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For Thursday, September 3rd, invitations were issued by Mrs. Townshend for an "at home," "dancing at 9 o'clock" being on the cards. About that hour most of those who had been invited had assembled, and were received in the morning room by Mrs. Townshend, Judge Townshend and Miss Townshend. The entire arrangements were very successfully carried out and the whole house was transformed for the occasion.

The entrance hall was ornamented with large plants while the two double drawing rooms were tastefully decorated with lovely flowers, moss and ferns. At one end of the room a few seats were placed for the chaperones who could enjoy watching the dancing, which was carried on with great spirit till the small hours. The floor was in excellent order and at no time did the space seem too limited for the large number of guests who were dispersed in the gardens or in a marquee which was fitted up as a boudoir, while another was for ices and other refreshments. Being a glorious night, the cool outside air was gladly welcomed between the dances. Supper was served in a room up stairs.

The enjoyment of the whole arrangements was greatly enhanced by the presence of the beautiful band of the Leicestershire regiment which was stationed where it could be heard to advantage both in the house and garden.

"The Halifax Garrison Miniature Rifle Club" has been most successfully started, and is now strongly supported by some very excellent and ardent members. Many of the lady novices especially, making remarkably high scores, promising to become first-class markswomen. Major E. G. Bor, R. E., has undertaken the post of Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, and is indefatigable in his efforts "teaching the young idea how to shoot," and bringing the club to perfection. The rules for which are as follows:—

RULES OF THE HALIFAX GARRISON MINIATURE RIFLE CLUB.

- 1.—The affairs of the club shall be managed by a committee of officers of the Garrison, appointed by a general meeting of the club.
- 2.—All officers of the Garrison, and members of their families, are eligible for membership.
- 3.—Other members may be elected by the Committee, on being proposed and seconded by two military members of the Club.
- 4.—The Committee to have power to make bye-laws and rules for the conduct of matches, handicaps, and practice of the Club.
- 5.—One member of the Committee will act as Secretary and Treasurer.
- 6.—For the present season an entrance subscription of \$1.00, payable on entrance or election, will be charged.
- 7.—Each member may invite two friends, as visitors, to each meeting of the Club.
- 8.—As a general rule the practice and match meetings of the Club will be held each Saturday.

The first match took place on Saturday 12th, between gentlemen and ladies, four aside, seven shots, resulting in a victory for the ladies by nineteen points. Major Mansel, Major Reader, Dr. Grier, Mr. Marsh, whose scores were at:

50 yards, - - -	27	30	28	31
75 " - - -	22	26	28	25
100 " - - -	27	28	23	19

Against the ladies—Mrs. Mansel, Mrs. Reader, Mrs. Grier, Miss Morrow:

50 yards, - - -	25	30	30	27
75 " - - -	29	26	30	25
100 " - - -	30	28	30	21

Lady Watson gave an "at home" on Friday afternoon at 4th, and again on the 11th, when the gardens and lovely gazebo at Admiralty House were seen to advantage in perfect view. The band of the flag-ship played at intervals all the afternoon on the two lawn tennis courts were fully occupied.

Miss Laura Almon invited her friends to a "rounder" at Rose Bank on Sept. 10th, from 4 to 7 o'clock, which was a novel past-time, therefore all the more enjoyable.

Those who did not play seemed greatly interested in the incidents of the game which was continued till dusk with great zeal. Many of the older players appeared quite to forget age and responsibilities for the time being—and were as ready to make a rounder as any one of the soldier-boys present.

Another Cinderella dance was given at the Wellington by Lt.-Col. Rolph and the officers of the Leicestershire regiment on Wednesday, 15th, and in some respects was a much more success than the previous one. The band was placed in an adjoining the dancing room, where it was heard to more advantage both by the dancers and chaperones. The floor was better, there was no crush. There were some very good dresses—Apricot satin, trimmed with eau de nil chiffon, a handsome broche, a cream silk with ostrich feathers. Another rich passementerie, a blue and silver, a pale pink, and a black and jet were the most striking as worn by the matrons. The younger guests were chiefly white and cream with a few with less black ones among them.

To avoid the crush of the former occasion and reduce the number of wall flowers, the invitations were more limited.

A few mortified ones have thought fit to give vent to their feelings to some of the "Penny-a-liners" on the subject. They ventured to do two years ago on a similar grievance with unexpected results, but as this want of taste and manners is so common to certain members of Halifax society, it is easy to guess whom it originated. Before the next entertainment perhaps they had better send in their names to the Mess president in case having been an oversight, and then if they are still unwilling to console themselves by thinking "If I am not asked I am not wanted."

The same evening there was an organ recital interspersed with vocal music at St. George's Church.

The second of its kind given by Mr. Hutchins, who has come out as organist to St. Paul's Church. He has great experience, having been private organist to the Marquis of Breadal. Also organist at the Alexandra Palace and sub-organist at Temple Church, London, England, and is quite master of the of instruments.

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