

CRICKET.

THE ELEVEN v. THE NEXT EIGHT (WITH W. E. GOSCHEN, ESQ., HAYWARD, AND DIVER).—This match was played on March 28th and 30th, and April 2nd. The result was a victory for the next Eight by five wickets; which was due to the excellent bowling of Hayward and Diver, and the equally excellent batting of Mr. Goschen. Messrs. Yardley and Fitzgerald were the chief contributors for the Eleven. Messrs. Goschen, Moberly, Sidgwick, and Hayward for the Eight. The weather was very fine, and the ground in very good order, notwithstanding the time of year. The following is the Score:—

THE ELEVEN.

1st Innings.	2nd Innings.
W. Yardley, c Emerg. b Hayward	27 c Moberly b Hayward 1
F. Tobin mi., c Hayward b Diver	3 b Hayward..... 2
J. T. Soutter, b Diver	8 c Maitland b Hayward 11
S. P. Bucknill, b Diver....	9 b Diver
F. Tobin ma., c Rowden b Hayward	0 b Diver
C. K. Francis, c Goschen b Diver	13 b Diver
J. W. Gardner, not out	12 b Hayward
S. K. Gwyer, c Goschen b Hayward	9 c Walsh b Hayward.. 5
G. Fitzgerald, b Hayward ..	0 c Goschen b Diver .. 18
A. Gray, c Eaden b Hayward	3 b Diver
V. Ellis, b Diver ..	0 not out
Leg bye 1.....	1
Total	85
Total	64

NEXT EIGHT.

1st Innings.	2nd Innings.
W. E. Goschen, c Gray b Francis ..	8 c Tobin mi. b Ellis 54
J. F. Eaden, c Tobin ma. b Ellis	3
C. Sidgwick, c Yardley b Francis.....	0 c Yardley b Tobin mi. 12
Hayward, b Ellis	14 not out
A. W. Rowden, c Ellis b Francis	0 c Tobin ma. b Tobin mi. 7
F. H. Maitland, b Francis	0 not out
Diver, c Gardner b Francis	11
W. O. Moberly, b Ellis....	17 c Francis b Fitzgerald 10
J. R. Walker, b Ellis.....	0
A. G. Botfield, b Francis..	0
G. Walsh, not out	4 b Francis 4
Leg bye 1.....	1
Total.....	58
Total	93

THE BUTTERFLIES.—At a meeting of the Butterflies Cricket Club, held recently in Oxford, the following Old Rugbeians were elected members: E. K. Browne, and C. E. Ringrose. At the same meeting, A. Wilson and R. G. Venables were re-elected respectively Captain and Secretary.—It may not be generally known that the Butterflies Cricket Club was started at Rugby by two

energetic members of the Rev. C. T. Arnold's House. In 1863, the "creatures" first handled the willow, and created "a sensation." In 1864, they appeared as "royal admirals" in their new colours—mauve, black, and magenta, which colours they still carry frequently to victory. In 1865, the Club (originally intended for only Rugbeians, Old and Present,) was made open to Charterhouse, Eton, Harrow, and Westminster. It numbers now 180, and comprises many of the best cricketers of the day.

HOUSE NEWS.

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

The House Steeple Chases were run on Saturday, April 4th. The day was very hot and not at all one suited to such violent exercise. The following were the winners:—Open to all, 1 J. Penrose, 2 A. S. Reynolds. Under 5ft. 4in., 1 J. Sayer, 2 G. H. Sim.

The Single Racquets have been won by F. Tobin ma., F. Tobin mi. 2.

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To the Editor of the *Meteor*.

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SIR,—In your last number I read a courteous invitation to everybody to write upon any grievance that they may be cognizant of. I cannot at this moment think of a grievance; but I have a proposal to make, which is, that all the Houses, or, at any rate, the more important Houses, should publish in a cheap form, what would I am sure meet with a large sale, I mean, sir, the records of their House-Matches for as far back as possible, together with a list of the XXs; and those who had Caps. All Old Rugs would feel great pleasure in reading of the exploits of themselves or their contemporaries; no matter how long they had left the School. I cannot be influenced by any egotistical motives as I never was a member of my Twenty. It would be highly interesting to read how many times each house has been cock House; and there might be some account of the Two-House Matches for every year appended.

I remain, Sir, yours truly,

LAUDATOR TEMPORIS ACTI.

To the Editor of the Meteor.

SIR,—£900 for a Pavilion! No, Sir! not nearly £900; about £400 for a pavilion, and about £500 for an architect: about £400 worth of useful accommodation for cricket, and about £500 worth of “*fecit so and so,*” and ornament, probably in the form of dark lines. Does it not seem somewhat stupid to spend our money in this extravagant way, when the funds for the restoration of the chapel are insufficient, and there are several other castles which are said to be rather in the air at present for want of money? Is it that we wish, since we cannot have a new chapel, to eclipse the old one architecturally with a pavilion? We want a good pavilion very much, and we have had money enough to build a very good one for some time. Would not the architectural beauty that is going to be lavished on it, and which is rather keeping us waiting, be more in place in the restored chapel? Suppose one wanted to build a really good cowshed, would one have a first-rate architect for its plans? Surely, the best thing would be to plan one’s-self exactly the most convenient arrangements, and get some man of taste—not a known church architect—to submit some plans for the exterior to choice of a committee. We might have a very pretty pavilion without such a large per centage being paid for its beauty.

Your obedient Servant,
OLIM.

To the Editor of the Meteor.

SIR,—May I ask if Bat-fives is to be a game unknown at Rugby after the alteration of our Chapel? Surely such cannot be the wish of the School. What will become of Thompson? Is it not possible to find a wall (say the unused side of the Racquet Court) which might be put to this purpose? The game is an excellent one, and though, of course, eclipsed by racquets, is yet an agreeable substitute for that game. Our present court is in a pitiable state, and if we are at any time to have a new one, why should we not build it before the destruction of our present one? There is no argument that I can see, against our having two for a short time; whereas all will acknowledge that it would be a pity to let the game of Bat-fives die out, which appears quite possible, as the court is in such bad order that the number of those who play on it regularly is very limited.

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Some one may suggest that the court should be relevelled, but I doubt whether the short time for which the court would be available after its alteration would justify the expense. Hoping that this matter will be taken up,

Yours truly, BAT-FIVES.

To the Editor of the Meteor.

DEAR SIR,—No one has, I think, as yet, suggested any amendment for the Racquet Club Rules, although I believe they are far from giving universal satisfaction. They are, of course, excellent for bringing out a few good players; but how will it be with the next set who come up into the Club? They will not have had half the practice they had formerly.

The only way I can see for remedying this evil, is to give those not in the Club more opportunity for practising. I would suggest that, in the first place, members of the R. C. should only be allowed to take Courts on their own days; and, secondly, that, as a former correspondent of yours has suggested, fellows be allowed to play racquets on the hand-fives courts, with soft balls. Perhaps it would be better to restrict this to the big court. This plan would have the additional advantage of teaching fellows to hit low.

Hoping to see this in your next,

I remain, Sir, your constant reader,
CARLO.

To the Editor of the Meteor.

SIR,—I think that the Athletic Games have, at all events, made one defect very evident this year, which was perhaps more noticeable than it has been for some time. I allude to the way in which fellows were allowed to come inside the ropes, very often just as they pleased, sometimes even with a Sixth fellow—*proh pudor*—within a few feet of them. Occasionally, perhaps, some solitary individual might be seen making a vigorous onslaught, but, as no one came to support him, he soon subsided again. Can nothing be done to remedy this? Could not about twenty “clearers of the course” be elected every year out of the whole School, whose duty it would be to keep everybody, except the Stewards and the competitors in the race which is being run, out of the course? I have no doubt that this plan may be open to objection, but it may at least be serviceable in inducing some one to suggest an amendment to it.

Yours, &c., RANTOON.