

A LOAFER'S ENQUIRY.

WHAT joy can there be in attempting to slay
A friend with a hard ball of leather,
And living in thinnest of garments all day,
In hottest and coldest of weather?

What pleasure in getting a knock on the shins
And catches which sting up your knuckles?
You miss them, committing the gravest of sins,
And the batsman who sent you them chuckles.

Besides, when you make any beautiful hits,
You scamper and run about madly;
While he who made 'duck' in serenity sits
Inside the pavilion gladly.

And what benefit reap for so many a blow,
For suffering numberless bruises?
Such games and such accidents no one, I know,
Who's prudent, of preference chooses.

What pleasure in this? Why its true British
sport,
Improving the health of the player,
It's exercise, rarest and best of its sort,
And makes you feel brighter and gayer.

H. P. S.

FIELD DAY WITH HARROW.

On Wednesday, June 25th, the corps assembled in the playground about 12 o'clock and marched down to the station with the bugle band playing, and on arriving there entrained for St. Albans. On reaching the latter, we had to march about 3 miles under a scorching sun to Gohambury Park, where the sham fight was to take place: the scene of action was very picturesque, and it seemed very sad to be obliged to stain the beautiful green grass with such young and heroic blood. Before commencing operations, however, we were allowed to lie down for a few minutes, as our opponents marching to the strains of their brass band, were to take up their position some distance off. After having re-numbered, we were told off in sections, and being informed of all particulars and the general idea of the attack by our C.O., we broke off anxious to fire the first shot.

It was not long before the right-half company under Lieut. Rogers, making their way through an avenue of lofty elms, distinguished some gray figures moving about in a wood a few hundred yards to the left; the alarm was quickly given, and in a few moments a volley from the wood showed us our position: we had a splendid amount of cover and made good use of it, firing

whenever we saw an opportunity. Meanwhile one of our sections on the left, under Lieut. Barnes, was making great progress round behind the wood to intercept the enemy, who, rushing out from their place of refuge, received a withering fire from the right-half company, which, if it had been real warfare, would have utterly annihilated a great part of the Harrow corps. A hot fight ensued, in the midst of which we took an officer and three men prisoners after a splendid charge headed by Sergt.-Major Sims. Our right-half company then made a hasty advance with the intention of surprising a small squad of Harrovians, who had taken refuge in a spinney on our extreme left; but we were not successful this time, as, perceiving their danger, they fled for dear life, we pursued them but were unable to capture them: shortly after this, the "cease fire" sounded, and after a short rest, under the shady trees, we marched back to St. Albans station, and at 6.40 entrained for Bedford. On detraining at the station we formed "fours right," and marched straight to headquarters, the bugle band which has much improved, playing all the way, where after receiving some complimentary remarks from our C.O., we were dismissed, after a very enjoyable afternoon.

SHOOTING.

As regards the shooting this term, we cannot but congratulate ourselves on the results of the matches, which have turned out very different to what we expected at the beginning of the term. There has been a steady improvement throughout the whole team, under the coaching of Lieut. Columbine and Sergt.-Major Sims, to whom we are greatly indebted for their useful services, and who have our sincerest thanks for the trouble and pains which they have bestowed on us. In looking back on the scores already made it will be seen that out of 8 matches fired at present, A. H. Radice has made top score in 5, on one occasion making 60, the record at present for the year. L. B. Butcher has also been doing some good shooting, having twice made 58 and three times 57. H. J. Thompson and G. H. Barnes, the only old colours shooting at present, have both proved that they have by no means forgotten what they learnt last year. There are still two vacancies in the VIII., and those who wish to occupy them will have their work cut out for the next fortnight: the most likely ones to fill these places are C. Dunn, A. Crighton, E. Creasy, or A. Thompson.

But let us now take a peep into the future for a moment; we must go to Bisley next month determined to make a good fight to bring the shield back to Bedford, and not in the spirit in which we went to Wimbledon last year. R. M. Doig and F. W. H. Walshe, our two "great guns" of last year, will be with us then, and if each one will but do himself justice, we ought to take a respectably high place, if we do not actually win. In conclusion, we can but give our Queen's Prize representatives our heartiest wishes of success in their bold venture, but we cannot expect such young marksmen to be a match for all the veterans of the universe.

Below we give the names and scores of our matches.

SHOOTING MATCHES.

SIMULTANEOUS MATCH.

School v. Malvern College.

May 20th.

School.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
Sapper Radice	29	26	55
2nd Corp. Creasy	28	22	50
Sapper Barnes	23	23	46
Sergt. Thompson	25	21	46
Sapper Dunn	21	24	45
„ Butcher	24	20	44
„ Crighton	23	20	43
„ Lewis	15	10	25
Total ...	188	168	354

Malvern College.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
Sergt. Brooke	28	25	53
Gunner Henry	24	28	52
Corpl. Pritt	25	22	47
Sergt. Annandale	21	23	44
Corpl. Chichester	24	17	41
„ Selbs	23	17	40
Lieut. Preece	23	15	38
Gunner Marcell	3	13	16
Total ...	171	160	331

SIMULTANEOUS MATCH.

School v. Bradfield College.

May 24th.

School.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
Sapper Radice	25	28	53
„ Crighton	26	26	52
Cadet-Sergt. Thompson	24	25	49
Sapper Barnes	26	23	49
„ Butcher	23	25	48
Sergt. Thompson	25	23	48
2nd Corp. Creasy	21	26	47
Sapper Dunn	24	22	46
Total ...	194	198	392

Bradfield College.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
Sergt. Wall	25	32	57
Pte. Sellon	26	31	57
Sergt. Pratt	29	26	55
„ Haywood	25	29	54
Pte. McIlquham	26	23	49
„ Veitch	24	23	47
Sergt. Haig	30	17	47
L.-Corp. Shea	22	23	45
Total ...	207	204	411

SIMULTANEOUS MATCH.

School v. Rossall.

May 28th.

School.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
Sapper Barnes	27	30	57
„ Crighton	32	25	57
„ Radice	27	26	53
Sergt. Thompson	28	25	53
Cadet-Sergt. Thompson	23	28	51
Sapper Butcher	29	22	51
2nd Corp. Creasy	19	31	50
Sapper Dunn	16	28	44
Total ...	201	215	416

Rossall.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
Col.-Sergt. Faunthorpe	26	23	49
L.-Corp. O'Hara	28	21	49
Corpl. Armitage	23	25	48
Pte. Ferguson	23	24	47
Corpl. Hirst	23	24	47
Pte. Oppenheim	14	28	42
Corpl. Ackerley	21	16	37
Pte. Fletcher	16	19	35
Total ...	174	180	354

SHOOTING MATCH.

School v. Amptill Company, Beds. Rifle Volunteers.

Shot at Silsoe Park. May 31st.

School.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
Sapper Butcher	28	30	58
„ Radice	29	28	57
Sergt. Walshe	26	30	56
Sapper Barnes	27	29	56
Sergt. Thompson	29	27	56
Sergt.-Major Sims	24	26	50
Lieut. Columbine	25	25	50
Sapper Crighton	26	24	50
Cadet-Sergt. Thompson	25	24	49
Corpl. Doig	27	22	49
Total ...	266	265	531

Amphill Company, Beds. R. V.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
Sergt.-Instr. Dellar	28	30	58
Corpl. Bonners	29	27	56
Pte. Arnold	24	27	51
Corpl. Crick	25	25	50
Pte. Barnes	26	23	49
„ Hartop	23	25	48
Sergt. Gray	25	17	42
Pte. Sugars	27	15	42
Corpl. Ashley	26	12	38
Pte. Ashley	22	11	33
Total ...	255	212	467

SIMULTANEOUS MATCH.

School v. Dulwich College.

This match was fired at Millbrook, on June 11th, and resulted in a victory for the School VIII. by 66 points.

School.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
Sapper Radice	31	29	60
Sergt. Thompson	25	29	54
Corpl. Doig	21	32	53
Sapper Crighton	22	29	51
„ Butcher	23	28	51
Sergt. Walshe	26	24	50
2nd Corp. Creasy	22	24	46
Sapper Barnes	24	19	43
Total ...	194	214	408

Dulwich College.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
Band-Sergt. Hindley	20	29	49
Pte. Gardner	20	28	48
„ Evans	25	23	48
„ Parsons	25	23	48
„ Pontifex	20	23	43
Bandsman Townroe	22	21	43
Pte. Morgan	24	13	37
„ Key	10	16	26
Total ...	166	176	342

SIMULTANEOUS MATCH.

School v. Whitgift Grammar School.

This match was also fired on June 11th, the School beating their opponents by 92 points.

School.

The same as against Dulwich.

Whitgift Grammar School.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
Sergt. Reed	28	20	48
Corpl. Brown	21	25	46
Sergt. Stableforth	20	22	42
Col.-Sergt. Stent	27	15	42
Corpl. Wicksteed	19	20	39
„ Gittins	19	17	36
„ Banks	22	11	33
Pte. Hampton	21	9	30
Total ...	177	139	316

SIMULTANEOUS MATCH.

School v. Clifton College.

This match was fired at Millbrook, on Wednesday, June 18th.

School.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
Sapper Radice	29	29	58
„ Butcher	25	32	57
Sergt. H. Thompson	24	32	56
Sapper Barnes	27	29	56
„ Dunn	23	31	54
Sergt. A. Thompson	25	26	51
2nd Corp. Creasy	23	24	47
Sapper Crighton	22	20	42
Total ...	198	223	421

Clifton College.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
Sergt. Collins	26	29	55
Corpl. Pilkington	22	32	54
Corpl. Sellon	23	28	51
Sapper Rigden	25	26	51
„ Prideaux	18	30	48
Bugler Craster	24	24	48
Sapper Jones	25	21	46
„ Davies	25	17	42
Total.....	188	207	395

CRICKET.

School v. Christ's College, Cambridge.

This match was played on Saturday, May 17th, on the School ground, and resulted in the defeat of the School by 74 runs. The School won the toss and sent their opponents to the wickets first. The first wicket fell for 4, Humbley being cleaned bowled by Kendall. The next comer was bowled by Sewell, after he had scored a couple of twos. The next two wickets fell pretty quickly. Then Heath and Davies stayed together till lunch-time. They were not separated after lunch till they had put on about 73 runs, when Sewell clean bowled Heath. Soon after, Davies hit out hard at Sewell, and was splendidly caught at mid-off by Plowden with his left hand high up. The remaining wickets fell for about 18 runs. The School commenced their innings at 4 o'clock, Sewell and Winkfield opposing the bowling of Davis (pavilion end) and Hoffmeyer. A fairly good start was made, the 1st wicket falling for 23. No one then made any stand except Plowden and Fulton, and the innings closed for 82.

The following are the scores:—

Christ's College, Cambridge.

W. W. Humbley b Kendall	0
L. Davies c Plowden b Sewell... ..	72
W. F. Ogilvie b Sewell	4
W. Ingham b Sewell	0
W. A. Baker b Kendall	1
F. V. Heath b Sewell	37
C. F. Hatchell c Winkfield b Reynolds... ..	22
D. Le Cren b Sewell	2
C. Hoffmeyer c Watson b Reynolds	2
H. W. Snape not out	2
E. W. Poore b Sewell	0
Byes	12
No balls	2

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