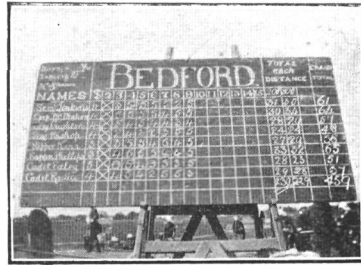


THE CORPS.

1897.



Many departments of the School can register an advance during 1897, but none can record such a "boom" as the Corps.

Starting on the 1st of November, 1896, with a total of 179 of all ranks, we find that the numbers have increased by nearly a third and now stand at 236. During the year 79 have left and 136 have joined. That this is not a fictitious increase due to a desire to participate in the Jubilee Review is proved by the fact that the numbers are greater this term than last.

Moreover, this satisfactory increase has not been accompanied by any diminution of efficiency, and above all it has been accomplished without any pressure.

There have been the usual Field Days during the year, of which the last was the most satisfactory.

The great excitement of the year was of course the Jubilee, and a smart squad of 20 sappers under Lieut. Barnes and Co.-Sergt.-Major Hutton, were privileged to witness Her Majesty's progress over London Bridge, a scene which will live in their hearts for ever. But the prettiest scene of all was Her Majesty's Review of the Public Schools in her own Park at Windsor. Can any who took part in that

March Past ever lose their loyalty to the throne of England and their devotion to The Royal Standard which floated over their Queen!

To return to our record, Bisley found us well to the front. The School were fourth for the Ashburton Shield and Sergeant Jenkins lost by one point in shooting off a tie for the Spencer Cup.

Altogether a most satisfactory year.

We may mention that the oldest member of the Corps is Co. Sergt.-Major Jenkins, who joined in Nov., 1892, followed by Sergt. Dawes, who joined in Oct., 1893.

Bromham House showed the best average attendance at Drill during the year, Paulo being second.

Cloete i, R. Thompson, Lillie and Dean attended every weekly drill during the year, while Cloete i attended 50 drills out of a possible 52 (including morning drills in summer term).

We print above some snap-shots taken at Bisley by one of the members of the VIII.

The following VIII. represented us at Bisley: Sergts. Jenkins, Crighton, Bishop, Corpl. McMahon, Sappers Phillips, Kerr, Exley, Cadet Radice.