

on the same conditions. The *Financial Times* Challenge Cup is held by the first prize man. The money prizes amount to £50—viz., £20 given by the proprietors of the *Financial Times*, and £30 added by the N. R. A. The number of prizes has been reduced from eighteen to fourteen, but the aggregate value remains the same as last year, £50.

The "Whitehead."—The regulation of last year, that no prize in this competition could be won "by a winner of the first prize in either of the two preceding years," does not appear in the present conditions.

The "Evelyn Wood."—The £50 given in prizes is to be appropriated "at the discretion of the General Officer commanding the Aldershot District."

The "General Eyre."—The money added by the N. R. A. has been reduced from £50 to £35, and there are now only twenty-six prizes instead of thirty-one.

The "Gregory."—The first prize, given by Mr. Gregory, N. R. A. Optician, consists of a Photographic Album containing 200 photographs, of the value of £26 5s.

The "Brookwood."—This competition takes the place of the "Probyn" of last year. The money is reduced from £115 to £115, and there are now forty prizes instead of twenty-five.

The "Carrington" prizes are shot for under the same conditions as last year. The first prize, however, this year is a silver cup of the value of £15, given by Messrs. Carrington, of Regent Street. The added money is £105.

The "Daily Graphic."—Instead of the ten albums of last year, the proprietors of the *Daily Graphic* give twenty framed sketches of the value of £10 10s. each. The N. R. A. gives £340 instead of £330, and there are one hundred and twenty-six prizes, one more than last year.

The "Graphic."—The seven rounds at 220 yards must be got off in two minutes instead of three as last year. As in the *Daily Graphic* the albums are replaced by framed sketches. The N. R. A. gives £454 as against £400 last year, and the number of prizes is increased from one hundred and eighty-seven to one hundred and eighty-eight.

The "Clark Kennedy."—By this name the All Comers' Aggregate Competition is now to be known, the magnificent cup given to the N. R. A. by Mr. A. Clark Kennedy as a memorial of his father having been appropriated to it as a challenge prize. Last year it will be remembered the Clark Kennedy Cup was to be held by "the Volunteer or Yeoman of London and Middlesex making the highest score in the competition for the Queen's Prize," and was won by Lieut. Warren (G.M.), of the Victorias.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

[This paper does not necessarily share the views expressed in correspondence published in its columns, the use of which is freely granted to writers on topics of interest to the Militia.]

THE KOLAPORE TEAM.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—Having taken notice of several articles in THE GAZETTE with regard to the choosing of the Kolapore team, I wish to say that I think no better or fairer system can be adopted than that by which Col. Bacon, Commandant of 1889, chose his team. If my memory serves me right, the six men holding the highest places in the Grand Aggregate Match, were considered to have won their places on the team, the Commandant reserving the right to choose the other two men to fill the seventh and eighth places. Whether this is the best way or not to choose a team, the result (as you know) was very satisfactory, and at the same time all the members of the team seemed to be perfectly satisfied with the way in which the team were chosen.

I do not think it best to connect the practice at Cambridge, with the shooting in the matches, from which to form a basis for choosing the team, as there are men who have done excellent shooting at Cambridge, and have failed

to draw "blood" when they got to work in earnest, and *vice versa*. For instance: the rifleman having the lowest aggregate for the week's practice in 1889, went to Wimbledon and shot like a trojan, winning a place on the Grand Aggregate, also on the Kolapore team, in which he figured well up to the top with the good score of 87 points.

I also notice in THE GAZETTE, a claim made for the 1890 team, which is not quite correct; *i. e.*, regarding the four men in the last stage of the Queen's, claimed as an achievement which has never before been effected by any team. What's the matter with the team of 1886. They had four men in the last stage of the Queen's, holding places as follows: Bell 28th, Armstrong 33rd, Russell 49th and Kimmerly 51st, winners of £44. The error may have occurred through a mis-print in the D. R. A. report of 1886, as the winnings of the men in the last stage of the Queen's were placed in the column representing the Alexandra match.

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