

(e) To place the members of this association at the service of the country, qualified as far as possible for action in the hour of need.

The officers' committee is composed of the following members: Captain, B. Holford Ardagh; Secretary, C. B. Nasmith; Treasurer, R. S. Cassels; Lt.-Col. Bruce, C. A. Moss, Thos. Gibson, T. A. Reid, R. H. Greer, W. D. McPherson, N. F. Davidson.

An advisory committee was also appointed, in which we are glad to notice the name of the Hon. Featherston Osler, K.C., formerly a judge of the Court of Appeal, who attended the first meeting and by his presence much encouraged others to join.

Among the members are a number of those who saw some military service in old days, for example, Hon. Mr. Osler and the editor of this journal drilled together as volunteers in the old Barrie Rifle Company, more than half a century ago. The latter is a Military School man and wears the Fenian Raid medal. Mr. C. W. Thompson was a member of the old Legal Company, formed just prior to the organization of the Queen's Own and incorporated in that regiment. The captain of the present Osgoode Hall Rifle Association was for several years adjutant of the Simcoe Foresters, (35th Regt.), which was formerly commanded by another member of the profession, Lt. Col. W. E. O'Brien. Captain Ardagh also served as Brigade Major of the 4th Brigade.

The Association also includes a number of officers, active and retired, such as:—Lt. Col. John Bruce, Lt. Col. Robertson, Major Levisconte, and others of lesser rank, R. S. Cassels, A. A. Millar, J. H. Moss, F. B. Fetherstonhaugh, F. M. Gray, T. P. Galt, R. H. Holmes, D. W. Jamieson, F. I. LeBrun, W. S. Morden, H. W. Mickle, F. J. Roche, W. B. Raymond, S. Casey Wood, J. P. White and others.

The formation of this association and the example set by the seniors has been an inspiration to others to form similar clubs.

Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener have on various occasions indicated the necessity of this form of assistance in the defence of the Empire. A nation of sharpshooters can always give a good account of itself, and these bodies are a means to that end by teaching men to handle a rifle and to acquire a certain amount of simple and rudimentary drill and discipline.

The present war is not to be the end of the duties of the sons of the Empire with respect to its defences. It is our manifest duty to be prepared for any emergency, and therefore every man should make himself competent to take his place as a soldier. It was so when England depended upon her bowmen, and should be so when the bow is replaced by the rifle.