races or something similar to them will become an annual institution, in which case we may look for an all-round improvement in the swimming of the School.

THE SCHOOL SPORTS.

Preceded by a week chiefly characterized by a series of drenching downpours, the School Sports took place on Saturday, October 8th, in the School field. The soft state of the ground, and the impossibility of practising during the last four or five days before the Sports, militated against anything exceptional in the performances, which were witnessed by a tolerably numerous body of spectators, who courageously faced the cold wind. Thanks to the kindness of Mrs. Bean, refreshments were provided in a tent on the field, and plenty of stout boards, kindly lent by Col. and Mr. C. Burgess, relieved the spectators from the necessity of standing on the damp grass. The band of the 3rd Battalion Essex Regiment, played selections during the progress of the Sports. The events were judged by Mr. T. E. Harper and started by Mr. J. A Smith, the masters acting as stewards. The programme was as follows:—

Long Jump, open.—1, H. H. Williams; 2, D. Hill. Distance, 15ft. 6in. 100 Yards, under 11.—1, H. Hartland; 2, L. Killby. 100 Yards, under 13.—1, H. F. Sleap; 2, A. G. Bisdee; 3, H. Bowen. A good race, the first three being very close together. Time, 14⅜ secs. 100 Yards, under 15.—1, C. Hill; 2, H. D. Squier; 3, F. Hammond. Time, 13 secs. 100 Yards, open.—1, S. Mason; 2, D. Hill. Time 11⅘ secs. Throwing Cricket Ball, under 15.—1, F. Hammond; 2, C. Hill. Distance, 52yds. 2ft. Throwing Cricket Ball, open.—1, H. C. Smith; 2, S. Mason. Distance, 73yds. 2ft. High Jump, open.—1, D. Hill; 2, S. Mason. Height, 4ft. 5in. Hurdle Race, open.—First heat: 1, J. W. Squier; 2, D. Hill. Second heat: 1, S. Mason; 2, H. Williams. The fact that only two started in each heat rather detracted from the interest of the race, which was ultimately won by S. Mason, from J. Squier, in 20 secs. 220 Yards, under 12.—1, H. Bowen; 2, A. G. Bisdee; 3, J. Bean. The winner of this race should beware of contracting the dangerous, and often fatal, practice of looking behind him while racing. Quarter-mile, under 16.—1, J. Squier; 2, J. Hammond; 3, H. C. Smith. A much better race than the open event of the same distance. Time, 68 secs. Putting the Weight (16lbs.), open.—1, S. Mason; 2, C. E. Burgess. The winning throw was 22ft. 11in. Mason afterwards did 23ft. 6in. Half-mile, open.—1, S. Mason; 2, D. Hill. Won without much difficulty. Time, 2 min. 34 secs. Preparatory School Race, 80 Yards.—1, M. Bean; 2, Collins; 3, R. Savill. A close race, second and third being well up at the finish. Quarter-mile Handicap—First heat: 1, H. Williams (20yds.); 2, H. D. Squier (25yds.); 3, L. Killby (80yds.). Time, 64 secs. Second heat: 1, H. Hartland (80yds); 2, J. Squier (12yds.); 3, H. Bowen (75yds.). Hartland ran well, and gives promise for the future. Time, 63 secs. Third