

Mrs. Montague has contributed her regular donation of illustrated Australian and other papers.

Ex-Commissioner Nisbet, as usual, furnishes regularly a bundle of newspapers.

The Haydn Quintette Club have again laid us under obligations.

Mr. Newcomb and company favoured us with an entertainment.

The children and managers of St. Patrick's Sunday School gave us a dramatic rehearsal, which was enjoyed and well attended.

We had two visits from the Press Associations, Maine, U. S. A. and Quebec, who, at your invitation, were entertained during the past summer.

The press of Halifax and throughout the Province contributes their regular issues, and I need but to mention that their favors are very generally appreciated.

The following papers are regularly received :—

- "Advance," (Liverpool.)
- "Acadian Recorder," (tri-weekly.)
- "Christian Messenger."
- "Church Guardian."
- "Colchester Sun," (Truro.)
- "Colonial Standard," (Pictou.)
- "Courier," (Digby.)
- "Eastern Chronicle," (New Glasgow.)
- "Journal of Agriculture."
- "Morning Chronicle," (daily.)
- "Morning Herald," (daily.)
- "North Sydney Herald," (Cape Breton.)
- "Progress," (Lunenburg.)
- "Plaindealer," (New Glasgow.)
- "Weekly Monitor," (Bridgetown.)
- "Watchman" (Halifax.)
- "Windsor Mail."

#### THE PAST YEAR.

The work of the institution for the past year has been very satisfactory; the percentage of recoveries has been higher than the usual rate, favorable as this is. It is due, to some extent, to the large number of *recent* cases admitted, for it is only with this class that such a result can be expected. It shows also, incidentally, that if proper accommodation were provided, so that every case could be at once placed under care, that the Province and the counties would profit materially in a financial point.

Recent cases, though giving a probability of high *cure* rate, are also as likely to have a high *death* rate, but this year the number of