

text will apply to them also and they find their fulfillment in the history of many nations. Many centuries ago we find a few little islands rapidly gaining notoriety. We look back upon the British Isles and at various stages of the extension of their possession we note the fulfillment of these words of prophecy. It seems in the history of that great nation, spanning this great globe with her possessions, from the Atlantic bilow to the Pacific wave, and having 252,000,000 of souls in India alone. She is mistress of the seas and holds the sceptre, which sways the two hemispheres, and she is the banker of the world. We are proud of the possessions and privileges which we enjoy, but it is to the Almighty's army that these great conquests are due. When the people were told to cross the Jordan and meet with their principal foe in the city of Jericho, the city was taken and not a sword drawn, but the victory was given by the Lord Almighty. Gideon, when he took his 3,200 men with him, was told that this was too large a number and the army was cut down so that there were only 300 soldiers left to scatter the Midianites. The flag of the British Isles was spread over Sebastopol, Tientsin, Waterloo, and from Halifax to Vancouver by the Lord of Hosts. In 1852 England made a great mistake when she spent \$3,750,000 to furnish the nation of India with Pagan gods and idols and five years later the great Indian mutiny occurred, towards which the finger of God pointed and no man has been able to give the reason for the mutiny.

The reverend gentleman then proceeded to give the qualifications for every good soldier and said that they should be loyal to their country, loyal to the cause in which they were fighting, and above all, loyal to their God. The sermon was very impressive and was listened to very attentively.

After church the battalion formed on Peel street, and headed by the battalion and bugle bands marched to the armory. —Brantford Expositor, Oct. 30th.

WOODSTOCK

The annual matches of the "Oxford Rifles Rifle Association" were shot on Friday, Sept. 20th, on the range in front of Col. Skinner's residence. The weather was favorable, and on the whole the scores were good. The matches began about 10 a. m., and were not concluded until dark. During the afternoon a number of visitors from town drove out to witness the matches, which on the whole were very successful.

No. 1 Match, 200 and 400 yards.—Sgt. Hobson 52, \$5; Major Day 49, \$4; Capt. J. Ross 49, \$3; Staff Sgt. Kendall 49, Lt. Ross 46, Pte. King 46, \$2 each; Pte. S. Campbell 44, Corp. Case 43, Pte. Day 43, Corp. McKay 41, \$1 each; Maj. Macqueen 41, Pte. Murray 40, Pte. Calvert 40, Pte. D. R. Ross 38, Pte. Cavin 38, Pte. Quinn 38, Pte. Griswold 36, Pte. Whitrick 36, Pte. W. Campbell 36, Corp. Burton 34, 50 cents each.

No. 2, 200 and 500 yards.—Staff Sgt. Kendall 55, \$5; Capt. J. Ross 46, \$4; Sgt. B. Hobson 46, \$3; Corp. W. Case 45, Pte.

D. Quinn 45, Pte. E. McLeod 41, \$2 each; Maj. M. Day 40, Pte. Marple 38, Pte. J. Quinn 38, Pte. R. Day 37, \$1 each; Corp. W. Burton 36, Pte. G. Cavin 35, Pte. E. Calvert 35, Corp. J. McKay 31, Sgt. Cross, 30, Lt. Ross 30, Pte. Waterland 29, Pte. Penny 29, Corp. Ogilby 28, Capt. D. R. Ross 26, 50 cents each.

No. 3, for teams of 6 men from each company (one officer only to be included in team) for the trophy presented by Maj. Ellis. Range 200, 400 and 500 yards. 7 rounds at each range. The winning team to receive \$12, presented by Maj. Hegler, 2nd team \$9, 3rd team \$6.—1, Thamesford, No. 8 Co., Capt. Quinn, 338; 2, Woodstock, No. 1 Co., Capt. J. Ross, 335; 3, Norwich, No. 5 Co., Capt. Bleak-252; 4, Embro, No. 2, Capt. D. R. Ross, 235; 5, Woodstock, No. 6 Co., Capt. A. S. Ball, 220. Thamesford winning the cup.

No. 4, All Comers, 200, 400 and 500.—Staff Sgt. Kendall 78, \$0; Sgt. Hobson 73, \$5; Capt. J. Ross 71, \$4; Maj. Day 70, Corp. Case 68, Pte. McLeod 60, Pte. Cavin 58, \$2 each; Pte. Day 57, Pte. Calvert 56, Corp. McKay 56, Capt. Quinn 55, \$1 each.

No. 5, aggregate on all ranges. Open to non-commissioned officers and men of Oxford only. 1st prize presented by Capt. Sutherland, \$5; 2nd prize \$3; 3rd prize \$2, 4th prize \$1, 5th prize \$1, 6th prize 50c, 7th prize 50c.—Staff Sgt. Kendall 78, \$5; Sgt. B. Hobson 73, \$3; Corp. W. Case 68, \$2; Pte. E. McLeod 60, Pte. Cavin 58, \$1 each; Pte. R. Day 57, Pte. E. Calvert 56, 50 cents each.

No. 6, Revolver Match for officers of the 22nd Batt.—Capt. Quinn 25, Maj. Day 11, Capt. D. R. Ross 7.

The officers of the association are very thankful to Col. Skinner for his many kindnesses.

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An exchange says: "A recent copy of the Maple Leaf, the official organ of the "Old Hundredth" regiment of Royal Canadians, now stationed in India, contains a suggestion that the men of that regiment should celebrate Dominion Day every year as a regimental holiday, all to wear maple leaves in their head gear. The publishers of the Canadian Military Gazette are starting a subscription to send the maple leaves to India." This is a good idea and there should be no difficulty in securing enough subscriptions to send along Canada's emblem.—Montreal Gazette.

HALIFAX.

The Halifax Garrison Artillery paraded in the drill shed on the night of Oct. 24th for roll call by Lt. Col. Irving, D. A. G. Three hundred and fifty-two out of a full strength of 400 men of all ranks answered to their names. The D. A. G. expressed himself pleased with the appearance of the brigade. The men really presented a fine appearance. After the parade they formed in line of march and with band playing passed through some of the principal streets of the city.

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About 7,000 people witnessed the naval review on the Common this morning. The

streets through which the sailors passed to and from the Common were thronged with people. The brigade arrived on the field about 9.20 o'clock and were soon in line, waiting for the admiral. Previous to the arrival of the latter General Montgomery Moore and staff rode down the ranks, receiving the customary salute. The admiral and party arrived soon after and were received with a general salute, the entire brigade being in single line. The formation of the line when drawn up was as follows: Main body of sailors in centre, marines and marine artillery at the east end, and sailors and guns and hospital corps on the west.

The march past was the first movement. The sailors with guns led. The men marched with great precision, and were cheered by thousands of spectators. The gun exercise delighted the spectators. The sailors were exceedingly quick in their movements. They took the guns to pieces in quick order and ran with the different pieces leaving the guns on the ground useless to the enemy. The charge upon Camp Hill Fort was one of the finest scenes of the kind ever witnessed in Halifax. The marines, armed with rifles and short swords, and the marine artillery were stationed at Camp Hill. The marines took up a position some 200 yards in front of the fort, supported by the artillery. The main body of the sailors was drawn up on the North Common with the gun detachments in support. Skirmishers were thrown out and soon the marines were under hot fire from the blue jackets. The scene was most exciting. The sailors advanced quickly, many of the spectators were knocked down, but not injured. There was a continual booming of cannon and rattling of musketry. The firing on the marines caused the latter to retire to a point near the northwestern corner of the cemetery. The marine artillery were forced to the roads by the blue jackets who, encouraged by the music from the life and drum corps, made a grand charge, capturing the fort and routing the enemy.

After the battle the brigade re-formed and marched from the Common down Cornwallis street to the Dockyard.—Halifax Mail, Oct. 24th.

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H. M. S. Spartan is to be commissioned for the North American station next spring. She is one of the new type of second-class cruisers under the naval defence act; she is 300 feet long and carries eight 6-inch quick firing guns. Her speed is 26 knots.

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A New York paper recently received news says: When the British cruiser Magicienne was here during the naval review the ship's mascot, "Billy the Goat," attracted much attention. "Billy" is now at Portsmouth, England, and wears the silver collar presented to him by citizens of New York. The crew have made arrangements, in case "Billy" should die at sea, to have his body mounted and presented to the Sailors' Museum, at Portsmouth. It is expected that he will make another trip to the American station on the ship next summer.