

The Last Church Parade

The Canadian Contingent attended the English cathedral at Quebec before leaving for active service in South Africa, October 29th, 1899. The old colours of the 69th Regiment hang in the chancel.

STORM sweeps without the sacred, stately pile,
And shadows cling o'er nave and pillar'd aisle,
In gloom scarce brighten'd by the pictured pane,
And stillness broken but by fitful rain ;

When up the rain-beat height a sound we hear,
A tread of martial measure drawing near,
Then sharper sounds of short commanding words,
The clank of scabbards and the ring of swords,