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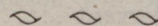
Since the establishment of *The Civilian* four and a half years ago, the Editors have had the benefit of much friendly advice as to the line it should pursue as an organ of the service. It is suggested that something is necessary to round it out and make it more acceptable to the service. One suggestion is that we become a society journal relating the comings and goings of the members of the service; that we publish photographs of those who do anything notable, such as becoming engaged, getting married, and the like. Apart from the advisability of such a course, this is a difficult object to attain without a larger organization than *The Civilian* has at its disposal. Also the suggestion must be considered in connection with the protests of some of our readers who object to anything of a light or frivolous nature, and of one lone outstanding Jeremiah who objected to the entrancing reflections of Silas Wegg on the

ground that we should present sober, moral and mental reflections only for the edification of our readers.

Another class of suggestors deals with our editorial attitude towards the "powers that be." According to this view, we should join the Eye-Opener class and trounce, if not everything the government in its wisdom or its folly does, at least nearly everything. We are supposed to be namby-pamby, supine and weak-kneed because we have not brought on a French revolution in the service and adjusted all grievances, real and imaginary. We lose subscribers because "*The Civilian* has not done anything for me."

Thus you see *The Civilian*, a little paper, edited by a few of the rank and file of the service, is expected to do what a powerful opposition in parliament and a vigorous and opulent opposition press cannot do, viz., bring the government to its senses. It will interest those of our readers, sympathetically inclined, to hear that one of our correspondents, providing us with most valuable information as to the administration of the hardest worked branch of the public service, has been suppressed by the Minister of the department. He was informed that his revelations might be embarrassing.

Under all these circumstances, and considerations, *The Civilian* endeavours to steer its course, presenting facts as they may be obtainable, and expressing its opinion in a moderate and dignified manner, which manner apart from its own inherent value is the only course to be pursued if we desire to avoid the fate of our late lamented correspondent referred to above.



GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES.

The death of Sir Richard Cartwright must call special public attention to that system which he himself evidently regarded as his greatest and most lasting contribution to the