

alpine scenery which presents itself from the road leading to Warren's Tavern ; and to examine the peerless and perfect cottage sites alluded to in this paper. They may see as much more as they have inclination or leisure for, but—if they are indeed lovers of the picturesque—let not these points be unvisited.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Halifax Monthly Magazine.

SIR,—Agreeably to Mr. Howe's remark, I take the liberty of handing you a copy of the article alluded to in the *Novascotian* of October 20.

“ Never promise, what you do not intend to perform.”

It has often been remarked that in this place monthly publications seldom attain to maturity. Periodicals are brought forth, and are reared beyond creeping, to that age termed boyhood, when from several causes, only one of which we shall at this time notice, they sicken and die, leaving the community void of all their anticipated good.

“ Never promise what you do not intend to perform, and never omit giving a reason for your non-performance,” are maxims that are most incumbent on editors. Now sir, I would not have any of your readers suppose, for a moment, that the writer of this is one of your whining scribblers whose senseless effusions have been made light of, after a partial promise of appearance. He informs them, he does not feel himself any other than what he subscribes himself, and from an humble desire to serve (if such it may be deemed) his fellows, he is tempted to take up the pen. The present very creditable, and in many cases truly instructive little work, the *Halifax Monthly Magazine*, started with the intention of being entirely original ; and I am happy to say, has in a great measure “ kept its first estate.” That it has not done so entirely is owing, from what I can judge, to the following reasons :—first, the apparent assurance of its editor in not requesting communications, held and still holds many back, only a few seeing the princi-