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We shall feel obliged to such to forward all information of this kind as early as possible, so that we may reach us in time for publication.



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"Unbribed, unbought, our swords we draw,
To guard the Monarch, fence the law."

OTTAWA, MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1870.

—Not yet having had time to revise our Subscription List, to the end that all in arrears may be struck off our books, we have come to the conclusion to send this and the next number to all our subscribers as usual.

—We beg leave to inform our subscribers in the Province of Ontario, that LT.-COL. LOVELACE is the only authorised Agent of THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW, to whom subscriptions will be paid, and his receipt will be binding on us. COL. LOVELACE is an officer of considerable experience, and we trust that the officers of the Force in the West will give him the same fraternal greeting as their brethren in the East have done.

THERE is at all times something sad if not regretful in leave-taking. It means the severing of old ties and associations;—stepping forward as it were from the light of the present into the darkness of the future; leaving halls where every face is familiar to encounter strange obstacles and unfamiliar things congregated beyond the usual circle of our life. Hope may nerve our hearts and fit us for the ordeal when looking back upon the lighted windows of the past through which we catch faint reflections of a scene in which we can no longer participate. It is like the mariner of old venturing forth upon an unknown sea, the storms, the shoals, the rocks, the many dangers of which he can only know by encountering; or, like the traveller in unexplored countries, he arms himself, naturally expecting enemies upon the untrodden path he is about to explore, yet, amid all this he bears with him the recollection of dangers and difficulties overcome, and, perhaps, triumphs achieved, in the former time. And, although he may never return to the familiar halls the sound of whose closing doors was as a knell upon his departing footsteps; and though the ship he has freighted with his treasure may never reach her destined port, nor the traveller ever return to recount the wonders he had seen, yet there may be satisfaction to those who remember him that, in his day, he did his duty.

It is thus I feel in taking up my pen for the last time to address the readers of these pages. During the time I have edited them it has been my fortune to meet with many members of the Volunteer Force of Canada and to form friendships with not a few

which I hope will never suffer abatement. Mutual good offices have given us a claim to each others regard, and the inspiration of their countenance was ever an incentive to the proper discharge of a high duty. I leave them with regret, but shall ever remember, when employed in a more active and exciting sphere of journalistic life, the gratification I experienced during my connection with the Volunteers of Canada as Editor of THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW. It is, however, a pleasant reflection to know that I resign my chair to one who is able to fill it advantageously to the Force and with credit to the paper. The term of my editorship was to me both pleasing and profitable, and I shall ever retain a lively recollection of the kindness, courtesy and good-feeling ever extended to me when brought personally into contact with the Canadian Volunteers.

CARROLL RYAN.

THE first number of the fourth volume of the VOLUNTEER REVIEW contains the valedictory address of the talented gentleman who has conducted its editorial management almost since its first appearance in the ranks of Canadian journalism—himself a soldier, with an intimate knowledge of the routine of military life, and an enlightened appreciation of the intimate connection existing between science, its rapid development as applied to the mechanism of warfare and the necessary revolution in military organization, combined with rare literary powers, has enabled the REVIEW, under his management, to keep abreast of the progress of the day.

An opportunity of filling a more extended sphere as a journalist is the cause why his connection with the REVIEW as its chief Editor is brought to a termination, much to the regret of the personnel of that journal, and of no individual more than the one who is to succeed him in the Editorial Department.

It is not necessary to point out to the readers of the REVIEW the cause of Carroll Ryan's successful management, which was due to his own ability, the savvy of his manners, and his intimate knowledge of the varied subjects with which he had to deal. The readers and correspondents of the REVIEW will assuredly join with his late associates in wishing him every success in the new field of labor which his energy has created.

It has been the custom of the conductors of the VOLUNTEER REVIEW to thank their patrons at the opening of each new volume for the generous support accorded to their enterprise, devoted as it is in all honesty and singleness of purpose to the noble object of diffusing correct ideas on military science throughout the Dominion, and endeavoring to secure for its *Representative Army*—the Volunteer force—the fullest possible measure of justice.