

will lift up mine eyes," had been given, the *Elijah* selection began. The beautiful air, "O rest in the Lord," requiring as it does the utmost depth and delicacy of voice, was a bold feat for so young a singer to attempt: but Mr. Arkcoll, we think, showed signs of true musical feeling. The equally charming quartette, "Cast thy burden," which might, perhaps, have been better for a little more rehearsing, was followed by the superb chorus, "Thanks be to God," which, being the culminating point of the first part of the *Elijah*, is one of those works by which Mendelssohn has established his claim to be the *very first* among composers of Oratorio. In such a piece the choir fully felt the value of Mr. Goldschmidt's skill in wielding the *bâton*. The second subject, "But the Lord," begun by the basses, and taken up in succession by all the voices, was given, considering its difficulty, with creditable precision.

The second part opened with the march from Gounod's *Faust*—any defects in which were to be attributed far more to bad luck than to any inefficiency of the performers. The flute, Mr. Leslie, whose performance has been so deservedly popular at previous concerts, was taken ill at the last moment, and prevented from performing: the clarinet, from some occult cause, refused to yield to the by no means unskilful efforts of Mr. Stevenson; and altogether, as we heard from one of the performers, the music had been much better done at rehearsal. We must not omit to notice the addition to the band of Mr. H. W. Gardner, for whom, as a performer, we augur a successful career. Mr. Micholls performed with his usual brilliancy of execution and taste, first a solo by Grieg, and afterwards a Sonata in A, with the violin, by Mozart, in which Herr Petterson delighted the audience by his skill: the only criticisms we can venture to pass was that the piece was perhaps rather too long. "What does little birdie say," a new song by Sullivan, was chosen as Mr. Anstice's solo. Personally we can only say he gave us much more satisfaction than in his former triumph—"Toujours gai." The "Carmen Feriale," by the Rev. C. Moberly, brought the concert to an end: few will be found, we think, to grumble at its frequent repetition. The "Viva la Compagnie," sung by Mr. Rowden, caused considerable amusement, containing several very good hits. We have trespassed so far on our readers' patience that any remarks upon the general state of the choir must be deferred to a future num-

ber. We conclude with reminding the School how large a debt of gratitude they owe to Mr. Goldschmidt, for his conducting, to the Rev. Charles Smith, for his most artistic accompaniments, and to Mr. Edwards and Herr Petterson, for their untiring exertions on behalf of the School Choir.

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#### NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

At a Meeting held June 6th, Papers were read "On a visit to some Salt Works in Cheshire," by F. R. Smith, and on "Dimorphism in Plants, especially the Cowslip and Purple Loose-strife," by the President.

At a Meeting held June 27th, a Lecture was given by the Rev. T. N. Hutchinson, "On permanent axes of rotation, and the Gyroscope." The success of the experiments was received with applause.

It was announced that Mr. Longstaff (late Secretary to the Society) had lately sent "Addenda and Corrigenda to the list of Lepidoptera," and that the Natural History Society lately established at Wellington College had been taken into union for the exchange of publications.

Duff (Arnold's), Sandars (School-house), and Rivington (Hutchinson's) have been elected Associates for their assistance this season in the Botanical Section, and Bull (Elsee's) as an Entomologist.

At the last Meeting of the Term, held July 11th, a paper "On the Rugby Gravels," was read by E. Cleminshaw. He mentioned the different discoveries that have as yet been made in our High and Low Level Gravels, and urged the importance of examining any pits which may hereafter be opened.

With a view to encourage original observation, the Society intends to offer a prize to the School, for essays to be sent in to the Secretary after Christmas; the writer to choose any subject of Natural History he likes, and the merits of the essay to be mainly the *originality* of the observations or descriptions it contains.

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#### THE RIFLE CORPS.

On Monday, July 20, the Wimbledon Eleven went up to London, in order to take part in the competition for the Ashburton Shield the next day. Our Team had been so well instructed, and had thrown themselves with such spirit into their work, that in the opinion of many good judges their chance

was second to none, and certainly the scores they had lately made gave strong grounds for such an opinion.

Tuesday turned out an exceedingly hot day, and the mirage made the shooting at 500 yards exceedingly difficult. Starting at 200 yards the Eleven shot splendidly, being no less than 10 points ahead of any other School, Eton with 142 being second. Humphry's 18 was a brilliant performance, quite a Queen's Prize score. At 500 the whole XI. fell to pieces, the total score made being less than any of our totals at the same range this year. Eton carried off both prizes, being 7 ahead of us for the Shield with 248, Marlborough second 245, Cheltenham tying us for third with 241. Humphry, who had made 32 in this match, shot for the Spencer Cup, which was won by Priv. Bruce, Eton. Scores:—

## RUGBY.

	200 Yds.	500 Yds.	Totl.
Captain Tobin .....	24333-15	03330-9	24
Lieut. Graham .....	33422-14	32023-10	24
Sergt. Humphry .....	34443-18	32333-14	32
Sergt. Botfield .....	32343-15	00022-4	19
Sergt. Penrose .....	33343-16	30342-12	28
Corpl. Wortley .....	43202-11	33223-13	24
Corpl. Whiting .....	22223-11	00020-2	13
Priv. Cobham .....	22332-12	20000-2	14
Priv. Courtenay.....	32343-15	22330-10	25
Priv. Peel .....	24202-10	00302-5	15
Priv. Barrett .....	33333-15	20303-8	23
	152	89	241

## ETON.

	200 Yds.	500 Yds.	Totl.
Priv. Hon. R. Bruce.....	34332-15	34224-15	30
Sergt. Godsal.....	23433-15	04343-14	29
Priv. Way .....	33333-15	34223-14	29
Priv. Hope .....	32223-12	23232-12	24
Priv. Bearcroft .....	43322-14	4r023-9	23
Corpl. Elliott.....	23323-13	04302-9	22
L.-C. Earl Waldegrave..	32422-13	23003-8	21
Priv. Gascoigne.....	33332-14	20320-7	21
Corpl. Garrett .....	23232-12	02320-7	19
Corpl. Newton .....	23220-9	20204-8	17
Corpl. Patton.....	22222-10	03000-3	13
	142	106	248

	200 Yds.	500 Yds.	Totls.
Marlborough .....	137	108	245
Cheltenham .....	123	118	241
Harrow .....	125	88	213
Winchester .....	113	90	203
Rossall .....	121	78	199

On Saturday, October 3rd, Sergeant Tait, late Musketry Instructor of the School Corps, was presented by its members with a handsome gold watch, in token of his long and able services. Captain Phillpotts, in presenting it, said that he had been much pleased to see the ready way in which members had come forward to subscribe to the

testimonial—that he took this readiness as evidence of their good feeling towards Sergeant Tait—that, personally, he begged to thank him for the zealous way he had assisted in bringing on the Corps just before the enrolment, though aware of the short time he remained with them—that in shooting the Wimbledon Eleven were much indebted to Sergeant Tait for his careful coaching. Sergeant Tait, in replying, said that the gift would remind him daily of not only those who had given it, but also of those that had gone before—that he was delighted to see the success which had attended the enrolment—that he hoped to see the shield soon brought to Rugby, but that for this year they must accept Lieut. Carslake's success as a set-off against their disappointment. He begged to thank the Corps most heartily for their handsome present.

It is with great pleasure that we have to chronicle the success of Lieut. Carslake, 5th Somerset, in carrying off the Queen's Prize at Wimbledon this year. This gentleman was a member of the Rev. P. Bowden Smith's, and was sometime Captain of the Rifle Corps, and won laurels both while in the School and afterwards at Oxford by his skill as a rifle shot. Lieut. Carslake also shot in the team which won the China Vase at Wimbledon.

## BIG-SIDE RUNS.

There have been two Big-Side Runs this Term,—the Bilton, and the Barby Hill. The first was run on Sept. 26: Dudgeon (Wilson's) 36 min. 30 sec., and Shirley (S. H.) 41 min. 15 sec., went hares. Of the hounds Scott (Wilson's), 35 min., was first, Maclean (Arnold's), 36½ min., second, and Lefroy (Arnold's), 38½ min., third. The other hounds were distanced.—The Barby Hill Run came off on October 1st. A large field came to the start, but many found the work too hard, and stopped at an early stage of the run. The hounds went rather slowly, but this was partly owing to their not knowing the way accurately. Lomax ma. (Hutchinson's) came in first in 49 min. 55 sec., closely followed by Dudgeon (Wilson's), Thornton, Cobbold, Sidebotham (all in Hutchinson's), and Morris ma. (S. H.). All the rest failed to come in. The hares did the distance in a very short time; Scott doing it in 40 min. exactly, and Bulpett in 44 min. 15 sec. Scott's time is the fastest on record.