

forming comp'ny all over the square; but others were lounging listlessly about, and, inhuman wretches that they were, ranging themselves at a short distance from me, whence they could avenge themselves for their late sufferings by gazing upon a fellow-creature in the like condemnation. The corporal placed me where the sickly rays from a gas lamp made more hideous the grotesqueness of my movements. He put me in the attitude of 'tention—I thought it should be written tension, as pronounced—he adjured me to 'old up my ead, straighten my knees, kip my thumbs agin my forefingers, shove out my chest, putt in my stomach, and not stick my chin out like a con-juror a-balanem a little boy on the hend of a pole. No little difficulty attended a compliance with these requests of his; it was against my nature to stand upright without elevating the chin, and the tendency of my stomach was to stick out, and of my chest to go in. Moreover, the lookers-on, particularly the females, giggled, and that made my task more arduous. I really don't think I could say my alphabet if anybody giggled. However, by calling the corporal 'Sir,' I appeased his wrath, and enlisted his sympathies in my favor against the laughers, whom he rebuked—the males on the ground that 'they didn't do no better themselves at fust,' and the females, as being ready to laugh at 'anything they didn't understand.' Thus encouraged, I made desperate efforts, and drew in my stomach after the fashion of donkeys unwilling to be saddled; I managed to drop my chin to the proper position, and hoped that time and exercise would develop the chest.

My next trial was 'standing at ease,' a position in which I fancy I must have looked more comfortable than I was; besides, I couldn't for a long while smack my right hand smartly upon my left without looking at them, which the corporal objected to. I always struck the thumb of the one hand against the wrist of the other. However, after about twenty minutes' practice, I managed to perfect myself in that important movement for the repulse of an enemy. I sent the palms together with a loud report, twisted the left thumb over the right, passed the right hand over the back of the left, and never forgot to retire my right foot six inches—a feat of memory on my part which elicited the warm congratulations of the corporal. The 'balance movement without shifting ground' I found comparatively light work, for I had learned dancing; and the corporal didn't keep me half so long on one leg as M. Coulon had done. And so my first 'drill' was over. I found it much greater fun drilling in company; and after I had tipped the corporal half-a-crown, it was astonishing how rapidly I improved. He always managed to make me a right file, of which I was very glad at the time, but rather repented of when I had another drill-master, whom I couldn't tip, and who was anything but considerate. As soon as we were intrusted with rifles, and marched with trailed arms, I seldom escaped some personal injury. If I were a front-rank man, my rear-rank man never missed an opportunity of treading upon my heels; and if I were a rear rank man, my front-rank man always swung his rifle backwards and forwards, causing me agonies; while in ordering arms from the shoulder, from an over-anxiety to appear smart, I invariably dropped the butt of my rifle upon the little-toe of my right foot. But of all the sufferings I endured, none are to be compared with those of the 'fire-and-reload-kneeling-practice.' My logs, I am persuaded, were never intended to form a tripod; and though I have heard of 'sitting on your thumbs,' I am persuaded

that a human being was never intended by nature to sit upon his right heel! My instructor, however, expected it, and I had to do it. For three days, I attempted it, and failed—partly because the strain upon my right knee was more than I could bear—partly because I had on thin boots, and couldn't keep my right foot perpendicular; besides, gravel doesn't agree with my knee-cap. However, on the fourth day, having provided myself with a good-stiff pair of shooting-boots, I achieved the position, and was informed by the sergeant, whose opinion I dared not controvert, that I was then 'quite comfortable.' If he had not said so, I should have thought otherwise; but he had been in the Rifle Brigade, and wore medals and claps, and of course must know. Compared with the above, I felt relief even from 'position drill'; albeit, as respects that matter, 'all my mind is clouded with a doubt—I mean when you have to 'bring the butt of your rifle at the word 'three' sharply into the hollow of your right shoulder, raise the right elbow as high as the shoulder, and keep the left elbow well under the rifle, which is to be supported by the left hand alone.' It seemed to me they might as well have told me at once to leave the rheumatism in both arms. Still I submitted, for the sake of my country and my half-holiday; and I have at last become so steady, that I can put a penny close to the muzzle of my rifle, 'present,' and snap the trigger, without dropping the coin more than five times out of six. Another exercise which I practised was voluntary, but painful, yet, as it was strongly recommended by the sergeants for the development of my chest, I persevered in it like a spider; and this is the fashion of it—take your rifle in both hands, the right grasping the small of the butt, and the left the upper band; hold it in front of you horizontally, at the full extent of your arms, the trigger-plate towards you, and the hammer of course from you. At the word 'one,' throw your arms forward about six inches; 'two,' lift them up to their full extent (turning the hammer upwards), so as to bring the rifle horizontally over the crown of your head; 'three,' bring the rifle sharply down behind your back as far as you can, keeping your knuckles turned from you. You'll find, if you do this fifty times, that it's very good for the chest.

Marching in sections and sub-divisions, I don't think I shall ever master; I never know whether I'm in a right or left sub-division, and the language I have caused my officers to use is awful: I almost think it would be a Christian act upon my part if I were to retire. Forming four deep, too, is another crux to me; its easy enough, I know, even if you're left file, and if you're a right file, of course you've only to stand still—I ought to be able to take one pace to the rear with my left foot, and then one pace to the right with my right foot; indeed, I can do it when I'm alone in my own room. I got four pair of boots, and went through the drill with them quite well; but as soon as the boots become inhabited by human beings, I'm abroad again. Nevertheless, since I have joined the movement, my appetite is better, I must allow; and my cousin thinks I'm more upright, although I can't get my legs straight.

GOVERNMENT CHANGES IN JAMAICA.—Sir J. P. Grant has given permission for the disinterment of the remains of the late G. W. Gordon, and for their reburial in the Gordon Chapel, Morant Bay. He has dismissed Gordon Ramray from all public employment. The Governor has issued a circular to the clerks of the several vestries in the

island, informing them that parishes must henceforth be relieved of the expenses heretofore incurred for ecclesiastical purposes. Sir J. P. Grant is anything but popular with the planter class, who designate him as the "Bengal tiger," and the "Negro Governor." The title to one of which he may certainly be proud.

PRESENTATION.

A correspondent of the *Waterloo Chronicle* reports the following:—On Tuesday evening, the 19th instant, a few friends of Lieut.-Col. Goodman met in Mr. J. Wagner's hall, to present him with a very handsome present, in proof of their estimation of the services he rendered on the occasion of the late Fenian invasion; of the many sacrifices of time and means he made to the Volunteer cause, and for him personally as a warm-hearted friend and thorough gentleman. The presentation consisted of a beautiful gold hunting-case watch and chain (valued at about \$175), with the following engraving:—"Presented to Lieut.-Col. Goodman by his friends at New Hamburg, as a slight recognition of his services as a Volunteer officer." Mr. Wm. Hunter, in making the presentation, accompanied the handsome gift with the following

ADDRESS.

TO LIEUT.-COL. GOODMAN—

A number of your friends in this village have deputed me to present you with the accompanying gold watch and chain. They request your acceptance of this testimonial as a mark of their appreciation of your long continued persevering efforts to establish an efficient volunteer force in this county and neighborhood; as a mark of their admiration of the noble manner in which you so promptly responded to your country's call, and marched to the front on the occasion of the late Fenian invasion; as a slight recognition of the many sacrifices of time and means you have made to the Volunteer cause, and as a mark of their esteem for you personally as a warm-hearted friend and thorough gentleman. I am desired to convey to you and your family the heartfelt wishes of your friends for your future. May you enjoy a long life prosperous and happy.

On behalf of the subscribers,

WM. HUNTER.

Lieut.-Col. Goodman made the following suitable reply:

GENTLEMEN,—It is perfectly impossible for me to express how grateful I feel to you for the many acts of kindness you have shown to the Volunteer company of this place during the time that it was under my command, not only while we were on the frontier, but also at home. The people of this village have done all that the most patriotic heart could desire at their hands, and yet you are determined to fill the cup to overflowing. I thank you, gentlemen, with all my heart for the kindness displayed towards me as a Volunteer officer and as a private citizen; and deeply as I shall always treasure the beautiful gift, I shall still prize more the kindly feelings shown in the address which accompanies it. Rest assured that should our shores again be invaded, no matter who the invader may be, and my health be restored, no one will be found readier than I to serve again under that flag, which of all flags is the most glorious, and for that Queen whose crown is jewelled with the people's love.