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THIS, of all Terms in the Rugby year, is the one in which the intellectual element seems at its lowest. The reason of this is, as our readers are aware, that upwards of twenty or thirty leading spirits have departed with the Midsummer Vacation. About half the Sixth have left, more than half the Eleven (we ought to say the Thirteen) have also gone, and it is no wonder that it takes a little time for the present swells to take exactly the places of their great predecessors. We can hear the new Head of House saying to himself, "Well, I am head of the house, but I'm not nearly such a swell as A— was last term." So also the new Head of House Eleven; so also the football swell. This may be true: in many cases it is. But most often it is merely a check on progress. It is a great mistake to underrate your own powers; always make the best of your capabilities. It is with regard to the *Meteor* principally that we have alluded to the subject. It has been the feeling for a good time that it will be a pity if the *Meteor* die, that it is some little excitement every three weeks, and the very Brown, Jones, or Robinson who gives vent to such patriotic sentiments, ignores entirely the idea that there is any obligation on him to contribute to this success. We propose to edit this periodical, not to be the authors of it. Situated as we are at School, one, two, or three fellows have not time to write, far less to keep interesting and amusing, a paper small as the *Meteor* is, and seldom as it is published. We do not doubt for one instant, that there are lots of clever fellows in the School; if there are none, then it is time for the *Meteor* to have done. It will

probably then be said to us, "So you Editors couldn't keep it going?" "Not so," we reply, "quite a mistake; it was you that would not or could not keep it going." We trust that we shall always find fit persons to do the editing part, but it rests with you, the whole School, quite as much as with us, to supply the material.

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On Monday, October 26, a match was shot with the Town Corps, for the possession of the Town and School Challenge Cup. Neither side were in good practice, so that the totals were not high. The School shot with the Enfield rifle instead of the "Hay," which they have lately used. The match resulted in a victory for the School by 29

points; to this victory Sergeant Penrose and Corporal Cobham mainly contributed by two excellent scores of 32 and 31 respectively; the former of these gentlemen in consequence is the present holder of the Cup. Score:—

TOWN.			
	200 yds.	500 yds.	Tl.
Lieut. Seabroke ..	4 2 3 2 4—15	0 0 3 2 4—9	24
Sergt. Chater	2 2 3 2 4—13	0 0 2 0 4—6	19
Sergt. W. Over	2 2 4 4 2—14	0 0 2 4 3—9	23
Corpl. Jacomb	4 2 2 2 4—14	0 3 0 0 0—3	17
L.-Corpl. Braddock	2 2 4 4 2—14	0 3 2 3 2—10	24
Corpl. White	0 3 2 4 3—12	0 0 2 0 0—2	14
Privt. Heys.....	2 2 2 2 4—12	2 2 0 2 0—6	18
“ W. Brown ..	2 4 3 0 0—9	0 0 2 0 3—5	14
“ Browning ..	3 2 2 2 3—12	0 0 2 0 0—2	14
“ Walding	3 3 3 2 1—14	4 0 3 3 4—14	28
“ Dr. Buckall ..	0 3 0 0 4—7	0 0 2 0 3—7	14
Total	136	Total	73 209
SCHOOL.			
	200 yds.	500 yds.	Tl.
Capt. Tobin	3 3 4 3 4—17	3 0 0 3 2—8	25
Col.-Sgt. Humphry	2 3 3 4 3—15	0 2 2 4 3—11	26
Sergt. Penrose	4 4 3 3 2—16	2 3 4 3 4—16	32
Cpl. Stuart-Wortley	0 0 2 3 2—7	0 0 0 2 0—2	9
Lnce.-Corpl. Peel..	4 2 3 3 4—16	3 4 3 2 0—12	28
“ Cobham	4 3 2 4 2—15	4 4 2 3 3—16	31
Privt. Courtenay ..	3 2 3 3 0—11	0 0 0 0 0—0	11
“ Emson.....	3 3 3 4 3—16	0 0 0 0 2—2	18
“ Lawson	2 4 2 4 4—16	0 0 4 0 3—7	23
“ Dudgeon	3 2 2 3 2—12	0 2 0 2 3—7	19
Capt. Phillpotts ..	2 4 3 2 3—14	0 0 0 2 0—2	16
Total....	155	Total	83 238

On Thursday, the 29th October, the Baldwin Challenge Cup was competed for. A gale was blowing at the time, which made good shooting impossible. Capt. Tobin headed the list with 36 points, after a good race with Corporal Cobham, who, by the bye, has been shooting very well all this term.

THE FOX SERMON was preached in the School Chapel this year, not on All Saints' Day as is customary, but on the festival of SS. Simon and Jude, Wednesday, Oct. 28. There was a large attendance, every available seat being occupied. A most eloquent and impressive sermon was preached by the Very Rev. E. M. Goulburn, D.D., Dean of Norwich, who took for his text, James v. 17, "Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are." The collection in aid of the Fund was then made, which on this occasion amounted to £30 17s. 6d. Among the congregation, beside many whose names will appear in the Football column, were Rev. B. Compton, formerly Assistant Master; Rev. T. W. Jex Blake, Principal of Cheltenham College; Rev. E. Benson, Headmaster of Wellington College; Rev. E. G. Sandford, &c.

FOOTBALL.

THE SIXTH MATCH.—In spite of the evil omen of the weather on the day of First Littleaside, October 10 was as fine a day for football as could have been desired, and the attendance of Old Rugbeians showed clearly that this time we were not to be doomed to disappointment by mistaken arrangements. The School, as usual, took the School Goal, the Sixth having kick-off. On the first day it was the old story again; the Sixth were driven back inch by inch in the scrummages, and though their backs and half-backs did all they knew, it was of no avail, and at the close of the first day, though they had succeeded in obtaining two touches-down, their opponents had obtained, in addition to the same number of touches down, a try, and three punts-out. For the Sixth we especially noticed F. W. Haslam (o.r.), and Westfeldt as playing well behind the scrummage, whilst among the forwards, H. G. Hart (o.r.), W. E. Hart (o.r.), and J. T. Soutter (o.r.) fully sustained their reputation. Among the forwards of the School, Thompson (o.r.), Sidebotham, Ormerod, Stock, Isherwood, Kough, and Gardner, played well, as did C. S. Dakyns (o.r.) half-back, whilst among the backs Yardley's long drops were especially conspicuous.—The match was resumed on Monday, the 12th. Fortune now began to smile on the Sixth, who very quickly obtained a touch down. On taking it out, however, the School began gradually to gain ground, until Warner got the ball and made a fine run-in for the School on the Pavilion side. A punt-out was the result, and after two more punts had followed, the ball was missed. The Sixth now penned for the rest of the afternoon, and obtained a try and three punts out. For the Sixth, Haslam (o.r.), Gray, Morris, Moberly, and Cholmondeley, and for the School, Gwatkin (o.r.), Warner, Rothera (o.r.), Hudson, Sidebotham, and Gwyer did good service.—The third day, Tuesday, the 13th, proved the most eventful of all, there being no less than three goals kicked! The Sixth penned during the greater part of the afternoon, and Gray soon succeeded in touching the ball down in the School goal. He kicked the try and a goal was the result. After they had changed over Francis dropped a good goal for the School, and the match was concluded by Moberly dropping a second goal for the Sixth. The Sixth this time had the