

plies for its men of talent and genius, and that it could not afford such contributions of original writings as would insure success, or even a lasting existence to a Magazine. Under this cloud of discouragement we ventured on our perilous flight; and though we may not have soared to the empyrian heights of literature on newly fledged pinions, we trust we have not yet sunk to the earth, or approached the bathos. Our progress in gaining subscriptions and communications to the work, has not fallen short of the expectations we formed at the outset; and we find the number of friends progressively increasing. While this continues to be our situation, we shall not flinch from our post. We are decidedly of opinion, that the character, wealth, and happiness of Nova-Scotia, will receive material improvement by the growth and extension of her literature. It is not to be concealed, that an opinion is disseminated by some, that we can hope but little from the exertions of the pen; but it is the duty of every Nova-Scotian to join with ardor in wiping off the reproach that attaches to us.

We return our warmest thanks to our many valuable correspondents, both in this province and the sister colony, New Brunswick. We shall endeavor to make our work generally interesting to readers residing in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, as well as in this province.

We have the greater pleasure in giving the present number to the press, because we have not found it necessary to make any selections, the original communications admitted having entirely filled it. We will endeavor to add still further to the interest of the work, in the course of a month or two, as we have the promise of additional assistance from literary friends.

Wishing the reader a happy new year, we take our leave for the present.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

The new Parliament met on the 14th November. The House of Commons have again chosen the Rt. Honorable Charles Manners Sutton, speaker. It was the intention of his Majesty, to deliver his speech in person, from the throne.

Sanguinary battle and defeat of the Ashantees.—Important advices have been received of a most tremendous and sanguinary battle fought by the few British at Cape Coast Castle and their Allies, with the Ashantees, on the 7th last August, by which that part of Africa has once more been rescued from the grasp of ruthless but intrepid Savages. Col. Purdon, who commanded the allied force, seems to have displayed the greatest skill in his dispositions, and in a moment of trying peril, the most perfect presence of mind. To these, as well as to the enthusiastic gallantry with which he charged with the few Europeans, and the brave support and intelligent obedience of the King of Aquimboo, may be attributed this sig-

nal victory, which destroyed between 5 and 6000 of the enemy, most of the Generals threw their camp equipage and all the treasures of the King into the hands of the conquerors, and not least though last, recovered the head of the unfortunate Sir Charles M'Carthy, which the Ashantees had brought as their most powerful charm of Fetish. An idea of the desperate valor with which the battle was fought will be formed, when it is known that the loss on our side was 800 killed, and 2,000 wounded.

It should be mentioned that the merchants of the colony volunteered their services in the field, and gave to the gallant commandant of the troops all the assistance it was in their power to bestow.

Number of the allied forces :	
Royal African Corps	60 men
British, Dutch, Danish, Accras and Cape Coast Militia,	500
Native troops with their tribes,	10,820
Total,	11,380

Number of the enemy,	25,000
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