

through, after which refreshments were served, and the 'witching hour of midnight came too soon to end the festivities of the evening :—

1. Piano Solo.....Prof. Monk.
2. Bugler Davis.....Old Brigade.
(Encore).....Jack's Wedding Morn.
3. W. E. Ramsay....."Now we come to think of it."
(Encore)....."It's a different colour now."
4. Bone Solo.....Color-Sergt. G. E. Cooper.
5. Bugle-Major Swift.....Q. O. R. Regimental Song.
6. Sergt. A. M. Burns—Recitation....."Kelly at the bat."
7. G. A. Parr....."Slumber Sweet."
8. H. Stevens....."Rocked in the cradle of the deep."
(Encore)....."In the cellar cool."
9. J. Winters....."Warrior Bold."
(Encore)....."Skipper."
10. Bugle-Sergt. Woods.....Parody on Pork, Beans, &c., bringing in hits on many
of the members of the regiment.
God Save the Queen.

A benefit will be tendered to Col-Sergt. Cooper, at Victoria Hall, on the 28th, and, no doubt, upon that occasion Dame Fortune will relax her severity upon the genial Col-Sergt.

It has been suggested that now when the Buglers have obtained possession of such handsome quarters, a series of smoking concerts would be much appreciated by the many friends who see the talent of the band displayed only too seldom.

Think it over boys, and that they would prove beneficial in every way is the firm conviction of

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Gleanings.

A lively correspondence is being carried on in the English service papers anent the old grievance of slights said to be put upon Volunteer and Militia Officers by those of the Regular Army, or of "Her Majesty's mercenary troops," as one irritated writer styles them, in a letter in which he holds up to admiration the achievements of the Volunteer Robert Clive, in carving out the now splendid Empire of India.

Says the *Broad Arrow*: "The regulation for artillery officers, by which a field-glass has been substituted for the useless pouch hitherto used, was without doubt an excellent one. It would be a grand thing if the War Office would extend this regulation to the officers of the other branches of the service who wear pouch-belts (cavalry and rifles). No one can dispute the great use a field-glass would be to all officers at any time, and more especially to those of rifle regiments, in skirmishing where smokeless powder is used. The present pouch is a most useless article. A neat field-glass case, with the pouch ornaments at present used, would be quite as handsome and a great deal more serviceable."

Dogs as auxiliaries of the sentinel are coming to the fore, says our Paris correspondent. It appears that a kind has been discovered in Tonquin which has been converted into a vigilant and ferocious sentinel. It is tall and powerfully built. The way it is trained may be expected to elicit the protests of that "Animal's Guardian" of which we announced the other day the forthcoming issue. When these dogs are wanted for military service they are tied up, and natives are engaged to beat and otherwise ill-use them. The French soldier's duty, on the other hand, is to feed and pet them. If then at night they are fastened to a sentry box, they naturally give the alarm directly an Annamite or Tonquinoise approaches. They can distinguish the native from the European by the scent, though either should lie concealed. About this method of training there seems to be a good deal of unnecessary and cruel ingenuity. Our English dog fanciers would probably be willing to undertake the training of sentinel dogs on terms much easier for the dogs themselves.—*London Standard*.

There was a meeting of commanding officers lately at the Royal United Service Institution to discuss matters connected with the future of the British Volunteer force. Nearly 100 officers were present. The representation included the far distant counties, and especially Scotland. The conference, over which Major-Gen. Philip Smith, commanding the Home District, presided, lasted three hours. The proceedings were private, but expression was given to the opinion that, in view of the difficulties which many regiments have to submit to in defraying their expenses, the capitation grant should be payable at a more reasonable time than had previously been the case. The question of rules of corps, it was decided, should be submitted to a general meeting of the committee appointed for the purpose. The question of the relief of Volunteer officers from serving on juries was likewise discussed. The third point referred to the subject of camp allowances; and after these and other matters had been thoroughly discussed, a committee was appointed to investigate the whole matter thoroughly and report to a subsequent meeting.

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