

is certain that both excellence in the School and excellence in the Close are conducive to the formation of a gentleman in more senses than one. Thus it happens that rarely you find a vulgar fellow in the Eleven. I am glad to say he is a rarity. But when such a fellow returns as an Old Rugbeian, with whatever sneakish and snobbish admiration he may be looked up to by the typical Lower Middle, who cannot discern his unworthiness, he is nearly always truly estimated by a far more important sect, the swells in School and in games, who, while they acknowledge the cricketer, regret the absence of the gentleman. Such a one, too, when absent, does not come in for the snobbish admiration of succeeding generations: however great a cricketer, if he has been the promoter of immorality he drops away from the recollection of his house, and his name is not handed down in their traditions, as one of the heroes of Rugby.

I, too, feel strongly on this point. I am anxious to maintain that, although there are a few exceptions on both sides, yet on the whole characters are generally rightly estimated here.

It is absurd that the public should be reprimanded because they have not fraternized with and admired fellows whom "Cosmopolitan" knows to be "bright, brave, honest, and kindly," if those fellows during their School career have put these excellent qualities under a bushel, and presented to society only those of a vulgar and uncouth school-boy.

"SCOTUS."

*To the Editor of the Meteor.*

SIR,—In justice to myself and the fellow who went hare with me in the Big-Side Barby Hill Run a few weeks ago, I hope you will allow me to make a few remarks in answer to "Query." As to the quickness of the time in which that run was accomplished, it is not of course for me to say anything, except that the run was correctly timed by two or three fellows, and there could therefore be no mistake. As to the fact that both hares ran rather fast, I do not see that there is any cause for surprise, especially as the time of the second hare, though above the average, has been beaten more than once. It remains for me only to enlighten "Query" on one more point, namely, the course of the run. On the occasion in question the way taken by the hares was exactly that described in the book of Big-Side Runs, written

by L. N. Prance in 1858, and which has not been altered since, except inasmuch as it has been lengthened by the come-in being put nearer home, viz., at Dunchurch Toll-bar, instead of at the Lodge in Hibbert's Park. Hoping that this will satisfy "Query."

I remain, yours, &c.,

A. SCOTT.

*To the Editor of the Meteor.*

SIR,—As you ask me a plain question I will answer plainly that I never for one moment supposed "Trebla" and "Trifle-time" to be identical, nor do I think that you can draw this conclusion from my letter. A certain similarity (perhaps not unintentional) between their manners of writing, made me denominate "Trebla's" "a Trifle-time style," but that does not necessarily imply that the writers were one and the same, any more than a prize poem, because written in Spenserian metre, ought therefore to be attributed to Spenser as an author. And if you will take the trouble to consult the letters once more, you will find I think that all the quotations by which I try to confute "Trebla" are taken from his own letters, and *not* from that of "Trifle-time."

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

SCRUTATOR.

[We apologize for not inserting this letter in our last number, but having laid it aside for reconsideration, it was accidentally omitted. Your explanation is quite clear and just, and our conclusion was perhaps somewhat hasty.—Ed. *Meteor*.]

*To the Editor of the Meteor.*

SIR,—Cannot Rugby School establish and maintain an Architectural Society? The subject is extremely interesting, and, compared with many other sciences, easy; whilst examples, or materials for study, may be found in any civilized country in the world.

I am, Sir, yours truly,

A BRICK.

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Accuracy."—Thank you for your suggestion.

"A. Y. Z."—Too late for insertion.

ERRATUM IN OUR LAST.—In page 1, for "J. Farr Johnson, Scholar, &c." read "J. Farr, Johnson Exhibitioner, &c."