

Bucknill, Captain of the Eleven; J. T. Soutter, and W. Yardley, elected.

Mr. Masterman, seconded by Mr. Gray, then proposed that the Stewards of the Athletic Games form a Committee, with power to add to their number, to revise the Racquet Rules. This was carried *nem con*.

THE RACQUET CLUB.

WE hail with pleasure the new state of things at the Racquet Court. A committee, consisting of the Athletic Stewards, was appointed by Bigside Levée to revise the rules of the Racquet Court, with a view to giving more time for the better players to practice. It may be said by some that the rules (which we give under) virtually exclude all the School except the 36 from the greater part of the hours; but it must be remembered that there are few able to play racquets at all, who are not included in the Club, and those few will not be worth much if they cannot get a place in it, by challenging.

RULES FOR THE RACQUET COURT.

- 1.—That the RACQUET CLUB consist of 36 Members for the present.
- 2.—That three days a week, namely, Monday, Thursday, and, Friday, be set aside wholly for the use of the Racquet Club.
- 3.—That the remaining days be open to the whole School alike.
- 4.—That any Member of the Racquet Club be liable to a challenge from any one not in the Club: and if beaten, that his place be taken by the winner.
- 5.—That all challenges must first receive the sanction of the Committee; and no challenge be played on any of the Club days.
- 6.—That if the challenger be beaten, he be not allowed to challenge the *same player* again for six weeks.
- 7.—That no challenge be allowed for the first 3 weeks.
- 8.—That no Member of the Racquet Club take on any Member of the School on a Racquet Club day, unless unable to make up a game without him. And, that any Member of the Racquet Club finding any Member of the School on may take his place at once.
- 9.—That the Committee have power to eject any Member from the Racquet Club, and fill up his place or not at discretion.
- 10.—That Courts be taken a fortnight in advance; but no Member of the Racquet Club may have his name down more than once in 3 days, no Member of the rest of the School more than once in a fortnight.
- 11.—That the Masters be Honorary Members of the Racquet Club.

No signs of the building of the long-talked-of Pavilion have as yet appeared. Did we not know that the Committee appointed for the object included some most energetic and persevering Old Rugbeians, and that they have, moreover, to contend with difficulties in high quarters, we should be inclined to accuse them of neglect. As it is, we hear

that £300 more has yet to be raised, and that the money at present subscribed (about £500) has been profitably invested. We must therefore call upon all who have not yet subscribed to give liberally, and wait patiently, in confident expectation that when we do get a new Pavilion it will be something magnificent, as the largeness of the sum required leads us to anticipate.

TERCENTENARY FUND.—We understand that a supplemented list of subscriptions to the above will be published very shortly. We would therefore strongly urge all O.R.'s who have not yet subscribed to send in their names without delay, as the Committee, we hear, are desirous to form an estimate of the amount that is likely to be raised.

The following is, we believe, a correct list of the Old Rugbeians who have passed for, or entered the Army during the year, 1867:

- Royal Artillery:—*
- H. T. S. Yates, (B. Smith).
- Royal Engineers:—*
- M. H. Gregson, (Wilson).
- Royal Military Academy, Woolwich:—*
- W. H. Sykes, (Arnold).
C. W. Sherrard, (Hutchinson).
H. V. H. Davis, (Blake).
- Royal Military College, Sandhurst:—*
- L. E. Coker, (Moberly).
- Regiments of the Line:—*
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| O. Allcard, (Hutchinson) | 9th Regt. |
| L. H. Bathurst, (Wilson) | " |
| E. H. Boden, (Burrows) | 85th " |
| F. H. Carpenter, (Moberly) | " |
| O. T. Cavenagh (Arnold) | 75th " |
| S. R. Elwes, (Arnold) | 60th " |
| C. P. Hare, (Hutchinson) | 1st " |
| B. H. Kennett, (Arnold) | 51st " |
| H. G. Lefroy, (Burrows) | 44th " |
| G. R. R. Poole, (School) | " |
| H. A. Rasch, (Blake) | 65th " |
| H. T. Rhoades, (Town) | 22nd " |
| F. Ryley, (Moberly) | 81st " |
| A. P. Thornton, (Blake) | 36th " |
| P. H. Wallerstein, (Town) | 6th " |
| F. H. Wheler, (Burrows) | 81st " |
| H. P. Woodroffe, (Burrows) | 62nd " |
| J. F. Wyley, (Town) | 22nd " |

Mr. Alfred Barratt, late Scholar of Balliol, and Mr. Thomas Case, Commoner of the same College, were elected on Friday last to open Fellowships at Brasenose College. Mr. Barratt obtained a double-first in the examination before the Moderators of Easter Term, 1864, while in the final examinations he obtained a first class in classics in Michaelmas Term 1864, a first class in mathematics in Trinity Term 1866, and a first class in Law and Modern History in the Michaelmas Term 1866. Mr. Case obtained a classical first in the examination before Moderators of Easter

Term 1865, and a similar honour in the final classical School in Michaelmas Term 1867. Both Mr. Barratt and Mr. Case were educated at Rugby—the former at the Rev. T. W. Jex Blake's, and the latter at the Rev. R. B. Mayor's, now J. M. Wilson's, Esq.

There is a talk of a School match with a Twenty from Cambridge, next Saturday. None but Old Rugbeians are going to play, and we are sure that it will meet with the same success that attended Mr. Harrison's match last term.

The *Eton College Chronicle* contains a leading article on "Reform at Eton." The Eton Collegers complain that they are in school too much; that they have a great deal too much to learn by heart; that chapel every day is not conducive to attention to the service every day in general, and on Sunday in particular; that, at Eton, Sunday is not a day of rest. Such are the grievances of the Etonians, which are evidently intended to impress the new Headmaster, although, as is usual with school periodicals, they introduce their subject by solemnly affirming that they "do not intend in the least to touch upon the prerogative of the Masters."

HOUSE NEWS.

THE REV. T. W. JEX BLAKE'S.

The Debating Society held a very successful session last term. Besides those recorded, the following motions were carried:—"That the cheap Press is beneficial;" "That the pleasures of day are preferable to those of night;" "That the introduction of a Cat Tax would be a beneficial measure." The following were negatived:—"That the literature of modern times is superior to that of ancient times;" "That works of fiction are not beneficial to society."

The Football Challenge Cup last term was won by F. Tobin, ma.

J. M. WILSON'S, Esq.

This House had a paper-chase last Thursday, round by Brownsover, Clifton, and Hillmorton, the distance being about 7 miles. The hares were Lloyd and Francis. Of the hounds Scott came in first, Bulpett ma. second, and Peake third, the rest being close up.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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*.

DEAR SIR,—On the strength of that old saying that "three heads are better than one," I venture to add my suggestions to those of your two former correspondents, in the hope of helping to settle the old Fives Court grievance.

"O.R. who was in the Sixth" hardly made his defence of the Arnoldites good. That they play more puntabout than other Houses is easily accounted for: they have private ground and balls. The fact of their playing more cricket than other Houses, is only a further argument for the alteration of the present system of "bagging" ground and courts, for they have almost as entire monopoly of the best ends as of the fives courts.

For your correspondent to make his "voluntary games" theory good, he must prove that they play more bat-fives and racquets than other Houses; but how will he do it?

If there is good reason for saying that the Arnoldites have a monopoly of after-dinner fives courts, how is the matter to be remedied?

The objections to all the School running from the Doctor's wall are—

(i.) That it would be such an awfully long race.

(ii.) It would make fellows liable to be late for dinner.

(iii.) Old Big-Side would be hardly a clear enough course for a race at 1.30, either during the Football or the Cricket season, because of the House matches and pie matches.

I would suggest that the *School Bath* would make a good starting-point for all running at dinner time, for these reasons:

(i.) It is pretty equally distant from all the things to be run for—fives court, bat-fives court, or ends.

(ii.) It would not necessitate such a trying race, spoil fellows' comfort at dinner, or make them so liable to be late for it.

(iii.) It would not be too near the ends to prevent the possibility of a fair race for them, as starting from Arnold's gate now does.

(iv.) The course for the race would be out of the way of all games generally.