

Our Society.

HALIFAX, N. S. FRIDAY, MARCH 6th, 1891.

All letters and contributions should be addressed to The Editor, Cambridge House, Halifax, N. S.

Articles for Friday's issue should be in the Editor's hands by Wednesday evening, but notices of current events can be inserted as late as Thursday afternoon.

Our readers are particularly requested to make a point of sending in at once (or telephoning No. 358) :—

- (I.) Notices of intended removal, expected arrivals, etc.
- (II.) 'At Home' days, and more especially alterations in the same.
- (III.) News of the whereabouts, etc., of any old friends who have left Halifax.
- (IV.) Recommendations of servants leaving.
- (V.) Advertisements of articles lost or found.
- (VI.) " " of articles for sale, etc.

It is hoped that all the Athletic and other Clubs will send in their records, notices, and gossip up to date.

Advertisements under heads (iv.) and (vi.) will not be charged for; but any person who is suited with a servant through the medium of this paper will be expected to pay a fee of 25 cents, and in the same way any person receiving a lost article will be charged 10 cents.

Private advertisements under head (v.) and others will be charged to the advertiser at the rate of 5 cents per line.

The rates for business advertisements are :

1 inch	\$4.00 per quarter
2 "	7 50 " "
3 "	11.00 and so on.

It is intended to keep the number of pages at 16 in future issues.

Our Society is delivered by hand to subscribers within the city, and mailed to those at the N. W. Arm, or in Provincial towns.

Subscription \$2.40 per annum, post free.

H. BEADFORD.
Business Editor.

WE have not yet been able to procure any paper quite good enough for an *édition de luxe*, but are promised some in time for next week. It is very difficult here to get anything at all out of the common, especially when you want it in a hurry.

THE letter from our very good old Tory correspondent "Grandma"—to be found in these columns—will probably excite a good deal of comment. We fancy that Morris Granville will have something to say in reply in our next issue: but in the meantime we cannot conceal our surprise at finding such real undiluted narrow-minded Conservatism in a colony at all. The *Bourgeois* is a very important and exalted section of the English aristocracy, and in a couple of hundred years, there will be few members of the House of Lords who do not number some merchants among their relations.

WE have to thank the editor of the *Windsor Tribune* for one of the best notices we have yet received in the provinces. *Windsor* seems to appreciate the tone of *OUR SOCIETY*, which is no doubt largely owing to the fact that we have an excellent correspondent there: and our agents, Messrs. Knowles & Co., are rapidly increasing the sales.

Correspondence.

TO MORRIS GRANVILLE :

On reading your article in *OUR SOCIETY* of February 20th, I thought I might explain why society is at present so "very peculiar a mixture (you say) of trade and military, and the almost total absence of the professional classes."

When our governors were appointed from England (those I remember were) Sir John Murray (his wife, the daughter of an earl), Earl Mulgrave, and Sir Gaspard Le Marchant, they brought their aides with them (generally married men). The army and

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navy were entertained with our leading professional men, their wives and daughters. At that time society was very exclusive, the governor representing Her Majesty.

On the appointment of a civil governor from among the people, merely the representative of the Governor-General, a change came over society, the people considering that as the Governor was one of themselves they had a right to call and visit where they would not have been received before, and with each appointment down to the present day those who had been accustomed to mix in the best or first society, by degrees retired, and left the field clear for the "Parvenues," who have, through their assurance, worked their way, through the military, and strangers (who did not know them) to the best society going at present.

But there are quite a number in Halifax who will not mix with those they remember years ago as trades-people and shopkeepers. Who would expect to meet the wives and daughters of grocers and brewers at the Admiralty House and Government House? And yet we may meet them on all occasions, people we never meet among our friends or relations, and would not wish to. Therefore strangers wonder if there are no others than those seen every day, and I do not wonder.

I could give a list of the oldest and best families, and also of the "Plebeians" (now aristocracy), as I have been here all my life and know names though not the persons.

Truly the last have become first and the first last.

Halifax.

Yours,

"GRANDMA."

SIR,—May I trespass on your space to remark on "Lady Jane's" very absurd order that for the future I should write to her privately, addressing "Lady Jane," Recorder office.

Why should I do so? I have nothing to say to her, and as to what I may say of her, if "Lady Jane" is entitled to publish her "young ideas" so I suppose is "Street Arab." I do not think it required very much penetration on her part to discover the identity of "Street Arab," but even if she be not extraordinarily clever, "Lady Jane" is certainly very kind to say that I write "well." And, if a plain straightforward statement of simple facts really has the effect of "blowing any person's trumpet," how justly proud should that person feel?

If "Lady Jane" has anything more to say to me perhaps she had better *pro bono publico*, herself write a private letter directed to "Street Arab," office of *Our Society*. She may sign it with her own name, or any other she pleases. Availing myself of her kind permission to do the same, and there being no reason why I should change my *nom de plume*.

I beg to remain,

STREET ARAB.

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