

in which the females were protected from being eaten by birds, by their strong resemblance to a certain quite different and uneatable butterfly (*Danais*), and further were found to have far different forms, so as always to resemble the one of four distinct species of *Danais* found in this district.

G. Darbshire was elected an Associate.

The next Meeting will be on February 20th, at which papers will be read,—by J. M. Lester, on a Geological subject, and by N. Masterman, “On English snakes, and the slow-worm.”

THE RIFLE CORPS.

Target practice has been carried on with spirit this Term, but the shooting has not yet quite recovered the ground lost in the holidays. On Tuesday, the 26th, Mr. Baldwin's Challenge Cup was shot for by a larger number of Competitors than usual, and was won by Private Lawson with 35 points,—Lance-Corpl. Dudgeon being second, and Private Tobin third. The day was cold, with a slight wind blowing across the Range from left to right.

It was decided last Term that the Wimbledon Eleven should in future be made up by a Committee. For this year the Committee will consist of Ensign Humphry, Sergt. Stuart Wortley, and Corpl. Peel.

The new Range does not progress as rapidly as might have been desired. It would seem that the Contractors have supplied us with very inferior concrete, which has been condemned by the engineer, and which they will be obliged to replace with better. The weather at this time is unfavourable for the work, which at any time is placed at a disadvantage by the absence of a proper road for the conveyance of materials.

However we still hope to have the Butts completed and ready for use in time to have plenty of practice there before Wimbledon.

Owing to the departure of several of the Non-commissioned Officers, there has been considerable promotion in the Corps. The list is as follows:—Quarter-Master Sergt. Eastwick, Sergeants Stuart Wortley, Mackinlay, Reynolds; Corporals Chaplin, Peel, Davies; Lance-Corporals Courtenay, De Bunsen, Dudgeon, and Riley. The post of Colour-Sergeant still remains to be filled.

The following are the members still remaining of last year's Wimbledon Eleven:—Ensign Humphry, Sergt. Stuart Wortley, Corpl. Peel, and Lance-Corpl. Courtenay.

THE SCHOOL CONCERT.

In spite of the large number of active and influential members of the Choir that left at the end of the Summer Term, the above event, which took place on the 16th of December last, may be safely said to have gone off very satisfactorily. The performance opened with Dr. Elvey's Christmas anthem, “Arise, shine,” which was well given, and was followed by Crotch's beautifully devotional quartet, “Comfort the soul,” sung with very good taste and feeling by Messrs. Mason, Grisewood, Paile, and P. Westfeldt. After the anthem “Behold, how good and joyful” (Dr. C. Whitfield), in which a pretty duet by Messrs. Anstice and Trevelyan gave great pleasure, the latter gentleman sang, with pleasing and unaffected simplicity, the Evening Prayer from Costa's *Eli*. The Choral trio from *luth* followed (which possessed greater interest from the presence of its composer); and then the First Part of the Concert was closed by Spohr's impressive, though somewhat intricate Psalm, “O bless'd for ever.” The choruses of the latter were given well and evenly, in spite of the great difficulty of the laboured passages with which Spohr's choral works abound, and the quartet parts were well sustained. Mr. Anstice sang the graceful *aria*, with wonderful success, in spite of perceptible diminution in his power of voice.

The Second Part opened with the vigorous and cheery Christmas chorus “Up, brothers, up,” which was greeted with warm applause; and then Messrs. Mason and Grisewood sang Smart's lovely duet, “The Shepherd's Bell,” in such a way that the audience, who had already been more than once vacillating, so to speak, on the brink of an *encore*, gave vent to their pleasure by a warm and decided demand for a repetition, which was accordingly granted. After the part-song “'Tis May upon the mountain” had been given, Mr. Grisewood sang, with a pure and even *mezzo-soprano* voice, Mr. Goodman's “He that loves a rosie cheeke,” in such an agreeable and graceful way as to elicit a more enthusiastic *encore* than the former one. The instrumental performance which followed was a selection from Schubert's “Heroic Marches;” and contained a new feature in the shape of a drum, played with “spirit and precision” by Mr. Leggatt. The band received also great and praiseworthy assistance from Mr. A. W. Rowden (O.R.), who arrived, safe from the perils of “Smalls,”

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with ready voice and 'cello, to assist the body over which he had so ably presided. There can be little doubt that all the praise that is ever lavished on M. Costa for power of control, is in like manner due to Herr Petterson, whose *bâton* controls and conducts such a varied body of amateurs, and, in spite of the absence of the clarionet, succeeds in obtaining an *encore*. Another O.R. very opportunely tendered his services, namely, Mr. G. E. Steward, whose singing of "The Ruby" gave great satisfaction. Massinghi's trio "The Wreath," sung with good taste by the good voices of Messrs. Anstice, Grisewood, and Thornton, obtained also a well-merited *encore*. After the choral trio "Haste, gentle shepherd," Mr. Anstice came forward and sang Purcell's "Come unto these yellow sands," and his careful, though easy singing, was honoured with the *encore* that he has never yet failed to win. We much fear, from reports that have reached us, that we have heard Mr. Anstice as a *soprano* for the last time; but can safely say that the School has scarcely ever produced a singer who has given us so much pleasure as, from his first appearance in "*Toujours gai*," to his last and most agreeable performance, we have experienced in listening to Mr. Anstice. Macfarren's difficult and somewhat crabbed part-song, "The Hunt's up," was next sung, without accompaniment, very creditably. Then followed the *Carmen Feriale*; and the *Vive la Compagnie*, sung with great spirit and clearness by Mr. Gray, closed a Concert which we hope it will in some measure requite those whose unwearying efforts are spent in its preparation to pronounce the most successful we have heard in Big School for some time past.

HOUSE NEWS.

J. M. WILSON'S, ESQ.—This House had a house-run,—the Clifton and Hillmorton,—on Tuesday, January 26th. Bulpett ma. and Steel went hares, doing it in good time. Of the hounds, Scott came in first, Adamson and Langford being a good second and third.

REV. C. B. HUTCHINSON'S.—On Monday, Jan. 25th, we had the Bilton as our first House-Run of the Term. Lake and Gwyer went hares, and did the distance in 40 mins. Hallsworth came in first of the hounds in 45 minutes, with Cobbold close behind him. Twenty-one came in out of 23 starters.

This match was played on Richmond Green on Monday, the 11th of January, and from the memorable match last term attracted an unusually large attendance. The weather, fortunately, was fine. The match commenced at three o'clock, Rugby, who lost the toss, occupying the Station Goal. After playing for ten minutes, without any advantage on either side, the ball was carried, by a good run on the part of Badger (who at this period of the game was unfortunately disabled and obliged to leave the field), up to the Richmond Goal, where it was finally touched down between the posts by Gray, who attempted the try himself but was unequal to the occasion, the ball wanting both height and direction. The superior weight of Richmond now drove the School back to their own goal, and a maul was the result in favour of the School, aided by W. Mackinlay, who, though not an O.R., was fortunately "all there" to lend us his valuable assistance. Holmes and E. Rutter now made some dashing runs for Richmond, which however did not meet with the success they deserved, owing to the good tackling on the part of the School backs,—Benham and the brothers Mackinlay. Twice the School were obliged to touch it down, owing to the brilliant drops of E. Rutter and Emanuel, which justly deserved the applause they gained.

When "No side" was called, Rugby had gained the advantage by one "try" and a touch-down to three touches-down. This was one of the most evenly contested matches played on Richmond Green this season. For Richmond, Holmes (back), E. Rutter (back), Harper (back), Lambert, Turner, A. Rutter, and Weber, deserved the highest praise. For the School, Benham, the two Mackinlays (backs), Moberly, Kough, Gray (forwards), principally distinguished themselves. The following is a list of the two sides:—

The School: W. Mackinlay, J. E. H. Mackinlay, E. A. R. Benham (backs), H. W. Badger, C. K. Francis (half-backs), W. O. Moberly, A. Gray, W. E. Kough, E. H. Eddis, G. O. Unna, T. J. Paine, A. W. Seton, E. Cant, W. Johnson, and J. C. Anderson.

Richmond: E. C. Holmes (Captain), E. Rutter, S. Harper (backs), A. G. Guillebard, and H. Emanuel (half-backs), A. Rutter,