

nothing will so truly teach men the evils of warfare as a thorough knowledge of the risks a soldier must encounter.

With this explanation, we gladly republish our contemporary's concluding paragraph, and hope our Canadian soldiers will take advantage of the liberal opening afforded. At the same time we would say that our Dominion Rifle Association should have a special International match as one of its main features in the competitions for next year:—

"If the Review will turn to the list of prizes published in a recent number of the *Journal*, it will find at least four open to Canadians, viz.: Competition II.—"Sportsmen's match," value of prizes, \$525. Competition VI.—"All comers match," value of prizes, \$180. Competition X.—"Railroad match," value of prizes, \$343. Competitor XI.—"Sharpshooters' championship," value of prizes \$175. In all thirty-five prizes worth \$1,223. If any of the Canadian reporters come, they can enter for the Press match. Perhaps when they see some of the shooting, they may wonder where the Review obtained the scores it publishes as specimens. In any case, we hope to find some of the Canadians entering for the opening prize meeting at Creedmoor, October 8, 9, and 10. They may make sure of receiving a cordial welcome and fair treatment, whether they succeed in carrying any of our scalps to their wigwags or not."

With reference to the "Press Match," it is a feature entirely new; if other engagements did not prevent, we should have wished to take a part in it, although we earnestly disclaim all intention of attempting, even in thought, to leave our respected contemporary in the predicament of the lamented Nye—

*"Cut off like a rose in his bloom
With nary a skelp to his brain."*

We are enabled, through the courtesy of the "Council of the National Artillery Association," to announce to our readers that we shall republish at an early date the Rules of the Association for the current year, extracts from the yearly report and reviews, and the valuable "Lectures on Artillery subjects," addressed to the officers of the "Auxiliary Artillery" at the "Royal United Service Institution." For copies of all those documents we have to thank the Council and their gallant Secretary, Captain JOHN L. RUTLEY.

It is with sincere pleasure we welcome the contribution of our gallant friend *Sabreur*, to the columns of our correspondence and regret that his first communication did not arrive in time to have it published in our issue of the 30th September. Our friend has good right to claim the gift of perspicacity in discovering the weak points in the proposed tactical changes clamoured for by inexperienced soldiers and newspaper correspondents, even if his experience did not make him a judge qualified in every way to pass set advice on a fallacy. However, our

gallant friend need not fear; mere *mechanical appliances* will never win a battle, although they have become necessary accessories thereto. The dash-daring, gallantry, and in fact what the French call *elan* of those gallant English cavaliers of which our friend is so good a specimen, are as requisite now as when they turned the tide of fight at Busaco or carried the Sikh entrenchments at a gallop at Soobraon. That those qualities are not yet extinct, our gallant correspondent proves in his own person at the first note of danger—

*"From the sheath the scabbard blade,
Comes flushing half-way up"*

On Friday evening the 9th inst., Lieut. Colonel FLETCHER, Scot's Fusilier Guards, Military Secretary, presented the prizes won at the recent Dominion Association Regimental and Company Matches of the Governor General's Foot Guards. We have not space for the address which the gallant officer made to the battalion, but it shall appear in our next; it is by far too valuable to condense.

We have received from Cap. R. Y. ELLIS, Secretary Treasurer, the Prize List of the Ingersoll Rifle Association, which is to come off on Wednesday and Thursday, October 15th and 16th, 1873, at the Association Rifle Ranges, Hislop's Farm, when Prizes amounting to over \$500 will be offered.

THE late Lord MACALLAY, writes of William III. King of Great Britain, that he said of a certain plotting Jesuit who was engaged in a conspiracy against his life: "He has made up his mind to be a martyr, and I have made up my mind to disappoint him"—the application of the principle to the case detailed in the following paragraph taken from the *Sarnia Canadian*. Captain POLLOCK should have remembered that a soldier cannot be a fanatic, and allowed his color Sergt. to leave a service disgraced by his presence without making a martyr of him, which was probably what the fellow sought.

A few days since Color-Sergt. Kernaghan, of the Forest Company, was tried before the Mayor for refusing to turn out to the annual muster on command of his commanding officer, Capt. J. C. Pollock. The defendant pleaded guilty, urging in extenuation that he had religious scruples about serving as a volunteer. Such an excuse being inadmissible, he was fined \$7 and \$7.30 costs. He was also found under another clause of the Militia Act, \$15, including costs, for continuous absence from duty; and on being discharged from custody of the magistrate, he was at once arrested as a deserter to be dealt with according to military usage. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Kernaghan under the peculiar circumstances of the case: even the Mayor, who imposed the fines, felt sorry that he had no alternative but to carry out the strict letter of the law and set an example to others. In reference to this case, we may explain that Mr. Kernaghan has recently embraced the

doctrines preached by certain parties calling themselves "Evangelists," who have made quite a stir in Forest and vicinity. Their views on religious subjects, we are informed, are peculiar. They consider insuring their property against fire wrong, as evidencing want of faith in God's providence over his people; and they consider soldiering sinful on the same ground, as God will always protect his chosen ones from all harm. Mr. Kernaghan's mind is strongly imbued with these doctrines. Whatever may be thought of this new Christianity as a sentiment, it is plain that its practical introduction into our complicated social condition would lead to strange results. Col. Davis has dismissed Kernaghan from the service—the best course that could be pursued under the circumstances.

REVIEWS.

Wood's Household Magazine for October contains a number of valuable articles, and a beautiful engraving of the Yosemite Valley, being a reduced copy of their magnificent Chromo in colors of the size of 14 x 20 inches which will be given to all subscribers as a premium, the yearly subscription for this interesting and valuable Magazine being only \$1.50 per annum. It is published at Newburgh New York.

General Von Stosch, the chief of the German Naval Department, is about to visit England in order to make himself acquainted with her naval organization. Captain Verner has not hitherto been subjected to any inquiry of court-martial or anything of the kind, respecting his conduct off the Spanish coast, and it is said that he will not be. The captain has entered upon his new functions as commander of the docks at Wilhelmshaven.

September 1 being the one hundred and fifty sixth anniversary of the organization, by Friedrich William I, of the Central Cadet corps, was the occasion of laying the corner stone of a new edifice for the accommodation of the cadets of this institution at Lichterfelde, Germany, by King William. The festivities were attended with unusual interest, the day being also the third anniversary of the battle at Sedan.

The Crown Prince of the German Empire has declined every official reception during his stay in Bavaria for the inspection of the troops in that State. King Ludwig extended an invitation to the Crown Prince to make use of the royal residences during his stay at Ainsbach, Wurzburg, and Nurnberg, as his headquarters. It will perhaps be remembered by our readers that the last inspection tour of the Prince gave rise to some very acrimonious comments on the part of the Bavarian king.

The torpedo class on board the British ship *Excellent* still continues to make comparative experiments with 100 pounds of gun cotton and similar charges of gunpowder. Experiments are also being made with the Whitehead or fish torpedo. A novel arrangement for torpedo attacks by boats, the invention of Lieutenant Gerard Noel, of the *Excellent*, has lately been tried, and has proved successful. It consists of a long swinging staff, pivoting on the quarter of a boat, the firing being effected by a mechanical arrangement.