

The Count is further of opinion that conscription is likely to prove fatal from a military as well as a social point of view : that a smaller voluntary army will defeat larger armies of conscripts ; and that in Africa "no Continental army would have done better than the English with the same or even somewhat larger numbers."

First on the Antarctic Continent. By C. E. Borchgrevink. (Newnes. 10s. 6d. net.)—This is hardly in the same rank with Dr. Nansen's famous book, but it is a very interesting record and admirably illustrated from photographs. Of the members of the expedition we are not told much that is characteristic ; but the dogs, the Finns, and the penguins are delightful throughout. Ninety dogs were taken, some being Siberians and some Greenlanders, and their masters were devoted to them. Many puppies were born and thrive in spite of the temperature and exposure. When one of them died,

real was the grief depicted in Fougner's face. We found out later that . . . he had picked and dug in the frozen rocky ground until he had found a suitable last resting-place for his puppy, . . . and put a pole in it as a mark. . . . He blushing remarked that he had done it out of consideration for the other dogs. "They might have eaten my puppy," he said, "and become ill themselves."

The idea was not altogether unfounded :

Often during gales the dogs killed each other and ate their dead comrades. . . . They seemed with one accord to boycott a single dog for days and weeks. . . . Then driven by hunger, or forgetting for the moment . . . he might show himself . . . on the ice. Off went the other dogs like wolves . . . and before any one could help it he was torn into pieces.

The Finns—Savio and Must—were most attractive companions. On one occasion they risked their lives to save a dog. When one of the crew died, before he was buried by his fellows, "the two Finns, according to their wish, held a Lappish service—standing with bent heads in the cold, singing and talking to Mr. Hanson's dead body." On other occasions they played at "Sakko"—a kind of chess—a Finn game, full of remarkable