

pupils are now drilled, and its author suggests, wisely we think, that wherever military exercises are taught they shall be those in which the soldiers of the regular army are instructed. Certainly this is well, for some day, when these boys are men, they may be called upon to defend their country, and then it will be important that the drill they have learned at school shall be the drill of the army.

Moreover, we have no sympathy with the opposition sometimes expressed to military training. We do not believe that because a man or a nation is prepared for self-defence he or it thereby becomes a bully. Thirty-five years ago there was no citizen of the North who would not have been glad if more of our young men had been taught at school the simple art of drill. Thousands of lives and millions of treasure would have been saved and the war would have been shorter. Aside from the practical aspect of the matter, too, we believe in manly physical exercise for the youth of the country. The other day a distinguished clergyman spoke of military drill, football and other physical sports as brutalizing. There is no truth in this. Manly sports are humanizing. They develop courage, truthfulness, self-reliance, self-restraint, respect for worthy antagonists, fair play—character, in short. On the other hand, the soft muscles of the pale neurotic youth too often foster the meanest traits of the human mind. They induce to shiftiness, evasion, subterfuge and mendacity. In nine cases out of ten it is the boy with the healthy body, a body that has been exercised in contentions with his fellow-boys, who is not cruel, nor a backbiter, nor a telltale, whose impulses are generous, and who is best fitted to cope squarely and honestly with the world.

To the making of a good military man drill contributes along with other athletic pursuits. And among the traits especially developed by it are the fine virtues of discipline, self-repression and courtesy.—Harp-er's Weekly.

MILITARY COLLEGE NOTES.

Lieut. E. P. C. Grouard, Royal Engineers, (a graduate from the Royal Military College, Kingston), has been selected for special service with the Nile Expedition.

Capt. Kenneth J. R. Campbell, 2nd Batt. Suffolk Regiment, has been granted the Distinguished Service Order, for his services in the operations against Chief Nanna, on the Benin River, West Coast of Africa—August to October, 1894. Capt. Campbell was then employed with the forces of the Niger Coast Protectorate. He is the second officer from the R.M.C. who got this order. Capt. Huntley Brodie Mackay, R.E., who died at sea, April 17, 1891, of fever, contracted whilst on service in Africa, was also awarded this order.

MUSKETRY.

THE SHOEBURYNNESS TEAM.

UP to the time of going to press sixteen places have entered and have been filled in the above team. There are nine yet to fill, and it is expected that that will be done in the course of a few days. A meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in Ottawa this week to make arrangements for the team and also for the selection of an adjutant. The sergeant-major is to be chosen from the R.C.A. and will in all probability be Instructor Bridgeford, of Quebec. Col. Cole is in receipt of a letter sent to Major Donaldson from the secretary of the Artillery Association in Great Britain.

He says: "Your communication of the 13th, to hand this a.m., will be received with so much pleasure that I beg to acknowledge it at once, although Council will only meet on the 21st prox., and in order that no time may be lost I beg to forward copy of regulations for this year in proof, which have not yet been printed, while you may depend upon a full supply being sent you as soon as issued. In the meantime, I send you all I can about last year's camp for the information of the detachment. I suppose the Montreal Cup will not be available again? Once more expressing my great satisfaction at the news, in which the Earl of Stradbroke (president) joins,

"Signed. H. VANE SLOW, Major,

"Secretary."

THE BISLEY TEAM.

The Bisley team, which will leave for England on June 27, is now very nearly completed, sixteen out of the necessary twenty having notified Lieut.-Col. Bacon, secretary of the Dominion Rifle Association, that they will be ready to go. Indeed, three of the team—Staff-Sergt. Harp, of the 48th Highlanders; Major Macdonald, 48th Highlanders, and Pte. M. D. Campbell, 45th Battalion, have either gone already or will sail before the team and meet it in England. Only three men have so far declined positively to go—Capt. Curran, 12th Batt.; Capt. C. N. Mitchell, 90th Batt., and Staff-Sergt. Bell, 1st B.G.A. Four men are still in doubt, and some, at least, of these will probably go. They are: Capt. R. J. Spearing, 53rd Batt.; Lieut.-Col. W. P. Anderson, R.O. list; Pte. J. E. Hutcheson, 43rd Batt., and Capt. M. Pope, 3rd Vics. The sixteen who have accepted are: Staff-Sergt. W. Harp, 48th Highlanders; Lieut. W. L. Ross, 13th Batt.; Lieut. A. D. Cartwright, 47th Batt.; Major W. C. McDonald, 48th Highlanders; Lieut. W. C. King, 45th Batt.; Lieut. T. Mitchell, 12th Batt.; Pte. M. D. Campbell, 45th Batt.; Pte. C. Armstrong, 10th Royal Grenadiers; Sergt. C. R. Crowe, 1st B.G.A.; Quartermaster-Sergt. John Ogg, 1st B.G.A.; Pte. T. H. Hayhurst, G.M., 13th Batt.;

Sergt. T. Mitchell, 13th Batt.; Capt. J. H. McRobbie, 8th Hussars; Sergt.-Major S. J. Higgins, 13th Batt.; Lieut. J. L. Weller, 59th Batt.; Lieut. R. P. Bent, 93rd Batt.

CANADIAN MILITARY RIFLE LEAGUE.

Last year the entries for the C.M.R.L. stood at 123. This year, however, matters are very much brighter, no less than 177 teams having entered for the matches. Quite a number of the increased entries have come from the Northwest and Pacific. Each team that enters and shoots with eight men will be presented with a gold badge. The first match of the series took place on Saturday. The official scores, as compiled by the secretary, will appear in the next issue of THE GAZETTE. The following teams complete the list of entries: 5th Canadian Artillery, Victoria, B.C., 12 teams; 85th Battalion, Montreal, 1; 47th, Kingston, 1; Royal Scots, Montreal, 2; P.W. Rifles, 3; Montreal G.A., 2; Guelph Rifle Association, 1; Temiscouata Rifle Association, 2; 32nd, Walkerton, 1; Q.O.R., Toronto, 2; Governor General's Body Guards, Toronto, 1; 38th Battalion, Brantford, Ont., 1; B. Troop, Portage la Prairie, 1; 38th Battalion, Guelph, 10; 59th, Cornwall, Ont., 1; 4th G.A., P.E.I., 2; Cobourg and Northumberland Association, 1; 56th, Manotick, 1; 82nd Battalion, Charlottetown, P.E.I., 2; Lambton R.A., 1; 53rd Battalion, Sherbrooke, 3; 62nd Battalion, St. John, N.B., 2.

The Guelph Company, 30th Rifles, under Lieut. Wideman, has marched out with the battalion band several times recently. They propose having occasional field drills during the summer.

The Deputy Minister of Militia, Col. Panet, made an inspection of the rifle ranges at Levis. The regulars have been using the new .303 ammunition, and its penetrative powers are so great that bullets were found to have passed through a plank three feet thick and a board fence 6 inches thick. Under the circumstances Col. Panet ordered the range to be closed until an iron sheeting could be put up, so as to avoid the possibility of accident.

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