

His Excellency the Governor, Lord Plunket, presented the shield given by Mr. M. Walsh for proficiency in drill, and took the opportunity of complimenting the cadets.

Lord Roberts's Boys' Flag.—A Union Jack, 20 ft. by 10 ft., was presented during the year to the public-school cadets of the Dominion by the Boys' Association in London.

Prizes presented for Competition.—Captain J. Kebbell, of Ohau, has presented a shield for competition among the cadets of the 3rd Wellington Battalion.

Mr. J. Handley, of Wanganui, has presented a shield for competition among the cadets of the 2nd Wanganui Battalion.

The above practical manner of showing interest in and sympathy with the cadet movement is of a decidedly encouraging nature, and it gives me pleasure to record my appreciation of the action of these gentlemen.

Personal.—As I retire on pension at an early date, I feel I should be remiss in my duty did I not take this opportunity of thanking the Government and the Education Department for the assistance and support accorded me as Officer Commanding the Public-school Cadets. Such success as has attended the movement from its inception has been, I am convinced, the direct outcome of the assistance and support I have received from the Government and also from the officers commanding corps.

I have, &c.,

L. W. LOVEDAY,
Lieut.-Colonel.
