

column by the left. They then wheeled to the right and formed line to the right of the rear company. Advancing in echelon from the left they formed company square and prepared to receive cavalry. On reforming company they changed to the right and reformed line. After advancing in line they formed quarter column on No. 6 Company, and Sergt. Cowley's detachment were ordered out to the right. The whole regiment were then marched up in square to the front of the platform, where the Marchioness of Londonderry presented the prizes as follows: Lord Londonderry's Prize for Shell Competition.—1st. Sergeant Cowley, of the Silksworth Detachment, 201. National Artillery Association's Prize for Forty-pounder Gun Competition.—1st., Sergt.-Major W. Lumsden, 201. Statistical Department's Prize, for the highest scores for Forty-pounder guns during the meeting.—1st., Sergeant R. Cowley, 81.

In presenting the Statistical Department's prize to Sgt. R. Cowley, of Silksworth, the Marchioness of Londonderry shook hands with the recipient, congratulated him upon his success in winning the Queen's Prize, and assuring him that it was a grand thing to have done, and that they were all proud of him.

Certificate of Merit for Good Drill.—1st., Bombardier Parkinson. Colonel Brooshoft's Prize for 40-pounder Armstrong Gun Competition.—Sergt. Westman and his detachment: 81. for the sergeant, and 81 2nd each for gunners: E. Wright, G. Halliday, C. Saunders, J. Wallace, W. Hardy, G. Dobson, J. Shoraton, and J. Ogilvie. The Canadian Prize, presented by Lieutenant-Colonel Oswald, of the Canadian Artillery, for the highest score with 40-pounder shot competition in each week.—1st., Sergt. Westman and his detachment.

The money value of this prize was given to the successful detachment, but the prize itself was reserved to be held as a trophy of prowess by the brigade. It represents a block of ice, surmounted by a field gun on a sleigh as used in Canada during the winter. It is entirely of native production, having been designed and made by a silver-smith in Montreal.

In reference to this prize Lord Londonderry said that as it was impossible to divide the beautiful cup given by Colonel Oswald, and in order that it might be handed down to the regiment as a trophy, he had agreed to give the value of the prize in money, to be divided among the detachment. No. 1 of the company would receive £10, and £40 would be divided among the others. They would be photographed with the cup, and their names placed on the card, and the cup itself would be handed down in memory of Colonel Oswald having come from Canada.

The Most Hon. the Marquis of Londonderry, in addressing the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 2nd Durham Artillery, said that he must revert to the sad calamity of last year, which prevented their meeting as they had done that day. Last year many of their comrades who had distinguished themselves at Shoeburyness were, through the intervention of Divine Providence, not spared to enjoy the triumphs which they had achieved. All they could do was to cherish the memory of those who were once gallant companions in arms. This year they met once more, and there was only one sad remembrance to mar their pleasure, which was the loss of one of their comrades by his accidentally falling out of the railway carriage when en route to Shoeburyness. It was a great satisfaction for him to know that an ample subscription had been raised, in order, as far as human power could do, to alleviate the misery and suffering of the bereaved wife and children of their deceased comrade. It was his province, as it was his great pleasure, to thank them for their attendance on that occasion, and for their cleanliness, orderly appearance on parade, and general attention to their duties. He had heard a rumour of some discontent amongst them at the presentation of prizes which they had justly won being delayed. For the delay he, and he alone, was responsible. He might say that it was impossible for him to take the regiment to the reviews at Windsor or Edinburgh, inasmuch as he felt they would not take their proper place when divided into sections, or

appear to such advantage as when they were assembled in their entirety, and he might say uniqueness. It took a considerable time before the money for the prizes was paid over, and that partially accounted for the delay. He also had another object in view, which was that he wished to ask Lord Londonderry to present the prizes, at a time when the entire regiment was on parade, near their own home, and in their own neighbourhood. He had also another object in view, and that was to show Col. Oswald—who had come from the Canadian Dominion, and not for the first time visited the North of England—a regiment of volunteers in its entirety which was the equal of any regiment in the Artillery service of England. These were the reasons why the delay occurred, and he did not believe any man would imagine that he had not acted rightly. He had thus had an opportunity of showing what he valued particularly, namely, the regiment on parade, to Col. Oswald, who had kindly honored them with his company that day. He (Col. Oswald) had presented to the National Artillery Association one of the most beautiful prizes which it was ever his lot to see. On many occasions it had been his pleasure to congratulate them upon their success at Shoeburyness, but he felt he had the greatest satisfaction in seeing them present the day, inasmuch as he had the chance of showing what a regiment could do, and what it was in its entirety as uniqueness. He returned them again his sincere thanks. It had been his duty to address them on that occasion, and he hoped it would be on future occasions, and he hoped the regiments whose interest he had at heart and who he had commanded for 21 years, would go on progressing, and he need hardly recall to their notice the words of the pastor at Shoeburyness, "to conduct themselves like soldiers." He hoped and believed the men of the 2nd Durham Artillery Volunteers would always acquit themselves like men.

Colonel Oswald said, on behalf of the Dominion of Canada, which he had the honor to represent as commander of the first team sent to Shoeburyness, he had to thank them very much for the opportunity they had given him of being present at the inspection of so magnificent a brigade of British artillery volunteers. It would be a great pleasure when he returned, to tell their brother volunteers in Canada what he had that day seen. They had been very anxious to get up their brigades of artillery such a strength as they (the 2nd Durham) had, and to associate with them guns of position. He was extremely anxious to see their brigade, and he had to thank Lord Londonderry for having given him that opportunity, and he had also to thank the brigade. He could only say, on behalf of the Canadian volunteers, that if ever the time came, as come it might, when their services might be required in supporting the honor of the land and flag of the all loved, he hoped they would be found in the ranks, and shoulder to shoulder with the stalwart men of the Durham Volunteers.

The men were then marched back by way of Marlborough street, Blandford place, Church street, North Terrace, and round to the Drill Hall, where they were addressed by his lordship on matters affecting the regiment. His lordship spoke of the advisability of the crown there being the property and in possession of a regiment generally. The expenses of the detachment going to Shoeburyness, and their maintenance while there were paid by the regiment, which, he considered, was entitled to retain the prizes as trophies. He was president of the National Artillery Association, and he had no doubt that the rules of the Association would be so altered that this practice he referred to might be carried out in future. In the evening the whole of the officers of the brigade were entertained to dinner at the Seaham Hall. The rest of the regiment was present, and in compliment to Col.