

**STANDING ORDERS OF THE FIRST
CORPS OF CADETS, MASSACHUSETTS
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A remarkably neat little book, three inches by four in size, and giving, in about 200 pages, orders and information for the guidance of officers and men under almost every conceivable circumstance.

After the by-laws regulating the corps,

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come orders upon organization and character; candidates, recruits, preliminary drill, uniforms and equipments, instruction, term of service, armory rules, officers, discipline, guard duty, camp duty, medals and badges, skirmish drill, orders and correspondence, alarm lists, and standing orders, with an appendix relating to dress, extracts from regulations, and from the military law, an account of the veteran association, and an index.

So clear and concise a volume we have seldom seen.

"Eheu, fugaces labunter anni!" said the Latin poet,—which may be freely rendered, "God bless me, how the time slips away!" It seems but yesterday—yet it was in the last year of the war—that the writer recalls a young captain of the Twenty-fourth Massachusetts Volunteers, a regiment which had suffered so severely in battle that it was reduced to a small battalion, and constituted the Provost Guard at Bermuda Hundred; its officers, young in years, the veterans of many a hard-fought field.

The young captain whom we remember was no other than the present Colonel Edmands, who is the commander of the Cadets, and author of the little work of which we have just been speaking.

The history of this corps of Cadets is extremely interesting. It was first raised in 1741, and has had a continuous existence, except for a short time, when it was disbanded by General Gage, during the friction which existed just previous to the breaking out of the Revolution. The corps always formed the governor's guard, under the Crown as well as the State, and it has always borne the highest character for conduct and efficiency. But its greatest service undoubtedly was the furnishing to the Massachusetts volunteers, during the late war, over one hundred and fifty trained men, nearly all of whom held commissions.

Next year will be the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Cadets.

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