

We have had occasion before to remark the extreme delicacy of professional reputations, and the folly—if not worse—of idly spreading unfounded reports about professional men. We have commented on the unfairness of balancing a piece of bad-luck against twenty years successful practice of medicine, and now we hope to be in time to check another absurd rumour, which might be detrimental to the interests of one of our cleverest doctors. It is whispered—by the women, of course,—that he is not qualified to attend certain cases; and possibly some women may have refrained from calling him in in consequence. Whoever took the trouble to start such an unfounded report must be either very malicious or very ignorant; as the doctor in question is fully qualified, both in London and in Halifax, and has had far more experience than most medical men of his age.

There is likely to be a radical change in the Cambridge House arrangements after the summer holidays. Mr Leigh has been for some months thinking of retiring from school work, and now that he has obtained several business agencies, he has decided to make the change this summer, so the school will be in future conducted by Mr. Bradford: Mr. Leigh will in this way be enabled to devote more time to private tuition and literary work.

Next week the Opera Company will be in full swing at the Academy. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, they give *The Gondoliers*, and on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Amorita*, which had a run of 100 nights in the New York Casino. There will be a matinee performance of *The Gondoliers* on Saturday, (April 3rd).

On Tuesday there is an Olio—whatever that may be—in the Orpheus Hall; Mrs Percy Lear and other good singers are down on the programme.

One of the many Halifax society correspondents includes the following paragraph in her last week's budget:—

"Halifax has produced another weekly. Ye gods! When are ye going to stop? This time it is the literary girls attending the ladies college who have dashed into print. Might we suggest something? Would it not be a good idea for the three weeklies to unite? We will suppose a meeting where it is decided to combine the three papers in one. It could be managed in this way: by selecting the strongest writers from each: they would thus be able to produce something really readable. And we should no more be afflicted by having to wade through those worthless columns, which are written merely to fill up."

"Ye Gods!" indeed, when our literary maidens cannot distinguish between a *quarterly* girl's school magazine and a weekly newspaper! As we remarked last week, there are now three college magazines in Halifax, and none too many for a town of this size. *Ola Podrida* is a nice little paper, and will probably have a good circulation, but its students would be very surprised to hear that they are—by some people—considered in competition with *Our Society*.

There is a certain humour—or it is satire?—about the following announcement, which appeared in the columns of a Truro contemporary:—

"A little girl arrived at Mr. and Mrs. W. P. King's home on Pleasant Street, about a week ago. Usual weight."

The annual meeting of the Wanderers' Cricket and Athletic Club will be held at the Halifax Hotel, on April 2nd, at 8 p. m. We could hardly expect that the suggestion we threw out, in respect to the International match being played here, could be acted upon this year, but we hope that it will not be lost sight of. We hear that two American teams have signified their intention of coming here this season. This is as it should be, for our standard dishes, Wanderers vs Garrison, Wanderers vs R. A. and R. E., begin, like cold mutton five days a week, to pall upon us.—Might we make a suggestion to the Wanderers', which if carried out, would eventually benefit the club to a great extent. It is that more

attention should be paid to those young players who are not in the first Eleven; unless they receive more inducements to practice, they will never be fitted to take a place in the 1st Eleven.

This is only to be done by making matches for them; youngsters will never practice for the sake of practising; they must have incentives. If they knew they were to play matches, it would be found that they would practice hard enough. Again, how is the cricket committees to chose their team? It is impossible to select from practices only: many a brilliant performer at the nets is utterly worthless in a match and vice versa—Might we suggest that as soon as the season opens two or three scratch matches be played, in real earnest, exactly as though the sides were strangers. By those means any latent talent would be unearthed, and there would be a chance of picking out recruits for the first XI by their all-round play as well as by their batting. One thing more we wish to put before the Wanderers. We are all well aware that at present, as last season, the Garrison are without a ground, and, we think it would be a courteous act to grant the officers the use of the ground for practice. A new regiment having arrived among us: a graceful act like this would do much to sustain the Wanderers' reputation for hospitality and good fellowship; and would improve their own play, and enable them to enjoy more fully the triumph when they do defeat the Garrison in the field. As it was last year, there was no glory to be won by a victory over a team with no chance of practice, while a defeat was rendered all the more disgraceful.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Eandy have left Bedford for their town house.

We are extremely sorry to hear that Mr. Geoffrey Morrow has intimated his intention not again to stand for President of the W. A. A. C. He has been a most popular president, and it will be difficult to find another who will fulfil all the important duties attached to this office with such entire satisfaction to all sections of the Club.

Dartmouth shows signs of renewed social activity after Lent. An Entertainment in aid of the Christ Church Organ Fund is to be given in the Reform Club Hall, probably on Tuesday week. It will consist of Tableaux and Music, and will be under the management of Mr. W. R. Foster.

During the following week Farmer's Mass is to be rendered in the same Hall, under the management of Mr. F. W. Blake.

Two small dances were given in the course of the last week, one by Mrs. Bustan, and one by Mrs. Ellis.

There are only three cases of diphtheria in Dartmouth at present, all in the same house, and all recovering rapidly.

Bedford also is getting pretty lively. Among the guests at the "Bedford" Hotel we notice the names of Rev. Dr. Burns and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Wyld, Mr. and Mrs. Dalziel, Mr. and Mrs. R. Twining, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lundy, Sir James Home and Miss Home, and Miss Sterling. Everything points to a gay summer season, and a good many families have already booked rooms from the 1st of May; among others Mr. and Mrs. Denison and family, and Miss Campbell of Amherst, Dr. Cowie and family, and Lieut-Col. Worsley and family, all at the "Bedford."

We hope that steps will be taken to provide better communications with Bedford this summer. The trip from Halifax to Bedford, either by road or by water, is a most enjoyable one, and the scenery is beautiful at any time of the year. During the warm weather there should be a daily—or at least a tri-weekly,—boat; and one of the first things we expect from the new Bus company is a daily trip from the "Halifax" or "Queen," via the 4-mile house, to Wilson's and the "Bedford," say leaving town at 10 A. M., and the "Bedford" at about 2 P. M. These arrangements would do a great deal towards providing amusement for our American visitors, and would be very popular. As to the question of "paying," no one can have any doubt on that point who knows the number of private teams hired to do the same trip.