

The corps now entered eagerly into practice, determined to excel; ammunition went out at the rate of two hundred rounds per diem, family matches were the order of the day, petty prizes were given, both by officers and men, as stimulants to further exertions, and everything was carried on in strict accordance with military discipline.

On the 17th of August the corps lost an Honorary member through the following letter and in accordance with Rule 1:—

MY DEAR BERNARD,—Having been dismissed the Service, to use the classic term of the Government Press, I of course cannot remain a member of the Civil Service Rifle Corps. Will you therefore have my name removed from the list of Honorary Members, and wishing the Corps every success, believe me,

Yours very truly,

JOHN R. NASH.

This severed the connection of the Corps with their former Commander.

The single men of the Corps did not long desire to be looked upon as unequal to the married, and thinking themselves somewhat more muscular and steady under arms than their *confrères*, they challenged them to a repetition of the former match, and were met on the 20th of August on the same ground. This time, although the married men excelled their former trial, the strength of bachelorhood shewed itself in the score, and brought them out of the match with 21 points of a majority. The ranges were 300 and 400 yards;