

Editors' Note Book.

W. WARE is captain of St. John's College (Oxford) Football Club.

K. H. MARSHAM has left unexpectedly. He sails for India shortly. His destination is Behar, where he will be engaged in indigo planting. We shall miss him greatly in football and cricket, especially in the latter. His steady play and careful generalship contributed largely to our successes in the latter last term. We hope to hear from him in the future, and wish him all success.

THE new arrangements in the Library have now been some time in operation and appear to work satisfactorily. Order is maintained both among books and readers, and the Custodians have deservedly been admitted to a share of the privileges of "Choir Halls."

THE Warden's portrait will be presented to him on Monday, November 29th, at 2.30 p.m., at the School.

WHEN spectators of Past *v.* Present shout "well played, St. Edward's!" which side do they mean to applaud? *Both* sides are St. Edward's. To forget this seems to argue a certain want of courtesy, which we have heard commented on in rather strong language by Old Boys in years before this.

Football.

S.E.S. *v.* OLD CLIFTONIANS.—We opened our season auspiciously with this match, on Wednesday, Nov. 10th. Our opponents having lost the toss kicked off, and after the usual interchange of drop-kicks between the backs, a scrum was formed in their half. Our forwards soon showed that they were really good, as they more than held their own with their heavier opponents. Owing to the wretched state of the ground and of the weather, little scientific play could be indulged in behind, but about ten minutes from the start Mr. Pilkington obtained the ball, and, making a capital run right through the opposing backs, gained a try for us. The place-kick, a very difficult

one, was unsuccessful, though Kerr made a good shot. After the kick-out play was fairly even till half-time, though we still had rather the best of the game. In the second half we again showed to advantage, Hall being especially noticable for the capital way in which he dribbled the ball through the scrum. A little later on Kerr crossed their goal-line, but the try was disallowed, and nothing further was scored before no side was called, though we several times compelled them to touch-down. We were thus left victorious, after a well-fought game, by a try and four minors to *nil*. As we mentioned above, there was but little opportunity for our backs to do anything through the slippery nature of the ball, but Mr. Pilkington and Clarke were the best of them; of the forwards, Kerr, Mr. Sing, Douglas and Hall were the best of a good lot.

S.E.S. *v.* CHRIST CHURCH.—Played on our ground on Nov. 20th, and resulted in an easy victory for us by 1 goal and 4 tries (7 majors) and 5 minors to *nil*. Kerr lost the toss and kicked off from the lower goal. After the usual duel between the backs, the ball remained in their twenty-five, and they were forced to touch-down. After the kick-out, Labat mi. made a good run, and passed to his brother, who gained a try. The place at goal failed. Soon after Marsham gained another try, the place being successful. Tries followed in quick succession from Mr. Pilkington and Marsham; no goal, however, resulted. Half-time was then called. After the ball had been re-started play settled down in the centre of the ground. A good combined run by Mr. Pilkington and Marsham brought the ball into their twenty-five, and the forwards forced them to touch-down. Stephens made an attempt to get away but was well collared by Labat mi. The forwards again rushed the ball down, and our opponents were obliged to touch-down twice in quick succession. At this point our play slackened off considerably, and the ball was rushed up into our twenty-five; however, Labat ma. and Marsham were equal to the occasion, and carried the ball to the centre of the ground, where Mr. Pilkington gained possession and nearly got in. Just before the call of time Kerr got a try near the touch-line