

of lectures. This suggestion is put forward and it is to be hoped will meet with the approval of the committee of the club referred to. Possessed as we are with two arms of the Canadian regular army, we have therein those who would no doubt be only too well pleased to be invited to deliver lectures from time to time and who from their professional military attainments could make the same of material benefit to the militia. The subjects which could be selected are so numerous that no mention of them is necessary, and which could well be given so as to interest any and all the arms of the service in this city. Even though they be technical in their character nevertheless they will serve to interest all such who have any idea of wearing Her Majesty's uniform for other than show purposes.

Further as on every occasion of an inspection of the militia corps some one or more of the permanent corps officers compose the staff, they are fully aware of the weak points and a lecture based on pointing out these mistakes, if they may be so termed, would prove of great weight in raising the standard of our militia.

The idea is given and it now remains to be seen if we are possessed of sufficient energy to carry it to a successful issue. Will the cavalry or the artillery be the first to take the initiative?

HAMILTON.

The Victoria Rifle club at its 30th annual meeting elected the following officers:—Major Mason, president; Major McLaren, first vice-president; Capt. Zealand, second vice-president; E. Skedden, secretary-treasurer; committee, A. Pain, Capt. Ross, Capt. Adams, Dr. Bertram, A. Miller; Programme committee, W. L. Ross, A. Pain, Dr. Bertram.

The week before last the non-commissioned class of the Thirteenth Battalion was put through a rigid examination by Major McLaren at the armory. There were twelve candidates and the result of the examination. During the evening Pte. Halliday, on behalf of the members of the class, presented Sergt.-Major Huggins with a gold-headed swagger cane. The sergeant-major is very popular with the boys, and earned their gratitude by the pains he has taken in coaching the boys for their examination.

The following members of the regiment have passed the examination and are qualified for the rank of corporal, namely:

Pte. Reynolds, D company.

Pte. Shaw, E company.

Pte. A. Mason, F company

Pte. Halliday, G company.

And the following are qualified for the rank of sergeant:

Pte. Palm, B company.

Pte. Kay, B company.

Pte. Davies, D company.

Pte. Meakins, E company.

Pte. Sey, F company.

Pte. Kilgour, G company.

Pte. Withun, G company.

Pte. Dimmick, H company.

Mr. Charles Garton Barber has been put in orders as second lieutenant and attached to H. company. He was formerly

in the ranks in F company and is an enthusiastic young soldier.

Corporal C. W. Upsdell of C company has been promoted to the rank of sergeant provisionally.

Before the Queen's Birthday the officers and men of the Thirteenth battalion put in lots of work in perfecting the regiment in its drill, and the practice of several special movements with the exhibition of which to instruct and entertain their visitors, the Forty-Eighth Highlanders of Toronto. The last parade before the holiday, the regiment paraded 304 strong under Major McLaren, and had a march-out. They proceeded to the Central school grounds via Sheaffe and Bay street, but on arrival there they found the place insufficiently lighted and nearly ankle-deep in sand, so after trying a few manoeuvres the regiment marched back to King and James streets. On the way they practised the march-past. On returning to the armory the ceremony of trooping the color was practised, and the difficult movements comprised therein was performed with creditable steadiness and precision. Major Stoneman acted as fort major; A company, with Lieut. Herring in command, was the escort of the colors, and Lieut. Bruce carried the precious bit of silk. Following this the feu de joie was tried several times and went very well. A half was then put through the bayonet exercise, and did it moderately well.

The arrival of the Gallant Highlanders and the events connected with their reception put all the other events of the Queen's Birthday celebration into the shade. I presume that your Toronto correspondent will post you on what the 48th did in a military way and I will content myself by saying that the Torontonians fairly captured the town. Considering the short time they have been organized they make a wonderfully efficient regiment.

The Thirteenth battalion paraded over 350 strong on the morning of Sunday 21st, to attend divine service at All Saints' church. The men wore helmets, white gloves and sidearms, and presented a very handsome appearance as they marched up King street headed by the brass and bagpipe bands of the regiment, which played alternately. The sidewalks along the route of march were crowded with spectators.

At All Saints' church there was not much space for the regular worshippers after the redecoats had filed in followed by the crows that pressed after them, but chairs were placed in the aisles and in front of the chancel and the edifice was soon entirely filled. Rev. Mr. Forneret, chaplain of the regiment, preached a practical and fatherly discourse that was listened to with great attention by the men. He said: "Thirteenth! The last time I had the privilege of addressing you from this pulpit I preached on the subject of Christian Manliness. This morning my subject is somewhat analogous to that of last year's sermon, but it is chiefly on the subject of Christian Strength. Manliness and strength, you know, are intimately associated. I take as my text the words from I. Corinthians xvi. 13: Quit you like men—be strong. A regiment

is on the march. The road is dusty, the sun beats down his fiercest rays, the men are weary and listless, caring little how they march or where they go. A few taps upon the drums and the music of the band commences, infusing new life and energy into the men. At once they brighten and straighten up, they quicken their step and for the time being they forget half their ills. So we Christians are on the march. We have much to go through, much to discourage us. We have to go through clouds of sin, mires of temptation, sloughs of trouble, heavy roads of doubt, and as we go on our way from time to time the word of God reaches us as martial music, giving us new strength and enabling us to do better than in the past."

Before concluding, Rev. Mr. Forneret said a few pointed words to the men on maintaining the morality of the regiment. "I don't expect a battalion to be like a Sunday-school class," he said, "but I want you to maintain the highest moral character you can. Not long ago a young man whom I had been advising to join a certain regiment told me he could not do so because the moral character of many of the men was not good. I am glad that regiment was not the Thirteenth. But such instances should make us pause and think. I appeal to every officer and man to do his best to keep up a high standard of morality in the corps. How many of you are there who never come to church except on church parade. (Smiles.) Every man should come to church at least once every Sunday. That is not a very high standard, but it is higher than some of the members of this regiment have reached so far and I hope you will all try to live up to it."

After the return of the regiment to the Armory, Lieut.-Col. Gibson addressed them. After apologizing for his own failure to attend drills, owing to legislative duties, and promising to do better in future, he strongly urged upon the men the necessity of turning out well at every drill between this and the Queen's Birthday. He reminded them that as the holders of the Gizowski cup they must acquit themselves with credit and that they must also prepare themselves to do battle for the trophy next fall, and hold it against all comers.

The parade state returns were as follows: A 43, B. 35, C 31, D 29, E 32, F 31, G 32, H 37. The total attendance was 352. The field and staff officers present were Lieut.-Col. Gibson, Major McLaren, Brevet-Major Stoneman, Adjutant Stuart, Assistant Surgeon Rennie, Chaplain Forneret.

Major Stoneman has an invitation to take company A to Alton on Dominion Day, and it is likely the boys will go.

Cantering along a pleasant country road is not an unprofitable way to spend Sunday morning, especially if you believe with Shakespeare that there are sermons in stones, books in the running brooks, and good in everything. Eighteen non-commissioned officers and trumpeters of the Hamilton field battery paraded at the gunsheds at eight o'clock Sunday, 21 May with horses supplied by the men themselves, and, after saddling up, left for a