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Adjutants and Officers of Corps throughout the Provinces are particularly requested to favor us regularly with weekly information concerning the movements and doings of their respective Corps, including the fixtures for drill, marching out, rifle practice, &c.

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

CLUBS! CLUBS! CLUBS!

For the purpose of extending an advantage to the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN of the FORCE, we have decided to send "THE REVIEW" to BATTALION and COMPANY CLUBS of TEN and UPWARDS at the rate of \$1.50 per annum for each copy.

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The Volunteer Review,

AND MILITARY AND NAVAL GAZETTE.

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

OTTAWA, MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1867.

RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

It is very gratifying to us to find that our efforts to induce the Volunteers of the Dominion to form Rifle Associations have been attended with such entire success, and the numerous matches of which we give weekly reports attest the spirit with which this matter has been taken in hand by the Volunteers of all sections. As showing the truth and necessity of what we urged concerning a Rifle Association, we clip the following from the *Volunteer Service Gazette* (England) of the 21st Sept.:—"We transcribe to-day an article from the *Ottawa Volunteer Review*, strongly urging the propriety of a Rifle Association for Canada. We hope this suggestion will be promptly entered upon, and that Canada, whose safety may at any moment depend, in a great measure, upon the Volunteers, will not be left without the great stimulus to such a force as is afforded

by a national association for the encouragement of rifle shooting." We are happy to find that there is now every probability of such an institution being established, and that the New Dominion will not be unrepresented at the next grand annual rifle match in England. No better time than the present could be selected when so many Volunteers are collected in the Capital for the Ottawa Tournament, and we hope to see this matter put in proper shape before the end of the week.

CAPTAIN BRIDGEWATER AND THE VOLUNTEERS.

It has been our pleasing duty on more than one occasion to chronicle accounts of the lectures delivered by Capt. Bridgewater in various parts of the western Province, from all of which places we have received the most flattering testimonials in his behalf, and we have been informed that he has done the Volunteer Service an immense benefit in the places where he has lectured. Volunteering, which is now one of the established institutions of our country, requires to be well fostered that its efficiency may be developed to the highest possible standard. The efforts of such men as Captain Bridgewater tend greatly to infuse that enthusiastic attachment to military matters which, having its foundation upon the firm basis of national patriotism, will secure to the country an army of citizen soldiers which will be the very best safeguard to our liberties and independence. It gives us great satisfaction to record the success which has attended the efforts of this worthy gentleman, and we sincerely hope he will extend his tour to other parts of the Dominion where he is sure of a hearty reception from the Volunteers of all ranks. While upon this subject it might be well to say a few words about the approaching winter season and the best means to be adopted to secure a good attendance at drill. There are very few places that do not possess buildings erected or appropriated for the purpose of drilling, and it only lies with those in command to carry out the object for which they were appointed. Captains of companies should especially exert themselves, for more particularly upon them will the responsibility rest of securing the efficiency of their corps. There is no way in which young men could better employ their spare hours during the long winter evenings than by acquiring a knowledge of the rifle and of military movements. Besides the great moral benefit which accrues to a community from the association for drill, there is a physical advantage gained by each volunteer which he will soon learn to value and appreciate, while the habits of attention and discipline, which he unconsciously acquires, fit him more than any other schooling to take his place in the world. So we advise our friends to lose no time in preparing for the coming winter by establishing Drill and Rifle Associations; the Government has been

liberal in this respect, and it only remains with the Volunteers themselves to take advantage of the facilities at their disposal.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

NOTE.—All communications addressed to the Editor of the VOLUNTEER REVIEW, must be accompanied by the correct name and address of the writer, to insure attention.

"J. A. C., Toronto.—Your communication is received, and attended to as you desire.

"FROTHIER."—Forward your M. S., and if found suitable, we will publish it.

"S. P., Montreal.—You will find the regulations on the subject of troops &c., pressing riots, on page 75 of Major Dixon's "Volunteers' Active Service Manual."

"ANCIENT BRITON."—As your dispute is of a purely personal nature, we cannot open our columns for its discussion.

PROSPECTS OF WAR.

(From the *United Service Gazette*.)

Our pleasant contemporary *Fun*, whose wit sharpens and whose humor brightens and becomes more genial every week, has an excellent cartoon in last week's number. We do not allude to the drawing or engraving, although both are very good, but to the idea, which is capital, and which gives an excellent notion of the political situation in Europe at the present moment. The Angel of Peace opens her Temple, and invites two great potentates to enter. On the one side stands the Emperor of the French, twirling his traditional moustache, and smiling his traditional grim smile; and on the other is to be noticed the King of Prussia, bowing with unusual fussiness of manner, and gesticulating courteously to the Commander of fifty legions. Each invites the other to enter first, with the trite, "After you, Sir!" but neither stirs, and the Angel stands disconsolate at the door of her neglected temple. Now, that is exactly how affairs stand in Continental Europe at the present time. All the great military powers cry "Peace, peace!" but all, with equal energy and perseverance, prepare for war, and the sound of the armours' labor dominate over and drown the honeyed sentiments which Princes exchange in print and at personal interviews.

We hold it to be an almost mathematical certainty that France and Prussia will be hard at it before two years are about. We care not what may be the pretence, whether rectification of frontier on the one side, or unification of nationalities on the other, the real cause will be that Prussia has stolen a march to the front as the greatest European military power, and that France cannot afford to allow her to retain that position. The war will be a war of sentiment, if ever there was one; and it will be a terrible one for France will be trying to injure those whom she hates, and hates because she has injured them; and Prussia will have a two