

gether, and the time of the slowest boy of the 30 will count; but all 30 must start and finish for each House, under penalty of their House being disqualified.

That House whose slowest boy finishes in the shortest time will win the Headmaster's Cup.

For the Sprint Race, each House will nominate 30 Senior and 30 Juniors (which need not be the same boys as for the other race). The Head of the House must give in the names in order of merit. They will run in heats of 6 (one from each House) and the House gaining the highest aggregate of marks (6 for the first, 5 the second, &c.) will win the Masters' Cup.

Concerning O. Bs.

G. R. Home has been gazetted to the Middlesex Regiment.

Brevet-Major M. H. Knaggs, Prince of Wales's (North Staffordshire Regiment) is seconded for service in the Army Ordnance Department.

Capt. J. H. M. Beasley, R.A., was presented, on return from active service, by Lt.-Col. J. W. Reid, at H.M. the King's Levée on March 14th.

In the *Elstonian* for March 11th, R. V. Grimwood, O.B.C.S., writes from Rattota, Ceylon:—'Your readers might like to know what a household word 'Bedford' is out here in the Premier Crown Colony of the Empire. Nearly every other man I meet out here has either lived in Bedford or been educated at one of its three schools. On New Year's Eve last I dined with . . . a Grammar School fellow named [C. E.] Clark, and a man called Brereton, a relation of the Grammar School Headmaster before Mr. Phillpotts. . . . There is some talk of forming a Bedford Club out here for Old Bedfordians.'

Mr. P. Godfrey conducted his new Gipsy Suite, 'Lavengro,' for the first time in the North of England, at the Municipal Concert at Leeds on Feb. 6th. The *Yorkshire Post* of Feb. 8th said:—

"This suite is in four movements, a Prelude, a Dance, a Romance, and a Finale. All show that the Composer understands the use of the Orchestra. His colouring is rich, and owes much to the fact that the minor parts are well nourished and the strings frequently employed in their lower register. He also makes a good deal of the effect of contrasted tone, and one often finds him grouping the various instruments—strings, wood, or brass—and playing off one against another with excellent effect. . . . The interest of the Suite is well sustained to the

end, and it deservedly made a most favourable impression, being very heartily received."

Mr. Godfrey has also been awarded the prize offered by the Rt. Hon. George Wyndham, M.P., for a composition to be performed at the Dover Triennial Musical Festival. Sir Frederick Bridge was the judge.

Dr. Eric Perkins, house-surgeon at Richmond Hospital has written 'Two Little Songs.' They are published by Stanley, Lucas & Co.

H. Fry, St. John's Coll., Oxford, has been elected Hon. Secretary of the O. U. Swimming Club.

SHOOTING.

In *News of the World*, March 20th, 'Veteran' writes:—

'I have learnt with much pleasure that the services of one of the most efficient officers in the force will not be lost, for Capt. B. F. Columbine . . . is appointed captain of the Cadet Corps (B.G.S.) attached to the 1st Beds. Engineers (Volunteers). Capt. Columbine year after year had charge of the cadets when they competed for the Ashburton Shield. . . . He is well known at Bisley and indeed at most of the principal Rifle Meetings held near London, and what he does not know about rifle shooting is scarcely worth knowing.'

We hear that Capt. Columbine has undertaken to give a lecture on the 'Management of the Rifle,' at an early date, in the School Hall.

KICKING THE FOOTBALL (under 15). (March 10.)

1. Hatton.
2. Hutton.

LECTURE (March 12th).

The lecture kindly given by the Rev. Haskett Smith, M.A., F.R.G.S., on 'Damas-cus—the Immortal,' though not so largely attended as it should have been, was highly appreciated by the audience. The Lecturer, who was selected to write Murray's guide-book to Palestine, spoke with enthusiasm of the charms of this city of mosque & minaret, and illustrated them with many effective views.

NOTES.

In *Land and Water* for March 5th is a portrait of J. G. Milton, 'the first Schoolboy International,' with a descriptive paragraph (containing, however, at least one inaccuracy).

B. Osborne has received his colours for the R. U. XV. of H.M.S. Britannia.