

THE SWEET LITTLE MAN.

A correspondent of the *Spectator* very aptly quotes Oliver Wendell Holmes' stinging verses, "The Sweet Little Man" (dedicated to the Stay-at-Home Rangers). The verses are written for the benefit of certain "nuts" of Boston who would not go to war, but preferred lounging in ease and criticizing their betters. They were a minority, as we hope they are a minority now. But the verses did their work then, and may do it again:—

"All the brave boys under canvas are sleeping,
All of them pressing to march with the van,
Far from the home where their sweethearts are weeping:
What are you waiting for, sweet little man?"

"You with the terrible warlike moustaches,
Fit for a colonel or chief of a clan,
You with the waist made for swordbelts and sashes;
Where art your shoulder-straps sweet little man?"

"Bring him the buttonless garment of woman!
Cover his face lest it freckle and tan;
Must the Apron-String Guards on the Common—
That is the corps for the sweet little man!"

"All the fair maidens about him shall cluster,
Pluck the white feathers from bonnet and fan,
Make him a plume like a turkey-wing duster—
That is the crest for the sweet little man!"

GREAT HONOR FOR CHURCH POINT.

The Cadet Corps of St. Anne's College, Church Point, Digby, have taken first prize in the Imperial challenge shield for the Rifle association, and thus won the bronze replica, 11 medals and \$75.00. This is the first time that a Canadian corps has succeeded in winning first prize and it is very gratifying to Nova Scotians that a Provincial Institution has carried off these honors. *Truro News.*

RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT WILL NEVER AGAIN MANUFACTURE ALCOHOLIC DRINKS.

Petrograd, Oct. 20.—The Russian Union of Abstinence, which devotes itself to the combating of alcoholism, addressed to Emperor Nicholas a solicitation that he forbid forever the sale of spirituous liquors in Russia. His Majesty replied in a telegram sent in the name of the Grand Duke Constantine and addressed to the President of the Alliance in which he said: "I thank you; I long decided to interdict for all time in Russia the sale of alcoholic drinks by the Government."

SALE OF ALCOHOL IS FOREVER FORBIDDEN IN RUSSIA.

Paris, Oct. 20.—A Petrograd dispatch to the Havas agency says that the Russian press is enthusiastic over the declaration by the Russian Emperor that the sale of alcohol by the government is forever forbidden in Russia. The *Novoe Vremya* cites as a happy effect of the suppression of the sale of liquor, an increase in savings bank deposits during September of \$11,500,000 over the same month last year, in spite of the war.