

would be useless detailing the day's play.

Tuesday, Dec. 17th. This day each side played with 19 men, owing to a difficulty in obtaining substitutes. Soon after the beginning, Blake's forced their opponents past the three trees, and down to their goal, where soon very hard play followed. Here the ball was kept for a long time, near the School House goal, when after a scrimmage, Reynolds touched the ball down for Blake's. A try was about to follow, but this was mauled, and was consequently scored as a punt-out. The game was then continued, and soon after this, Haslam (Blake's), getting a severe blow on the head, was totally disabled. Not long after, Ingram made a long run to the Barby road side, which materially changed the state of the game. Here, again, after some very hard play on both sides, the ball was touched down in Blake's goal by Stunt. A try followed by Davenport which was unsuccessful, and after some scrummaging Blake's were obliged to touch it down. Here ended the match. Where the play was so universally good it is hard to select any, but we may say that of the School House the play of Westfeldt, Davenport, Phillips (substitute for Moberly), and Cholmondeley was excellent; while for Blake's, Tobin ma., Graham, Fletcher, and Botfield (substitute for Hornby), played splendidly.

MOBERLY'S v. BURROWS'.—This match was played on Monday last, and was very equally contested, chiefly through the excellent play of Lambert (Arnold's), who was playing substitute for Ellis ma., the latter being prevented from playing, owing to severe indisposition. Soon after the beginning, the ball was brought down to the neighbourhood of Moberly's goal, by a succession of runs by Lambert, where it was finally touched down for Burrows'. A very good try at goal followed, considering that the kick was from the slope. After this the game was very equally contested for some time, when a very good run by Southam changed the state of the game and brought the ball within Burrows' 25-yds. post. Here, by two splendid runs by Crenshaw, the ball was brought into Burrows' goal, when it was touched down for them by Cochrane, after a maul with two of the opposite side. A try followed which was unsuccessful. Burrows' were then obliged to touch it down, and soon "no-side" was called. Thus each side had obtained a try at goal, and Moberly's had one touch down to their credit.

TWO COCK HOUSES v. SCHOOL; BELOW CAPS.—This match was played on Thursday, November 28th, and resulted in a slight victory for the School of a couple of touches down, though the two Houses (the School House and Mr. Hutchinson's) made a much better fight of it than could have been expected from the overpowering weight of their adversaries. For the two Houses we noticed Fowler, Gwyer, Westfeldt (half-back), and Layton (back) as playing very well; while Nicolson, Marshall, and Tinkler (half-back) did good service for the School.

School Dropping ..... 1. Tobin mi.  
2. Crenshaw.

School Placing ..... 1. Baylis.  
2. { Peshall.  
Yardley.

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE.—At a meeting held on Thursday morning last it was decided that the order of the Houses be—1, School House; 2, Blake's. It was also proposed, and afterwards carried at Big-Side levée, that in future the head of the School be a member of the committee *ex-officio* without a vote.

#### BIG-SIDE RUNS.

THE THURLASTON.—This run came off on Thursday, December 5th. The ground was not in a very favourable condition for running, but very slippery owing to the thaw after the recent frost, but in spite of this seven out of eight came in. The Hares Bucknill (Town) and Graham (Blake's) were slightly beaten by the leading Hounds, who came in in the following order. 1st, Eddis (Hutchinson's), 49min. 20sec.; 2nd, Lane (Town), 50min.; 3rd, Townsend (Arnold's), 50min. 10sec.; 4th, Whiting (Bowden Smith's), 52min.; 5th, Shirley (School House), 53min. 35sec.; 6th, Gordon (Burrows's), 54 min. Milner (Arnold's) was unfortunately unable to start until a few minutes after the other Hounds, but came in easily, accomplishing the run a little over 50min.

THE CRICK.—After two adjournments, the Crick at length came off on Saturday, December 14th. It is perhaps worth mentioning as a curious fact, that it is exactly 10 years since the Crick has been run on a Saturday, or indeed upon any other day than Thursday. Most unfortunately illness and the House Match in the morning prevented five fellows from going who had intended to run. But in spite of the small start, and the dire prognostications of some despairing prophets

that the run would not be accomplished in less than ten minutes longer than last time, the pace was fair being only one minute slower than last year's. Some of the fields were very heavy, especially those which had been recently ploughed. The Hares, Milner and Whiting, left the School Gates at 2.33, and the Hounds who were six in number, ten minutes after them. For the first mile the latter all kept well together, but after this, Eddis and Townsend took the lead and soon lost sight of the rest with the exception of Lane, who ran about 200 yards behind them until they reached Crick. Going up the hill into Hillmorton, the two first Hounds sighted one of the Hares about 300 yards in front of them, a distance which they gradually lessened, until upon reaching the "come in" it was diminished to 30 yards. The following are the times:—Hares, G. H. Milner (Arnold's), 1h. 33min., H. Whiting (Bowden Smith's), 1h. 35min. 55sec. Hounds, H. Eddis (Hutchinson's), 1h. 26min.; J. H. Townsend (Arnold's), 1h. 26 min. None of the other hounds came in, in the requisite time.

**ERRATA IN OUR LAST.**—In the letter signed "Psittacus," two mistakes considerably change his meaning. For "monstrous" read "monotonous"; and for "disposition" read "disproportion."

It is with pleasure that we notice that the Terminal Prize Foils, at the Gymnasium, Oxford, have been again won by an Old Rugbeian, E. Wason, of Wadham.

Old Rugbeians will be glad to know that the Rugby Register has been reprinted and continued up to the present term, covering from 1675 to 1867.

**NEW CAPS.**—Fletcher (Blake's) received his cap on November 24th. The following have received a like honour within the last week:—Arnold's—Sartoris and Marshall; Burrows'—Dodds & Riley; Bowden Smith's—Mac-millan ma. and Micholls; Blake's—Penrose, Stevenson, and Dugdale; School House—Field, Stunt, and Fowler; Wilson's—Nicolson; Moberly's—Stock and Eaden; Hutchinson's—Gwyer.

During the late frost, owing to the prohibition of real skating, it was carried on vigorously in the close, where the gravel, we should imagine, made considerable havoc among new and good skates.

The School Concert is fixed for Monday next, December 23rd. The first part will contain selections from "Israel in Egypt" and the "Messiah."

We learn from the *Cheltonian* that the College Council have lately presented the Cheltenham College Rifle Corps with £70 for new rifles. Oh! for a College Council! The above-mentioned Corps are before the world in reform, being assisted by an efficient band of 28 performers.

It is with the deepest regret that we notice the death of one who was till recently a member of this School. Mervyn Prower, formerly of the Rev. C. B. Hutchinson's House, expired at his rooms at Brasenose College, Oxford, on the 29th of November last. We believe we are right in saying that the immediate cause of his death was fever, but its proving fatal may be attributed more or less to a serious blow on the head, which he unfortunately received during the recent Oxford riots. The deceased left the School, of which he had been a member for about five years, at the end of the Midsummer Term of 1866. As Captain of the Rifle Corps and one of our best "Caps," he held a prominent position in the School; and at Oxford he had already proved himself a very promising oar. His frank good nature and manly heartiness caused him to be a universal favourite, while those who were intimate with him will regret him as a true and affectionate friend.

We regret to have to announce the death of John Bakewell, late of the Rev. C. E. Moberly's House, and of Quorndon, near Derby, who died of congestion of the lungs, at Dr. Sharp's house, on December 4. He only came amongst us in January, and consequently was not very generally known, but his death called forth a universal feeling of sympathy for his father and mother, whose only son he was, and for Mr. Moberly, who has had so much anxiety this Term. The annual house supper is, in consequence, postponed till Easter.