

son as playing well. On the other side, Yardley (back) and Gordon (half-back) did great service, as also did Sidebotham, Hare, and Chapman.

ARNOLD'S v. WILSON'S.—Thursday, Nov. 21. This proved to be a very equal and well contested match, and though Wilson's were far better behind the scrummage, the forwards of the other side managed very well to prevent this advantage telling against them. Once Badger (back) made a fine run from behind the Pavilion into Arnold's goal, but before he had touched it down he ran out of the close, and so by ill-luck, spoilt the chance of a try at goal. After that Arnold's penned their opponents for some little time and finally made them touch the ball down. The forward play on both sides was good, but we especially noticed Forster, Botfield, and Cholmondeley (substitute), while Badger (back) played well. On the other side Peshall, Ralli, Montague, and Lambert (back) deserve mention.

HUTCHINSON'S v. BOWDEN SMITH'S.—This match, one of the ties of the second round, was played on Saturday, November 9th, and resulted in a victory for Hutchinson's; though the losing side played so uphill a game admirably. For the first part of the time Hutchinson's penned their adversaries, although, from time to time, the ball was impelled to the middle of the ground. Again, however, the stronger side forced it back towards Bowden Smith's goal, and when a scrummage had taken place there, Yardley gaining the ball dropped a beautiful goal. The sides then changed over, and for the rest of the time, although nothing decisive was achieved, Bowden Smith's had decidedly the best of it. Besides the goal Hutchinson's compelled their opponents to touch the ball down twice in their goal. The play on both sides in this match was very good. Those who most distinguished themselves were, for Hutchinson's, Yardley (back), Gordon (half-back), Hare (forward), and for Bowden Smith's, Rowden (forward), Gardner m. (half-back), and Gardner m. (back), notwithstanding a bad injury which he received during the match.

The XI. and XXII. match has been finished, but we are compelled to defer our account of it.

In Below Caps School House v. Hutchinson's, after a five days' match, and a goal on each side, we may allow the School House to be slightly superior; anyhow, those two

Houses are the best, and intend playing the School with 25 a-side, this (Thursday) afternoon.

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

It may not have been known to unscientific readers that neither flowers nor butterflies nor birds-eggs can be conveniently collected in November; but this secret being known to the members of this Society, it had been intended to hold comparatively few meetings this term. Owing, however, to the desire of members to meet, even if the bill of fare was not very rich, it has been determined to hold a meeting every fortnight.

Accordingly, in rather striking contradiction to the unfounded report of its moribund condition, the Society has held two of its most satisfactory meetings, on the 9th and 23rd of this month.

On the 9th a paper was read by Mr. Sidgwick on the protective resemblances in insects, in which several new facts, observed by Mr. Sidgwick, were illustrated by specimens from his own collection.

On the 16th a paper was read by W. Marshall, on the floral types into which Great Britain has been divided. A numerical analysis was given of the plants of each type composing our Rugby flora. This paper led to so lengthy a discussion that several other papers were deposited.

A caterpillar, from New Zealand, was exhibited by F. C. Bayard, considered a delicacy by the natives, and liable to be attacked by a fungus, which grows out of its head to the length of a foot.

The fossil, found for the first time in all England, by R. P. Cleminshaw, in our Rugby Lias, has been commented on in the transactions of the (London) Geological Society and identified with a known Irish fossil.

An extra meeting will be held on Friday, November 29th, to receive from Mr. Hayward his present of butterflies.

RIFLE CORPS.

MATCH v. ROSSALL.—On Tuesday, October 29th, a most interesting match took place between the above corps. The Rossall XI had, about a week previously, achieved a victory over Cheltenham and Marlborough, with a good score of 250; on the present occasion, however, they surpassed themselves, making