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prepare for war," and as most of our time is peaceful, we are always "preparing"—hence, perhaps, the reason why we are never ready. But there is a deal of humour in the process, and it is for fun we look to MR. PUNCH. Nor shall we look vainly here, for in the past Charles Keene found many of his happiest subjects in the humours of military life and volunteering, while to-day Mr. Raven-Hill, himself an enthusiastic volunteer, ably carries on the tradition, and has many brilliant aiders and abettors.

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DATE (*a fact*).—*Belgian  
Guide*. Ze brave Picton  
'e fall in ze arms of vic-  
toire—

*Facetious Britisher*.  
Where was Lord  
Roberts?

*Guide (not to be done)*.  
Lord Robert 'e stand  
on zis *montagne*, and 'e  
cry, "Hoop, Garde,  
and at zem!"

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THE report that there are 46,719 total abstainers in the British Army is welcome news, but what grieves recruiting officers is the number of total abstainers from the British Army.