

pressing his sentiments, but, at the same time, never incapable of feeling such a compliment as is at present tendered.

"A sword has been the highest mark of respect given by the greatest corporations of Europe to their greatest soldiers; but I cannot for a moment flatter myself that I deserve such a trophy. It is to the kindly wishes and good feeling of the Corps which I have had the pleasure of instructing in the rudiments of its drill, that I owe such a distinction. The usual difficulty between the instructor and his pupil has been very easily overcome in the Civil Service Rifles, every member of which has shewn an eager anxiety to learn the duties of a soldier, and to whom it was a pleasure to impart any information which he required. For the very flattering testimonial which I now receive I beg to return you my most heartfelt thanks."

The sword was a very beautiful piece of workmanship, made to order in London, England, and exquisitely wrought and engraved. It was worthy in every respect of the givers, and was, at the same time, a fitting tribute to the merits of the gallant soldier on whom it was bestowed.

On the 23rd of March, a special general meeting having been convened, in accordance with Rule No. 8.—It was moved by Private H. Wicksteed, and seconded by Private Hayden, and resolved,—That the following Rule be added to the Regulations of the Corps:

No. 24. Sons and brothers of gentlemen in the Civil Service may be admitted as Active Members of the "Civil Service Rifles," on same terms and