

lost sight of in arranging questions of military pay and other emoluments. Mr. Gladstone recently told us how wonderfully that wealth had increased within the last ten years, and the careful observer can detect influence in every class of society but the Army. Whilst every one else—merchant, tradesman, clerk, mechanic—finds his means increased, and proportionally increases his expenditure, the unhappy sign or Lieutenant remains confined within the four corners of his miserable five or seven shillings a day, and must either get hopelessly into debt to maintain a false position, or be content to look at persons whom he is taught to regard as his social inferiors steadily leaving him behind in those demonstrations which the world regards as the tangible evidence of position. The "honour of the thing" cannot preserve such a system much longer. The demand for well educated young men has enormously increased of late years, and there is one undertaking now in progress of formation which, when it is established, will absorb hundreds of the class who hitherto have looked to the Army as a profession. Here is a fact floating on the surface, and to it we wish to call the attention of the official and public guardians of the service. Private parents and guardians have not noticed it some time since, and nothing is more common than to find Paterfamilias looking towards the mart and the exchange, as modes of providing for his son, and using his best arguments to disabuse the latter of his prejudice in favour of a military career. Already the drain has been felt in the Navy, where the want of junior officers has become a serious subject of uneasiness with "My Lords". It will soon extend to the Army, and woe to that Army, if, through an ill-judged parsimony, and an ignorant neglect of the signs of the times, the Government should estrange from its commissioned ranks the young men of the class in society which, as a rule, provides the best materials for positions of command.

A letter which appeared in last week's *United Service Gazette*, headed "Subalterns of the British Army," affords curious evidence that the authorities had already had some glimmering of the truth, but that, subsequently repenting of their liberality and enlightenment, they had hit upon an ingenious plan for making it as nugatory as possible. Some time since a circular was issued entitling a Lieutenant, after seven years' service, to an increase of one shilling a day in his pay. The obvious meaning of this was, or at least ought to have been, service from the date of his first commission; but through some blunder of the clerk, this was not specified in the circular, and red tape at once pounced upon the unlucky omission. It was ruled that the document meant seven years' service as a Lieutenant, and as it is not uncommon to see in the "Army List" the names of Ensigns of eight years' standing, we find that a Subaltern may have to serve fifteen years with the magnificent hope in the vista of a final increase of a shilling a day in his pay! At the end of that rather protracted period, extending over a space of something more than the years wasted by the Patriarch Jacob in his two courtships, the poor Lieutenant, if he be of the mind of Lord Palmerston as to the sufficiency of "honour" for his maintenance, may exclaim—

"Happy the man who, void of care and strife,
In silken or in leathern purse retains
A splendid shilling!"

Surely this never can have been the intention of the framers of the circular, and, if not, the sooner that perplexing document is made clear the better. This shilling a day increase is not much, but it is a step in the right direction, and the authorities would do well to make it more generally accessible, whilst they ponder over the larger views of the pay question which we have ventured respectfully to submit to them in the foregoing observations.—*U. S. Gazette.*

At Cheltenham, the wife of Arthur Owen Lord, Esq., late Captain 72nd Highlanders, of a son.
At Upper Berkeley-street, London, the wife of F. Bowen, Esq., M.D., of a son.
At Woolwich, the wife of Capt. Thomas Bent, R.M. Light Infantry, of a son.
At Carisbrook, Isle of Wight, the wife of R. M. Daly, Esq., H.M.'s Bengal Marines, of a daughter.
At Ellensmore, Hereford, the wife of the Rev. W. D. V. Duncombe, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

At Rathfriland, county Down, Edwin Marshall, Esq., of the Dingle, Birmingham, to Alice, daughter of the late Samuel Murphy, Esq., of Rathfriland, county Down.
At Milborne Port, Somerset, Frederick Betty, Captain Royal Artillery, to Sarah Elizabeth Medlicott, daughter of Sir Wm. Coles Medlicott, Bart., of Ven, Somerset.
At Stoke Church, Devonport, W. H. Death, Esq., Paymaster R.N., to Jessie Ellen, daughter of the late Lieutenant John P. Wells, R.N., Stoke.
At Melbourne, Australia, Bernard Smith, Esq., police magistrate, Stawell, to Olivia Frances Josephine, daughter of the late Rev. Wm. Arnold Boyce, incumbent, of the county Antrim.
At Nelson, New Zealand, Herbert Evelyn Curtis, Esq., Member of the General Assembly, to Annie, daughter of the late Thomas Lincker, Esq., of Westerham, Kent.

DEATHS.

On the 25th instant, at his residence, Rathorpe, Gort, John W. Bonyng, Esq., sincerely and deservedly regretted by a large circle of attached relatives and friends.
Yesterday evening, in the 17th year of her age, and after a lengthened illness, borne with truly edifying resignation, Mary, the beloved daughter of Edward Synan, Esq., Wickham-street. Her remains will be conveyed for interment to the New Cemetery, Mount St. Lawrence, on to-morrow (Friday) at 2 o'clock p.m.
On Monday, the 24th inst., at Scariff, after a short illness, John O'Brien, Esq., M.D.
On the 20th inst., at Vize's Fields, Mrs. Hannah Kennedy Mortimer, aged 46 years.
At Audley-place, Cork, Mary, widow of the late Michael Cronin, Esq.
At Glanmire-road, Cork, Eliza, wife of Francis Knolles, Esq., of Ballywilliam, county Cork.
At Broughall Castle, King's County, Christopher J. Banon, Esq., J.P.
At Cloushmore, near Dingle, Helen, wife of Mr. George Petrie, and mother of Mr. William Petrie, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, Dingle.
At Cordoagh, county Cavan, Olivia Henrietta, daughter of the Hon. and Rev. Henry O'Brien.
At Fitzwilliam-street, Dublin, Eleanore Cecilia, daughter of Francis Murphy, Esq., Kilcainne, county Meath.
At Stephen's-green, South, aged 97, Mary, widow of the late Dr. De Williomer, of Trinity College, Dublin.
At Stephen's-green, North, Dublin, Martha, daughter of Mr. E. N. Robinson.
At Longwood-avenue, Dublin, Susan Mary, daughter of the late Captain George Evatt, 70th Regt.
At Townsend-street, Dublin, Mr. John Pollock.
At Allahabad, India, Richard, son of Mr. Richard Spear, College-green, Dublin.
Joseph Fenton Carson, son of the late William Carson, merchant, of Sir John's-quay, Dublin.
At Stillorgan, county Dublin, Elizabeth, wife of Robert M'Donnell, Esq.
At Stonehall Glebe, Westmeath, the Rev. John Carroll.
At Dunmore, Queen's County, Edmund Staples, Esq.
In Belfast, Surgeon Wm. Hanna.
At Derry Lodge, Lurgan, Margaretta, widow of the late Dr. Macart, Dromore.
At Grosvenor-square, London, Georgiana Emily, daughter of Sir John V. B. Johnstone, Bart., M.P.
At Norfolk-street, Park-lane, London, Philip Anstruther, Esq., late Colonial Secretary of the Island of Ceylon.
At Boulogne-sur-Mer, Charles Wm. Beauclerk, Esq., J.P. and D.L. for the county of Hants, son of the late Right Hon. and Rev. Lord Frederick Beauclerk, D.D.
At Grosvenor-place, London, the Lady Leconfield.
In London, William Wynne, Esq., Captain Coldstream Guards.
At Hastings, Maria Mary Ann, daughter of Gen. Mensies.
In London, John Buck Lloyd, Esq., of Aigburth, Liverpool.
At Cawston, the Rev. Frederick Thompson, incumbent of Haverland, Norfolk.
At St. Leonard's-on-Sea, Sophia, daughter of the late Sir Henry and Lady Wheatley.
In the Channel, while on his return from China, Harry C. Streeton, First Lieutenant of H.M.S. Snake.
On his passage from New Zealand, James Barton, Captain 65th Regt.
At Auckland, New Zealand, Charlotte, wife of Wm. Dyer, Esq., and daughter of the late Lieut-Colonel William Baker, Hon. E.I.C. Service.

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