

SCHOOL NOTES.

C. L. Underwood has been awarded an Exhibition of 20 guineas tenable for 3 years, on the recent Scholarship Examination at Faraday House (Electrical Standardizing, Testing, and Training Institution).

L. Pointer was third with 19 ft. in the Long Jump at the Public Schools' Sports, held on May 2nd at Stamford Bridge.

New Book by an O.B.

Weapons: by B. E. Sargeant, Assistant-Curator of the Royal United Service Museum, Whitehall: publ. H. R. Rees, Ltd., Pall Mall, 1908.

In the times before villainous saltpetre was dugged out of the bowels of the harmless earth, historic man was always well enough off for deadly weapons to do his fighting with. As a concise account of the various implements, manual and missile, invented for stunning, cutting or puncturing the other side—to adopt the author's classification—this excellent little book will be found very useful and very interesting; and Mr. Sargeant is to be congratulated both on his subject and on his method of treatment. Those of our readers who are studying History should not fail to acquire and read this 'brief discourse.' An acquaintance with the weapons plied by infantry and cavalry in Europe from the 11th to the 18th century will considerably enhance the pleasure and profit to be got from intelligent study of battles and campaigns, while one follows the continual see-saw of efficacy between the weapons of attack and the arms of defence.

The illustrations, eleven in number, show some seven score specimens, mostly preserved in the Royal United Service Museum at Whitehall. These reveal very clearly in some cases the artistic instinct which led men to elaborate their fighting-tools so as to be things of beauty in themselves. Space prevents us from doing the book justice in these columns; but we may refer those who take interest in the subject to a fuller review in the *Beds. Times* of May 15th, and we confidently recommend them to buy the book, which for its modest price of 2/6 is uncommonly good value.

SHOOTING.

In the Schools of the Empire Rifle Match for 1907-8, the School were 29th (out of 79 competing Schools), with a score of 460. Only 16 of the English Schools beat us, and 3 equalled us. The Prince of Wales's Challenge Cup was won by Brisbane Grammar School, Queensland, whose Corps is 100 strong, with an average age of 17. They scored 490.

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The prospects for the present season did not seem at all bright, considering that out of last year's Bisley VIII only two members remain at school. Practice during the holidays was much hampered, firstly by lack of rifles, and secondly by the fact that the range was under repair and the firing points were under water.

Our first match—v. Trinity College, Cambridge, came off on May 13 on the 'Varsity range, and all things considered, we made an excellent start. The shooting at 200 yards was quite good, and the aggregate at 200 and 500 above the average. Details:—

B.G.S.	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total.
Major Columbine V.D....	34	30	27	91
Cadet Woodyer.....	30	32	27	89
Cadet Rowan	32	30	27	89
Sapper Shippey.....	31	28	25	84
Sapper Hogben.....	31	23	24	78
Sapper Shadforth	31	28	19	78
Cadet Braddell	30	29	18	77
Sapper Gordon	23	33	19	75
	242	233	186	661
Trin. Coll. R.C.				
Lieut. Guterbock	33	30	31	94
Mr. Reed.....	30	33	29	92
Mr. Western	32	31	28	91
Mr. Bromwell.....	31	32	24	87
Mr. Lucas	29	30	23	82
Mr. Whitworth	27	32	22	81
Mr. Wethered.....	27	25	21	73
Mr. Williams.. ..	20	14	15	49
	229	227	193	649

Our hearty thanks are due to the members of Trinity Rifle Club in general and to Messrs. Guterbock and Allen-Whitworth in particular for their kindness and hospitality to our team on this occasion.