

plete victory, if they had followed up their success after breaking the British centre instead of halting and retiring to their former position, it is certain that the day was theirs as there were no reserves, the left had been beaten and obliged to retire, while the right was waging a very doubtful contest with the militia, but they let the opportunity slip and had their own right turned by the repulsed troops immediately afterwards.

Stedman, the historian of this war, thinks that if Lord Cornwallis had Tarleton's light troops which were lost on the 17th January, he would have annihilated General Greene's army; but there is nothing to warrant any such conclusion, simply because the British were in a hostile country without the necessary supplies and having no means of subsistence except by living on the inhabitants which had rapidly turned all the loyalists against them, and no number of men could retrieve the strategical errors of the whole campaign. It was an expedition of no practical use or value, and it failed through the utter impossibility of success.

PRESENTATION.

Last evening John S. McLean, Esq., was presented with a testimonial from the Scottish Volunteers, on the occasion of his retirement from the position of Captain of the Company. The place of assembling was the Halifax Hotel, where our good friend Heslein had provided a capital spread, the most noticeable feature of which was the absence of wines or other liquors except Tea and Coffee—which absence did not appear to be much regretted, if one might judge from the hilarity and good feeling manifested during the evening. The company in uniform and the guests of Mr. McLean sat down about half-past eight, and after "tea" Mr. McLean called upon all present to fancy they had drank the health of the Queen and to give three cheers for Her Majesty, which was done, the Highland Piper playing "God Save the Queen." J. N. Ritchie, Esq., the present Captain then proposed "three cheers for J. S. McLean our ex-Captain," which were given with great cordiality, the Piper and the company joining in "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Capt. Ritchie then informed Mr. McLean that he had been requested in the name and in behalf of the Scottish Volunteer Company to convey to their ex-Captain a testimonial of their feeling towards him.

The Epergne was then uncovered. The following is a description of this testimonial; an Epergne consisting of a palm tree, a large glass for fruits on the top with three branches with glasses. At the foot of the tree an Ostrich. The tree standing on a large plateau of imitation of rock work, on which is engraved the following inscription, cut by Corporal Stenhouse, S. V. R.

"Presented by the members of Scottish Volunteer Rifles to Captain John S. McLean on his resigning the command of the Company, January 1870."

The above article was purchased from J. Cornelius.

After it was uncovered Capt. J. N. Ritchie read the following address on presenting the testimonial.

We, the Members of the Scottish Volunteer Rifle Company, cannot permit you to retire from among us without expressing our appreciation of the many and valuable services you have rendered to the Company, and of the great loss we have sustained by the resignation of our oldest member, and one so universally respected and beloved.

The confidence reposed in you by the Company ever since its organization in 1859, has been more than repaid by the energy and zeal you have constantly exhibited in the performance of your various duties, and the active part you have always taken in promoting its welfare and efficiency.

The courtesy and kindness which have invariably characterized your intercourse with the individual members, and the unanimity and good feeling which have prevailed among us when under your command, we will always remember with gratitude and pleasure. And while we cannot but deeply regret our loss, it is some consolation to know that in severing your connection with us, you have only yielded to the requirements of more pressing and extensive duties, and that we still possess your sympathy and regard.

In taking leave of you we offer our best wishes for your future happiness and prosperity, and we trust you will accept the accompanying gift in remembrance of the many pleasant hours we have spent together as comrades in the ranks of the Scottish Volunteer Rifle Company.

In behalf of the Company,
 J. NORMAN RITCHIE, }
 BERKELY B BOND, } Committee.
 J. SCOTT MITCHELL, }
 HENRY STOREY, }
 JOHN D. McKINTOSH, }

Ex-Captain McLean replied as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the Scottish Volunteer Co.

GENTLEMEN:—I most sincerely and heartily thank you for the kind but flattering Farewell Address just presented to me. It is certainly a most agreeable and pleasing termination to ten years intimate and almost daily intercourse with so large a number of Young Gentlemen, to find them come forward so unanimously to express both by word and deed their respect and esteem for one who is quite conscious that he has done very little to merit either.

I assure you it is with unfeigned regret that I leave you. I have always received from every member of the Company the utmost courtesy and kindness, and with a number of you I have formed friendship which I feel convinced will remain during life. Your magnificent Gift will be highly prized, and in future years will recall many a pleasant hour spent in soldiering with the "Scottish."

I beg to express to you all, individually and collectively, my most earnest desire that you may have a happy and prosperous future, and I am sure the Scottish Company under its new and popular Captain will do no discredit to its past honorable record.

Behave me, Gentlemen,
 Faithfully and sincerely yours,
 (Signed) J. S. McLEAN.

The epergne was, at the conclusion of the answer, transferred to the head of the table, after which Captain McLean spoke feelingly on the subject of his separation from the Company, with which he had been connected for 10 years. He said that during all that time he had had almost weekly intercourse

with the Company, and he was proud to say that there had never been any quarrel between the men. He believed that never had two members met not been on speaking terms with each other, and, what was better, never had there been in all those years any slight or affront from privates to an officer. Mr. McLean concluded by calling upon His Worship the Mayor, who, in a very characteristic speech, eulogized the Captain, who received, and the Company who presented, such an elegant tribute, in testimonial of the severance of long existing ties, as that before him. He trusted (and the press were warned by Mr. McLean not to mention the Mayor's suggestions, but they don't always obey requests) that Mr. McLean would be called to give the Common Council of the city the benefit of that energy and ability which he had so signally displayed, not only in the volunteer organization, but in other associations in the city. Mr. Tobin called upon ex-Mayor Hill to make a speech. Mr. Hill reverted to Mr. McLean's private worth, as he himself had seen it exhibited on many occasions.

Hon. W. J. Stairs told of Mr. McLean's public spiritedness, and gave a short sketch of Mr. McLean's business career, edacing thereto a moral for all young men.

H. Blanchard, Esq., spoke feelingly upon the same subject.

Private Smith gave a song.

Then followed short speeches from Major McKinlay, Col. Bremner, Captain Ritchie, Messrs. P. Jack, Geo. H. Troop, W. J. Fraser, S. A. White, (who responded very finely on behalf of the bachelor portion of the Company), the representative of the Reporter, and J. N. Sharp, of the Citizen. Shortly before 11 o'clock the Company dispersed, having enjoyed themselves amazingly.—The Reporter and Times, Halifax.

THE GUNBOAT PRINCE ALFRED.—The repairs to the Prince Alfred are making fast progress, and will be finished in due time. The fore-castle is being fitted up in excellent style, with 18 bunks, for the crew and fireman. We venture to say, no crew on the lake will have equally comfortable and commodious quarters. The compartment for the marines contains 39 berths, with plenty of space in the centre. The kitchen adjoining will be complete in its own way, with pumps, pantry and store room, conveniently arranged. To protect the boilers against any damage from shot, in the event of an engagement, the coal bunkers are to be carried along each side. The fire engine has been removed from aft into the engine room, and can be used for three several purposes: In case of a fire to put it out; in case of a leak, to pump the vessel dry; and in case of an enemy attempting to board, the hose can be led on deck to repel the boarders by playing hot water on them. On each side, at the end of the engine room, a neat apartment is divided off for the use of the engineer and the second engineer. Then follows the mess-room, around which six state-rooms will be fixed up for the officers. Of this portion no idea can be given until the decorations are completed. All the partitions are cleared off the deck, that the vessel may be worked, fore and aft, to better advantage. When completed, the Prince Alfred will be manned with six guns, and iron plated all over. She will then be a formidable defence to our coast. Mr. Simpson, of Toronto, the contractor, is performing the work in an efficient and trust worthy manner.—Godrich Signal.