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ADVERTISEMENT.

The flattering reception which the author's "Questions on Musketry" have already received, together with his earnest desire to make them more extensively useful, have induced him to publish the accompanying Answers to them. He considers the arrangement of a separate publication to be preferable to that of placing question and answer consecutively in one volume, as encouraging that exercise of the memory and judgment, which the too easy access to correct solutions afforded by the catechetical method would obviously tend to impede. The author would express his earnest hope that no student, desirous of attaining a *thorough* knowledge of the subject, will have recourse to this little work merely as a short cut to its attainment; knowledge thus attained being at the best only superficial and very meagre.

The sole object in view is, not to furnish the student with facilities for *cramming*, but with a "key" to which to resort for the solution of difficulties, and also as a test by which he may himself ascertain his knowledge of the subject. ¶ To avoid ambiguity, the language adopted has been as much as possible that of the "Red Book."

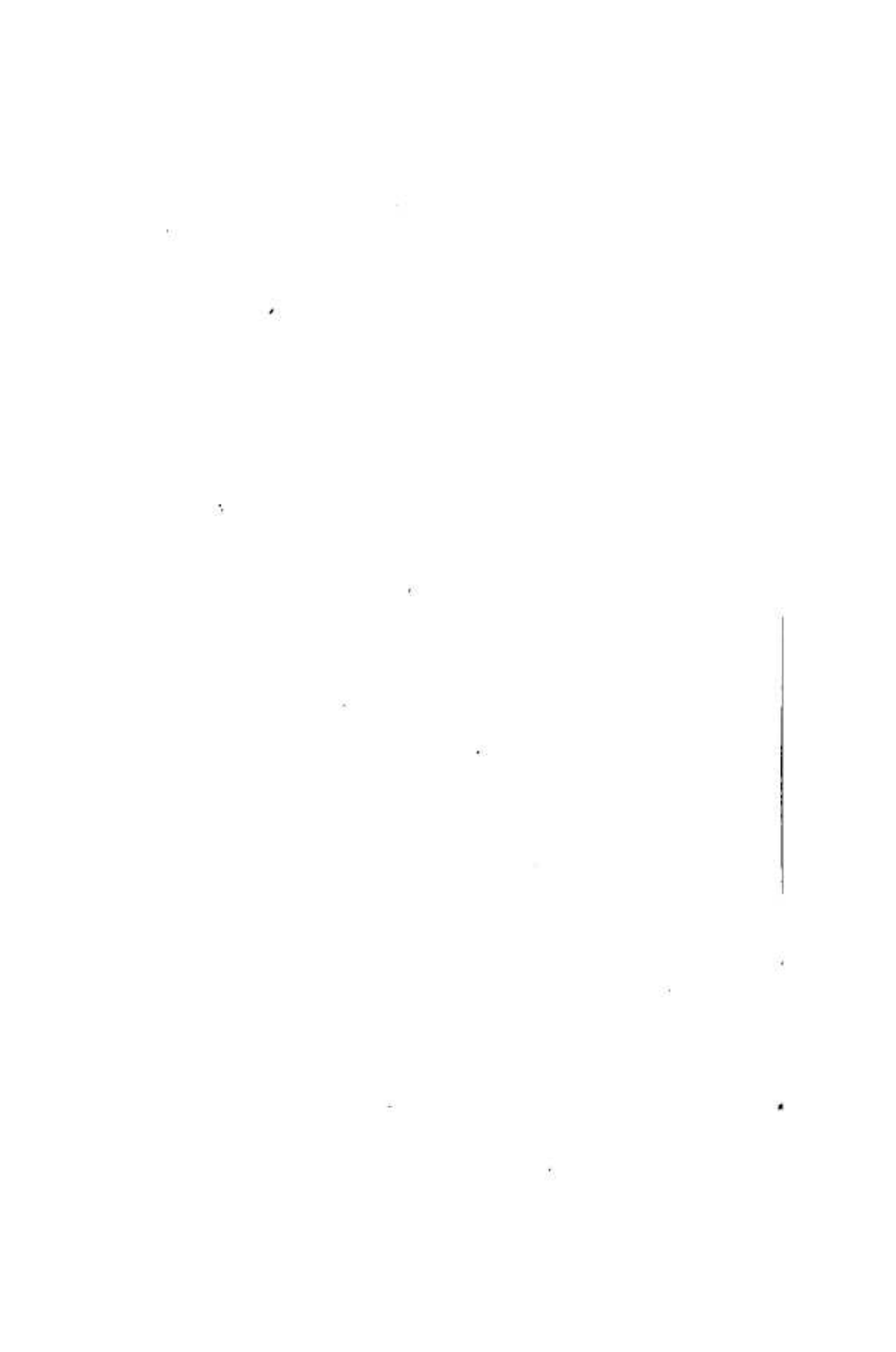
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E. W. B.

Cheltenham, 22nd November, 1862.

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QUESTIONS
ON THE
INSTRUCTION OF MUSKETRY
ANSWERED.

GENERAL ORDER.

1. The 1st February, 1859.
2. Because this is the latest edition; in which all the orders issued on the subject of musketry, since the last edition was published, have been embodied.
3. The late Field-Marshal Viscount Hardinge.
4. The great advantage is, that the training of the soldier has been expedited without in any way diminishing his *efficient* instruction in the use of the rifle.
5. Yes; they have been simplified and reduced in number.
6. Yes; only those for the platoon and skirmishing practices being retained.
7. Eight days; whereas the Infantry recruit's training used to occupy twenty-four days, it is now completed in sixteen.