

An Appreciative Reader.

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SIR:—

I have recently been looking over with much pleasure the 4 Nos. of your interesting magazine for last year (1906).

They revived many youthful memories and recollections of old friends.

My father (the late Captain Henry Slade, Royal Artillery, who died of yellow fever in Jamaica, in 1841) and mother spent several years in the earlier part of last century in Halifax, where he was quartered at the same time as H. M. 52nd Regiment.

Captain Moorson, whom you mention, (P. 112, April No.) I knew well as an old man in London, where he practiced for several years as a civil engineer when he left the army, having been one of those who after passing through R. M. A. Woolwich, accepted a commission in a line regiment rather than wait indefinitely for Royal Engineers.

My father was sent, having been through the Peninsular War, direct from Bordeaux, after the Battle of Toulouse, to North America, and among other things helped, as acting engineer, to build the old fort at Toronto, mentioned by you (P. 227, July No.).

After the Peace, 1815, he was ordered to Newfoundland, where he met my mother, the youngest child of Thomas Nelson, who had left Boston at the Declaration of Independence, so as not to lose his flag.

I know very little about him, as he died (his wife having predeceased him) when my mother was, I believe, about seven years old.