

as to the advantageous results. In an enrolled corps every extra-efficient member—that is, every member efficient both in shooting and drill—receives 30s. a-year, every member efficient in drill alone, £1. In addition to this, were our Corps enrolled, Government would pay the sergeant-instructor 2s. 6d. a-day, and supply every enrolled member with a rifle and 60 rounds of ammunition per annum. Now these great advantages are really enormous in the case of our School Corps. For it is undeniable that nothing more hinders the progress of our rifle-shooting than the deficiencies of our range, which is short,—capable only of 800 yards practice, of which 200 are useless in the summer,—and only attainable by a considerable walk. Within the last few months another range, which could be reached in a shorter time, and 1000 yards in length, has been found; and the expense of this would be fully covered by the profits of a single year's enrolment. For, reckoning the pay of 40 extra-efficient and 50 efficient members at £110, and the saving in the cost of the sergeant-instructor and ammunition at £30 and £13 10s. respectively, we find that the amount received by the Corps from Government, if enrolled, would be more than £150 per annum.

Now what disadvantages are to be set in the balance against these? Few, we venture to assert, and of little weight. Firstly, a change in the character and acquirements of the officers would become necessary. It can hardly have been overlooked by any careful observer that the officers of the Corps—we speak with no dishonour of the many distinguished names to which Captain, Lieutenant, &c., have been prefixed—have hitherto had but little to do with the manœuvring, &c., of the men. Enrolment would alter this. All the officers would then have to become masters of the drill, both company and battalion, and this, with the short tenure of office many of them enjoy, might be found a difficult task. In the next place, the Corps would have to attend three battalion drills and one inspection every year, at the head-quarters of the battalion.

Our article has grown to a prodigious length, and it is time to conclude. We recommend the subject to our readers' best consideration: may we not say with a hope that we have proved that the movement which it is desired by the officers of the Corps to make, is a good one, and that we may predict for the R.S.R.C., if not the glory

which a certain dreamer pictured, with its Russian spies and Austrian informers, at any rate, if it be enrolled, a prosperous future.

A NEW reign has begun, and we are looking forward with pleasure to the entire absence of dispute and indecision in all Football matters, under our new Committee. Big-Side has passed its Reform Bill without a murmur, and considers this virtual suicide as the crowning success of all its deliberations last Term. Perhaps some members had scruples about so sudden a change, and, despairing or careless of getting so far as a division, stayed away: anyhow, the attendance at the Levée was rather less than usual. The Rules for Football Arrangements were proposed with the winning tones of a Disraeli, and some vague expression about "large discretionary powers" was satisfactorily explained away as really nothing,—it only made the Committee perfectly absolute. Henceforth Big-Side will not be required to do anything more than hear and obey what its nine representatives have to say on all matters of Football. Still there is comfort in the hope that House Matches and their troubles will be well managed, and conducted with the decorum that such solemn struggles deserve, and not hurried over without reference to the state of the ground, or, what is more, the condition of the players. We wish all success to the Committee, and at the same time beg to call their attention to one or two points. The attendance of the Caps at the usual Big-Sides during the week, was frequently remarkable for its irregularity and slackness during the last Football season. Perhaps this can now be remedied, if not by persuasion, by a system of fines, which could be arranged by the Committee, and exacted by any of its members. Again, "long scrummages" and "mauling" were becoming too common to keep the game as amusing or skilful as it used to be; and this is a fault easily corrected if first attended to in Little-Sides and the smaller matches.

THE SCHOOL CONCERT.

IN spite of the long period of nine weeks' holiday, over which we have to carry our readers back, we think it would be a grave error on our part were we to pass by without any notice in our present number the very successful Concert which the School Choir gave at the end of last term. For if we are grieved and driven to despair at the thought

of how many of those, who best acquitted themselves then, there are, whose voices must be missed in Chapel this Term, yet by looking at what has been done we see how great a cause we have still to maintain, and are encouraged to make the most of what material is still left us.

Difficult as it is, and always must be, to select a work of one of the great masters which meets the requirements of such a choir as ours, we feel sure that the selection has rarely if ever been better made than last Term in the choice of Mendelssohn's 42nd Psalm. Made up as our choir is of a large number of voices, the majority of which require support and leading, and the best of which are either unformed or peculiarly liable to change, having, as it has, only the short time of two hours a week for about ten weeks for instruction, it is necessary that our *piece de resistance* should be short, not very difficult, and yet pleasing to learn. Yet the choice has rarely if ever been better made than in Mendelssohn's 42nd Psalm. The whole performance of it was, we have reason to believe, highly satisfactory: the choruses had been well learnt, and we were fortunate in having a voice fully equal to the large number of soprano songs and recitatives the Psalm contains. If we were forced to decide on any part which gave us especial pleasure, we should select the first chorus, "As the hart pants." the solo by Mr. Anstice, "For my soul thirsteth for God," and the most beautiful solos with chorus, for altos and trebles, "For I had gone forth most gladly." The second part opened with the overture to Zampa, charming as ever, and very well played by Messrs. Micholls and Hurst. "The Harp that once through Tara's hall," was next given by the choir, a glee for which we confess we have but little love. Messrs. Squarey and Arkcoll followed with a very pretty duet by Kucken, "The swallows trills so gaily;" the second part struck us as being particularly well sung and we hope these two gentlemen will often be seen on our concert platform. Loder's "Martin, the man-at-arms," from the hearty manner in which Mr. Jeffery sung it, fully merited the encore it obtained.

And now came what to every one must have been, we think, one of the best and most charming pieces in the evening,—Schumann's *Gipsy Life*. Whatever variety of opinion may exist as to the general charm of this great modern composer's music, none can deny it the beauty of originality and great graphic power. Mr. Edwards had contrived most

admirably to make the Choir feel the spirit of this song, and the changes of idea and harmony were alike truthfully rendered.

We need hardly say that Mr. Anstice's song was a great success, and was rapturously encored, especially when we have to relate that it was Gounod's very graceful barcarole "*Dites la jeune belle*." Nor must we omit to mention that he was most admirably accompanied on the flute by Mr. Leslie.

A song (enthusiastically encored)—"I shot an arrow into the air," and a duet by Messrs. Dale and Jeffery, brought us to the well-known "*Vive la Compagnie*," which was sung with the greatest success by Mr. Soutter. We confess we were utterly at a loss to understand how "The Huge Globe"—Bishop, which followed, was not encored by the audience. But perhaps they were reserving their powers of applause for the Laughing Trio, which, as there was still time, was granted them. And here, in real truth, they were carried away, and before the last bars of the music were finished, a universal shout from all parts of the room demanded its repetition. Nor can we doubt for a moment in endorsing the opinion of the audience; for anything better than the acting and singing of the trio it would be hard to imagine.

We are rejoiced to hear that already the number of recruits in the Choir more than fills up the places of those who have left. A report, by no means less welcome, has reached us, that Mr. Edwards' arduous labours are to be shared by Herr Petersen, whom some of us may remember as a performer at one of our Concerts a little time back. We can then feel sure, that nothing will be wanting on their part to make our School and Concert singing good. May the School do theirs as well!

THE ARNOLD LIBRARY.

THOUGH, as far as we are aware, no statistics exist upon the subject, we cannot but think that every one must consider that there is good ground for the opinion, which has been known to be held by the Masters for some time past, that the use made by the School of the Arnold Library is very small, far smaller than the use of the School Library ought to be. For this failure in the hopes of those who originated the testimonial to Dr. Arnold many causes have contributed. The room looks north, and has therefore always