

allies. It has thrown open its bosom to the influences of Christian civilization; it is beginning to open its eyes to the light of truth, and to know its father and mother. At bottom, what is it but a sect of Christianity?"

Some experiments with Whitworth's rifled cannon were made on Tuesday, on the north shore, near Liverpool. The range of the first shot, a twenty-four pounder, fired at an elevation of eight degrees, with a pound of powder, was 2,000 yards. The second, with a pound and a half of powder, went further. The third, with two pounds, was sent 3,000 yards, when it struck a palisading, entered the residence of a Mr. Horton through the drawing-room window, broke a work-table, and fell on the carpet. Mrs. Horton was sitting by the fire, and some children had fortunately left the room just before.—May 14.

## The Church Times.

HALIFAX, SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 1856.

NINTH OF JUNE CELEBRATION.

Monday last, June 9, set apart as the anniversary of the first settlement of Halifax, was kept in this city as a public holiday, and honoured throughout with appropriate ceremonies. The early morning promised a fine day, and was ushered in by the ringing of the fire bells, a commencement of the proceedings "not in the bills," but which effectually roused the citizens to the work of celebration. At half-past 4 the Volunteer Artillery, commanded by Col. Cogswell, with six field pieces, and preceded by two highland pipers, marched on to the Parade, and fired a salute of 107 guns, giving an opportunity to several thousand people who had assembled, to witness the proficiency which the citizen soldiers had made in this peaceful branch of artillery practice. Immediately after the salute the bells rang a joyous peal, and the merry ding dong was continued at intervals throughout the morning. The public buildings and Citadel were profusely decorated with flags, as were also the residences of many of the citizens, and the ships in harbour.

The grand review kindly volunteered by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and the presentation of an Address on the part of the Citizens to the brave fellows of the 62nd and 63rd Regiments, recently arrived from the Crimea, which were to have been the principal features of rejoicing on this side the harbour, took place at 11 o'clock. It happened unfortunately, that the official in charge of the weather, who all the morning had been in a sulky humour, catching a glimpse of the red coats and sparkling bayonets, and associating the ideas growing out of the color and sheen, with the uproarious tinianabulum of alarm at early dawn, thought it high time to perform his part, and forthwith directing his fire extinguisher, sprinkled the Common pretty profusely with the liquid element. The review however, went on under all difficulties. His Excellency came upon the ground, saluted by the Royal Artillery, with a showy staff, and in double quick time made the inspection of the long line of British heroes, front and rear, the bands playing, and the "pomp of glorious peace" making itself felt in every heart, in none more perhaps, than in those of the noble men whose breasts displayed the tokens of bravery, and of duty to their country energetically performed amid the tumult of war, and the deadly conflict. The rain subsided a little, and the Regiments broke into sections, and defiled past His Excellency, who received the salute, in slow and quick time. The Lord Bishop and lady, and other distinguished Citizens were on the ground, and there could not have been less than ten thousand people in and around the scene of the review, which when the doubtful temper of the imaginary guardian of the weather for the occasion is taken into consideration, was a display of no small amount of enthusiasm; although we believe no measure of rain would have kept the citizens from the performance of their manifest duty to the Crimean heroes. The description of the day's festivity is ably given in the Chronicle of the following morning, from which we copy what follows, only remarking, that a most appropriate finale to the military spectacle, was the marching of the Regiments through the City, with bands playing, &c.—and that both the Addresses and the Replies are conceived in a noble spirit, the latter proving that British Officers of the nineteenth century, can use the pen as ably as they can wield the sword.—

(From the Chronicle.)

Soon after 10 o'clock all the troops in garrison, comprising the Royal Artillery and Royal Sappers and Miners, together with the 62nd, 63rd, and 78th Regiments of Foot, marched to the Reviewing Ground

at the Common, where they immediately formed in line, the 93rd Regt. being stationed on the extreme left and the Artillery, Sappers and Miners respectively on the right. The ground was kept by the 62nd Regt. A vast concourse of persons were in attendance, and both sexes and all ages, of the inhabitants had the pleasure of witnessing a really splendid military spectacle. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, attended by a brilliant Staff, came early to the ground, and was of course received with all the honours due to his exalted rank, the Artillery firing a salute of 13 guns, the whole line presenting arms, the colours lowered, and the Bands playing the National Anthem. His Excellency and the cortege in attendance inspected the Troops lining down the line in front right to left and the reverse in rear. The line then broke into open columns of companies right in front, and marched past in slow and quick time, His Excellency receiving the salutes at the western side of the Parade ground. On the whole the marching past was highly creditable to the Troops, &c. As soon as these and other evolutions incidental to the Field Day were got through, the several Addresses were presented.

The first was that from the citizens of Halifax to Her Majesty the Queen, which was read by Mayor Scott and handed to the Lieutenant Governor, on the ground on which the troops were formed in hollow square. After His Worship had read the Address he called for three cheers for our Most Gracious Queen, which it was needless to say were responded to with enthusiasm by the citizens present, also for the Lieutenant Governor, which were uproariously given. Subjoined is a copy of the document, together with the reply of His Excellency:—

To His Excellency, MAJOR GENERAL SIR JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Knight, Knight Commander of the Order of St. Ferdinand, and of Charles the Second of Spain, Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Province of Nova Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c., &c.

We, the Mayor and Citizens of Halifax, respectfully request your Excellency to receive and transmit to Her Majesty, the loyal Address which we have adopted on the occasion of the recent Peace.

ARCHIBALD SCOTT,  
Mayor.

For and on behalf of the Citizens of Halifax.

The Lieutenant Governor briefly but feelingly replied to the Address just read, and stated that he should have infinite pleasure in transmitting it to the Queen. Mayor Scott also, before calling for three cheers for the Lieutenant Governor, recapitulated, in glowing terms, the obligations the Citizens of Halifax were under to His Excellency for the successful observance of the Anniversary they were then celebrating.

TO HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY THE QUEEN.  
The Address of the Mayor and Citizens of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

We, the Mayor and citizens of Your Majesty's City of Halifax in your Province of Nova Scotia, beg leave respectfully to approach your Majesty with feelings of reverence and of deep and fervent loyalty and affection.

A just and necessary war in which Your Majesty engaged in conjunction with most noble and honourable allies for the protection of an unoffending nation, and the vindication and security of public freedom, has terminated, after a short though terrific struggle, in a manner that justifies the exertions and sacrifices therein made, and secures those sacred rights of nations to protect which it was undertaken.

While the glory of our nation's arms has been adequately exhibited, and the valor of our country has proved conspicuous,—the readiness with which Your Majesty's Government have aided in the restoration of a state of peace, and the generous concessions made by Your Majesty and your allies to facilitate that happy result are equally remarkable.

Humble though our position and distant our location, compared with the more wealthy and populous cities that belong to your Imperial Crown—we yet sympathize most sincerely with all these great events that have thrilled through the hearts of British subjects in every region of the world, and we rejoice unfeignedly in the present happy and powerful attitude in which the timely adoption of Peace has placed Great Britain.

United by the bonds of nature and affection to the great nation over which Your Majesty presides, we desire to join on this happy occasion, in congratulating our Queen, from her distant but faithful Provinces of Nova Scotia upon the blessings of peace which Almighty Providence has permitted to return to gladden her people, and augment the growth of their commerce and their industry—and to assure her Majesty of the sincerity of our love, esteem and attachment for her person and government, and our prayers for the long continuance of her rule and the welfare of her beloved family.

ARCHIBALD SCOTT,  
Mayor.

For and on behalf of the citizens of the City of Halifax.

The Citizens' Address of welcome to the gallant regiments, recently arrived here from the Crimea, were next presented, and the ceremony was certainly the most impressive and interesting feature of the day's proceedings. We do not know who drafted this document, but cannot help saying that it is a real gem, and as creditable to the author as it is truthful of the sentiments of the Citizens of Halifax. A copy was presented to each corps, separately, in the same order as the foregoing. There was a vast deal of honest enthusiasm manifested on both sides during these proceedings, and we only trust that the gallant recipients of the Addresses will appreciate the sincerity of the sentiments therein expressed, as follows:—

To Lieutenant Colonel DAUBINEY, 62nd Regt., and Colonel HILL, Commanding the 63rd Regiment.

We, the Mayor and Citizens of Halifax beg leave to offer to you and the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Privates of the Regiments which you command the expression of our sincere and cordial welcome to the Shores of Nova Scotia, upon which you have just landed, full of honors, fresh from the fields of your fame.

Her Majesty's subjects in this city though far removed from the scene of conflict in which you have been lately engaged, and though graciously exempted from many of the sorrows and calamities of war, have not viewed with indifference the devotion and the heroism of their brave fellow subjects who have combated at their Queen's command, to maintain the integrity of a weak nation, assailed by the aggressions of a powerful enemy.

The former have dwelt upon the achievements of the latter with pride, and upon their sufferings, with sympathy.

In the records of native valor, or of enduring constancy, no names are inscribed brighter than those of the gallant corps that you command.

The dark rolls of the slain contain none more honored than of those who fell in your ranks that can still illustrate by their memories.

We trust that your connection with us may continue in mutual satisfaction for many years, and that when it shall cease, your reminiscences of Nova Scotia may be as pleasurable to you as are to us the sentiments and emotions with which we now bid you welcome to it.

Permit us in conclusion to give utterance to a thought which alone detracts from our pleasure in thus addressing you.

It arises from a regret which none feel more than those to whom it refers, that the vicissitudes of military life have precluded many gallant soldiers who are your comrades in this garrison an opportunity in the late War of winning such laurels as you wear.

For and on behalf of the Citizens of Halifax.

ARCHIBALD SCOTT,  
Mayor.

Halifax, N. S., 9th June, 1856.

Lieut. Col. DAUBINEY, 62nd Regt.—Reply.

To the Mayor and Citizens of the City of Halifax.—Mr. Mayor and Citizens of the City of Halifax.—On behalf of myself and of the Regiment I have the honor to command, permit me to express the honor you have done us, by presenting me with the Address you have just read, in which you so kindly welcome us to the shores of Nova Scotia.

It was no slight pleasure for us to know that, on leaving the Crimea, Halifax was to be our future destination, a place endeared to all soldiers who have had the good fortune to be quartered there, by the universal kindness they have met with from its inhabitants: it is one of the few quarters to which all soldiers wish to go, and which all regret leaving to leave.

We sincerely hope that our friendship may increase with our acquaintance, and that our connection with the inhabitants of Halifax may continue to our mutual satisfaction for some years to come. Nothing tended to cheer the soldiers, during their sufferings in the late war, so much as the knowledge that all Her Majesty's loyal subjects, (and none more so than those in this Colony), sympathized with them in their trials and hardships.

I cannot conclude without bearing testimony to the fine and soldier-like appearance of our gallant comrades, the 78th Regiment, and I feel confident that, had they formed a portion of the Army of the East, Russia would have had due cause to rue the day she first met the Hindoostan Regiment.

J. DAUBINEY, Lieut. Col.  
Commanding 62nd Regt.

Colonel Hill's, 63rd Regt.—Reply.

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen of Halifax.—No words of mine can adequately represent the satisfaction and pleasure with which my comrades of all ranks, and myself, have listened to the Address which you have done us the honor to present to the 63rd Regiment. Next to the approbation of our Sovereign, we prize the sympathy and esteem of our fellow citizens; the medals bestowed by Her Most Gracious Majesty mark the case; and this Address which shall be recorded in the archives of the Regiment, will be a lasting memorial of the other.

Should we be again called upon to maintain our country's rights and honor, we will remember what you