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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications. Correspondents must invariably send us, confidentially, their name and address.

All letters must be Post-paid, or they will not be taken out of the Post Office.

Adjutants and Officers of Corps throughout the Provinces are particularly requested to favor us regularly with weekly information concerning the movements and doings of their respective Corps, including the fixtures for drill, marching out, rifle practice, &c.

We shall feel obliged to such to forward all information of this kind as early as possible, so that may reach us in time for publication.

CLUBS! CLUBS! CLUBS!

For the purpose of extending an advantage to the Non-Commissioned OFFICERS and MEN of the FORCE, we have decided to send "THE REVIEW" to BATTALION and COMPANY CLUBS of TEN and UPWARDS at the rate of \$1.50 per annum for each copy.

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"THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW OFFICE,"
 Ottawa, August 1st 1867.

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Are respectfully informed that arrangements have been made with Mr. DAVID FULTON, News Agent, 37 Rideau Street—who is our sole Agent for the city—for the delivery hereafter of their copies of the REVIEW, at their residences or offices, instead of through the Post-office, as formerly. It is hoped this arrangement will insure the regular delivery of the paper, and consequently do away with all complaints in that respect.

GEO. MOSS.

Ottawa Nov. 18, 1867.

**"DOMINION" NEWS DEPOT!
MILES' OLD STAND, 37 RIDEAU STREET.
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.**

THE undersigned, seeing the need for a News Depot in Lower Town, for the better convenience of a part of the reading people of our city during the stormy winter season—have this day, MONDAY, 18th Nov., opened the "DOMINION" NEWS DEPOT, in Miles' old stand, opposite Workman & Co., Rideau street, where they will, in co-operation with their Depot in Centre Town, keep on hand all the general publications of the day, and endeavor to satisfy the reading public. They will furnish the following periodicals at the earliest convenience:

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N. Y. Daily Herald, N. Y. Weekly Herald,
 Ec. ion Pilot, Ir. American,
 Irish Citizen, now, Ir. People,
 Scottish American Journal, Musical Review, new,
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 Harper's Bazar, now, Harper's Weekly,
 Chimney Corner, Literary Album,
 Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, N. Y. Ledger,
 N. Y. Weekly, Fireside Companion, now
 Pen and Pencil, now, Police Gazette, Police News,
 N. Y. Clipper, Sporting Times,
 Waverley Magazine, Harper's Monthly,
 Godey's Lady's Book, Frank Leslie's Lady's Mag.,
 Madame Demorest's Monthly Magazine,
 Budget of Fun, and other Comical Papers,

ENGLISH:

London Journal, Family Herald,
 Bow Bells, new, Englishwoman's Magazine,
 London Illustrated News, and other Periodicals,
 London Punch, and other Comical Papers.

CANADIAN:

Toronto Globe, Toronto Leader,
 Montreal Gazette, and our City Papers.

STATIONERY ALWAYS ON HAND.

HOUSER & FULTON.

Ottawa Nov. '91 1867.

CAUTION.

The public are hereby cautioned against paying any monies, on account of "THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW," to

ALEXANDER RIGGS,

as they will not receive credit for the same, he having been DISCHARGED by me, FROM MY SERVICE, on the 3rd of August last.

GEO. MOSS.

Ottawa, Dec. 2nd, 1867.

**The Volunteer Review,**

AND MILITARY AND NAVAL GAZETTE.

"Unbribed, unbought, our swords we draw,
 To guard the Monarch, fence the law."

OTTAWA, MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1867.

TO OUR FRIENDS.

In order to effect some needed improvement in our office, and to admit of our employees enjoying, like other people, the holiday season, no paper will be issued by us next week. We are sure our kind patrons will not object to our having this respite after a year's close attention to business. So wishing all our friends and readers a MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR, "and many of them," we relinquish the pen, and allow the types to rest, until the first week in January, 1868, when we will present our subscribers with NO. 1, VOL. 2 of THE REVIEW.

THE SPIRIT OF THE HOUR.

Winter in all his weird beauty and desolation is upon us; he has wooed him a bride whose youth was passed among flowers and under summer suns on the banks of our beautiful lakes, crowned with a piney wreath he sits among the snow-capped hills and shaking the clanking icicles off his beard strives vainly to chill the heart of his joyous spouse. See he has covered her pathway with snow and the mark of her footsteps can no more be seen; his breath is the cold North wind, but it only blushes on her cheek and brightens in her eye; his clasp is a chain of ice but it chills not the blood of her heart, and he moans with impotent rage, until her glad spirit overcomes his gloomy soul and he laughs aloud in the joy of a hale old age. And, fearing lest she should grow sad, he calls the spirit of the hour, (for her glance had followed the sunset,) and with fleecy robes brought from his native north ern cloudland he wraps her warmly round, and their folds cover up the graves of the

past. Then he wanders down the streets of the city and the old men bow reverently as he passes, young children run out to hail him with a joyous greeting, and fair maidens dance before him; his is a triumph of merriment, and smoothing the wrinkles from his aged brow, he smiles an answer to the welcome. There is room for us in the glad procession, so let us join hands and shout "Merry! merry! Christmas!" to him and to each other, and revel in the joy of the happiest of all holidays. The summer has passed and peace still blesses our country, and, although the danger may not have all passed away, we have gathered strength for the future and congratulate ourselves upon the peace, happiness and prosperity of our land. At this particular season of the year it is customary among those who think and labor in the fields where the harvest of wisdom is gathered, to turn retrospectively and regard the past year of their existence. There we behold in the long vista, fading dimly down into many avenues of the past, the unaltered work of our hands; we cannot return like an artist to touch and retouch the lines of beauty in the picture of our lives, nor by convenient gloom curtain the shadowy background of our existence. For good or ill the page has been written, nor can we fondly erase the indelible characters burnt by the hand of Time within the leaves of the book of life.

Turning therefore to look upon the labors of the past we feel that, in striving conscientiously to fulfil our allotted part in the field we have chosen, we have not failed we hope in our duty. While conscious of the hearty goodwill and co-operation of all who labor with us in the service of our country, we will still go on, sparing no efforts that the work of our hands may be such as at the end of another year we may look back upon it with pleasure and satisfaction.

**ANY BORE SIMULTANEOUS MATCHES,
1868, FOR ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, IRELAND, CANADA AND AUSTRALIA.**

In the *Volunteer Service Gazette* of England, under the date of 2nd March 1867 the terms, arranged with the Australian Volunteers who took part in the Wimbledon Matches, were published; and we have been requested by the Secretary of the Canadian Wimbledon Committee to publish those rules for the information of the Volunteers throughout the Dominion. He also informs us that he has placed himself in communication with the English Committee, and will shortly be able to give all further information which may be required. The rules are as follows:—

There are three matches. Two of these are for individual competition; match A for 500 and 600 yards, and match B for 900 and 1,000 yards. Match C is between Rifle Clubs, and is decided by the score in match B.

The following rules (I., II. III., and IV.) apply to each of the matches A and B, which