

Recruits.

(4) Seventeen candidates having successfully passed the entrance examination held in December, 1879, joined the College as Cadets in February, 1880, and sixteen additional candidates having passed the entrance examination in June, 1880, joined the College in September, 1880.

The standard of education of these gentlemen, especially those who joined in February, continues to exhibit the general improvement which has marked the Cadets who have recently joined.

Casualties.

Three Cadets failed in the examination held in June, 1880, to come up to the required standard of their respective terms, and in accordance with regulations, were withdrawn from the College.

One Cadet who had completed his full term of four years' service, failed to qualify at his final examination in June, and, consequently, left the College *without a Certificate of Graduation*.

Three Cadets have been permitted to voluntarily withdraw from the College during the year on payment of the regulated sum of \$100, for the privilege of exemption from completing the full term of their engagement.

During the same period two Cadets have been withdrawn on account of medical unfitness for further service.

Change of Organization Carried Out as Approved.

(6) The following changes of organization recommended by the Board of Visitors for 1879-80, and also in my annual report for 1879, and in previous reports; having been approved, have been carried into effect during the year.

A.—Approximation of maximum and minimum age for candidates for admission to Royal Military College.

B.—Substitution of annual for semi-annual examinations for admission to the college.

C.—Appointment of officers of the Instructional staff to the charge of companies of Cadets.

(7) The successful candidates at the examination which took place in June were (in accordance with the new regulations), within the limits of 15 and 18 years, on the 1st January *preceding* that examination, instead of 15 and 20 on the 1st day of the *month* (June) of examination as heretofore; and from September, 1880, inclusive, 15½ and 19½ will be the extreme limit of age for Cadets at the date of their joining the Royal Military College, viz: in September of each year.

The first of the annual, instead of the semi-annual, competitive examination for admission to the College, took place on June, 1880.

The titles of the staff now correspond with the duties required to be performed, and the incongruity of these which hitherto existed, and which (as is always the case, but especially in military organizations) prejudicially affected the college, has ceased.

(8) The full benefits to be derived from the changes will not be attained until the transitional stage necessary to introduce and perfect the system has passed over, but the results so far have in every respect realized the anticipated benefits, and have proved to be thoroughly satisfactory, and the obvious advantages, pointed out by the Board of Visitors, attained in each instance.

The college is now for the first time in a sound state as regards organization, and may be considered to have passed through its inchoate period, and to have thrown off the conditions necessary to, but only fitted for, its early stages of development.

(9) The changes from semi-annual to annual entrance examinations, enabled the number of classes to be reduced from eight to four.