne at the Pavilion end. This change proved effectual, a fine ball from Mr. Francis spoiling the shape of Capt. Parnell's wicket. Capt. Kenney—the Rugby Captain in 1859—filled the vacant post, and the hitting progressed favourably for M. C. C. interests. Mr. Stokes now took up the bowling at the Pavilion wicket, and the first over of his fast deliveries got rid of Biddulph, a very fast shooter making fearful havoc of his stumps. His innings of 79 was well played, and he did not give a chance that we saw. Capt. Kenney and Mr. Ellis—also one of the Rugby Eleven in 1859—were now together, but the former was finely caught at short slip after an able contribution of 52. Mr. Ellis hit up 40 before he was run out, and the innings closed for 275. The loss of the judgment and experience of the Rugby captain was a great blow to the light blues in this innings, to say nothing of his bowling. Rugby, having the task of 242 runs to get to win set them, were represented by Messrs. Stokes and Wilkes, the bowlers being A. Shaw (Notts) and Mumford (Middlesex). Mr. Wilkes succumbed to Shaw's attack after scoring four only, and lunch here intervened. On play being resumed, Mr. Soutter joined Mr. Stokes, but was dismissed by Shaw in his third over. Mr. Tobin ma. next appeared, and great things were expected of him. His scores in his last four innings were 75 and 35 v. Free Foresters, 85 v. Butterflies, and 62 v. Civil Service, and he soon showed his hitting abilities. The bowling at both ends got severely punished, Mr. Stokes driving Shaw up the hill for five and cutting him behind the wicket to the Pavilion for three, Mr. Tobin meanwhile making a fine off-drive from Mumford's bowling for four. The two Ground men now retired in favour of Capt. Parnell and Major Thompson (slows) but the ball was hit to all parts of the ground. Mr. Tobin was at length caught at the wicket: his score of 44 contained one five, one four, six threes and three twos: he was much applauded. The two Professionals now resumed bowling, and Shaw dismissed Messrs. Bucknill and Yardley, whilst Messrs. Tobin mi. and Francis both put their legs where their bats ought to have been. Mr. Stokes had been playing fine cricket all this time, driving Shaw finely up the hill past the Grand Stand for five, and snicking him for four through the slips, whilst Mumford suffered at his hands to the extent of a four (off-drive) and two threes (cuts up the hill).

Mr. Bourne being caught at point, Mr. Maitland joined Mr. Stokes, and played capitally, when we consider the fact that he is only in the School Third Eleven. He drove Mumford for a brace and cut Shaw twice for three, and with a couple more twos put together 12 before he succumbed to the Notts bowler, Mr. Stokes meanwhile making a splendid leg-hit from Shaw, for which five were run. Mr. Ward now took Mumford's end, but after several maiden overs, Shaw bowled Mr. Ellis, the innings closing for 150. In first, Mr. Stokes carried his bat out, his score of 64 comprising three fives, three fours, five threes and six twos. His hitting all round was very fine, his cutting being perhaps his forte, and the brilliant defence which he exhibited in playing over after over of Shaw's best was far the best cricket displayed in the match. He was loudly cheered on his return to the Pavilion, and the Old Rugbeians on the ground presented him with a prize bat. M. C. C. and Ground thus won by 91 runs, a verdict which would in all probability have been reversed had Mr. Pauncefote—the best Public School batsman developed this season—been able to play. The light blues also suffered a great loss from the lameness of Mr. Ellis, whilst Mr. Wilkes was so unwell as to be scarcely fit to play at all. The following is the score:—

M. C. C.	
1st Innings.	2nd Innings.
Major Thompson, b Bourne ..	2 c Tobin ma., b Bourne ..
Capt. Trevor, c Soutter b Bourne ..	0 b Francis ..
A. Shaw, c Soutter, b Bourne..	17 b Bourne..
S. Biddulph, c Bucknill, b Ellis ..	0 b Stokes ..
Hon. P. Methuen, h w, b Ellis ..	4 lbw, b Soutter ..
Captain Parnell, b Ellis ..	23 b Francis ..
E. H. Ellis, Esq., c Stokes, b Ellis ..	6 run out ..
Captain Kenney, c Stokes, b Bourne ..	16 c Yardley b Stokes ..
R. J. Ward, Esq., run out ..	5 b Stokes ..
W. C. Sandars, Esq., c Bourne, b Ellis ..	0 not out ..
G. Mumford, not out ..	1 b Bourne..
Leg-bye ..	1 l-b 1, w 8 ..
Total ..	Total ..
75	275

RUGBY SCHOOL.	
1st Innings.	2nd Innings.
J. Wilkes, b Shaw ..	5 b Shaw ..
F. Stokes, st Biddulph, b Ward ..	26 not out ..
J. T. Soutter, b Mumford ..	4 b Shaw ..
F. Tobin ma., b Shaw ..	15 c Biddulph, b Parnell ..
S. P. Bucknill, b Shaw..	11 b Shaw ..
W. Yardley, c and b Shaw ..	20 b Shaw ..
F. Tobin mi., c Mumford, b Shaw ..	0 lbw, b Mumford ..
C. K. Francis, b Mumford ..	17 lbw, b Shaw ..
A. A. Bourne, c Sandars, b Mumford ..	2 c Mumford, b Shaw ..
	5

V. Ellis, not out	1 b Shaw	0
F. Maitland, b Mumford ..	2 b Shaw	12
Leg-byes 2, byes 3, wide 1	6 W 2, b 4, 1-b 1	7
Total ..	109	Total.. 150

BUTTERFLIES V. RUGBY SCHOOL.—On Saturday, July 27th, the Butterflies commenced their annual match with the School Eleven, who won the toss, and at 11:30 sent Messrs. Stokes and Wilkes to the wickets, to the bowling of Messrs. Hornby and Smith. Both batsmen hit freely and well: Mr. Stokes gave half a chance to long-leg in the first over, but it was not accepted, and at luncheon time—two p.m.—the telegraph exhibited 213. Mr. Wilkes not out 120, Mr. Stokes not out 82, and the Butterflies' bowling "in a corner." At three o'clock play was resumed, and with the score at 246 the first wicket fell, Mr. Hornby bowling Mr. Stokes for 93, including three fours and eleven threes. Mr. Stokes ought to have been stumped when he had made about 60, but his innings was a capital one, his cutting being especially brilliant. We fancy that the score of 246 for the first wicket is without a parallel in cricket annals. Mr. Wilkes was eventually caught at mid-off: his innings of 175 was played without a chance, and comprised five fours, eighteen threes and twenty twos. His return to the Pavilion was received with immense cheering, and the Butterflies presented him with a prize bat. The captain played well for his 45, but both he and Mr. Tobin, whose hitting powers were only too manifest to a Butterfly's eye, ought to have been caught at long-leg almost before scoring. Mr. Tobin's 85 included a six, a five, four fours, and ten threes. Messrs. Yardley, Tobin mi. and Bourne also hit freely and well. The innings closed for 528 at 7 p.m. precisely. The Butterflies—far the better for a day's rest—began the batting on Monday, Messrs. Hornby and Goschen causing 59 to be telegraphed before being parted. Mr. Goschen's 32 included a five, a four and five threes. Mr. Verelst played capitally, but like his predecessor was unfortunately run out. Mr. Smith and Mr. Green played good innings, and Mr. Steward—the last man—hit up his 31 very quickly, a four and four threes being among his figures. And thus the match ended in a draw in favour of the School. Score:—

RUGBY SCHOOL.—First Innings.

F. Stokes, b Hornby	33
J. Wilkes, c Hornby, b Smith ..	175
J. T. Soutter, c Thompson, b Hornby ..	12

B. Pauncefote, c H. Verelst, b Smith ..	45
S. P. Bucknill, c H. Verelst, b Smith ..	3
F. Tobin, ma., b C. Verelst	85
W. Yardley, c Hornby, b C. Verelst ..	39
F. Tobin, mi., c H., b C. Verelst ..	24
C. K. Francis, c and b C. Verelst ..	1
A. A. Bourne, c Wilson, b C. Verelst ..	23
V. Ellis, not out	0
Byes 10, 1-b 3, w 15	28
Total	528

BUTTERFLIES.—First Innings.

A. N. Hornby, c Soutter, b Bourne ..	26
W. E. Goschen, run out	32
H. W. Verelst, run out	36
C. J. Smith, b Pauncefote	30
J. F. Green, 1 b w, b Pauncefote ..	20
W. F. Thompson, b Pauncefote ..	9
C. V. Verelst, c Tobin, mi., b Bourne ..	10
W. L. Selke, c Tobin, mi., b Pauncefote	2
A. Wilson, c Wilkes, b Bourne ..	12
A. G. Guillelard, b Bourne	0
A. B. Steward, not out	31
Byes 3, 1-b 2, w 1	6
Total	214

TOOTING CLUB V. RUGBY SCHOOL.—This new match was played at Upper Tooting on Saturday, August 3rd. It is worthy of remark that the Tooting eleven contained seven Rugbeians, one Marlburian, one Cheltonian, and one Carthusian. Tooting went first to the wickets, and 48 runs were scored before a wicket fell. Mr. Bagallay played a faultless innings of 84, and was well caught by Mr. V. Ellis. Messrs. Green and E. H. Ellis also played good innings; and the whole side was disposed of for 243 runs. The largeness of the score is partly accounted for by the indifferent fielding of Rugby, four catches being badly missed, one off Mr. Pauncefote's, and three off Mr. Ellis's bowling. At 5.10 Rugby began their innings, and Mr. Stokes again played a capital innings of 46 (not out.) He and Mr. Tobin ma. however, scored very slowly, chiefly owing to the brilliant fielding of Messrs. H. V. Ellis and Green at long-leg and cover point, and of Mr. Ratliff at long-off. The stumps and the match were drawn at 6.55, the latter in favour of Tooting. Score:—

TOOTING.—First Innings.

T. W. Bagallay, c Ellis, b Bourne ..	84
F. Baker, b Pauncefote	18
R. Brodie, b Francis	5
H. V. Ellis, c and b Soutter	2
J. F. Green, c and b Pauncefote ..	50
E. H. Ellis, b Pauncefote	29
C. S. Dakyns, b Francis	10
F. A. Gore, b Soutter	4
R. Murray, c Pauncefote, b Soutter ..	16
J. B. Congreve, not out	9
T. Ratliff, b Pauncefote	18
Leg-byes 2, wides 2	4
Total	243

RUGBY SCHOOL.—First Innings.

F. Stokes, not out	46
J. Wilkes, b Dakyns	5
J. T. Soutter, b Gore	3
F. Tobin ma., c Murray, b Gore	25
S. P. Bucknill, b Brodie	4
W. Yardley, c E. H. Ellis, b Brodie.. .. .	24
C. K. Francis, b Brodie	0
Leg-byes 2, wides 3	5
Total	108

The following had to bat: A. A. Bourne, F. Tobin mi., V. Ellis, and B. Pauncefote.

THE SCHOOL V. CIVIL SERVICE.—This match was played at Battersea Park, on Wednesday, July 31st. The School were unfortunately deprived of the services of Messrs. Wilkes and Ellis, who were unable to play. In place of these gentlemen, Hon. C. H. Vivian, T. Hone, and Hon. E. Thesiger played for us, and the game was played twelve-a-side. Civil Service went first to the wickets, when the batting of Messrs. Maitland and Taylor raised the score to something very considerable. For the School Tobin ma. thoroughly confirmed his reputation, while both the past and present Captains played in good style. The match was therefore left drawn in favour of Civil Service, one day alone being the time prescribed. The following are the particulars:—

CIVIL SERVICE.—First Innings.

E. F. Taylor, b Francis	46
S. L. S. Smith, c Vivian, b Pauncefote	3
W. J. Maitland, c Yardley b Pauncefote	89
A. R. Hawkins, c Stokes, b Soutter	6
W. Lindsay, b Francis	2
F. W. Peake, b Pauncefote	14
F. Kirkpatrick, c Hone, b Bourne	6
H. P. Thomas, c and b Bourne	4
H. Gray, b Bourne	0
J. Wearne, c Tobin mi., b Bourne	6
C. T. Martin, not out	5
W. H. Fulcher, run out	0
Byes 8, 1-b 2, n-b 3	13
Total	194

RUGBY SCHOOL.—First Innings.

F. Tobin ma., c Thomas, b Kirkpatrick	62
F. Stokes, c Kirkpatrick, b Taylor	0
J. T. Soutter, b Kirkpatrick	0
B. Pauncefote, b Lindsay.. .. .	27
S. P. Bucknill, b Kirkpatrick	23
W. Yardley, b Kirkpatrick	6
F. Tobin, mi., b Kirkpatrick	0
C. K. Francis, run out	0
A. A. Bourne, 1 b w, b Taylor	1
T. Hone, not out	10
Hon. C. Vivian, b Kirkpatrick	0
Hon. E. Thesiger, b Kirkpatrick.. .. .	12
Byes 7, 1-b 6, w 2	15
Total	156

SECOND ELEVEN V. SOUTH DERBYSHIRE.—This match was played at Derby on the South Derbyshire Ground on July 31st and

August 1st. The School evidently were not at home on a strange ground in the 1st innings; although our bowling was all that could be desired. Some good scoring was done in the 2nd Innings, especially by Millington ma. Notwithstanding the small score, the match became most exciting towards the finish, and was finally won by the South Derbyshire by one wicket. After the match was finished another was begun, in which the School was aided by Mr. A. Wilson. In this the School scored 106; South Derbyshire, 101; Bicknell scoring 45 by some very good and careful play. The score of the principal match was as follows:—

THE SCHOOL.

1st Innings.	2nd Innings.
C. H. Clark, c and b Bury.. .. .	10 c Fitzherbert b Smith 4
G. Millington, b Bury	0 b G. M. Boden ... 49
J. W. Gardner, b Smith	1 c W. Boden, b Bury 0
G. E. Steward, b Smith	7 b Smith 5
T. Gemmel, b Bury	4 b Bury 0
W. Bicknell, c G. Boden b Bury	7 c Davenport b Smith 14
G. E. Browne, c W. Boden b Bury	2 c Bury b Smith ... 11
A. Gray, b Bury	2 c Bury b Davenport 17
A. W. Rowden, b Smith	1 c Smith b W. Boden 19
F. S. Gwatkin, b Smith	1 not out 14
J. Collins, not out	0 b Davenport 0
Extras	1 Extras 5
Total	36 Total 138

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE.

1st Innings.	2nd Innings.
A. A. Wilmot, c & b Millington	6 c Bicknell, b Millington 24
J. Smith, c Bicknell, b Millington	5 b Clark 0
F. W. Davenport, c Bicknell, b Clark	3 c Gray, b Clark ... 11
Rev. T. W. Bury, b Clark	20 c Gray, b Millington 13
G. M. Boden, b Clark	7 c Gwatkin, b Clark 6
B. Fitzherbert, b Clark	1 lb w, b Bicknell .. 2
W. Boden, not out	9 c Gwatkin b Bicknell 17
Rev. J. S. Holden, b Bicknell	1 b Clark 0
A. B. Steward, c Browne, b Clark	14 lb w, b Clark 1
E. H. Boden, c Bicknell, b Clark	9 not out 5
C. J. Boden, b Bicknell	1 not out 1
Extras	11 Extras 8
Total	87 Total 88

SECOND ELEVEN V. BURTON-ON-TRENT.—Played August 30th. After numerous inquiries, we have been unable to obtain the score of the match of the 2nd Eleven v. Burton-on-Trent; suffice it to say that the match was drawn, in favour of the School.

Griffin,—late Pearce,—late Nixon, hatter, Rugby.

It is to be hoped that the School Placing for last Season will take place while Old Rugbeians are here for the Sixth Match.

RIFLE CORPS.

On Tuesday, the 14th, the new Challenge Cup, presented to the Corps by E. Baldwin, Esq., was shot for under the following conditions: five shots each, at 200, 400, and 500 yards; marksmen handicapped three points, second class men two points. As will be seen from the score, Corporal Penrose was two points behind Captain Tobin, but the latter being handicapped three points, was consequently beaten. Lieutenant Graham was third, two points behind Corporal Penrose. Score:—

	200.	400.	500.	Total.
L.-Corpl. Penrose ...	15	10	11	36
Capt. Tobin	16	7	15	38
Lieut. Graham	11	15	8	34

BIGSIDE RUN.

The first run of the season came off on Thursday, October 10th. In accordance with an old custom it was the Lawford instead of the Bilton, which has been of late years the first run of the year. The day was favourable for running, though the ground, especially in the fields, was very wet and slippery; however, the run was accomplished by all in very fair time.

The hares, who were Townsend and Milner (Arnold's), were slightly gained on by the leading hounds. The latter came in in the following order:—

1 Scott (Wilson's).....	38 ms. 58 secs.
2 O'Connell (Burrows's)	40 ms. 45 secs.
3 { Walker (Arnold's)	41 ms. 0 secs.
{ Eddis (Hutchinson's)	
5 Gordon (Burrows's) ...	42 ms. 30 secs.
6 Shirley (School House)	43 ms. 0 secs.

In order to let Old Rugbeians know the prospects of the School XI. in 1868, the following are the old members of this year's team: S. P. Bucknill (captain), W. Yardley, F. Tobin ma., V. Ellis, J. T. Soutter, F. Tobin mi., and C. K. Francis. Of those whom we have lost, B. Pauncefote has gone up to Brazenose College, Oxford; J. Wilkes and A. A. Bourne to St. John's College, Cambridge.

We are glad to hear that the Organ Fund is progressing very well, in spite of many of its best supporters having left. The total amount received from the Houses last Term (not including the Town) is £74. Some levées have also, we believe, been held, voting the Subscription for this Term.

HOUSE NEWS.

REV. C. E. MOBERLY'S.

The Debating Society has been recommenced. A very spirited debate was held on Friday, on the motion of Mr. Tyser—"That the Government are pursuing a true policy with reference to Abyssinia." The division was postponed until the next meeting.

REV. T. W. JEX BLAKE'S.

A Cup, given by A. Babington, Esq., will be awarded for the greatest number of runs-in, goals dropped, or touches-down (in the adversaries' goal), at House Little-Sides during the Term.

The Debating Society has had one meeting this Term, on the motion of Mr. Graham—"That the Cheap Press is beneficial." Mr. Tobin mi. seconded, and Mr. Lupton opposed, but the motion was finally carried, by 11 votes to 6.—Mr. Gray is President, and Mr. Tobin mi. Vice-President, for the present month.

SCHOOL-HOUSE.

There have been two House-Runs,—the Newbold and Bilton, in which Moberly and Ingram went hares, and Wheler came in first of the hounds; and the Churchover, in which the hares were Ingram and Shirley.

REV. P. BOWDEN SMITH'S.

This House had a House-Run—The Bilton—on Tuesday last. Mr. Philpotts and Rowden went hares. Kough and Whiting ran well. The time was 39 min.

The General Election has taken place, consequent on the passing of the Reform Bill. The members elected to serve in the present Parliament are as follows:—

School-House	A. Davenport.
Rev. C. T. Arnold's.....	J. Peshall.
Rev. L. F. Burrows's	V. Ellis.
Rev. P. Bowden Smith's...	A. W. Rowden.
Rev. T. W. Jex Blake's ...	A. Gray.
Rev. C. B. Hutchinson's...	W. Yardley.
Rev. C. E. Moberly's	W. G. Crenshaw.
J. M. Wilson's, Esq.	S. Forster.
Town	S. P. Bucknill.

Mr. B. E. Hammond has been elected to a Fellowship at Trinity College, Cambridge.

Mr. A. Babington has been elected Assistant-Master at Marlborough College.

Mr. W. D. Allen on Saturday last was elected to a Demyship at Magdalen College, Oxford.

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*."

Any Old Rugbeian can have the *Meteor* forwarded to him regularly, on application to Messrs. TAIT AND SONS.

To the Editor of the Meteor.

"These haughty dunces, whose unlearned pen
Could ne'er spell grammar, would be reading men."

SIR,—I was at first very doubtful whether, such a long time having elapsed since "A. H. St. V's" last letter, I should again trouble you and your readers by reviving the now wearisome discussion on the hat. But on reading his letter a second time, I found that, in justice to myself, I could not keep silence. He has brought numerous accusations against me, which are certainly unfounded. Without commenting on the reasons which induced him to bring forward these charges, or expressing any opinion on the good taste displayed in so doing, I will at once proceed to refute some of the most important of them.

"A. H. St. V." laments my not offering any practical suggestion. I never intended to offer any; I only wished to show the argument he employed was not quite unanswerable, and that something might be said on the other side as well as on his. Wishing the matter to rest as it now does, I do not see why I should offer any "practical suggestion." "A. H. St. V." also asks why I did not condescend to defend the objections raised against the abolition of the "hat." Simply because the objections he stated were not the ones I considered most likely to hold ground. They were objections of his own coining, and I really am not prepared to defend objections, which I do not recognise as such. As to my "wilful mis-statement," I stated the discomfort attendant on a hat to be small, partly from experience, partly from the opinions expressed by those who are competent judges,—I mean those who at present wear the hat. In no part of my letter can I find the argument, which he puts into my mouth, viz.: "that as the hat is only worn for a short time it should always be worn." I have never come to such a conclusion either in writing or imagination. Sir, I am afraid I am hardly justified in sending this letter, which is only a defence of my own thick-headedness. To the *Meteor* I have not

said a word about "Cosmopolitan's" letter. But this latter correspondent left me to "the tender mercies" of "A. H. St. V.," and quietly hinted that I should remember the proverb "*Ne sutor supra crepidam.*" I know I am a poor advocate of an unpopular cause, but I could not allow the matter to be decided hastily, as once it promised to be, without raising my feeble voice. For the settlement of the question will establish a precedent, by indicating which, many of the existing institutions of the School may be altered or overthrown. One word more. Whatever we do, above all things, do not let us allow the discussion to drop into a mere exchange of personalities. If we do, it will bring ridicule on ourselves and our cause. "A. H. St. V.," I am afraid, lost sight of this subject in his anxiety to show me forth in as ridiculous a light as possible. If he wants a vent for his feelings let him find it, not in anathematising "Utter Fools," but in dreaming of that golden age, when the form will be gorgeous with white waistcoats, redolent with flowers; when the newest of new boys has his white straw sent up, from some future Pearce's, wrapped up in these pages, which contain the imbecile, and, I am afraid, futile rambblings of

AN UTTER FOOL.

P.S.—I have not sent my right name, as it is the football season, and the new fellows are, more than usually, numerous, and some very big. I have also omitted taking any notice of "A. H. St. V's." postscript; but you yourself, sir, so exposed its weak points that it is needless for me to say a word more about it. And the fewer words said about it the better.

To the Editor of the Meteor.

October, 1867.

SIR,—You kindly devoted $3\frac{1}{2}$ columns to our Hat-complaint in the last number of the *Meteor*: It was an article calculated to amuse, to instruct (*vide* the quotations), to impress; but (if you will forgive me for saying so) not at all to convince. It contained criticism, but no *argument*.

Briefly, this is our case. Hats are annoying to the new boys. Mere annoyance does no good to them, and certainly no good to others.

Which of these statements is false?

If they are true, what more is there to say?

Yours,

COSMOPOLITAN.

To the Editor of the Meteor.

SIR,—As I live some distance from Rugby, I may perhaps be pardoned for not quite keeping up with the times. But in my remote habitation a report has just reached me which I have for several years, in fact since I left, been waiting anxiously to receive. It is, Sir, of your appearance; it is, Sir, that in your person has at length arisen a reformer to Rugby, a light to shine upon the dark places (I fear this *quasi*-joke must often have been made before) and to dispel whatever darkness hangs about her.

Now, Sir, it was my fate, when I left Rugby nearly five years back, to be launched at once on the broad ocean of life without the intermediate course of University life, which the greater number of my school-fellows used to look forward to. Nothing struck me more when I was free from the atmosphere of our noble School, than the great difference between it and the world I entered in respect of fairness. At School, as a rule, I was very fairly treated: I used often to get licked at calling-over it is true, but it was generally when I had been foremost in scrummaging and in making a ring; when I was small and used to stand in goal I used to get kicked sometimes, but then I generally had my pockets full of crackers; when I worked I got out of my form; when I played well I was allowed to follow up: certainly Rugby was very fair. The other side of the picture, Sir, you know the world too well to need me to paint: fruitless labour, misunderstood motives, unfair distinctions, &c., &c.

Now I am writing to you, Sir, in order to protest against a practice which has come to my ears, and which I hold utterly contrary to the spirit of fairness of which I have been speaking: a practice which, if Rugby maintains, after thought and deliberation, she must have changed her character since I left. It is this, Sir. Within a few months after I left, the new racquet-court and fives-courts were opened. I took great interest in their building, but as I have said, was forced to leave before they were completed, and before the rules for their use were fixed upon. About a year ago I had occasion to visit the habitable world, and among other parts of it I visited Rugby. Of course one of my first cares was to inspect the new racquet-court and fives-courts, and to inquire, after my inspection, into their success, their appreciation by the School, the rules by which they are

managed. What was my astonishment to find that for a great many of the best hours in the week they virtually belonged to and were in the power of one house! "Which house," I asked, "plays most at hand-fives?" "Oh! Arnolds' of course," was the reply, "they can always get a court."

Is it not, I ask you Sir, possible to put a stop to this great injustice? Even in my day I remember it as a blot on the fairness of Rugby, that some Houses had more advantage than others in getting ground for ends. But this, which I have mentioned above, seems to me far worse, far more flagrant; the number of fives courts is smaller, and they are the only means of the game; whereas we could always get ground fairly enough for our matches.

I found that on half-holidays the old method of height in the School was used. But it seems to me Sir, that these half-holidays—when cricket, football, &c., are going on—are by no means so important times for fives-courts, as the long spare hours which much of the School has after dinner on whole-school days.

Let me urge that some place, such as the white gate, be appointed from which all must start; for surely it is fairer that a fellow should have a court because he is the best runner in the School, rather than that he should have it because he happens to be a member of the nearest House?

I remain Sir, yours,

HILLMORTON.

P.S. Should my letter be replied to in your columns, my opponent must not be surprised if he has to wait for an answer, as it is several day's post from Rugby to my home.

To the Editor of the Meteor.

SIR,—All the School write to you for assistance in all their difficulties. I also write to you, if perchance you should think fit to publish this. My grievance is that the rule, which was proposed in the Easter Term, respecting the throwing of the ball out of touch, and which was tried for last Term, has been allowed to drop into insigni-

fiance, and that even the question of its continuance is not mooted.

The rule simply implied, "that the ball, when thrown out of touch, must not be run with, until it has touched the ground." Now, I wish to ask your enlightened readers, at least, the football-playing portion of them, what was its irremediable failing, which has hurried it into oblivion, without giving it another chance. When the rule first came into action at the Easter Big-Sides, it naturally took a little time before it was fully realized and understood. Afterwards, however, when it was understood, I must confess that I never heard such abuse poured upon it, as would justify its being thrust away, by the unanimous, though silent, decree of Big-Side.

Now I would ask, what are those objections which have caused this good rule to be abolished? To me it appears to be a thoroughly good one. My reasons are, that it prevents that old nuisance of mauling close to touch; and that it gives more scope for skill than merely by catching the ball, and wasting time over useless wrangling.

I hope in your next number to see a thoroughly convincing letter from some football hero. If the rule should be brought forward again and carried, you will have been the means of eternally benefitting

THE SLOPE.

To the Editor of the Meteor.

SIR,—It must be plain to all that some measures should be taken to ensure the attendance of Caps at "Big-Sides," the smallness of which last year was the subject of general remark. Is there no way in which this object may be attained? An absentee, by the present regulations, ought to make his excuse to the head of his side: but as he is seldom the same two consecutive Big-Sides, frequent absence passes un-noticed, and consequently the rule is of no effect. Our suggestion is, that since now there is a committee devoted exclusively to Football, the power of reproving or even, if necessary, of depriving offenders of their caps, be given to it. And let this rule apply to Sixth and School alike.

Hoping that something may be done to remedy this great evil,

We are, yours, etc.,

TRIO.

To the Editor of the Meteor.

DEAR SIR,—I see that the Sixth Match is not to be played till October 19th, a week later than usual and a fortnight later than first Little-Side. Why this change? Do the Sixth wish to deprive themselves of the assistance of their Old Rugbeians, and avoid, by an immediate defeat, the dangers and perils of a longer match?

The 19th, the day fixed for the match, is also the day on which most University men are obliged to go up, a proceeding which is hardly compatible with playing football. Let me also ask, why should the Football season, always found too short to play out all the House Matches, be curtailed by a week. I have heard of several startling changes at Rugby lately, but surely this is the least expedient of all.

Yours truly,

OLD RUGBEIAN.

To the Editor of the Meteor.

DEAR SIR,—Many disputes have arisen concerning touch line on Little-Side and the Dunchurch piece; would it not be better to have a touch line cut.

Yours truly,

BELOW CAP.

To the Editor of the Meteor.

DEAR SIR,—Old customs are very desirable to retain, but still a change is often refreshing. Why should not Punt-about sometimes happen on the lower side of the Pontines? If it were sometimes moved down, the grass would be spared, and a good deal of dirt avoided.

Yours truly,

NOVELTY.

To the Editor of the Meteor.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to make known to the School, through your columns, the Accounts of the Rifle Corps for the present year.

Yours truly, F. TOBIN.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR NEW RIFLES.

	£	s.	d.
Rev. T. W. Jex Blake.....	10	0	0
Rev. C. T. Arnold	5	5	0
Rev. J. Robertson	5	5	0
Rev. C. B. Hutchinson	5	5	0
F. E. Kitchener, Esq.....	5	0	0
Rev. P. Bowden Smith	3	3	0
H. Lee Warner, Esq.	3	3	0
Rev. L. F. Burrows.....	2	2	0
Old Rugbeians.....	15	0	0
Oxford ditto	4	0	0
J. S. Philpotts, Esq.	1	13	7
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	£59	16	7

EXPENSES OF NEW RIFLES.

	£	s.	d.
To J. Hollis & Sons, Birmingham, for 12 Hay Rifles.....	47	17	6
To London Armoury Company, for 1 Navy Rifle (on trial)	4	10	6
Carriage of Rifles, &c.....	1	6	6
Sergt. Caldwell, special instructor	6	2	1
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	£59	16	7

SPECIAL EXPENSES OF CORPS, JANUARY TO MIDSUMMER, 1867.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
J. S. Philpotts, Esq.	7	7	0
Members of Corps	4	5	0
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	£11	12	0

	£	s.	d.
Expedition to Lutterworth for Shooting	4	17	6
Town and School Challenge Cup unpaid	2	0	6
Uniform belts, repairing, &c.....	1	4	0
Sergt. Tait to Wimbledon	2	0	0
Sergt. Tait, expenses for arranging Matches, &c.....	1	0	0
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	£11	12	0

Debt contracted previous to the present year, due to Sergt. Tait..... £8 10 0

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

“Excelsior.”—Your *nom de plume* is not well chosen. You are evidently not aware of the insuperable objections.

“A. C.”—We should give our decision for your side in any case.

“Fair-Play.”—You certainly should bring so serious a matter before a School Levée.

The present holder of the Big-Side Bags is A. Scott (J. M. Wilson's, Esq.), who has received them from S. P. Bucknill.

At a Big-Side Levée, held on Tuesday last, it was carried *nem. con.* that Reynolds's Field be hired for football purposes for this Term, and that goals be put up. Mr. Bucknill also proposed and Mr. Yardley seconded, that network be stretched over the glass roof of the new Eton Fives Courts, in order to keep off the glare of the sun in Summer, and to protect the glass from the stones by which it has hitherto been broken.

Though we have frequently expressed our determination to meddle only in the School's, and not in the Masters' business, we think ourselves justified in stating that at length the Masters are freed from the opposition that has met them so long, and that the purchase of the whole ground to the corner of Lawrence Sheriffe St. has been concluded.