

Wilts Yeoman Cavalry

The Salisbury Troop of P.W.O.R Yeoman Cavalry assembled yesterday for the drill in the Market Place under the command of Captain Lord Nelson and Cornet Eyre. Lieutenant Bathurst being unable to attend, in consequence of his being on duty with the guards in Ireland. There was a good muster and the troop proceeded to Bishopdown, where they were drilled.

Then afterwards they returned to the City and partook of a capital dinner at the Crystal Fountain, which had been provided and the expense of Earl Nelson. The repast was excellently served up by Host Jones, who is one of the troop, and the wines were of first rate quality.

After dinner the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were drunk, and the" health of the Captain" was received with great enthusiasm. The health of Lieutenant Colonel Sir F Bathurst, who for many years was the Captain of the troop, was also given, and was drunk with marked respect. Nor was the toast of "Cornet Matcham" forgotten, the retirement of that officer being a source of much regret.

The proceedings were altogether of a most pleasant nature.

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