

er than their fathers, although they merely repeat with apish imitateness the faults of the past; has the people of the United States been called upon to decide questions of greater abstract, interest and importance. And it is from the very fact of their being abstract, and to bear fruit for good or evil in the future that the great difficulty lies. The battle of slavery has been fought, but not yet decided, and it is upon the action which the new President and Congress will take, that the future peace and stability of the Republic will depend.

To us Britishers who have been educated in a different school the difficulties of American Republicism present a curious study, and, if we are wise, we will draw therefrom a useful lesson to apply to the construction of our own nationality. The population of the United States is pretty fairly divided into two grand parties: Republicans and Democrats; these include the various shades of dissension indicated by an outrageous nomenclature which is in itself an interesting study to an intelligent foreigner.

Apart from these two parties, there are two elements, which can hardly be called a lever for the mass of the population; these are Fenians and negroes. For the support of those peculiar powers, it is amusing to observing the contending parties bid, and note with what consummate truculence, certain people are ready to hoist either or both flags—black or green—reckless so that the grand object, votes, be attained. The Republicans, pretty certain of the negro vote, are making efforts to secure Fenian support also, but it is more than probable that the Democratic, or as we would express it, the Tory instincts—that extraordinary trait in the character of the American Fenian—will be sufficiently strong, if properly directed by the Democratic leaders, to secure that vote as some counterpoise to the southern negro majority.

However the contest may end, Canadians have but one object—peace—and will gladly lend their countenance to all whose efforts are directed towards securing that most desirable object for all who inhabit the continent.

METROPOLITAN RIFLE ASSOCIATION.—This flourishing Association intends to adhere strictly to the Wimbledon regulations in their Annual Tournament, on the 25th inst., and with a fine shed and offices on the ground, Pool Targets and Dummy etc., expect to have one of the finest matches ever held in Canada. The Association seem to be liberal to all comers, and we trust to see a good gathering from all parts of the Dominion. The Carton system of Targets, unfortunately, cannot be used this season, owing to the want of the necessary material, but next year, the Committee intend to make the Metropolitan a Wimbledon on a small scale. We wish the Association every success, and salute the members on their very

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

NOTICE.—All communication addressed to the Editor of the VOLUNTEER REVIEW must be accompanied by the correct name and address of the writer to insure attention.

G. W.—We are glad to hear from you again, and will find room for your article next week. The numbers you require shall be sent. We perfectly understand the "joke" to which you refer, and hope your next period of silence will not be so long as the last.

"ADOPTED," Toronto.—A paper written without connection of ideas, and in defiance of all grammatical rules, badly spelled and unpunctuated, cannot be "for the Review."

"Lt. W.," Leamington.—We will find room for your poem in a future number.

SUBSCRIBERS changing their places of residence will please notify us of the fact, giving the name of the Post Office to which their paper was formerly addressed as well as the one to which they remove. We would also be obliged to Post Masters if they would inform us in their usual notice, of the change of residence of persons to whom the *Review* is addressed.

The Ottawa Field Battery intends holding a Pic-nic at the picturesque grounds of G. B. L. Fellowes on the Ottawa River, on the 20th inst. The Steamer *Alexandra* has been chartered for the occasion, which will no doubt be a very pleasant affair.

As we anticipated, the Ottawa Garrison Artillery has been brigaded, and Major Forrest, its popular and efficient commander has been promoted the rank of Lieut Colonel, in Saturday's general orders.

REMITTANCES.

During the week ending August 15th, we have received on subscriptions as follows:—

Cobourg.—Lt. Col. D. E. B., \$2.00; Lt. W. J. S., \$2.00, per Lt. Col. B.; Lt. P. R., \$2.00, per Lt. Col. B.

Duntroon.—Lt. J. B., \$1.00.

Ottawa.—Lt. D. M., \$2.00; Capt. A. P., \$2.00

THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER.—We regret to state that En. Kelly of the 69th Regiment, London, Ontario, died at his quarters on Thursday morning last. He was unwell for some time past. His remains were interred with military honors yesterday afternoon. Deceased was well known in this town as a quiet, unassuming, gentlemanly young man, and was much respected by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. —*Brantford Courier*.

The 34th.—The Battalion flag has been completed and sent to Lt. Col. Fairbanks. It is a beautiful specimen of needlework. In the centre of the flag is a circle, having inscribed "Ontario Volunteers." In the centre of circle is a Beaver, surrounded with a wreath composed of the National Emblems, the Rose, Thistle Shamrock, and our own Maple Leaf. Beneath the circle on a scroll is the motto of the Battalion, Ready with

our Lives." Both flags of the Battalion will be on exhibition for a short time in the window of the store of Messrs. Gibbs, Lobb & Co.

COUNTY OF PERTH RIFLE ASSOCIATION.—On Thursday fortnight a meeting was held in the council room for the purpose of forming a rifle association. Lt. Col. Service occupied the chair, and Major James acted as secretary *pro tem*. It was resolved that the annual fee be \$2 to officers and civilians and \$1 to non-commissioned officers and privates of the 28th Batt. and 5th Batt., G. T. R. B. Major James, Capt. Stephenson, and D. B. Burritt were appointed a committee to procure subscribers, and report on Monday evening. The meeting then adjourned. A large and influential meeting was held in the same place on the evening above mentioned. The committee appointed to procure subscribers report as follows: Paid subscribers, —Lt. Col. Service, Major James, Adj. Scott, Capt. McFarlane, Capt. Smith, Lieut. W. M. Clark, Lieut. R. A. McGregor, Ensign Laing, Asst. Surgeon Jackson, Quarter Master Smithwick, D. B. Burritt, C. H. Ransom, A. Petrie, R. Smith, J. G. Smith, John Hamilton, T. R. Fuller, Robert Rutherford, John Ross, H. T. Butler, James Redford, M. P. L. Haynard, and Capt. Stephenson, Lieut. Clark, Ensign Bethune, Sergeant Kelly, Sergeant Lye, and Privates Jackson, Rastall, Cary, of the G. T. Brigade. Lt. Col. J. C. W. Daly, on motion of Mr. Smithwick, seconded by Mr. Burritt, was appointed patron of the Association, his name being adopted in preference to Lieut. Governor Howland. On motion of Capt. Smith, seconded by Capt. Stephenson, Lieut. Colonel Service was appointed President. Capt. MacFarlane and C. Ransom were unanimously appointed 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents. On motion of Capt. MacFarlane, seconded by Asst. Surgeon Jackson, Major James was appointed Secy-Trea. A council of seven was then appointed consisting of Capts. Stephenson and Smith, Adj. Scott, Quarter Master Smithwick, Messrs. J. G. Smith, Burritt, and Hayward. The Secretary was requested to forward \$40 to the D. R. A., at Ottawa, with a list of the members to be registered. The meeting then adjourned. The council will meet on Wednesday, at MacFarlane's rooms, at 9 p. m., for important business. —*Stratford Herald*.

THE NEW FOUND POEM.—The poem imputed to Milton still excites a great deal of attention, and has given rise to much controversy amongst the *literati*. Opinions are much divided as to the authorship of the lines, but I can see no reasons to alter the opinion expressed in a former letter, that it is an admirable imitation of Milton's style, and not the production of Milton himself. Another copy has been found which differs in some few words from the first discovery, and, notwithstanding the reiterated statement of Professor Bond, of the British Museum, that the handwriting is not that of Milton, Mr. Morley is unwilling to give way as to the authorship of it. Mr. Morley is perhaps as competent as any man to judge of the matter, but he would not like to see the posthumous child disinherited. He believes that the epitaph was written upon the poet's father, and the dates somewhat bear out the conclusion. Possibly the affair will always remain a matter of controversy, but in every future edition of Milton's works the poem should be included, of course with some doubts as to its authenticity, but yet as being quite worthy to rank beside the genuine productions of the poet himself.