

ting from a centre on which the letters "D. R." formed of helmet spikes stood out in bold relief, was the first ornamentation to strike the eye as having been made for special effect; and indeed it was the only added decoration to those which constantly hang upon the walls. Upon the piano, and directly beneath the star above referred to, were statuettes of Lord Wolseley and Gen. Gordon.

The band of the regiment was stationed in the band room above the Orderly Rooms, and discoursed a programme of excellent music during the evening, the distance lending an added charm to the music as it came subdued and softened to add its quota to the hum which arose from the hundreds of voices present. The programme was varied by songs from Miss Robinson, Miss Foster, and Lieuts. Sweet and McGlashan, and piano solos by Prof. Garratt. Refreshments were served in a prettily decorated room where tables were handsomely spread.

Toronto.—The sergeants' mess room in the New Garrison presented a pleasing appearance on the last night of the old year. The Scotch members of it had in a "canny" way prepared a spread for their comrades and invited the non-commissioned officers of the school, together with a few personal friends, to be present. The party numbered about thirty, and a pleasanter gathering it would be hard to find anywhere at this festive season. The well-known form of Staff-Sergeant Swanson occupied the chair, Sergeant Davis being in the vice-chair. On the right of the chairman was Sergeant-Major Spackman, who has served in the Imperial service and who was one of those wounded at Cut-Knife. Then there were Colour-Sergeant Crean, of the Queen's Own, who is at present attached to "C" Company for instruction; Armourer-Sergeant Oldbury, of the Queen's Own; Mr. Mar in, etc. There were only four toasts, namely:—"The Queen," "Our invited guests," "The war correspondents," who had been through the North-west campaign, with its marches, bivouacs and battles, with the members of "C" Company, and "Our fallen comrades." It is quite unnecessary to say that the toasts were honoured with all a soldier's enthusiasm. Round that board were men who had faced death on the battlefield, and had upheld the honour of the good old flag in the land of the setting sun. And they "fought their battles o'er again" while seated round the festive board in their own comfortable quarters. The commandant, Col. Otter, who is always pleased to see the boys enjoying themselves, granted leave to the non-commissioned officers to continue their festivities beyond the regulation hour, and this favour was duly appreciated by every one of them. Songs, speeches and toasts followed each other in rapid succession until the toast "Our fallen comrades" was proposed by the chairman. This was drunk in solemn silence. A pleasing incident of the evening was the presentation by the chairman, on behalf of Colour-Sergeant Cooper, who was severely wounded at Cut Knife, of an oil painting of himself to the non-commissioned officers of "C" Company. It is needless to say that they duly appreciated this valuable present from their old comrade-in-arms. At five minutes to midnight the party repaired to the parade opposite Col. Otter's quarters, and sang "Auld Lang Syne," after which they dispersed. Several members of "C" Company's band volunteered their services for the evening and did much towards the enjoyment of the party.—Mail.

GLEANINGS.

A correspondent of the Quebec Chronicle, referring to the letter which appeared in our issue of the 22nd, respecting the achievements of the 49th Regiment in Canada, adds the following particulars as to the fight at Crystler's farm from the records of an eye witness: that being the action where their gallant commander, Lieut.-Col. Plenderleath, was twice severely wounded and had three horses shot under him. In recognition of his bravery and services he was made C.B. and the recipient of the gold medal for "Crystler's Farm."

Colonel Harvy, A.G., ordered Lieut.-Col. Plenderleath to charge the enemy. At the time this order was given they were separated from the enemy by about 120 yards of ploughed, heavy, wet ground, intersected by two parallel snake fences that had to be pulled down. As they advanced their progress was much retarded and not a shot was fired to cover them. Consequently, there being nothing to disconcert the enemy's fire, it was well directed from riflemen and artillery, and in the short space of ten minutes, or even less, they lost in killed and wounded eleven officers out of eighteen, and men in proportion, and had it not been for the intuitive faculty of the gallant Colonel Plenderleath, who redeemed the error that had been caused by the Adjutant-General's inexperience in field movements, a greater disaster might have occurred. The following is the list of officers: Killed—Armstrong, Lorimier, Nairne. Wounded—Plenderleath, Bastley, Richmond, Clanse, Holland, Morton, Johnston, Jones. Not Hurt—Ormond, Ellis Sewell, Danford, Memrow, Westrap, Whitewick.

The late Lieut.-Col. Plenderleath was well known to many old residents both in Quebec and Hamilton, Ont.; and also Col. John Sewell, another of the old veterans of that day, belonging to that regiment. The former is closely allied to Charles V. M. Temple, of the Q. O. Canadian Hussars, Quebec, and who has furnished Mr. J. M. Lemoine, the well-known Archaeologist, with a portfolio containing many letters written by Col. Plenderleath in the field, as well as many clippings from the Times and military papers of that date.

WINNIPEG.—In the course of a speech in reply to the toast of the Army and Navy, at the medical students' dinner here, on the 22nd ult., Dr. Codr, of the Mounted Infantry School, said that he had now been seventeen years in the service of the Militia of Canada, and naturally had had some experience with hospital work, sergeant-dressers, etc., but he could honestly say that he never met with any showing such ability in their several positions of duty as the gentlemen attached to the Ambulance Corps and the assistances to the surgeons of the field force in the late campaign. "Several of those gentlemen," he continued, "are present here to-night. I am sure Dr. Orton, our late brigade-surgeon (I don't mean late in sense of duty, for he was always on deck morning, noon and night), will bear me out in this statement. I feel sure, gentlemen, the services rendered by these gentlemen will not be forgotten by the Department or the Surgeons under whom they served."

Col. Fred C. Dennison, C.B., who accompanied Lord Wolseley's expedition last year, lectured on the 22nd before a large audience in Wesley church, Toronto, on "Egypt and the Soudan."

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By order,

A. P. BRADLEY,

Secretary.

Department of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, 9th December, 1885.