

THE LILIES.

*"Consider the lilies: they toil not, neither do they spin,
Yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."*

Censored by General Staff.

The C.G. preached at a staff parade
In a bomb-proof chateau square;
The "brass hats" stood in the poplars' shade,
The gorgeous "tabs" were there.

Colours of red, blue, gold and green,
With a dash of black or white!
The glory of the Sage looked mean
Beside the wondrous sight.

Then out spake bold Episcopus:
"Most noble sires and grave,
Like lilies, without toil or fuss,
You teach men to be brave.

"You glean hard facts thro' weary days"
(The green tabs lent an ear)
"And print them in communiqués
For heroes in the rear.

"With quiet ease and dignity
You plan the whole campaign;
You do not court publicity,
Nor shun the battle strain.

"You scorn delights of motor-cars,
Nor prancing horses ride;
Your lofty place all pleasure bars"
(The red tabs blushed with pride.)

"While some of you spend sleepless nights,
Worried about the guns,
Others arrange the healing rites
For Empire's wounded sons.

"Right well you do these noble tasks,"
(The blue tabs smiled assent)
"And no one for promotion asks,
You work with glad content."

The pious black tabs said "Amen,"
The lawn sleeves lifted high
To give the blessing. Loudly then;
"The King" rang up the sky!

A company of men trooped by,
The Nation's stalwart shield,
The staff to them, in colours high,
Were "Lilies of the field."

A.P.S.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of copies of "Chevrons to Stars," the magazine published by our confrères of the Canadian Training School. It is very good, and we look forward to future copies with pleasure.

DEMONSTRATIONS.

On August 1 a demonstration of drill and bayonet fighting was given at the School by the Instructors. Among those present were Major-General Lipsitt, C.M.G., Brig.-General Elmsley, D.S.O., Brig.-General Dyer, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. Hill, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. Millen, Lieut.-Colonel Kirkaldy, D.S.O., Lieut.-Colonel Sharpe, and a senior officer from nearly every battalion in the corps.

The object of the demonstration was to show that only the drill as laid down in infantry training and amendments was taught at the School, and that no fancy "quiffs" were indulged in. The snappy and accurate work of the instructors was very favourably commented on, and the visitors seemed to be much impressed.

The demonstration of bayonet fighting was carried out by the same squad that did the drill, in order to emphasise the Corps Commander's theory that every drill instructor should be bayonet-fighting instructor too. This demonstration included all the latest "stunts" and exercises as taught at the headquarters of the physical and bayonet training staff, and was gone through in the snappy manner characteristic of the Canadian Corps School.

The best platoon during the 12th Course was No 1 Platoon, which consisted entirely of officers. Their work all through the course was very smart, and they had no difficulty in winning the drill competition. The other officer platoons were good too, and were better than the N.C.O. platoons. Many visitors were astonished at the excellence of the drill of the platoons. One officer of many years' experience stated that he had no hesitation in saying that in all his experience he had never seen officers drill better.

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READERS PLEASE NOTE.

The Editor is deeply grateful to all those who contributed to this and previous copies of "TCHUN. He knows, however, that there are many who could contribute and who have not done so. He is anxious that all should have a share in making the paper better than it is, and would be glad if all who read this would hold a "kit inspection" of their brains, and "turn in" anything that they think would interest and amuse their fellow soldiers. Send it along in the good old style, "at the double."

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For our new football shirts—two sets—we thank Major Shatford and the Chaplain Services. The Y.M.C.A. have been very generous, too, in supplying sporting goods of all descriptions. The Staff and the Sports Committees thank the donors very sincerely.