

Even the present measure of disestablishment is a more exigency of party politics which its original promoters would be glad to defer were it not that the feelings of the people of England have been aroused and justice to all classes, without reference to creed, demanded for the people of Ireland by their fellow subjects across the channel.

The liberal sentiments of the present age are altogether opposed to a state religion, as the fundamental principle of liberty is freedom of conscience, which can never be entirely secure while one sect is allowed to dominate over all others. As might be expected society in Ireland is convulsed to its centre, and it will be a long time perhaps before one party will forget its bigotry and the other learn to be tolerant. Much disturbance and perhaps suffering may be the immediate result of disestablishment, but we have not the faintest doubt that eventually it will lead to the tranquil adjustment of those wrongs and miseries which have been united with the name of Ireland for centuries.

#### THE LATE GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS.

The late Sir Arthur Rumbold, Governor of the Virgin Islands, whose death was recently announced as having taken place on the 12th ultimo, served as a captain some years in H. M. 77th Regiment, and subsequently joined the Anglo-Turkish Cavalry soon after the commencement of the Russian war, with the rank of Major or second in command, and was attached to the Arab Brigade under the command of General Charles Havelock, late of H. M. 16th Lancers and brother to the celebrated general of that name. Lady Havelock accompanied her husband to the East and invariably rode on horseback by his side during the long and tedious march across the Balkans when the force were ordered from the Dardanelles to Choumlu. This amiable and accomplished lady died about a year since in the West Indies.

Both Sir Arthur and Lady Rumbold were esteemed and respected by all who had the pleasure of their acquaintance, and there is not an officer who served with him in the Arab Brigade but will bear with deep regret of the untimely death of their old friend and comrade the true hearted English gentleman and gallant soldier.—*Communicated.*

#### REVIEWS, &c.

*PETERS' MUSICAL MONTHLY* for July is just received, and ably sustains its well merited reputation of being one of the best, chaste, and most reliable musical monthlies published in the United States. The contents are:—"I Kissed her at the Gate," a remarkably sweet melody. "She Waits by the River for Me," a beautiful song by J. B. Sweet, Esq. "Daisy O' Lynn," a very pretty sentimental song. "O, Let me Kiss the Baby;" words and music by W. S. Hays,

Esq. "The Lovely Face that Won Me," "Home, Sweet Home," "Congenial Hearts," "Good Humor Waltz," "Rain on the Roof," "Little Maud," "Our Daily Toil is over Now," "Say, Sinner! Hath a Voice," "Praise the Lord; Ye Heavens Adore Him!" No lady's drawing room should be without this popular publication.

#### MONTREAL VS. HAMILTON.

We are indebted to a member of the Montreal team for the following special report of this interesting match:—

MONTREAL VS. HAMILTON.		VICTORIA RIFLE CLUB OF HAMILTON.	
NAMES.	500 yards.	600 yards.	800 yards.
Jas. Adam.....	3832334-22	4333334-24	4334444-24
C. R. Murphy, Esq.....	4444444-28	0034432-17	4444444-25
D. Nicholson, Esq.....	4444332-24	3340332-19	0433344-21
G. Munson.....	3444334-26	4443344-26	3043433-20
T. Freebome.....	3334444-25	4202333-17	4334334-24
J. J. Mason.....	4334433-24	3333332-21	3034334-20
R. A. Field, Esq.....	4444344-27	3344444-26	3334243-22
Capt. Worsley, 60th.....	4343444-26	4224334-22	4330424-20
Lt. McDougall.....	3443330-20	3333343-22	0043343-17
Jas. Nilton.....	4333333-22	3343333-22	2343433-22
Capt. E. Jallo.....	4333444-25	3323243-20	0340334-17
John F. Nilton.....	4220200-16	3343330-20	3322240-16
	130	132	114
MONTREAL RIFLE CLUB.		VICTORIA CLUB.	
NAMES.	1,000 yds.	Grand total.	Rifle used.
Mtford.	0243333-18	93	Rigby.
Rigby.	2224332-20	88	Whitworth.
Mtford.	4333344-25	84	Ingram.
Mtford.	2304333-18	84	Granger Rigby.
Mtford.	2333433-21	83	Whitworth.
Mtford.	0233343-18	64	Granger Rigby.
	406	528	

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#### RECAPITULATION.

VICTORIA CLUB.—Bulls' eyes.....	55	220
Centres.....	78	234
Outers.....	21	42
Misses.....	14	—
	168	496
Average per man.....	82	666
do do shot.....	2	952
MONTREAL CLUB.—Bulls' eyes.....	73	288
Centres.....	74	223
Outers.....	9	18
Misses.....	13	—
	168	538
Average per man.....	82	—
do do shot.....	3	142
The Hamilton men shot in a heavy South-		

west wind, but with good light. The Montrealers had the great disadvantage of very changeable light all through the afternoon and heavy rain at 800 yards and 1,000 yards.

It will be seen that the longer distance of each class the Montrealers made a few points over their adversaries, but at the 500 and 800, where the light was very unsteady they fell hopelessly behind. They acknowledge a fair beating and offer their confreres a match of four a side at 800, 900 and 1,000 yards, 15 shots at each. The four Montrealers to be Field, Worsley, McDougall and Esdaile.

#### REMITTANCES.

Received on Subscription to THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW, up to Saturday the 17th inst.

OTTAWA.—Capt. W. P. L., \$2; Lt. S., G. F. B., \$2.

MONTREAL.—By Lt. Col. Lovelace, Agent—Capt. F. C., \$4; Col. B., G.T.B., \$4; Col. G., G.T.B., \$4; Capt. W., G.T.B., \$2; Capt. M., \$2; Capt. H., \$2; Capt. T., G.T.B., \$2.

BRANTFORD.—Major L., \$2.

BOURG LOUIS, PORANEUF, Que.—Major P., \$2.

MONTREAL.—Capt. S., \$2.

#### THE STAFF.

To the Editor of THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

SIR:—In your paper of the 5th July appears an article on the proposed testimonial to Col. MacDougall, late Adjutant General, in which (after doing justice to that officer for his exertions on behalf of the Volunteer Force) you remark on the discussion in Parliament relative to the reduction in the paid staff and very justly deprecate any such shortsighted retrenchment and point out the necessity of retaining in the service a body of officers who by their experience and knowledge of their profession will be capable if the necessity should occur, of shaping and moulding into proper form the Militia Volunteers of this country. But you seem to have overlooked the fact that from the Militia Department itself without any outside pressure has proceeded a reduction of a portion of the staff which is as absolutely necessary to the efficiency of a battalion as the Headquarters Staff is to the whole service, viz:—the Adjutant and Battalion instructor who by the last paragraph of No. 1 General Orders of the 24th June last, are summarily dismissed from the service, substituting in lieu thereof a miserable allowance of \$25 per company; for which sum the Department expect to have the multifarious duties and responsibilities hitherto undertaken by these officers performed, I presume by some strapping fellow from the Military School without social influence, tact or experience.

Of the necessity for the employment of these officers and the benefit accruing to the service thereby, I quote from the Militia Report of 1867. In that report Col. MacDougall states as one of the main drawbacks to the efficiency of the force, the want of a pro-