

WE'LL NOT GIVE UP OLD ENGLAND.

From old Atlantic's rock-ribbed shores
To Pacific's golden sands,
Lies a land that is bound to the British Throne,
By stronger than iron bands:
'Tis a daughter's love for a mother-land—
A pride in her deeds of wonder;
And the power is yet to be made on the earth
That can tear the twain asunder.
The years may come, and the years may go,
The hills grow white with winter's snow,
The vales grow green and the rivers flow,
But England will never desert her,—No!
And she'll never desert Old England.

Her lakes would be "oceans" in other lands,
Her valleys gardens fair;
And the sons that dwell on her healthful hills
Would be heroes anywhere.
They love the land that is over the sea,
With a warm and pure devotion,
And they love their own as the brightest gem
In the crown of that "Gem of the Ocean."
The years may come and the years may go,
The hills grow white with winter's snow,
The vales grow green and the rivers flow,
But England will never desert them,—No!
And they'll never desert Old England.

Just over the border long Jonathan lives—
A thievish, conceited elf,
Who thinks the theft of a country no crime,
And the "world" means simply himself.
Sometimes he woos her with many a smile,
But she of his wooing is coy;
And sometimes he talks of his right and his might
Like a blustering, braggart boy.
But the years may come and the years may go,
The hills grow white with winter's snow,
The vales grow green and the rivers flow,
But he never shall have the Dominion,—No!
He never shall have the Dominion.

She asks no favors that he can bestow,
Except to be left alone;
And she fears no frown or threats he can make,
While she clings to the British Throne.
She wants no visits from him or his friends—
Either Fenian or fisherman thieves—
And she wants no garland to deck her brow
But a wreath of Maple Leaves.
For the years may come and the years may go,
And the hills grow white with winter's snow,
The vales grow green, and the rivers flow,
But England will never desert her,—No!
And she'll never desert Old England.

THE ROYAL WARRANT.

The following Royal Warrant was published on Tuesday 30th Oct:—

"Victoria R.—Whereas, by our Warrant of the 20th of July, 1871, we deemed it expedient to cancel and determine, on and after the 1st day of November in this present year, all regulations made by us or any of our royal predecessors, or any officers acting under our authority, regulating or fixing the prices at which any commissions in our forces may be purchased, sold, or exchanged, or in any way authorising the purchase, or sale, or exchange for money of any such commission,

"Our will and pleasure is:—

"That the undermentioned articles of our warrant of the 27th of December, 1870, be cancelled accordingly:—

"Articles 33 (paragraph a), 36 (paragraph a), so much of Article 40 as relates to the regimental promotion, Articles 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52, 53, 54, 55, 61, 62, 63, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 102, 109, 959, 961, 967, 968, 969, 970.

"And whereas it is expedient, pending a more complete revision of that section of our said warrant of the 27th December, 1870, which now governs the promotion of combatant officers, to provide at once for certain necessary changes in respect of first appointments, regimental promotion, and exchanges.

"Our will and pleasure is,

"That this Warrant be established and obeyed from the 1st day of November in this present year, in respect of all matters therein contained, and that it be construed, administered, and interpreted with our said Warrant of the 27th of December, 1870.

"I.—FIRST APPOINTMENTS.

"Sub-Lieutenants.

"1. A commission as Sub-Lieutenant in our Army may be given:—

"(a). To a successful candidate at a competitive examination in general subjects to be held under such regulations as may be issued from time to time by our Secretary of State.

"(b). To a student from the University of Oxford, Cambridge, Durham, London, Dublin, Edinburgh, St. Andrews Glasgow, Aberdeen, or the Queen's University, Ireland, who has passed 'Responsions at Oxford,' the 'Previous Examination' at Cambridge, or the corresponding examination at the other Universities—under such regulations with respect to the age and manner of selection of such candidates as may be issued from time to time by our Secretary of State.

"(c). To our cadets styled 'Queen's cadets,' to those styled 'Indian cadets,' and to our Pages of Honour. These cadets and Pages of Honour shall pass such a qualifying examination in general subjects as may be fixed from time to time by our Secretary of State.

"(d). To a non-commissioned officer who is recommended for promotion by our Commander-in-Chief, and shall pass such a professional examination as may be fixed from time to time by our Secretary of State.

"2. Sub-Lieutenants, in order to qualify for the rank of Lieutenant, shall be required to serve satisfactorily for twelve months with one of our regiments, and after such service (except in the case of non-commissioned officers promoted to be Sub-Lieutenants) to go through such a course of study and to pass such a professional examination as may be fixed from time to time by our Secretary of State.

"3. Sub-Lieutenants shall be removed from our service for moral or physical unfitness, or if they fail to pass satisfactorily through the prescribed course of study. They shall, except in the case of non-commissioned officers promoted to be Sub-Lieutenants, be required to pass the professional examination for the rank of Lieutenant within three years, failing to do which they shall be removed from our Service. Their time for retirement on full or half pay shall be reckoned from the date of their commissions as Lieutenants; and in fixing the date of such commissions, such portion of their service as Sub-Lieutenants may be allowed as their conduct and qualifications may merit according to regulations to be issued from time to time by our Secretary of State.

"4. Sub Lieutenants appointed to a cavalry regiment who are not qualified for service in the cavalry may be transferred to the infantry.

"Appointment from the Militia.

"5. A commission as Lieutenant in the Army may be given to a Lieutenant of one of our regiments of Militia under such regulations as to age or otherwise as may be issued from time to time by our Secretary of State. The officer shall pass a professional examination similar to that which will be required of a Sub-Lieutenant of our Army before he receives a commission as Lieutenant.

"II.—PROMOTION.

"Lieutenants.

"6. A Sub-Lieutenant in our Army may receive a commission as Lieutenant—

"(a). If he has been promoted to the rank of Sub-Lieutenant from the rank of non commissioned officer—after a satisfac-

tory service of not less than twelve months as a Sub-Lieutenant;

"(b). In the case of other Sub-Lieutenants—after a satisfactory service of not less than twelve months with one of our regiments, and after having gone through a course of study and passed a professional examination, as laid down in Article 2.

"Captains.

"7. A qualified Lieutenant shall be eligible for promotion to the rank of Captain after two years' service in our Army. In the case of officers entering our Army after the 26th of August, 1871, this service shall date from the date of their commissions as Lieutenants; in the case of other officers from the date of their first commissions.

"Majors.

"8. A qualified Captain shall be eligible for promotion to the rank of Major after six years' service in our Army. In the case of officers entering our Army after the 26th of August, 1861, this service shall date from the date of their commissions as Lieutenants; in the case of other officers from the date of their first commission.

"Lieutenant Colonels.

"9. A qualified officer holding the substantive rank of Major shall be eligible for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

"General Rules.

"10. Every promotion shall be made upon the recommendation of our Commander-in-Chief, with the approval of our Secretary of State.

"11. Succession to vacancies shall be regulated as follows:—

"(a) If a vacancy shall arise—

"(1) By the promotion of an officer to the rank of Major-General,

"(2) By the death of an officer,

"(3) By an officer becoming supernumerary under Article 21, or

"(4) By an officer being promoted to fill a vacancy in another regiment or corps, the promotion in the several ranks necessary to fill the vacancy shall, unless it shall be expedient that the vacancies be otherwise filled, be given to the senior qualified officer of each lower rank in the regiment or corps, except in the case of promotion to be Lieutenant-Colonel, in which case the vacancy shall be filled by a qualified officer to be selected by our Commander-in-Chief with the approval of our Secretary of State.

"(b) If a vacancy shall arise from any other cause, it shall be filled by a qualified officer of our Army, who shall be selected by our Commander-in-Chief with the approval of our Secretary of State;

"12. No selection shall be made in succession to any vacancy caused by the retirement of an officer until such retirement shall have been completed and shall have appeared in the *London Gazette*.

"13. Officers below the rank of field officer shall not be recommended to us for promotion unless they shall have previously passed such professional examination as may be passed from time to time by our Secretary of State. Officers serving with their regiments at distant foreign stations may be provisionally promoted to vacancies previous to passing such examination, but such promotion shall be cancelled should the officer fail in his examination if specially reported to and approved by our Commander-in-Chief as having proved their efficiency for the rank of Major.

"14. Lieutenants shall be required to pass the professional examination for the rank of Captain within five years from the date of their commission as Lieutenants,