

he found upon his desk, to see that the requisite number of "nails" were present, in a voice denoting extreme nervousness (for he seemed to have some idea of what would follow) cried out *Pétitions! Pétitions!*

(To be concluded on our next.)

QUEBEC, 2ND DEC., 1863.

THE STADACONA.

The above Club gave their first entertainment of the season, on Friday evening last, and it was one of the most delightful that has been given in Quebec. The beauty of the Stadaconas are that you meet none but your own friends, which we think will be a sufficient excuse for the scrutiny of invitations spoken of by our contemporary the *Dagger*. The music was most charming, and it was only by dint of great persuasion that we could keep Mrs. *Saw* from dancing fast dances. But seriously speaking we think our friend *Dagger* is rather hard on this club. Their object has always been to keep their entertainments select, and if there was anything objectionable except to a disappointed few, the club would undoubtedly have "gone to the dogs." If our friend had been at the Music Hall, the other evening, he would have seen the justice of inspecting the invitations, and would, we feel certain, have recommended a stronger scrutiny. There was, we are sorry to say it, one person there, who came under the influence of liquor, and even went so far as to create a disturbance, now if the Committee were not empowered to object to certain invitations, would not this style of thing be greatly increased? The club has now lived for four years, and the same scrutiny has always been observed, and yet the club flourishes, and the reason is simple, ladies and gentlemen, prefer going because they know that there will be none there, whom they will be ashamed to meet. We will now correct a remark made by the *Dagger* relative to the members and their

invitations. In the first place there is the club proper, who elect the officers and are responsible for its debts, these members ballot for any new ones that may wish to join, so that, you see the Committee are not endowed with so much power as our friend thinks. Then comes the Subscriber, who can be elected by the committee, but if rejected by them he can appeal to the club. This settles the question of membership. Now for the invitations, there may happen to be person subscribing, and he may be asked for an invitation for some person with whom he is an acquainted, and this person may be one who is unfit to associate with ladies and the committee know it, are not the committee when they are authorised by the club to manage their balls and to make them as select and as pleasant as possible, justified in refusing such invitations? We must confess, that it looks arbitrary to those who are unacquainted with these entertainments, but let him attend but one, and we will guarantee that the *Dagger* will be as much in its favor as we are.

A Cross Cut.

It is a matter of surprise to us that the *Chronicle* should object to the number of "fast" dances on the programme of the S. P. C. C. of Friday last, as we always thought that he of all others would be most able to *fool* (Foote) it.

Spotting Intelligence.

A friend of Mrs. named J. D. happening to be in Russell's hotel the other night, made a bet with the barber of the hotel that he would swallow him, "Done, said the barber you duit fit," at the same time sterteling himself out on the counter, our friend got the barber's big the into his mouth, and gave it a very severe nip. Oh! roared the barber that "avent swallowing a feller,"

No, you d... d fool, but its preliminary to it, friend won the bet.

WANTED.

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