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THE ATHLETIC GAMES.

The Athletic Games were held on Monday and Tuesday last, the 23rd and 24th March. The weather was abominable, but what could we expect? It was not very fine at this time last year; it seldom is in March. Experience is said to be the best of teachers, and perhaps by next year we shall have learnt our lesson. Perhaps the only argument for the sports being held at this season is, that this is the usual time for Athletics at other places. But even if they are held at other places, we surely have now found to our cost that Rugby is too far north, and that we cannot any longer follow the example of the Universities and other Public Schools, and have our Athletics in the Lent Term. Monday morning was chill and cold, and just as the spectators had taken their places along the road to view the finish of the mile race, a heavy snowstorm began to give a coating of slime to the road. For about ten minutes it fell thickly, and a courier announced that the competitors would not start till it finished. Judging from the condition of the road, we may safely say that the time was good, although not less than in former years, when the race was run in the close. This may also refer to nearly all the sports on the first day; in one case the same competitor jumped three inches higher the second day. We shall now give a detailed account of the games; but we must first mention that to the Stewards great praise is due for their excellent management of affairs in getting all the sports finished in the prescribed time. The Stewards, we may repeat,

were—J. S. Masterman, S. P. Bucknill, W. Yardley, and J. T. Soutter. The first event was

Flat Race, 200 yards; open to all.

Winners of heats: Badger, Bucknill, Lloyd ma., and Southam.

Final heat: 1. H. W. Badger; 2. S. P. Bucknill.—Time, 21m. $3\frac{1}{4}$ s.

Badger drew away very soon and won easily. Southam was second, but not being allowed to take two prizes for the same distance, and winning the following race, chose the prize for that in preference.

Flat Race, 200 yards; under 5 ft. 7 in.

Winners of heats: Badger, Fletcher, Macmillan, Rickards ma., and Southam.

Final heat: 1. F. A. Southam; 2. K. R. Fletcher.—Time, 22 sec.

Badger, by winning the former race, was disqualified. Ingram ran second in the final, but had been beaten in his heat by Fletcher.

High Jump; under 5 ft. 2 in.

1. H. Collingridge; 2. W. Moss.—Height, 4ft. 3in.

Gordon and King jumped over 4 ft.; Sim also cleared 4 ft. 3 in., but was disqualified, being just over 5 ft. 2 in.

Mile Race.

1. S. P. Bucknill; 2. W. Welsh; 3. A. Scott; then Lloyd, Lane, Eddis, Russell.—Time, 5 min. 20 sec.

Bucknill drew away and made all the running; near the finish, however, coming down the road, Welsh put on a splendid

spurt, but did not succeed in catching him. Won by a yard, 10 yards between 2nd and 3rd. We heartily congratulate the winner on his success, as, it may be remembered, he for three successive years ran second. The time is accounted for by the state of the road.

Standing Jumping.

1. W. Yardley; 2. A. G. Botfield.—Height, 3 ft. 11 in.

Bayley, Browne, Lyon, and Mawdsley also competed. The winner jumped in much the best form.

Quarter-of-a-Mile.

Heat 1: 1. Badger; 2. Chippendall.

" 2: 1. Ingram; 2. Kough.

" 3: 1. Reynolds; 2. Lloyd.

" 4: 1. Tobin mi.; 2. Welsh.

The first heat was won easily by 15 yds., the second by 10 yds., the third equally easily; the fourth, however, was a very good race at the finish, Tobin having mistaken the course.

Final Heat: 1. S. P. Bucknill; 2. F. Tobin mi.; 3. A. S. Reynolds; E. H. Ingram, 0; H. W. Badger, 0.—Time, 63 sec.

Bucknill made tremendous pace after the first corner; Tobin, although with a good spurt, failed to reach him. Won by 10 yds.

High Jumping.

1. C. K. Francis; 2. G. Millington.—Height, 4 ft. 11 in.

The ground was in a very unsatisfactory state for jumping, so much so that the competitors could not be at all confident of reaching the jump without slipping fatally. W. Yardley and J. W. Gardner cleared 4 ft. 10 in.

Flat Race, 200 yds.; under 5 ft. 2 in.

Winners of Heats: Benham, Bulpett ma., Gordon, King.

Final Heat: 1. G. E. Benham; 2. King.—Time, 26½ sec.

Benham came to the front about half way, and maintained his lead, winning only by a yard.

Half-Mile Race.

Heat 1: 1. Botfield; 2. Chippendall.—Time, 2 min. 27 sec.

The chief feature of this race was the splendid spurt by which Botfield won a very close race, eliciting great applause.

Heat 2: 1. Isherwood; 2. Francis.—Time, 2 min. 33 sec.

Isherwood took the lead in the second lap, and finally won.

Heat 3: 1. Kough; 2. Lloyd.—Time, 2 min. 31 sec.

Won easily, the winner getting over his ground apparently without much exertion.

Heat 4: 1. Welsh; 2. Selous.—Time, 2 min. 30 sec.

Won easily, as was expected, by a good spurt, for which the winner is now deservedly famous.

Final Heat: 1. Welsh; 2. Botfield; 3. Kough. Time, 2 min. 25 sec.

All kept quite close for the first two laps, being each apparently afraid of taking the lead, when Welsh was seen at the front, closely followed by Botfield. The former, however, had more in him, and won a splendid race by a yard; Kough close up for third place.

Hurdle Race, 200 yards, over 8 Hurdles; under 5 ft. 7 in.

Winners of Heats: Badger, Field, Fletcher, Macmillan, and Southam.

All these races were closely competed, but owing to their similarity are scarcely worthy of separate accounts.

Final Heat: 1. H. W. Badger; 2. F. A. Southam.—Time, 30 sec.

This afforded great excitement, as Badger slipped at the fifth hurdle, but recovering himself very quickly, he managed just to get in front of Southam in the run home.

Broad Jumping.

1. J. W. Gardner, F. Tobin mi., equal.—Distance, 18 ft.

The tape was first laid at 13 ft., and the distance was rapidly increased, till a splendid jump by Gardner brought it to 18 ft. The other competitors failed to reach this until Tobin, amid general applause, landed on exactly the same spot. Yardley and Maitland also cleared 17 ft., both jumping in excellent form.

High Jumping; under 5 ft. 6 in.

1. H. K. Gordon; 2. G. H. Sim.—Height, 4 ft. 8 in.

The winner jumped very well, clearing two inches more than anyone else. Sim's performance was very creditable, as he was only half an inch too tall to win the 5 ft. 2 in. Jumping.

Hundred Yards.

Winners of Heats: Badger, Bucknill, Ingram, Lawrence, Lloyd, Reynolds, Southam, and Tobin mi.

Final Heat: 1. S. P. B. Bucknill; 2. H. W. Badger.—Time, 11 sec.

Badger, from the easy manner in which he had won the 200 yds., was established favourite, but Bucknill, running very strongly throughout, won by about a foot.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.

1. H. Tubb; 2. F. Maitland.—Distance, 97 yds. 2 ft.

There was no wind to assist the throwers, so the winning throw may be considered a very good one.

Hurdle Race; Half-mile.

Winners of Heats: Botfield, Kough, Rowden, and Welsh.

The first and last won their heats cleverly; Kough and Rowden won easily.

Final Heat: 1. W. Welsh; 2. W. E. Kough; 3. A. G. Botfield.—Time, 2 min. 45 sec.

This was a very good race, all keeping together for the first lap; Rowden then took the lead, when he was passed successively by Botfield, Welsh, and Kough. At the last turn Welsh, who had been running with great judgment, quickened his pace, and won by 10 yards.

Putting the Stone.

1. H. Tubb; 2. J. W. Gardner.—Distance, 31 ft. 2 in.

This was a very creditable feat. The winner exceeded the second by a foot.

Hurdle Race, 200 yards; over 12 hurdles.

Winners of Heats: Badger, Francis, Lloyd, Penrose, and Tobin mi.

Final Heat: 1. F. Tobin mi. 2. G. H. Lloyd.—Time, 30 sec.

After the first hurdle Tobin took the lead, which he gradually increased, and won easily by four yards, although Lloyd spurred well from the path.

Old Rugbeians' Race; Quarter-of-a-mile.

1. A. L. Oldham (Trin. Oxford); 2. E. Bennett.

Only seven competitors came to the scratch, probably owing to the late moment at which the prize was announced, viz.—Fitzgerald (Ball. Ox.), C. E. Ringrose (Ch. Ch.), G. T. Oldham (Oriol Ox.), A. L. Oldham (Trin. Ox.), E. Bennett, G. E. Steward (Linc. Ox.), G. Farwell (Ball. Ox.). Ringrose led at first, but on the turn home, Oldham came up, and won easily by ten yards.

Consolation Race, 200 yards; open to all but winners of races.

1. Dugdale; 2. Yardley.

Won by a yard and a half. A good race for second, Yardley just beating Reynolds by a foot.

THE SCHOOL STEEPLECHASES.

The School Steeplechases were run on Thursday, March 5th. The same course as last year was chosen, and both races, notwithstanding the soft state of the ground, gave very good sport. A slight drizzle gave a little annoyance to the spectators; which was increased by some unaccountable delay in starting the races, whether from mismanagement or not, we cannot say. The first (open to all) brought about 8 to the scratch. The lot did not separate much until a little beyond the railway, when Rowden was seen going to the front, which lead he maintained nearly the whole way. About half-way, however, Welsh began to draw up, followed by Kough, Hare, and Francis. About 200 yards from the finish, Welsh had passed Rowden, the former having a longer stride, and apparently quite fresh. Kough dropped behind at the last, and the order of passing the post was—1, W. Welsh; 2, A. W. Rowden; 3, C. K. Francis.

The Small Steeplechase (under 5ft. 8in.) brought only 5 competitors. From the very beginning, Badger took the lead, and soon was far ahead of his men. At the last, however, by a very successful spurt and good leaping, Fletcher began to lessen the distance between them, and Badger attempting to vault the last hurdle (which gave way), lost a very close race, we might say, by a head.

Both the winners are in the Rev. C. B. Hutchinson's House.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

At a Meeting held March 7th, Mr. Wilson exhibited a section of the cuttings exposed at the Victoria Works, and explained how a record of the fossils in each stratum could be made by the Society.

After the Exhibitions, a paper of considerable research was read by J. H. Davies "On primary and secondary movements in sensitive plants."

At a Meeting held March 21st, Notes were read by the President "On Birdsnesting, its

uses and abuses," and a new Ammonite was reported from the Upper Hillmorton Pits, by E. Cleminshaw.

The thanks of the Society were given to G. E. Fryer, Esq., for a valuable present of books.

A paper was then read "On the circulation of the blood," by Dr. Helm, one of the honorary members of the Society. The paper was in itself most clear, and was further explained by a series of papers lent by Professor Humphrey, of Cambridge.

The number present on the 7th was 42, and on the 21st 51.

J. L. Boyson, F. C. Bayard, L. Moberly, and O. Leggatt have been elected Associates.

The last Meeting of the Society for this Term will be held on April the 4th, when a paper by E. Cleminshaw "On a Walk in the Eifel Mountains," is expected.

BIGSIDE RUN.

On Thursday, March 19th, the Lawford Run took place. The ground, especially the fields, was very slippery owing to recent rains, but the run was, nevertheless, done much quicker by the leading hounds than for some years past. The hares, Eddis (Hutchinson's) and Gordon (Burrows's) were gained on considerably, but this was partly owing to their not knowing the way accurately. The hounds were 15 in number, of whom 13 came in. The following are the times:—

HARES: Min. Sec.

1. Eddis (Hutchinson's) 42 0
2. Gordon (Burrows's) 44 7

HOUNDS:

1. Scott (Wilson's) 37 50
2. Welsh (Hutchinson's) 38 5
3. Gilpin (Arnold's) 38 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. Lane (Town) 39 25
5. Bulpett (Wilson's) 39 35
6. Chippendall (Hutchinson's) ... 40 2
7. Russell (Burrows's) 40 55
8. Lloyd (Wilson's) 41 5
9. O'Connell (Burrows's) 42 17
- 10 { Garrett (Moberly's) 42 46
- { Stock (Moberly's) 42 46
- 11 { Francis (Wilson's) 43 15
- { Dudgeon (Wilson's) 43 15

The Treasurer of the Organ Fund begs to acknowledge the following Subscriptions, through Mr. Edwards:—

G. E. Steward.....	£1 1 0
G. T. Oldham.....	10 0

R. S. R. C.

We have much pleasure in announcing a victory as the result of the second match of the Corps this year. On Monday, March 9th, the usual monthly match took place between the School and Town Corps for the Challenge Cup, and resulted in a victory for the School by 34 points. The present holder of the Cup is Captain Tobin, who made the very excellent score of 35; the highest score that has ever been made on the range. Sergeant Humphry took the second place in the shooting with a score of 30, which was equalled by that of Corporal Wright of the Town Corps. Subjoined is the score:—

THE SCHOOL.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Tl.
Captain Tobin	44423	19 34234	16—35
Lieutenant Graham	22243	13 22224	12—25
Sergeant Humphry	34424	17 32332	13—30
Corporal Penrose	22424	14 03333	12—26
Lance.-Corp. Whiting ..	23203	10 23333	14—24
Sergeant Baynes.....	03224	11 30240	9—20
Corporal Barnwell	32222	11 20022	6—17
Corporal Botfield	22032	9 04424	14—23
L.-Corp. Stuart Wortley	40220	8 30422	11—19
L.-Corp. Chaplin	22234	13 00330	6—19
Private Cobham	42243	15 42000	6—21
		140	119 259

THE TOWN.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Tl.
Lieutenant Seabroke....	44223	15 03320	8—23
Col.-Sergeant Over.....	44334	18 04030	7—25
Sergeant Chater.....	22222	10 04r43	11—21
Corporal Over.....	32434	16 3332r	11—27
Private C. Wright	34444	19 20333	11—30
Corporal White	00222	6 02000	2— 8
" Higgs	02243	11 0rr2r	2—13
Private Dr. Bucknill	20234	11 02200	4—15
" Braddock	32423	14 33024	12—26
" Browning	32203	10 00323	8—18
" Heys	34223	14 03r02	5—19
		144	81 225

The only drawback in the match was the continual gusts of a cold wind from left to right.

The Tercentenary Challenge Cup was competed for on Thursday, March 12th, and was won by Sergeant Humphry with a score of 36 at 200 and 500 yards. Corpl. Botfield 2nd; Private Cobham 3rd. The shooting was but moderate, which may to a great extent be attributed to the weather, which was very bad.

A simultaneous match with Rossall Corps is arranged to take place during the week ending April 4th.

A match against Warwick is arranged for next Monday, March 30th.

THE SCHOOL MAGAZINES.

The *Marlburian* for March 11, contains the 3rd of a series of "Jottings in Abyssinia," from "Our Own Correspondent": also communicative letters on the Irish Church, and Natural History Observation. A controversy, which seems to have torn Marlborough into shreds of factions, is continued in this number, by "Three Enthusiastic Reds," in melodious strains with which we at Rugby are well acquainted. Football seems to have a definite place in Marlburian games of this term, and the Sixth received a signal defeat from the School. The Rifle Corps does not seem to be in a very flourishing condition. Volunteer Corps at Schools are subject to very violent relapses.

The Eton Chronicle.—The last two numbers of this journal have been mainly taken up with Athletic Sports. It may interest our readers to know the times, &c., of the several competitions. The Mile Race was won in 4 min. 58 sec.: the High Jump with a leap of 5 ft. 1 in.: the stone was putted 29 ft. 8 in.: the Long Jump was won at 18 ft.: the Cricket ball throwing at 94 yds. 2 ft. Two matches at Racquets (Double) have taken place between Eton and Harrow—the first on the Eton Court, and the second at Harrow. In the first contest, Eton won the first three games easily, and the sides were changed; afterwards the original game was resumed, and the odd game in a rubber of 5, was won by Eton. Messrs. Ottaway and Tritton played for Eton; Messrs. Murray and Walker for Harrow. At Harrow, Messrs. Murray and Reid represented the School, and the odd game was this time won by Harrow. The match was continued, and at the close of the day's play the games stood, Eton 6, Harrow 4.

The *Cheltonian* for the present month announces the formation of a Musical Society, consisting of the masters, boys, and ladies connected with the College. Tennyson's new poems are criticised unmercifully, but we must say with some justice.

Cheltenham will probably enter for the Racquet Competition at Easter. Fives has made a great start.

UNIVERSITY HONOURS.

We have great pleasure in recording the success of Mr. J. A. Godley, who has been elected Hertford Scholar. Mr. Godley left Rugby (Mr. Jex Blake's) at Midsummer,

1866, being a member of the Cricket Eleven that year, and also 1st Exhibitioner in the preceding year he had been elected Exhibitioner of Balliol: and last year he carried off the Chancellor's Prize for Latin Verse.

Mr. G. H. West, late of Mr. J. M. Wilson's, has been elected Burdett (Geological) Scholar at Oxford. Mr. West gained the Stanhope Prize for Modern History in 1867.

In the Cambridge Classical Tripos, Mr. S. Haslam (Town), and Mr. E. W. M. Lloyd (Wilson's), were respectively 12th and 20th. Both gentlemen are Scholars of St. Johns': and the latter is well-known as a great Cricketer.

We are happy to announce that one of the Scholarships at Corpus Christi College, Oxford, has been obtained by Mr. J. S. Masterman (School House), the present head of the School.

Mr. F. J. Jayne (Burrows'), of Wadham, has lately been elected a Clerical Fellow of Jesus College, Oxford.

PUBLIC SCHOOL RACQUET COMPETITION.—The matches will most probably take place after those between the Universities, which take place on Monday and Tuesday, April 6th and 7th. We believe that at present the following Schools have entered—Rugby, Harrow, Cheltenham, Marlborough, Westminster, and Eton. The matches (each of which will be a rubber of five games) will take place at Prince's Racquet Courts. The prize is a Challenge Cup, to be held by the winning School for one year.—*Eton Chronicle*.—[From the *Marlburian* we learn that the above is not true as far as Marlborough is concerned.—*Ed. Met*.

We learn from the *Marlburian*,—which learns from the Report of the Schools Inquiry Commission,—the following statistics: Marlborough at present hold more open Scholarships and Exhibitions at the two Universities than any other School, with a score of 25: Rugby is a good second with 24; the next Rossall, 13; Eton, 12; Cheltenham and Winchester, each 10; and Harrow, 9. The total number of resident undergraduates is reported thus: Eton, 161; Rugby, 109; Harrow, 107; Marlborough, 76; Winchester, 74; Cheltenham, 41; Rossall, 41.

An excellent man is employed this year to keep the close in order for cricket, by name, Fell. He is the same person as usual.

BIGSIDE LEVEES.

We omitted to mention in our last a very good motion, brought forward by Mr. Yardley and carried *nem. com.*, that there be House Racquet Matches next term, each House to send up two representatives at the end of this term.

On Monday last, Mr. Gray, seconded by Mr. Yardley, proposed that Racquets with soft balls be allowed on the Big and little fives courts; the balls to be chosen by the Racquet Court Committee. Carried *nem. com.*

CRICKET.

BIGSIDE PIEMATCH.—S. P. Bucknill and W. Yardley chose up sides. The ground was not good for long scores on any day. However Yardley, Botfield, Lloyd, and Sidgwick, succeeded in knocking up a few runs. The following is the score:—

YARDLEY'S SIDE.		2nd Innings.	
1st Innings.			
W. Yardley, c Emery b Francis	23	c Sidgwick b Francis	14
T. G. Hare, c Sidgwick b		0 (S. Garrett) not out	2
Millington	0		
T. G. Lushington, c Neilson			
b Francis	0	b Francis	2
A. G. Botfield, b Francis	19	c and b Neilson	0
V. Ellis, b Walsh	0	b Francis	0
T. C. Lambert, c Gordon b			
Neilson	6	b Francis	2
G. H. Lloyd, c Hornby b			
Neilson	3	c Neilson b Francis	18
H. W. Gardner, b Francis	0	b Francis	1
F. H. Baring, c Millington b			
Neilson	9	b Francis	3
B. Tower, c Millington b			
Neilson	5	b Francis	0
J. Graham, b Francis	0	absent	0
J. Penrose, not out	5	b Francis	0
Byes 2, wides 4	6	Wides	6
Total	76	Total	48

BUCKNILL'S SIDE.		2nd Innings.	
1st Innings.			
S. P. Bucknill, c Yardley, b		2 not out	0
Graham	6	b Ellis	4
S. Pearson, b Ellis			
H. W. Badger, c Lushington b			
Graham	0	c Gardner b Ellis ..	2
C. K. Francis, b Ellis	0	c and b Lloyd	1
G. Walsh, c Tower b Yardley	1	b Yardley	11
W. Mawdsley, b Ellis	3	b Botfield	0
H. P. Hornby, c Lloyd b Ellis	0	c Ellis b Yardley ..	2
W. F. Neilson, st Yardley			
b Ellis	1	c Baring b Ellis	0
F. C. Selous, b Ellis	6	c Penrose b Lloyd	6
C. Sidgwick, b Lloyd	10	c Yardley b Ellis ..	17
H. K. Gordon, c Ellis b Lush-			
ington	3	c Lushington b Ellis	1
J. Millington, not out	5	c Penrose b Lloyd ..	1
Leg byes 1, wides 1 ..	2	Byes 1, lb 1, w 1	3
Total	39	Total	48

The XI. and XXII. are now as follows:—
S. P. B. Bucknill.

W. Yardley.
F. Tobin, ma.
V. Ellis.
J. T. Soutter.
F. Tobin, mi.
C. K. Francis.

NEW MEMBERS:

C. Sidgwick.
A. G. Botfield.
G. Walsh.
W. F. Neilson.
J. Graham.
T. C. Lambert.
Hon. F. H. Baring.
G. H. Lloyd.
H. P. Hornby.
B. Tower.
H. W. Badger.
T. G. Lushington.
J. Penrose.
H. W. Gardner.
W. Mawdsley.
S. Pearson.

XXII.

J. W. Gardner.
S. K. Gwyer.
A. W. Rowden.
A. Gray.
F. W. Maitland.
J. F. Eaden.
E. H. Warner.
G. Fitzgerald.
W. O. Moberly.
J. R. Walker.

CRICKET FIXTURES.—The matches at present arranged, with the dates, are the following:—

May 9th..... v. Crusaders.
May 16th..... v. Univ. Coll., Oxford.
June 6th..... v. Bras. Coll., Oxford.
June 18th & 19th v. Old Rugbeians
June 23rd & 24th v. Marlborough
July 18th & 20th v. Butterflies
July 24th & 25th v. M. C. C.

HOUSE NEWS.

REV. C. E. MOBERLY'S.

The House Steeplechases came off on March 7th. The result was (open to all): Garrett 1, Crossley 2, Bayley 3. Under 5 ft. 5in.: Southam 1, Plumb ma. 2.

Several meetings of the Debating Society have been held lately. The motions proposed were the following:—Mr. Plumb's, that "verses are of no use in the lower middles." Ayes 7; Noes 16. Mr. Prance's, that "the foundation should be distinct from the School." Ayes 10; Noes 7. Mr. Garrett's, that "private executions are preferable to public." Ayes 9; Noes 10. Mr. Eaden's, that "horseflesh would not be a desirable article of food." Ayes 11; Noes 2.

REV. P. BOWDEN SMITH'S.

The Steeplechases took place on Saturday, March 14th. There were about 8 entries for the race open to all. Gardner ma. took the lead at starting, but was passed at about the fourth jump by Kough, who kept ahead

and won, Gardner ma. being 2nd, Davies ma. 3rd.

For the Steeplechase under 5ft. 4in., there were about 16 starters. Gardner mi. held the lead for a good time, but being exhausted by his quick running at starting, gave way to Weston, who came in first by about 50 yards, Boyson 2nd.

In both Races a prize was given by J. S. Phillpots, Esq., for good jumping, a necessary requirement being that the holder should come in within $2\frac{1}{2}$ minutes after the first. Gardner ma. won this in the open to all, but as he was second, Macmillan, who jumped very well, took the prize.

REV. C. B. HUTCHINSON'S.

STEEPLE-CHASES.—Over about three-quarters of the School Steeplechase course; ground heavy; open to all: 1 Welsh (won easily), 2 Mackinlay, 3 Hare.—Under 5 ft. 6 in.; about half-a-mile: 1 Eddis, 2 Halls-worth, 3 Cobbold. 16 started; won easily.

HOUSE RACQUETS.—Single: 1 Gwyer, 2 Hare. Double: Hare, and Isherwood.

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.

OXFORD, March 10.

SIR,—I always thought Rugby School the finest place in the World, and now I am glad to find my belief confirmed, since the searching eye of the Editor of the *Meteor* can discover nothing to find fault with. Such perfection is, alas! unattainable everywhere; and I have a pet grievance which concerns Rugby. In your Number of Nov. 7th, you commented on the absence of a Rugby Club and Rugby Football at Oxford; but the matter has not been taken up. Now, I maintain that it is a grievance to all Rugbeians, and a disgrace to the leading Rugbeians here, that no steps have been taken to remedy either of these defects. Eton, Harrow, and Winchester all possess School Clubs; the two former are of long standing, but the Winchester Club has been formed within the last year. Harrow is not larger than Rugby, and Winchester is only half the size. The formation of a Winchester Club was vehemently opposed by the Wykehamists of New College. As far as I can see, a Rugby Club would meet with no great opposition; yet now Winchester College has

a Club of its own, while Rugby has none. Is not this a real grievance and a great disgrace to the School? Does it not seem as if School feeling was weak, and that our School, when left, was forgotten? I believe no attempt has yet been made to form a Rugby Club here, though every Rugbeian to whom I have ever spoken on the matter has expressed his wish that one should be formed; the ground is therefore open and favourable for a trial. I can see no obstacle to the formation of such a Club except apathy and want of proper School feeling on the part of the leading Rugbeians here; for I am convinced that the great body of Rugbeians is favourable to the project. It only requires to be started, and in less than a term I believe we should have a flourishing Club. The advantages of such a Club are obvious, so I need only mention a few. We should be able to practice our own football regularly, which is now impossible, as few care to play it except Rugbeians. It would tend to keep up School feeling and customs. The Eton and Harrow Clubs, I believe, frequently put an extra cricket professional on the School ground, so that the parent School might be a direct gainer by the formation of such a Club. These are only a few of the advantages; many more will occur to everyone. Apologizing for writing at such length,

I remain, truly yours,

S. Y. TALC.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Several important letters are unavoidably omitted.

* * * Correspondents are particularly, but still respectfully, requested to omit apologising for intruding on our valuable space.

"N. or M." Verbiage.

"Haggis." There is no chance of Boating ever being a School employment.

"T. O. Z." We have no doubt that every possible comfort will be provided.

"A Lover of Justice." Your primary assertion is unfounded.

The Pavilion Committee, hearing that some Old Rugbeians at present withhold their subscriptions for fear that the building will never be begun, request us to announce that promises of Subscriptions will be thankfully received—payable when the pavilion is in course of erection.

CAMBRIDGE.

RUGBY SCRATCH FOURS.

These Races were rowed on Saturday, March 14th.

The following is a List of the Crews in the order of starting. The Brackets indicate the Bumps.

1st Heat.		
1	J. D. Nicol	Trinity.
2	J. Wilkes	Lady Margaret.
3	R. Newman	1st Trinity.
4	C. E. Tritton, Stroke	Trin. Hall.
	<i>Cox.</i> P. J. Ash	Caius.
1	T. A. De la Rue	Lady Margaret.
2	W. G. Archer	Trinity.
3	A. G. Kirby	Trin. Hall.
4	D. Collyer, Stroke	Clare.
	<i>Cox.</i> T. Buckmaster	1st Trinity.
1	H. W. S. Kynnersley	Trinity.
2	T. Spilling	Peterhouse.
3	J. E. Backhouse	Trin. Hall.
4	C. J. Wanton, Stroke	Kings'.
	<i>Cox.</i> E. Farrer	Caius.
1	J. Peake	Lady Margaret.
2	F. S. Gwatkin	1st Trinity.
3	J. E. Lloyd	Ditto.
4	F. E. Baynes, Stroke	Lady Margaret.
	<i>Cox.</i> H. Duberly	Trin. Hall.
1	W. J Barber	1st Trinity
2	F. W. Haslam	Lady Margaret.
3	J. W. Horne	Ditto.
4	A. Smythies, Stroke	Trin. Hall.
	<i>Cox.</i> J. Adams	Lady Margaret.
1	J. S. Holden	Trinity.
2	H. S. Jeffery	1st Trinity.
3	R. M. Tillard	Ditto
4	W. Dixon, Stroke	1st Trinity.
	<i>Cox.</i> A. W. Lambert	Lady Margaret.

1	C. Harrison	Trinity.
2	A. A. Bourne	Lady Margaret.
3	U. S. Robins.	1st Trinity.
4	J. Collins, Stroke	Lady Margaret.
	<i>Cox.</i> J. H. H. Chamberlain	Ditto.
1	C. J. Peile	1st Trinity.
2	C. W. Neild	Ditto.
3	W Lee Warner	Lady Margaret.
4	T. Gemmell, Stroke	1st Trinity.
	<i>Cox.</i> W. J. Pinckney	Ditto.
1	T. T. Paine	Trinity.
2	H. Stokes	Lady Margaret.
3	R. E. Whittington	Ditto.
4	B. G. Browne, Stroke	Emmanuel.
	<i>Cox.</i> C. J. Boden	Trinity.

2nd Heat. Pinckney's boat bumped Boden's.

3rd Heat. Lambert's boat bumped Adams'. Pinckney's bmpd. Buckmasters'. Duberly's rowed over.

A fine race was then rowed between Lambert's, Pinckney's, and Duberly's, and after a good race Pinckney's won by several seconds, Lambert's being second.

In the Oxford University Athletic Sports, the only representative of Rugby among the winners was A. C. Tosswill (Oriel), who won the long jump, at the astonishing distance of 21 ft. 4 in.

At Cambridge, in one-third of a mile Handicap, A. Bros was first in his heat, and third in the final. In the quarter of a mile, A. W. Lambert was second in his heat, and second in the final. In half-mile race, A. W. Lambert was first.

CAMBRIDGE CHAMPION RACQUETS.—Among 16 competitors, four Rugby men are engaged. J. Wilkes (John's) and S. Chamberlain (John's) have won their ties; J. E. Lloyd (Trinity) has been beaten; and W. Lee Warner (John's) has not yet played off his tie.

In the Cambridge Tennis Handicap, B. F. Featherstone was second, having to give half 30.

In the Oxford Champion Tennis, W. E. Göschen (C. C. C.) was second.