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Chaplain Rotzler, a Notable National Guard Figure.

Among the notable figures in the National Guard ranks in this city there is none more prominent than Chaplain Frederick Rotzler of the First Battery of Artillery, Capt. Louis Wondel commanding. Chaplain Rotzler is not a minister and is of the ranks, but he holds a high place in the esteem of his fellow-members.

He was born in New-York City in 1859, of German parents, and has been a National Guardman since he was eighteen years of age. He enlisted in Company G, Ninth Regiment, on Dec. 24, 1877, and was honorably discharged on Dec. 24, 1883, after having served his term of five years, in which he made the remarkable and honorable record of never missing a roll call. He was then elected an honorary member of his old company.

On Jan. 23, 1882, he enlisted in the First Battery of Artillery, and is now approaching the close of his eleventh year of service in that organization. During this time he has kept up his remarkable record of attendance, never missing a roll call, which gives him in all sixteen years of 90 per cent. attendance—a record unequalled, as far as is known, by any other member of the National Guard.

Chaplain Rotzler is not an ordained minister of the Gospel. He is a lay preacher. For many years he has labored among the inmates of the prisons in this city and on Blackwell's Island. He is well known at the McAlley Cremorne Mission, the Margaret Strachan Home, and other centres of city mission work. He is a Presbyterian, and attends the West Presbyterian Church. He is also a member and worker in the Young Men's Christian Association.

For a long time Chaplain Rotzler has desired to go abroad and labor in foreign mission fields. He expects to retire from the National Guard in January, and then, if an opening can be secured, he may join Bishop Taylor's corps of assistants in Sierra Leone and Liberia.