

College will appear among those who will govern and rule the affairs of this country. He then alluded to the success of the graduates, and paid a just tribute to the memory of Mackay, Robinson and Stairs. He approved heartily of the action the Club had taken in doing honor to their memory. The graduates were distributed over the face of the globe, and he was glad to see present that evening an officer (Lieut. G. M. Kirkpatrick, R. E.) who had just returned from a most important expedition to Morocco. Recently in Quebec he had met another officer (Lieut. P. H. Casgrain, R. E.) who had just come home from the N. W. frontier of India. He expressed the hope that he might often have the pleasure of dining with the Club.

"The Royal Military College" was next toasted, and great enthusiasm was shown by all. B. S. M. Armstrong, senior cadet, replied briefly, followed by Prof. Day who gave some most interesting personal reminiscences. The next toast was "Our Guests." This was ably responded to by Lieut.-Col. Mattice, B. M., and Major Leckie, (late 53rd Batt.) Good health and long life to "Our Absent Comrades" was then enthusiastically drank, coupled with the toast to the graduates of the College now in the Imperial service. This was fittingly responded to by Capt. Van Straubensee, R. E., Mr. Kirkpatrick, R. E., and Mr. Heneker, Connaught Rangers. The ever popular toast of "The Ladies" was received with cheers, and was appropriately replied to by Capt. R. G. E. Leckie, who expressed his fondness for the fair sex and pleasure at being their champion on this occasion. "The Press" elicited brief responses from the representatives of the CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE, *Montreal Gazette*, *Witness* and *Star*.

This concluded the formal list of toasts, but a number of impromptu healths were proposed and some rattling good speeches were made and songs sung. Our reporter's notes are rather illegible as to names of those who spoke and sang, but we learn from him that they were received with the utmost enthusiasm. He informs us that he distinctly remembers Major Leckie promising a flag for the next dinner.

Shortly afterwards the members adjourned to the drawing-room where a number of College songs were sung by the old boys, Mr. Cooke, R. C. A., acting as accompanist. "Auld Lang Syne" and "God save the Queen" brought this most successful and enjoyable dinner to a close.

#### ECHOES.

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| "And me too".....   | Mr. Black.      |
| "Gentlemen, let us drink the health of<br>Her Most".....                          | Mr. Waters.     |
| "I have been dead, absolutely dead, for<br>twelve years".....                     | Mr. Gibfather.  |
| "Gentlemen, I will only detain you a few<br>minutes more".....                    | Mr. Night.      |
| "My long and varied experience with the<br>dear girls".....                       | Mr. Tearbrook.  |
| "I must again remind you of the neces-<br>sity of circulating those cards".....   | Mr. Fortyseven. |
| "I am rapidly qualifying for the front<br>rows in the Opera".....                 | Mr. Packmerson. |
| "It's a way we have in the Army, you<br>know".....                                | Mr. Sennecher.  |
| "I will cheerfully sacrifice all my wife's re-<br>lations for my country".....    | Mr. Reckey.     |
| "Every word of these brilliant speeches<br>has been faithfully taken down".....   | Mr. Box.        |
| "The new home of the only religious daily<br>will shelter a military scribe"..... | Mr. Temoin.     |
| "The great half-penny paper of the uni-<br>verse dotes on the milingtary".....    | Mr. Luminary.   |
| "Where, O where, is my menu card<br>gone".....                                    | Mr. Redwardes.  |
| "The intense mental labours of the '93<br>graduates".....                         | Mr. Mussel.     |

## Personal Notes.

John Grant, M.D., who took an active part in the historic events of 1837-38, died at his residence, 278 Dundas street, Toronto, on 3rd inst. He had been actively engaged in the suppression of the rebellion as surgeon-major, and had held that rank in the Volunteer Rifles. His many friends will learn with sorrow the news of his death, and Canadians generally will feel a respectful regret that another of the loyal survivors of those troublous times has had to obey the last mu ter call.

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The late D. W. Gordon, M. P., for Vancouver Island, comes of fighting stock. His grandfather, John Gordon, emigrated from Coventry, England, to India, and thence to America, and after serving in the Royalist forces during the Revolutionary war, removed with other United Empire Loyalists to Canada and finally settled in the Township of Camden. His son Michael, father of the deceased, served in the Canadian Militia, under General Brock, at the taking of Detroit and was also at the battle of Chrysler's Farm, and other engagements during the war of 1812-14. His residence was destroyed by the American General Harrison, when he ascended the River Thames in pursuit of General Proctor and Tecumseh.

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Mr. C. J. Stackhouse, formerly an active member of No. 2 Battery, New Brunswick Brigade Garrison Artillery, died recently in East Boston.

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In June next Major Van Wagner, of the Hamilton Field Battery, will receive his brevet as lieutenant-colonel, having completed ten years' service.

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Surgeon Ryerson, M. P. P. (10th R. G.), who is at present in Ottawa, accompanied by Dr. Bergin, M. P., had an interview on 8th with the heads of the Militia Department with reference to the re-organization of the militia medical service. A full investigation will be made, including a visit, if possible, by Dr. Bergin, to all camps this year on a tour of inspection, and a complete revision of the rules of this branch of the service is altogether probable.

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Major Mayne, of the Royal Military College, Kingston, when presiding at a lecture in St. George's hall in that city, severely criticised the high school and public school histories of both England and Canada, for their treatment of the Anglican Church question.

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Captain Maloney, an officer of the Royal Engineers in the Halifax garrison, who is of a religious turn of mind, inaugurated recently a series of lectures on the evidences of Christianity. When he had delivered one of them he received orders from his superior officer that he must not lecture again. The course was continued, however, by Rev. Dyson Hague, formerly of Toronto, who read the lecture Captain Maloney had intended to deliver. Lecturing on Christianity should not impair the usefulness of a soldier unless it is done with a view of starting acrimonious discussion. Men of the Vicars and Hammond stamp have proved that religious zeal in most cases goes hand-in-hand with professional skill and fearless intrepidity when on active service.

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Capt. Leckie, 75th Batt. was in Montreal last month attending the meetings of the Society of Mining Engineers.

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Mr. J. A. Moren, father of Lieut. Moren, of the Royal Military College, Kingston, died the other day at his residence, 33 Tower road, Halifax, after an illness of several weeks.

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Of late years, and especially since the establishment of the Royal Military College, Canadians have come well to the front in the Imperial service. A recent case is that of Colonel E. L. Street, lately commanding the 1st Battalion of the

