

The members will have noticed that the report of the preceding year was published in a larger and more desirable form than usual; that there were inserted in it, for the first time in many years, The Constitution and Bye-Laws of this Association and the full shooting of the affiliated associations. In its present state it will be most useful for reference and furnish a complete record of the year's events in Provincial rifle shooting.

The accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer with the report of the Audit Committee thereon, are herewith presented.

The annual matches were again held at Sussex during the last week in August and were successfully finished on the fourth day, Friday. The Prize List, save in one slight particular, was similar to that of 1881, the money prizes, part of the Dominion Grant of \$1300 amounting as then, to \$1099. The regulations and conditions of the firing underwent some few changes, the more important of which were—the re-introduction of standing and kneeling at 200 yards, the disallowance of the back position and the use of one free sighting shot at each range. In the matter of positions our rules are still in harmony with those of the National Rifle Association at home.

The entries were happily in excess of the past year and all the County Association had their representations. The meeting throughout was a satisfactory one to the Council and, it is believed, a most pleasurable one to the Competitors. Of the competitions, not the least interesting was the Affiliated Team Match, participated in by five Counties and for which William Elder, Esq., M. P. P. again furnished the leading prize. The Council has thus, for the third time to recognize this gentleman's continued interest and generosity. To Lieut. Col. Taylor, D. A. G. are due the thanks of the Association for the useful prize offered by him in the Nursery Match; again also to the President for the handsome gift, that is to the younger shots so attractive a feature of the programme.

The meeting had a pleasing termination in the skirmishing match, enjoyable to spectators and competitors, and for which the Association is indebted to Captain F. B. Hazen as its promoter. The Challenge Cup, received too late for presentation is being now engraved, preparatory to its delivery to the successful Corps.

This year has witnessed the final winning of the beautiful cup presented to the Association at its formation in 1867, by the Ladies of

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