## A Personal Narrative by an Officer Describing His Almost Miraculous Escape From Death.

(Written specially for the Times from a hitherto unpublished diary of Col. Osborn.)

day a hitherto unpublished and true acserved as brigade-major at Lato do anything, with the faint hopes that 1856-1857, was adjutant of the succor might be sent to us from Meerut.

ied into Meerut more dead than live, he was able to take the field after comparatively short stay in hospital and served as orderly officer to Colonel rwards Sir Thomas) Seaton on his h down the Doab from Delhi to eligur, and all the later campaigns e mutiny, serving in India for many after the stirring events of 57:

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I had not be a party of live officers. rch down the Doab from Delhi to the mutiny, serving in India for many rs after the stirring events of '57: "On Monday morning, the 11th of May, 1857, the Delhi brigade, consisting f a battery of native artillery and three ents of native infantry, viz.: the 38th N. I., 54th N. I., and 74th N. I., were paraded to hear a government order read out to them, after which the officers of the 54th N. I., repaired as usual to the "coffee shop" at the mess,

soon afterwards I received informaut had arrived at the bridge of beats entrance to Delhi, and were tryto rouse the city: the colonel of the had also received this information. turned off to the parade ground and ound that many men of the regiment had already got ready and were assem-bling on parade; some of them said to

eturning as the sun got hot to their

the native officer in command halted the party and waving his sword as a signal the men came towards the regiment. The colonel now gave the order to lord. when the native cavalry began firing their pistols at our men without effect. to which some of the regiment replied, out obviously without intent to kill, as did not see a single trooper fall. In about three minutes the cavalry

turned and retired, and the 54th immediately began to attack their officers. cut down one man and tried to pacify nearest group of mutineers, but reeived a shot for my pains, but luckily word all the time. nimed too high, as it went over my head. The colonel was fatally wounded and ur officers were killed and every officer save his life was compelled to seek it scape, if such a thing were possible. turned my horse's head in the direcof the city and charged a small body n of the city and charged a sman body mutineers, cutting down two men, nich was necessary, since they threat-

I was not pursued, and miraculously

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Thursday was the forty-eighth anniver-saryof the Sepoy revolt at Delhi, on May main guard at the Cashmere Gate and to saryof the Sepoy revolt at Delni, on May 11th, 1857, and we give our readers to-panies with their officers. We were informed that the 11th and 20th N. I. were count of that stirring episode. It was in the palace making terms with the written, with other notes, by the late King; this was about 11 in the morning. Escape for us now might have been easy, as the men of the 54th on duty at the current preserved a more than 12 the cu officer to escape from Delin, who died 1898. This officer, who had previous at Land the time, but we waited on unable

hore, 1850-1857, was adjustant of the spot was just outside and found that the spot was just outside a village. Several of the people, unsersed a wonderful knowledge of the native languages, and on account of this acquirement exercised more than the spot was just outside a village. Several of the people, unsersed a wonderful knowledge of the native languages, and on account of this acquirement exercised more than the spot was just outside a village. Several of the people, unsersed a wonderful knowledge of the native languages, and on account of this acquirement exercised more than the spot was just outside a village. Several of the people, unsersed a wonderful knowledge of the native languages, and on account of this acquirement exercised more than the spot was just outside a village. Several of the people, unsersed a wonderful knowledge of the native languages, and on account of this acquirement exercised more than the spot was just outside a village. Several of the people, unsersed a wonderful knowledge of the native languages, and on account of this acquirement exercised more than the spot was just outside a village. Several of the people, unsersed a wonderful knowledge of the native languages, and on account of this acquirement exercised more than the spot was just outside a village. Several of the people, unsersed came to me and relieved me of my watch, ring and sword, but did not molest me further consideration at value of the people, unsersed a village. Several of the people, unsersed to the filling in which it was proposed should be done at either end of my watch, ring and sword, but did not molest me further consideration at value of the people. In made one rush for the nursery, seized to the filling in which it was proposed to average control over the Sepoys, by orders the magazine had been blown up whom he was greatly respected, and it to prevent it falling into the hands of whom he was greatly respected, and it was probably on this account, for he was amongst the last to leave his men and give up hope of quelling the outbreak, that he escaped with his life amidst the firing and slaughter that was begun all around him.

An Indian historian has written about this intended officer "whose extraordingry". Several officers fell and I was contained to prevent it falling into the hands of the mutineers. Things were now approaching a crisis, but we were obliged to wait on, though nobody seemed to know why. Our doubts were soon removed. A party of Sepoys had quietly taken up a position and suddenly poured a volley into a group of officers belonging the outbreak, when he women heard of my presence they got alarmed and said if a European was found there by the Sepoys they would all be killed. My bearers carried me out and threw me into a mange grove. An Indian historian has written about this intrepid officer "whose extraordinary adventures in the Indian Mutiny must be remembered by many amongst us, and would well deserve a permanent followed as well as I could. On reachand would well deserve a permanent record."

Notwithstanding that after enduring incredible sufferings he was eventually carried into Meerut more dead than followed after it by dropping down from one of the embrasures, and mounting the carried into Meerut more dead than in the counterscape of the more dead than in the counterscape of the more dead than in the counterscape of the counterscape of the more dead than in the counterscape of the manner of the rampart I unbuckled my sword and the more dead that I was there. One of them got on a bank above me and I saw that had a bamboo in his hand which was just about to descend on my head; by some special Providence the others ing the counterscarp. On arriving at the top I instinctively turned in the direction of the river Jumna, and on arriving at the bank I found a party of five officers and a teacher from Delhi College who

> to get to Meerut, a distance of some a native watchman came along and thirty miles. We had to wade through the river, which at the dry season of the year runs in two or three streams, all fordable. On going through one of them one of my Wellington boots stuck in the mud and came off, so that I had to trudge on, leaving it behind. We were followed by groups of the strike me, but he as suddenly desisted, and walked off, taking his bed-stead with him, so that I was obliged to lie on the ground, the disagreeable part of this being the visits of black ants, which systemed through the bole in me. trudge on, leaving it behind. We were followed by groups of villagers assuming a threatening attitude, and as they kept on approaching, Willoughby, from time to time pointed his gun at them till they gradually dropped off. It was now about sunset, and continuing our way, stopping from time to time during the night to rest, we reached the Hindu river about ten miles from Delhi a little before sunrise; the stream though narrow was so ranid that we had to sin heads to help.
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> So the days passed until Seturday. rise; the stream though narrow was so rapid that we had to join hands to help So the days passed until Saturday

which appeared to offer a convenient reaching Meerut early the next mornshelter, as it was at some distance from ing, I was taken to the artillery hospital, a village. Here we remained the rest where I received every care and atten-

When it was nearly dusk we made a the sad fate of my six companions, who fresh start, but as we were parched with had been massacred very close to the thirst we searched for a well where we could slake our thirst. This we found at a short distance. When we began to move on, I found the wound in my side

This was no time for hesitation, so my scaped the last volley sent after me, companions at once considered that the and reached the nearest street, and after only thing to do was to find some place and reached the nearest street, and after proceeding for some distance picked up one of my brother officers who had taken refuge in a native house. We then proceeded to "Ludlow Castle," the residence of the commissioner of Delhi, ignorant of the fact that he had gone into the city early in the morning and had been killed; so we determined to return to the city and reach the Cash are Gate if we could do so; for by this time the native populace was aroused and seeking to exterminate all the English people. When near our place of refige we proceeded on foot and ran through proceeded on foot and ran through and cruelly slain by a party of natives sacked the house for gold, and failing groups of natives, who shouted at within three miles of the spot where I to discover any, fled. Bowden recovered, and pelted us with stones; once or was left to perish (if not rescued), at but Winterton's injuries were by far the e the situation was perilous, but by the hands of the relentless natives or to most serious, and died April 11th. He free use of our swords and seeking die a lingering death from exposure and was 36 years old. starvation. Truly, my escape from death was wonderful, and the wound which brought me low ultimately proved my

> During the night I had snatches of ep, but for the most part the pain from my wound and my dire predica-ment kept me awake. Early the next morning I was aroused from a brief slumber by a kick given to me by a boy who was tending goats, and who ran off at once to give information to the villagers. Without the companionship of one friend I was to die, so it seemed, but I determined, reduced as I was, to my life as dearly as possible, so as to make the stroke speedy and induce my adversary to put me out of all suffering with one blow. I crawled out of my resting-place to see what was going on



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a light bedstead of native make, and I I had not been quiet very long when

the opposite bank we came to a cave, me, holding up their maskets as at an imaginary enemy, "This is the way we will serve out the blackguards." The regiment was soon ready and we marched off to the city, the band playing in front. On the way down I suggested to load, but the colonel that it would be advisable to load, but the colonel replied we should polish them off with the bayonet.

We entered Delhi and were crossing the open space in front of the church, when we saw a small body of cavalry coming round the corner.

Directly they perceived the regiment Directly they perceived the regiment the native officer in command halted the

a village. Here we remained the rest of the day, not in an elated state, and I do not remember that we exchanged a word all the time.

The do not remember that we exchanged a gainst our faithless soldiery within a few weeks.

When it was nearly dask we made a the field against our faithless soldiery within a few weeks.

My sorrow was very great on learning to S. to assure him of our safety. It was news to Mr. Snancross to man showing panic, though we all admit we have been, and still are, more frightened than ever before in our lives. I wired to S. to assure him of our safety. It was news to Mr. Snancross to man agency. The letter was published by the British Columbians were allowed to compete, they were always at the top.

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LADY DESCRIBES THE TERRIBLE EXPERIENCES

Great Damage to Property-Many People Were Rendered Homeless--Inhabitants Panic Striken.

The niece of a Victoria lady who was at Simla, India, at the time of the earthquakes when hundreds of people lost their lives, writing on April 6th, says: We have had a very terrible experi-ence here the last two days, in the shape

o'clock by the most awful crashing noise; the whole house was swaying and rocking, crockery and lamps falling and smashing, and wardrobes flying open. Oh! it was just awful.

groaning and swaying under us. I had to cling to the banisters to keep my footing with haby in my arms. We got O., who have been staying here the last week-and in our night gowns. The ser vants were collected in a frightened group, too, and we all rushed down. away from the house, to the tennis court and watched, expecting every minute to see the house fall. As a matter of fact, but it was just under two minutes, really) and the house is still standing.

It was over 48 hours ago that the first and worst shock took place, and we have been having continuous shocks ever

We have had to desert the upper story

of the house altogether, as it is badly cracked and unsafe. We are all downstairs now, and the O.'s and I have spent the last two nights sitting up, sed and ready for flight any mor On the night of the 4th I counted seventeen shocks between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. The children go to bed as usual, emergencies. Miss B. the same. I sit Simla is in a state of panic, Many ouses have fallen down; the church has een damaged, and so has the vice-regal

aney crashing into the room just over She has fled from the lodge with the children, and taken refuge in

The loss of property has been frightful—the loss of life less than might have been expected up here.
But at Dharmsala the whole hillside

O., too, has been most plucky. Indeed, Canada this year.
none of us have disgraced ourselves by It was news to M spot where they had been obliged to him during these last 48 hours—not that leave me." beyond man to prevent or control.

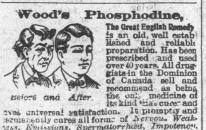
The shocks are undoubtedly getting

less severe, though still pretty frequent, so we all hope and pray the worst is

We have been brought very close to death these last days. As I staggered downstairs the first terrible morning with baby in my arms, and the house cracking and straining like a ship in a gale. I never expected one of us to get out of

We have, indeed, great cause for thankfulness. I feel so dazed with all suggested that the trophy be termed a we have been through, and want of Challenge Shield. sleep, that you must forgive me if my letter is rather incoherent.

Thomas W. Palmer was sunk yesterday in a collision with the steamer Harvard was pleased to learn that toff Standard Rock in Lake Superior. No meet with its entire approval.



all responsible druggists.

THE NEW LIBRARY.

Building Inspector Was Authorized by Council to Take Possession of the Institution.

Building Inspecor Northcott was Wednesday given permission by the city council, sitting as a streets, bridges and sewers committee, to take over the new Carnegie library. This will be done alnost immediately, but it will yet be a few months before the library will be put into service. When it has been epened the city is obligated by agreement with Andrew Carnegie to expend \$5,000 a year on the maintenance of the insti-

This will admit of a pretty finely equipped library in the course of five or six years, His Worship remarked Wedesday. It is estimated that out of the \$2,500 appropriated for the building during the remaining half of this year there will be a surplus over and above that required for running expenses of \$1,100 for new books. It will take \$450 for the of the most serious and dreadful series of earthquakes that Simla has ever seen.

Thank God. we are all seef. Thank God, we are all safe. I was awakened on Tuesday morning at 6 will go towards lighting and incidental is burned, and the balance of the \$1,400 expenses

plans of the new Rock Bay bridge, which will receive further consideration at

from the Spring Ridge pits was not a footing with baby in my arms. We got good as the material to be found at the out somehow. So did Captain and Mrs. Old Men's Home site, and it was decided to hold the latter as much as pos sible for road purposes

It was arranged to have a conference the B. C. Electric Railway line, with company had made an offer to place a it did not fall. The first violent shock car in the service costing in the neigh subsided (it seemed as if it lasted hours, borhood of \$700, and while the proposa appeared reasonable enough to a numbe of the aldermen, yet it was thought less expensive car might be secured for

Ald. Hanna recommended, and his fel ow aldermen approved, of the alleyway between Third and Fourth streets being put in a state of repair.

Property holders on Catherine street, Victoria West, will be requested to move oack from the street line certain build ings now in the way of improvements being made on that thoroughfare.

The park committee drew attention to the fact that the clearing up of the Gorge park had been about completed, at least the work had advanced as far to snatch them up and fly at any instant, as the funds available for the purpos

A claim of something like \$150 was submitted by Weiler Bros, for the re moval of a machine on property expropriated by the city. The council de cided that in settling the firm's claim in connection with James Bay the city gave full compensation for everything. After some minor subjects were sidered the meeting adjourned.

HANDSOME TROPHY

manly sport.

of Mr. Shallcross is carried out probably six or eight men from every company in British Columbia will have an opportunity of shooting for this shield.

As there was no shield in the posses ciation to be shot for, Mr. Shancines

Colonel Whyte, on behalf of the officers of the British Columbia Rifle Associasuggested to Mr. Shallcross that Detroit, Mich. May 17 .-- A special to the shield be called the St. Charles Chal- the executive committee. lenge Shield, out of compliment to the St. Charles Condensing Company, and tention to the case of John Morgan vs. was pleased to learn that this would The British Yukon Navigation Co., and

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head and made it trot off. The teacher stept but very little all the week. They told us that just as he was dropping off to sleep he heard one of them say, "Give me the spear." We had, therefore, to make another move, and this time selected a large tank with steep banks, which appeared to offer a convenient reaching Merut early the next morn-level and civen reaching merit and the week. They ing, for what was to hinder it opening sport, which to them is almost made wider and swallowing us all up? It own that leoked to me about an inch, but it was quite enough. I can as sometime to should not be able to help you, and you must get on to Meerut under cover of night." So off we started again, and level a large tank with steep banks, which appeared to offer a convenient reaching Merut early the next morn-level and of twenty and the Risley team for a large tank with a specific compulsory. Mr. Shallcross of course wider and swallowing us all up? It own that leoked to me about an inch, but it was quite enough. I can as such that agency. The secretary of the compulsory is sport, which to them is almost made with a swallowing us all up? It own that leoked to me about an inch, but it was quite enough. I can as such that agency. The secretary of the compulsory is sport, which to them is almost made country by the Leopold Immigration compulsory. Mr. Shallcross of course wider and swallowing us all up? It own that leoked to me about an inch, but it was quite enough. I can as such that the leopold Immigration compulsory. Mr. Shallcross of course was the was dropping of the compulsory. Mr. Shallcross of course was the was quite enough of the second of the many of the second of the sec didly, and given no trouble at all. Mrs. out of twenty on the Bisley team for cil recently wrote to the London, Eng-Canada this year. | Iand, Daily News a letter protesting
It was news to Mr. Shallcross to learn against the methods of the Leopold Employers on Monday Operated Two paper for libel. The Daily News deteris touring about now and does not get his generous principals with all this inhim during these last 48 hours—not that he could do anything. These forces are
he could do anything. These forces are men throughout the province in this manly sport.

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The St. Charles Condensing Company has hit upon a means of making its name beloved throughout the province to rifemen especially. If the suggested plan of Mr. Shalleross is carried out probably particular agency.

sion of the British Columbia Rifle Asso- M. Draper, secretary of the Trades and Brotherhood of Teamsters to come to Labor Congress of Canada; Samuel Chicago, these officers having the final Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor; F. B. Larger, president of the United Garment Work-wagons with little interference. ers of America, and Wm. McKay, local organizer. The whole were referred to

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case and report at next meeting of the

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