

CRICKET.

RUGBY SCHOOL v. THE BUTTERFLIES, JULY 20TH AND 21ST.—Monday morning saw the Butterflies in the School Close, and having a vivid recollection of last year's leather hunting, it was not without serious misgivings that the captain lost the toss and the team turned out to field. The prospect of New Big-Side was by no means so inviting as is usually the case; hardly a green blade was visible, the wickets were blistered with the heat, and what breeze there was only made it hotter. Gwyer and Maitland represented the light blues; Pauncefote and Novelli were commissioned to commence the attack on behalf of the Butterflies. To shun needless details, we may briefly state that Pauncefote's stows and Novelli's "head-balls" had disposed of the School at lunch-time for 70 runs only: Moberly and Fitzgerald alone reaching double figures. At 3.15 Hornby and Novelli oppose the bowling of Francis and Walker, which was straight and good, and, aided by a worse wicket than one usually finds at New Big-Side, soon disposed of such crack bats as Messrs. Pauncefote, Verelst and Smith, and five wickets were down for 38 when Hon. H. Vivian joined Mr. Hornby. The former hit hard and fast, and put together 36 in next to no time, Mr. Hornby meantime playing fine cricket, the bowling and fielding of the light-blues being first-rate. The innings closed for 163, or 90 runs ahead of the School, Mr. Hornby, first in, being out last, caught at point, when within two runs of his "century," after having played as fine an innings as has ever been seen in the close. His chief hits were a seven, a five, and six fours. The School had lost four wickets for 62 runs when play ceased for the day. On Tuesday, with the thermometer at 99 in the shade, the School continued their innings, and were all disposed of for 112, the slows being very effective. Moberly was again head scorer, his 28 being obtained by capital cricket. The Butterflies had now 20 runs left them to get, and these were hit off by lunch-time for the loss of 2 wickets, and the School were thus defeated by 8 wickets.

RUGBY SCHOOL.

First innings.	Second innings.
S. K. Gwyer, c and b Novelli	6 st Verelst b Pauncefote
F. H. Maitland, b Pauncefote	7 st Verelst b Pauncefote
W. Yardley, c and b Novelli..	7 st Verelst b Pauncefote
F. Tobin (ma.), b Novelli	7 c Novelli b Pauncefote
	23

W. O. Moberly, b Pauncefote..	16	c Steward b Novelli	28
S. P. B. Bucknill, b Novelli ..	3	c Novelli b Pauncefote	0
C. K. Francis, b Novelli	5	b Novelli	11
J. W. Gardner, lbw, b Pauncefote	0	c Farwell b Pauncefote	8
G. Fitzgerald, st Hornby, b Pauncefote	15	c Pauncefote, b Novelli	4
J. R. Walker, c Pauncefote b Novelli	0	not out	1
J. C. Lambert, not out	0	b Pauncefote	1
Bye 1, leg byes 2, w 1	4	Wides.....	2
Total.....	70	Total.....	112

THE BUTTERFLIES.

First innings.	Second innings.
A. N. Hornby, c Moberly b Walker	98
L. W. Novelli, c Maitland b Walker	5
C. J. Smith, b Francis	2
B. Pauncefote, c Maitland b Walker	0
H. W. Verelst, b Francis	4
W. F. Thompson, b Walker..	0
Hon. H. Vivian, b Francis....	36
G. Farwell, b Francis.....	0
A. B. Steward, b Gwyer.....	3
A. Wilson, c Gardner, b Walker	4
A. G. Guillemard, not out....	7
Bye 1, leg-byes 3.....	4
Total.....	163
Total.....	21

M.C.C. v. RUGBY SCHOOL.—At Lord's, July 24th.—On a wicket not remarkable for its goodness, this annual match commenced at 12.10, and a much more extraordinary match could hardly be imagined. The Rugbeians went in first, they being represented by Tobin mi. and Gwyer, Wootton and Capt. Parnell bowling against them. The XI. commenced wonderfully well, 50 runs being telegraphed before a wicket fell. Tobin mi. was run out through no fault of his own; his hits were a five, three fours, &c. Gwyer left at the same total, his hits being a four and three threes; one and two for 50. A perfect panic seemed now to set in, and the wickets fell like "leaves in the autumn," the whole being out in an hour and a quarter, 10 runs out of the gross total being extras. Nor did the M.C.C. make much of an exhibition to boast of, they being all out for 49, not one of the club managing to make a double figure, none being able to resist Francis' bowling, as the score will show. The second innings of Rugby manifested a slight improvement on their first attempt. Tobin mi. made a five and three threes. Yardley a six (off-drive from Parnell) and a three. The wickets fell thus—1 for 1, two for 31, three for 32, four for 45, five and six for 52, seven for 56, eight for 72, nine for 73, and ten for 84. The M.C.C. in their second innings, like the School, made a much better show than be-

fore. In consequence of the match being nearly finished it was determined to play it out, and at 7.20 the M.C.C. were declared winners by three wickets. Score:—

RUGBY SCHOOL.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
F. Tobin, mi., run out.....	29	c Nixon, b Parnell	22
S. K. Gwyer, b Wootton.....	15	b Parnell.....	1
W. Yardley, c Nixon, b Wootton	2	b Parnell.....	12
F. Tobin, ma., b Wootton.....	0	c Nixon, b Wootton	0
S. P. Bucknill, b Wootton.....	0	b Wootton.....	0
W. O. Moberly, b Wootton.....	1	c Verelst b Wootton	15
F. H. Maitland, c Verelst, b Wootton	0	b Wootton.....	0
C. K. Francis, b Parnell.....	2	c Verelst b Wootton	3
J. W. Gardner, b Parnell.....	1	not out.....	13
G. Fitzgerald, not out.....	0	b Parnell.....	0
J. R. Walker, b Parnell.....	0	b Wootton.....	6
B 9, 1 b 2.....	11	B 6, 1 b 3, w 3..	12
Total.....	61	Total.....	84

M. C. C.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Capt. Trevor, b Francis.....	7	b Francis.....	7
R. Hall, b Francis.....	9	c Tobin ma., b Walker	12
Capt. Currie, b Walker.....	0	b Francis.....	7
H. W. Verelst, b Francis.....	0	b Francis.....	10
Capt. Parnell, b Francis.....	4	c Fitzgerald, b Francis.....	43
M. T. Martin, b Francis.....	6	b Francis.....	4
E. H. Ellis, hit w, b Francis.....	9	b Gwyer.....	1
G. Wootton, run out.....	7		
R. Mostyn, b Francis.....	1	not out.....	2
R. J. Ward, b Francis.....	2		
H. Nixon, not out.....	0	not out.....	10
Byes 7, leg-byes 3.....	10	Bye 1, leg-bye 1..	2
Total.....	49	Total.....	98

As the above Match was finished on Friday, a return Match was arranged between the M.C.C. and the School for Saturday, when, as the following score will show, the School were victorious:—

RUGBY SCHOOL.—1st Innings.

F. Tobin mi., c and b Parnell.....	3
S. K. Gwyer, c Mostyn, b Parnell.....	22
W. Yardley, b Farrands.....	55
W. O. Moberly, c Parnell, b Farrands.....	11
F. Tobin ma., c Hearne, b Farrands.....	0
S. P. Bucknill, b Hearne.....	35
C. K. Francis, c Verelst, b Farrands.....	15
F. H. Maitland, b Farrands.....	14
J. W. Gardner, b Farrands.....	0
G. Fitzgerald, not out.....	6
J. R. Walker, run out.....	0
Byes 26, 1-b 5.....	31
Total.....	192

M.C.C. AND GROUND.—1st Innings.

Capt. Currie, run out.....	0
Capt. Trevor, c Fitzgerald, b Walker.....	7
H. W. Verelst, c and b Walker.....	11
T. Hearne, c Fitzgerald, b Walker.....	35
C. J. Smith, b Walker.....	0
Capt. Parnell, c Fitzgerald, b Walker.....	16
E. H. Ellis, b Francis.....	6
Hon. H. Vivian, b Francis.....	21
Hon. R. Mostyn, b Francis.....	5
R. J. Ward, c and b Francis.....	8
F. Farrands, not out.....	3
Byes 5, 1-b 1, w 2.....	8
Total.....	120

UPPER TOOTING V. RUGBY SCHOOL.—This match was played on the ground of the former on July 27th, and notwithstanding the Tooting team was a very formidable one, the School succeeded in beating them by no less than 214 runs. Score:—

RUGBY SCHOOL.—1st Innings.

F. Tobin mi., c Stewart, b Brodie.....	29
S. K. Gwyer, c Brodie, b Ratliff.....	38
W. Yardley, not out.....	150
F. Tobin ma., b Harper.....	6
W. O. Moberly, c Stewart, b Ratliff.....	2
S. P. Bucknill, run out.....	0
F. H. Maitland, c Baggally, b Ratliff.....	0
C. K. Francis, c Harper, b Baggally.....	12
J. W. Gardner, b Collyer.....	0
G. Fitzgerald, c Stewart, b Harper.....	51
J. R. Walker, c Stewart, b Baggally.....	19
Byes 3, 1-b 5, w 1.....	9
Total.....	316

UPPER TOOTING.—1st Innings.

T. W. Baggally, b Francis.....	27
T. W. Buckmaster, c Tobin (mi.), b Francis	0
C. Stewart, run out.....	22
M. T. Martin, c Tobin (mi.), b Walker.....	5
H. V. Ellis, c Yardley, b Francis.....	8
W. R. Collyer, b Francis.....	9
N. Brodie, b Francis.....	3
A. Lee, b Francis.....	9
S. Harper, b Walker.....	8
C. Fryer, lbw, b Walker.....	0
T. Ratliff, not out.....	5
Byes 5, w 1.....	6
Total.....	102

KING'S WALDEN (WITH HUGHES AND WARNER) V. RUGBY SCHOOL.—On the 28th and 29th of July, in the beautiful park of C. C. Hale, Esq., King's Walden, two matches were played, both of them resulting in favour of the School, after very close and exciting finishes. The School, during their stay, were hospitably entertained by G. Hughes, Esq., at Offley. Score:—

RUGBY SCHOOL.

1st Innings		2nd Innings.	
F. Tobin (mi.), c Warner, b Hughes.....	0	absent, ill.....	0
S. K. Gwyer, b Hughes.....	7	b Pauncefote.....	0
W. Yardley, c C. F. Reid, b Hughes.....	6	b Hughes.....	11
F. Tobin (ma.), run out.....	13	b Pauncefote.....	0
W. O. Moberly, c Hale, b Hughes.....	0	b Pauncefote.....	4
S. P. Bucknill, c G., b Hughes.....	6	b Pauncefote.....	0
C. K. Francis, c Hale, b Pauncefote.....	28	c Lines, b Hughes	0
F. H. Maitland, c Lines, b Pauncefote.....	5	b Hughes.....	1
W. G. Fitzgerald, c Lines, b Pauncefote.....	11	c Lines, b Pauncefote.....	25
J. W. Gardner, lbw, b Hughes.....	0	not out.....	9
J. R. Walker, not out.....	0	c Pauncefote, b Hughes.....	11
Extras.....	0	Bye 1, w 1.....	2
Total.....	78	Total.....	63

KING'S WALDEN.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Mr. Warner, b Francis	..... 2	c Bucknill	b Walker 0
Mr. Lines, c Moberly, b Francis	..... 0	b Walker	..... 2
W. H. Trower, run out	..... 0	run out	..... 14
B. Pauncefote, b Francis	..... 16	b Walker	..... 0
G. D. Baker, b Francis	..... 0	c & b Francis	..... 2
Mr. Hughes, c Moberly, b Walker	..... 0	b Francis	..... 0
G. Hughes, b Walker	..... 9	b Francis	..... 19
S. Reid, run out	..... 38	b Francis	..... 12
C. F. Reid, st Yardley, b Francis	..... 2	run out	..... 2
W. E. Bayliff, b Walker	..... 1	lbw, b Francis	..... 6
C. C. Hale, not out	..... 0	not out	..... 0
Bye 1, lb 2, w 1	..... 4	Byes 7, l-b 1	..... 8
Total	..... 72	Total	..... 65

For the information of Old Rugbeians, we may announce that the Rev. C. Elsee now has the house formerly presided over by the Rev. T. W. Jex Blake; also that the Rev. T. L. Papillon has been appointed to the vacant mastership, consequent on the removal of Mr. Jex Blake to Cheltenham.

A challenge, to play 20 a side, has been received by the Head of the School from the Richmond Club, and accepted on the condition, as usual, that the 20 be all Old Rugbeians.

We hear that in consequence of All Saints' Day this year falling on a Sunday, the sermon in behalf of the Fox Memorial Fund will be preached on Wednesday, the 28th inst. The sermon on this occasion will be preached by the Very Rev. E. M. Goulburn, Dean of Norwich. The Old Rugbeian match will be played on the same afternoon.

Football was commenced last Saturday under the most unfavourable circumstances, rain falling heavily nearly the whole day. Football ardour, however, was not to be quenched, and the game was renewed by all the houses.

The following cricketers have been promoted to the Twenty-Two this term:—Westfeldt, Benham, Isherwood, Buckland, Garrett, Wilson, Gilpin, Lushington, Tubb, Bassett, Sidgwick, Robertson, Macmillan.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We cannot be answerable for the opinions of our correspondents.

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 METEOR,—I must really begin by thanking your correspondent "Trebla" for so ably seconding me in my so-called attempt to transform the *Meteor* into "a polemical magazine;" but at the same time I must congratulate myself on the *partial* success at least of my letter, as "Trebla" has, on this

occasion, brought himself down from his high-flown "Trifle Time" style, to argue the point in plain English.

I fear, however, that I cannot allow him to be altogether consistent, even in this letter, and I admit that it does seem absurdly strange to me that this "Patriotism pure and simple," which he now tells us inspired his effusion, should consist—as he owns in his former letter—in "infecting the School with *delirium tremens*, induced by the drugged alcohol of his democratic infatuation." I—poor, ignorant Scrutator—confess that I do not know what this last sentence means, but I am sure that I never yet heard it used as a synonym for patriotism.

I will not again allude to the subject of the letter,—not because I flinch from the raking broadsides of his scathing sarcasms,—on the contrary I rather enjoy them, as showing "my very small shot" have not been wholly without effect upon his equanimity,—but because I do not consider it necessary, having already given you my opinion on the subject.

I need, therefore, add nothing more, being unwilling to furnish "Trebla" with a handle for further rallery, and because I am sure no one would thank me, were I to damp the enthusiasm of such an ardent Rugbeian as he represents himself to be. And I add that I shall not write again on the subject.

I am, yours &c., SCRUTATOR.

[We must ask "Scrutator" what has caused him to suppose that "Trebla" and "Trifle-Time" are identical? Even if they were, "Scrutator" has no right, seeing they are written under different *noms-de-plume*, to confute his opponent by quotations from the other.—ED.]

To the Editor of the *Meteor*.

DEAR SIR,—It seems to me that swimming and diving might very easily and very advantageously be encouraged to a greater extent than they are at present. On their value as healthy and agreeable sports, I need not enlarge: but it seems to me (as an outsider who knows a little of your great School) that it would be a good thing—and a great boon—if those who have started in the School swimming and diving were to be allowed to bathe at Swifts, without a Sixth fellow being with them. I understand that, unless you have Sixth fellows who bathe frequently in the house, it is difficult to get taken down, and I know instances at this moment of boys who have been deprived of proper practice for the race by this very