

The "Volunteer Review," an ably conducted and interesting paper, devoted to the military and naval affairs, and the interests of our Volunteer Force, is just entering on its second volume. We are glad to learn that it is well supported: it certainly deserves success. Every intelligent volunteer and especially every officer should have it.—*Glenallen Maple Leaf*.

It affords us much pleasure to observe that the "Volunteer Review," published at Ottawa by Mr George Moss, enters upon the second volume under very favourable circumstances. The "Review" is a publication which should be in the hands of every volunteer in the country. It has already rendered good service, and we sincerely trust that it will receive a large increase of support.—*Ingersoll Chronicle*.

THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.—Mr. Moss the publisher of this periodical has issued a circular from which we learn that his enterprise is proving successful. This is gratifying intelligence. We were of those who doubted that so costly a publication could be made self sustaining in this country. It speaks well for the Volunteer Force, from whom, we suppose, the "Review" has its principal support, that it is being so well sustained; and we apprehend Mr. Moss' good business management has something to do in bringing about the same result. Large cash prizes are being offered for clubs. The terms for the "Review" are only \$2 per annum. No Volunteer should be without the publication.—*Cornwall Freeholder*.

THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.—We are glad to see by the last number of this journal that it has entered on its second year of publication, under the most favourable prospects. During the last twelve months we have watched its progress with interest, having witnessed the failure of so many similar enterprises, and congratulate the proprietor on the successful manner in which he appears to have overcome the difficulties that he must have encountered. The *Review* has certainly supplied a want which must sooner or later have been felt by the Force, and deserves the good fortune which has so far attended it. The present volume makes its appearance in a new dress, and the contents, as well as the typographical work, are highly creditable to Mr. Moss, by whom it is published.—*Ottawa Citizen*.

THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.—This excellent paper has just entered on its second year, and appears to have secured a good circulation in both the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec. It is ably edited, and is got up in such a form that it will make a nice compact volume to bind, which will furnish a ready means for reference, to all matters appertaining to the Volunteer and Militia affairs of the country. At least every Officer in either the Volunteer or Militia Forces should be a subscriber to this publication, if his wishes to become acquainted with what is doing by his brethren in arms in all parts of the country. The subscription price is only \$2.00 per annum, which no Officer should grudge, and all intending subscribers can enclose this amount to George Moss. Volunteer Review Office Ottawa and they can be furnished with a paper from the commencement of the present volume.—*Brantford Courier*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW:

DEAR SIR—I have just been visited by an old friend, who is now residing in Chicago. I believe him to be quite reliable. He is a true British subject, and consequently has a great feeling of hatred towards the Fenians. On his arrival here he expressed himself astonished at the easy state the people and the press were in with regard to the Fenian movement in the United States, for, although they appear quiet on the borders of that country, in the West they are as active in preparing for a descent upon Canada as ever. Thousands of them drill, he avers, nightly in Chicago, and in very large companies on the prairies every Sunday. They are mostly the refuse of the late war in the States, and will be joined by thousands of a similar character from St. Louis and cities further south, so soon as any definite move is decided upon. They appear to have plenty of arms; declare they have sufficient artillery, which they are moving to our frontier, and contemplate a warlike movement against Canada on the 1st of March next, with at least 50,000 men. They expect their friends in the interior of Canada, to assist them by using Greek fire in various places, so as to keep the volunteer force engaged as much as possible in different parts of the country. All Volunteer armories are to be robbed on a preconcerted night, that is, those which are isolated and near the frontiers. They are headed in Chicago by one Phelim O'Neale, a wild and enthusiastic Irish poet or bard, who says he knows every nook around Quebec and Montreal, and can take either of these places, and hold Quebec with 30,000 men! This contemplated movement has to be delayed a few weeks, as the seizure in Paris has slightly disarranged their plans, but they are nevertheless active in the preparations for early spring work on Canada soil. I send you these observations of one from the midst of a hot bed of Fenians, without either believing or disbelieving it altogether, but from what they have attempted to do in the heart of the metropolis of the world, we would not be surprised at any mad demonstration they might make against Canada. However, I hope, our authorities are perfectly posted on all that is going on amongst the villainous confraternity, and that timely precautionary measures will be taken to frustrate the operations or designs of the marauders, should they attempt an invasion of our soil. I remain, sir,

Yours truly,

A VOLUNTEER.

KINCARDINE, O., Jan'y 16.

[Our correspondent is, perhaps, just a little too sensational. No doubt the Fenians are drilling, as his informant states, continually and with a view to an early invasion of Canada; but that Mr. Phelim O'Neale, that wild "Irish bard," can carry out his

strategy in reference to Quebec and Montreal, our correspondent will agree with us, is just as doubtful as it is certain that if he over-attempts the like, he and his compatriots will meet with the very unpleasant fate of their Manchester brethren.—Ed. V. R.]

BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM TORONTO.

(BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Another victim of Ridgeway, private Larrett Smith, formerly of No. 4, Queen's Own, but of late connected with the 13th Battalion, Hamilton, was buried on the 11th instant. His body was escorted to the grave by his old comrades and a party of the 13th, all the way from Hamilton. It is sad to think of the numbers that the Laprairie Camp and Fenian raid have hurried to an untimely death, and of those who are still destined to swell the list. The party of the 13th were well provided for by their commanding officer, at a dinner, where of course everything was conducted in a manner becoming the errand on which they had arrived.

On Friday last the annual ball of the Toronto Field Battery, Captain Patterson commanding, came off in the St. Lawrence Hall, which had been elegantly decorated with flags and banners for the occasion. Colonel Dennison, Commandant, Major Alger, and several other officers, were present and enjoyed the festivities, which, thanks to the ladies, were spiritedly kept up till morning.

The distribution of prizes won at the annual rifle match of the 10th Royals, in October last, took place in the drill shed last evening after the usual weekly drill of the regiment. Much dissatisfaction has been expressed at the long delay, but I believe the committee had several embarrassing disputes to settle as regards one or two of the highest scores. There was full muster of the regiment and a fair attendance of spectators. Their fine band played well, and was evidently appreciated by the 18th and their friends.

Before the presentation Colonel Brunel impressed upon his command the necessity of application to become proficient in both drill and rifle practice, as (though he did not wish to be considered an alarmist) he had good reason to believe that another movement on the part of their enemies was very probable before the spring had passed, concluding with an expression of confidence in the ability, pluck and readiness of the regiment, he commenced distributing the prizes, assisted by Majors Roscall and Stoltzley. The list of prize winners and prizes was given in the last Review.

The Grand Trunk Brigade, assisted by their magnificent band, intend holding a concert on Friday next. The non-commissioned officers of the 13th Huzars are also organizing for a grand ball, to come off shortly.