

**INSPECTION OF THE HUDDERSFIELD RIFLE VOLUNTEERS.**—On Saturday afternoon the annual inspection of the 5th Administrative Battalion of the Huddersfield (6th West York) Volunteers took place on the Rifle Ground, Greenhead-lane, and it was conducted by Lieut.-Colonel Wombwell. The afternoon being fine, a great many persons availed themselves of the opportunity of witnessing the display, 2,000 or 3,000 persons being present. By the kindness of Colonel Bradbury, a company of the Saddleworth Volunteers kept the ground, and Mr. Withers, head-constable, also had a detachment of men to aid in keeping order, though their services were little needed, if at all. The regimental (mounted) staff present consisted of Col. Brooke, Col. Greenwood, the Hon. Capt. Legge, Major Carlile, Major Brooke, Capt. Chichester, Colonel Anderson (2nd battalion 22nd Foot, stationed at Sheffield), Capt. Graham, Dr. Marsden (Mirfield), and Dr. Bottomley. The following is a statement of the strength of the battalion of the Huddersfield or 6th W. Y. R. V., comprising eight companies:—32nd W. Y. R. V. (Holmfirth), 41st W. Y. R. V. (Mirfield), and the 44th W. Y. R. V. (Methley); and the statement of the parade is as follows:—Huddersfield Rifles, present, 1 lieut.-colonel, 2 majors, 8 captains, 6 lieutenants, 7 ensigns, 1 surgeon, 1 assistant-surgeon, 34 sergeants, 10 buglers, 520 rank and file; absent with leave, 1 hon. staff, 3 sergeants, 1 bugler, and 96 rank and file; absent without leave, 1 lieutenant, 13 rank and file; total of battalion, 655. Holmfirth Volunteers:—Present, 1 captain, 1 lieutenant, 1 ensign, 1 hon. staff, 4 sergeants, 2 buglers, 91 rank and file; absent with leave, 1 hon. staff, 1 sergeant, 10 rank and file; absent without leave, none; total strength of the corps, 113. Mirfield:—Present, 1 captain, 2 lieutenants, 2 ensigns, 1 hon. staff, 6 sergeants, 3 buglers, 114 rank and file; absent with leave, 2 sergeants, 3 rank and file; absent without leave, 3 rank and file; total, 137. Meltham:—Present 1 captain, 1 lieutenant, 4 sergeants, 47 rank and file; absent with leave, 1 hon. staff, 2 rank and file; absent without leave, 1 rank and file; total 57. 5th Administrative Battalion—Staff present, 2 lieut.-colonels, 2 majors, 11 captains, 10 lieutenants, 10 ensigns, 1 adjutant, 1 surgeon, 1 assistant-surgeon, 2 hon. staff, 53 sergeants, 15 buglers, 772 rank and file; absent with leave, 3 hon. staff, 6 sergeants, 1 bugler, 61 rank and file; absent without leave, 1 lieutenant, 17 rank and file; total strength of the battalion, 969. As compared with last year, this total is a falling off by 20, which is accounted for by the fact that some have resigned and their places have not been filled up. The number on parade this year was 880, as compared with 896 last year. The companies began to assemble about a quarter-past four, but it was some time after five before they were ready to begin the evolutions, which in brief we may say were on the whole very well performed, as many persons testified. There were so many Volunteers present that they had to be drilled in brigade, and some of the movements were necessarily new; but they were, Col. Wombwell afterwards said, performed with few mistakes. In addressing the officers and men at the close of the inspection, the gallant Colonel said he had again, as it was always his lot, to compliment them on the way in which they had drilled that day, and said that they had turned out in a smart and soldierlike manner. The file and volley firing had, taken altogether, been extremely good; the marching past was also very good; the general drill was highly creditable to all concerned, and he was pleased to say that he should be able to make a very favourable report of the regiment.—Col. Brooke thanked the inspecting-officer, and hoped it would not be the last time that he would have to make such a flattering report. He could only say that this encouragement would spur them to redoubled exertions to please him when next he came.—Major Carlile then gave general invitation to the 5th Administrative Battalion to pay him a visit that day week, at Meltham, which was received with much cheering.—The Huddersfield Volunteers were then marched to the Armoury and disbanded; the other companies leaving at various points of the town for their destinations.