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Lt.-Col. Davis, 37th, brought to the notice of the association the fact that one of its members, Color-Sergt. Proud, of his battalion, who had won a place on the Wimbledon team of this year, had not been afforded an opportunity of going. had repeatedly tried to ascertain the reason, but so far without success.

It was pointed out that the Provincial Association could do nothing in the matter, and Col. Davis was advised to make his inquiries at the Ottawa meeting, when no

doubt all necessary information would be forthcoming.

Lt.-Col. Davis also introduced the subject of the present perscribed strength of eight for regimental teams, and complained that this number was too large, rural corps not being able to enter teams in the battalion match as they could not get the requisite number of men to Toronto.

A recommendation to the council that these teams should in future consist of five men only, was adopted on division, as was also another recommendation that an un-

limited number of team entries should be accepted from any battalion.

The Chairman announced that the Dominion Government had appointed a board consisting of Lt. Cols. Gzowski, Otter and Jackson to enquire into the suitability of the Garrison Common's range, and these gentlemen would, he understood, report before the Industrial Exhibition was over.

The whole question was by resolution referred to the council with full power to

The meeting then adjourned, the members giving three hearty cheers for Lt.-Col. Gibson, the popular retiring president, before dispersing.

A "Major" is advertising in the Army and Navy Gazettee, for "a man-servant, a discharged soldier who has been an officer, and who must be able to wait at table." The gallant major is apt, remarks a contemporary, to find some difficulty to lay his hand on the man he wants. A discharged soldier who has been an officer is difficult enough to find at any time—we doubt if we ever heard of one—but when to his other accomplishments is to be added that he "must know how to wait at table," this, we believe, will be an almost insuperable difficulty. It is to be hoped that when the major meets with this rare specimen of broken-down humanity, his character will be all he requires.

It is stated that there is living at Morton, Eng., a hale old man, named Hudson, who is over 90 years old, and who well remembers Lord Nelson as a visitor at Merton. Hudson tells us how he stood by the door of the postchaise in which, early on the morning of Sept. 13, 1805, the famous admiral drove away from Sir Wm. Hamilton's gates. He states that when a boy he often saw Nelson fishing in the Wandle, near the Abbey Mill, or walking about Sir William Hamilton's grounds with Lady Hamilton. Two cottages at the bottom of Abbey lane were built by Lord Nelson for his coachman and gardener, and in one of these old Hudson and his wife, who is a daughter of Cribb, Nelson's gardener, have lived for about fifty years. Over the mantelpiece in Hudson's little dwelling is a small mirror in a gilt frame, once a portion of the furniture of the room occupied by Nelson in Sir William Hamilton's house.

The Philadelphia Press, referring to the benefits accruing to young men from a system of military drill at colleges, says "Habits of command and organization are of advantage to all who have control of men in any walk of life. A graduate of one of these colleges, who was employed in a large engineering enterprise, was soon elevated to the position of foreman, and he attributed his promotion to the habit of commanding the college corps which he had acquired as an officer. Another was employed in one of the largest mercantile houses in an eastern city and he soon rose to a leading position, taking executive charge of the other employees. His experience in commanding the students in their military exercises was again cited as the reason for his promotion. It would seem then that even if the graduates of these colleges are never called to bear arms their training is likely to be of service in many other directions.'

In Ireland everything is different to England, and so is the militia. Last year a rather smart regiment was being inspected by an easy-going colonel commanding the district. The march past had been gone through creditably, the manual and firing exercise had been pronounced a success by those looking on, and the colonel flattered himself that the battalion movements he had put his "regiment" through were done in A 1 style. The inspecting officer then desired that the several companies should be marched to different parts of the drill field to test the efficiency of the subalterns in company drill. All, according to order, moved off, except one--B company. "Why the devil" (sotto voce), said the inspecting officer, "does not be move off?" The orderly in attendance, a true Hibernian, replied, "Shure, sir, and Captain Maguire and his men had a difference yesterday, and they're not on speaking terms yit."-Broad Arrow.

The great parade of the British war fleet at Portsmouth was perhaps one of the most striking and distinguished naval spectacles in any age. Besides a great number of enormous troopships and transports which strictly belong to the naval establishment, there were in line, or rather in five lines, 128 armed and armored vessels, many of the largest class armed with the heaviest and most approved artillery. One of the prominent officers of the admiralty stated to an American journalist present that one of these ships, the Collingwood, between Coney Island and Fort Lafayette, would be able to destroy New York city in two hours, despite any resistance it is at present in the power of the United States to make. In view of these facts the spectacle of the Atlanta, the foremost warship in the United States navy, being racked to pieces by the shock and recoil of her own guns the first time they were fired, seems truly pitiful. Possibly there is nothing that ever has happened or existed so capable of mortifying and humiliating the American people as the present condition of their national navy. -- New York Times.



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