

VOLUNTEER INSPECTION.

Last week the different Companies composing the 49th Battalion were inspected by Lieut. Colonel Shaw, Brigade Major, accompanied by Colonel Brown. The Trenton Company we learn turned out about 30 men, and made a soldierly appearance. The Sidney Company exceeded any former inspection, turning out over 50 men, and were highly complimented by the inspecting officer, and colonel of the battalion. This company has "picked up" so rapidly since the last inspection that they are prepared to take their position with any company in the Province. Stirling was next visited. The turn out of this company was not so good as usual, still the company made a respectable appearance, and showed that the men had been well instructed in their drill. of the inspection in Madoc correspondence writes; "The Madoc corps of Volunteers, No. 4 company, 49th battalion, was inspected yesterday. There were present on parade one officer, the Captain and forty-two men rank and file. The company was inspected by Lieut. Col. Brown, M. P., commanding officer of the 49th battalion of Volunteer Militia. Lieut. Col. Shaw highly complimented the captain on the strength and physique of the men, and expressed the opinion that the company would, in that respect, not be inferior to any company that he had inspected. He also expressed himself highly satisfied with the improvement in the men in almost every respect. The company was also highly complimented by Lieut. Col. Brown, who told the captain that he should be proud of the company under his command. Major Wallace, of Whitby, also passed a few flattering remarks on the company, and gave them some very useful hints as to what would tend to improve them, both in soldier-like appearance and efficiency." Tyendinaga company was inspected under difficulties, the captain being ill and the Lieutenant attending the Military School still the turn out was very good. In Belleville, the Rifles, No. 1 company, turned out over forty men, and went through their inspection with a steadiness and precision that would have done credit to a company of the line.

The Inspection of the 15th Battalion was postponed till some time in February.—*Belleville Intelligencer*.

MILITARY CONCERT.

The Concert given by the Band of the Wellington Battalion was every thing that could be desired by all concerned. The audience was large, immense, the performance was excellent, and, therefore none have cause to complain. We were agreeably disappointed in the Band, it is not yet 12 months since they were first organized, and now they play with remarkable skill. The conductor Mr. Vale, deserves great praise for the rapid strides they have made under his tuition. In another year or so they will be one of the best Bands on the continent. We have heard but one remark in reference to their playing, and that is of their highest admiration. The singing of the Misses Holden and Miss Fraser was much admired, the latter has a powerful voice filling the Hall with ease, the former sung with great accuracy and peculiar sweetness; the duett of "Whippoorwill" was well rendered. Mr. Martin sang a couple of comic songs in very

good style, especially for such a "bashful man." The violin solos by Messrs Bain and Vail were excellent, and deservedly called forth rapturous applause. Our fair towns woman Miss McLean, sang in good style "The Blind girl and her Harp." The comic song of Messrs Harris and Piteher was capital, the costume of the former was something unique, he has such an extraordinary development of a white pocket kerchief. We have not space to particularise each song or speech of its merits, suffice to say that the performance gave the utmost satisfaction, and that the warm reception given must have been highly gratifying to the various performers as well as to Major Clarke, who has taken a warm interest in it from the beginning. We were pleased to see Captain Thompson of Hollin and Surgeon Tuck of Trayton, present in uniform, along with other officers from a distance.—*North Wellington Times*.

THE NEW YORK FENIAN ADDRESS TO THE ENGLISH SYMPATHISERS.

The Senate of the Fenian Brotherhood in America has published an address "to the liberty loving people of England." The purport of the address, which is dated New York, Dec. 12, is first to thank those Englishmen who endeavored to save the lives of the Manchester convicts; and, secondly, to convince "the people of England" that the Fenians have no quarrel with them, Republicans like themselves (so says the address), but only with their aristocratic rulers. The English people are appealed to as "Brothers," and the opening paragraph of the manifesto runs thus: "We address you by the most endearing title which the sons of men can apply in their intercourse with each other; first, because we desire that you should understand that between you and us there is no quarrel or division that should separate the members of the great human family; and, secondly, because gratitude—that feeling to which the race were present has never been insensible—prompts us to recognize an indissoluble bond of union between you and us, in the sympathy which you have expressed with the efforts of our people to obtain that freedom for the enjoyment of which the Almighty evidently designed the nations with which He has peopled the earth, and the efforts which you have made to save our brethren recently condemned in Manchester, under the barbarous provisions of feudal law, from a death against which humanity revolted, and against which the united verdict of the civilized world has justified your protest. Your action on that sad occasion demands our warmest acknowledgments, even as both go to prove the great brotherhood of all mankind, which the selfishness of corrupt men and the ambition of tyrants alone interfere to prevent in this advanced age of the world." Were we to fail to recognize your humane exertions in behalf of those men of our race who have been sacrificed to the necessities of an aristocratic government we should be wanting in the exhibition of the loftiest attributes which distinguish the freeman from the slave; still more would we appear deficient could we forget or overlook the action of your noble country woman, or fail to express our veneration for the name and the virtues of Caroline of Queensberry, who in the darkest hour of the martyr's trial came like an angel of mercy to dispel the gloom of the fate to which political rancor and oppression had condemned them, and to light their path to the patriot's

grave with the light of virtue and the holiest offices of Christian charity. He in whose sight a cup of cold water bestowed in his name is precious, can alone adequately reward such deeds; but wherever a child of the Irish race is found throughout the earth that ministering act of mercy shall be remembered; and in the hearts of a whole people the name of Caroline of Queensberry shall be enshrined, surrounded by a halo before which the earthly diadems of queens shall pale."

THE POPE'S HIGHLAND BRIGADE.

We were told the other day that Major Gordon and a band of Highland "Catholics" had descended from their native mountains and gone to Rome to fight for their faith. Everybody was startled, for it was not supposed that the old faith was very flourishing in those parts. However, the men did go, in appropriate costume and with due flourish of bagpipes. A cruel correspondent to the *Tablet* now explains the mystery. The Highlanders, fine romantic fellows, following Major Gordon with a dash of the old '45 spirit, turn out to have been Irishmen from the streets of Glasgow; and instead of being "accompanied by their own Highland priest," their spiritual guide is Dr. Moreau, a Belgian, who has been mainly instrumental in "getting up" both the men and the money—which was the first requisite. The same sort of agency which provides Glasgow Highlanders to order has set the Dutch at the head of the list of the Zouaves-furnishing nations. There are a good many poor in Dutch towns, and money well applied will turn a needy Hollander into a Zouave, just as it will turn a Glasgow Irishman into a Highland "Catholic."—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The 44th and 56th Regiments at Aldershot and the 72nd Highlanders are under orders to leave for Ireland about the end of January.

The Rev. William Ross, chaplain to the 42nd Highlanders, has been appointed by the Commander-in-chief to be Presbyterian chaplain to the Abyssinian Expedition.

Major-General Belfour, who is to be principal assistant of Sir Henry Storks as Comptroller-in-Chief, was one of the principal agents in founding and carrying out a similar scheme of control in India.

A CHRISTMAS BOX.—The non-commissioned officers and men of the 43rd Light Infantry, who are entitled to the Banda and Kirwee prize money, received their first instalment on the 24th ult. at Aldershot, the private's share amounting to £50, and the sergeants to £100.

Mr. Goldwin Smith is about to take up his residence in the United States, for the purpose of writing a history of that country. He evidently knows what he is about, and may safely count on a good commercial stroke, if he only lays it on thick enough to suit the American taste.

During the Crimean war, a lady was distributing tracts to the occupants of the ward of an hospital, and was excessively shocked to hear own poor fellow laugh at her. She stopped to reprove the wretched patient. "Why ma'am," says he, "you have given me a tract on the sin of dancing, when I have got both legs shot off."