

# IN THE MILITIA.

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of "The Mutable Many," &c.

ago the Militia of Canada joined; the object of this union being purity of the Dominion. The combination a gratifying success and reflected far-seeing statesmanship of the I have no wish to lay claim to a in the defence of Canada than is me, but it is a significant fact be controverted, that since the myself joined forces no invader has hostile foot upon the free soil of . Of course the moment the news tion reached Europe the Chancel- old world at once became alarmed hat our combination was a menace hey have since quieted down and inevitable. But speaking for my- put it on record, that no thought y with them ever entered my mind. wner for the Militia, of course, but on of the lads who composed it is, are far from being a blood-thirsty motto was "Defence," and not and if for a while we did terrorize e fault cannot, with justice, be at-

the charming and picturesque town as, Ontario, that I joined the local hunteers, and so thoroughly was I to this day when I see an innocent pproach on the road I feel an in- drop on my right knee, place my k in an angle of forty-five and pre- sive cavalry. Some years ago in a Turkish Company through the Canadian drill, and surprised my- e Company too, by the readiness all the cabalistic words of command o me. The Turks proved quick to was rather odd when you remem- ther of us understood a word the aying. However, in drilling, prac- nstration goes much further than uage, and besides the language British drill sergeant is a good deal h than it is English. No drill- n hope to succeed who speaks the uage with propriety, as the old text rammar used to put it. Our drill- ed to imagine that "Shoe-la- meant "Shoulder arms!" and no Company ever had the courage to

stranger to all the members of the en I joined it, and being a modest sort of person, as I am still, I ew of them when I forsook blood- t this date not a single name of those oes comes back to me except those the officers. Captain Day had e Company, and Neil Caswell was ho became Captain when Day re- ives me deep regret to put on record hat the troops we all unanimously ight were those of the British Regu- and this entirely without any feeling towards the old country. A section h Regulars was at that time stationed which was then situated some les to the north of St. Thomas, and unless great changes have taken mileage between the two cities re- ame to-day. Added to our other s the misfortune that periodically

# BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, & DEATHS

## BIRTHS.

**BURDEN**—July 16, at Bellevue, Kilkenny, the wife of A. M. Burden, County Surveyor, of a son.  
**CLANCY**—At her residence, Henry St., Kiltush, on the 10th inst., the wife of Mr. James Clancy, of a son.  
**HAMILTON-FENNER**—On the 15th July, at Aghada, County Cork, the wife of Captain H. Hamilton-Fenner, R.C.G.A., Hon. Lieutenant in the Army, of a son.

## MARRIAGES

**CAMP and THOMAS**—On July 18th, at St. Katharine's, Pontypridd, Wales, by the Vicar, Rev. J. P. Griffiths, M.A., Arthur G. Camp, Avey Lodge, Glenavy, Co. Antrim, to Edyth, third daughter of David Thomas, 'Ymscedwyn' House, Pontypridd.  
**GRIFFIN and CROWE**—At Cree Roman Catholic Church on the 13th inst., by Very Rev. Canon McMahon, P.P., Kilmihil, James Griffin, Co. C., Kinlea House, to Susan, youngest daughter of Michael Crowe, Ballinagun, Cree.  
**WOODLEY and STANGER**—On the 16th July, at St. John's Church, Notting Hill, by the Vicar, Francis Richard Woodley, son of the late F. R. Woodley, of Co. Cork, Ireland, to Catherine Helen Muriel, daughter of Mrs. Stanger, of 33 Ladbrook Grove, London, W., and of the late W. Harry Stanger.

## DEATHS.

**CASEY**—On 20th inst., at his residence, Altamira House, Thomondgate, Limerick, Joseph Casey, at the advanced age of 88 years. R.I.P. Funeral from residence to Mount St. Lawrence on Sunday, 3 p.m. American papers please copy.  
**RYNNE**—July 20, M. A. Rynne, Esq., M.D., at his residence, Cheltenham, England. R.I.P.  
**PIKE**—July 18th, at the Rectory, Barnane, Templemore, Elsie, wife of the Rev. Canon T. Pike. No flowers, by request.  
**WOOD**—On 18th inst., at Garston, Liverpool. Margaret Jane (Davis), dearly loved wife of Charles Wood, and daughter of Moses Caffrey, of this city.

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floor which occupied the whole length and breath of the building, but at any rate such was the case. There was an intermission of half an hour or so when Captain Day called upon me to mount guard at the door with fixed bayonet and loaded gun. When I took my place he said, half apologetically, the Major standing beside him:—  
 "The Major and the officers are going down-stairs for a few moments, but you are to allow nobody else to pass. I have chosen you because you are a stranger in the Company and it will be less difficult for you than for another to withstand their persuasions."

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