



# GRAND ROUNDS.

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“*Nec Aspera Terrent.*”

ADDRESS BY THE EDITOR.

“*Nec aspera terrent.*”

This motto may be freely rendered :

“And hardships affright them not.”

It is borne by five of our regiments, namely :

The 3rd King's Own Hussars.

The 8th King's.

The 14th Buckinghamshire.

The 23rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

The 27th Inniskillings.

With the last of these, I formerly spent some pleasant hours at the great Camp at Aldershot, and shall long remember the names then added to many already inscribed in my Temperance Pledge-book. The book is filled now, one of several which I treasure in memory of happy work in days gone by.

My first acquaintance with one of the gallant Inniskillings was in a London crowd. I had spent the day among our soldiers and sailors at a Temperance festival at the Crystal Palace, and having missed the escort which I expected to meet me from Aldershot, whither I was bound next, one of our ever kind hearted blue-jackets hunted through the vast assembly for some safe protector, until he found a Sergeant of the 27th, about to return to camp, who instantly placed himself at my service, and

proved himself well worthy of his regimental motto, as he pushed a way for me to the station through the cramming, gasping crowd of excursionists who certainly frightened me, but who were calmly disposed of by the sergeant, who being a “man of inches” both in length and breadth, was an admirable *avant courour*; since where so mighty a form could pass, a small person like myself could scarcely fail of being able to follow.

So much for the memory of an old “friend in need.” And now for a little deeper glance into the beauty of the proud motto which so many brave men claim the right to bear upon their flag.

There is a curt dignity about the phrase standing after the name of a regiment; a world of expression, too deep for utterance; a haughty defiance, implying that words are not needed to tell what can be done by a corps whose lives have been eloquent in deeds; an intimation of readiness to “do, or die;” a sort of mighty “Here!” as if the roll-call were answered by the whole regiment as one man.

The 27th Inniskillings! “And hardships affright them not!”

They are ready for *anything*.

There seems to be in their motto something of the haughty boast of the Scottish Chief :