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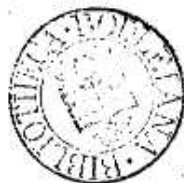
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LECTURES DELIVERED TO THE
OFFICERS AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS OF THE
LONDON SCOTTISH RIFLE VOLUNTEERS

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PREFACE.

THE REGULATIONS for the Volunteer Force say: 'An adjutant is appointed to give instruction to the Volunteers.' These Lectures are an attempt to instruct the regiment for which I am responsible; they are printed with the sanction of my Commanding Officer. They are published in the hope that they may lead some Volunteers to take a higher view of the duty to which they are sworn; that they may induce some young men to join the Volunteer Service; that they may cause some men who are past the military age to support this national force by their purse and influence; and that they may even perhaps persuade some of our military opponents to think better of our capabilities—better of us as material to be worked into shape; and, instead of writing

us down and trying to get rid of us, may induce them to join their many comrades who offer us a willing and ready hand, and assist us in our earnest endeavour to make ourselves fit to stand with them shoulder to shoulder, should the country ever require our services. I lay no claim whatever to originality, for I have borrowed freely from a great many sources. I have tried to indicate from whom I have borrowed in nearly every instance. If I were to commence apologising for the character of my work, I should require greater space than I have at my disposal, for I am deeply conscious of its defects. 'I forbear to stile my readers gentle, courteous, and friendly, thereby to beg their good opinions: for it is certain, let us claw the reader with never so many courteous phrases, yet shall we be evermore thought fools that write foolishly.'*

S. FLOOD PAGE.

July 12, 1871.

* Sir Walter Raleigh.

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