

There was one on Scotia's distant shore who waited for a bride,  
 Who kept unchanged a holy love thro' years which hearts divide;  
 A few more days—a few more hours—life's pearl should then be won,  
 A jewel from his exile land to cherish as his own.

Alas! that pearl was sleeping far the wild seas breast below,  
 Where dark cold waves are sweeping on in strange tempestuous flow,  
 So full of hope and love for him, with health and rescue nigh,  
 Her fair young sister by her side—they left them there to die.

Alas for love and all its hopes, such was the tale for him,  
 While hearts at home the record traced with weeping eyes and dim;  
 Beneath that lonely wreck there sank of many a heart the crown,  
 When there the young and beautiful, the brave and strong went down.

If one of all the thousand ships that cross the boundless sea,  
 Can bear to multitude of homes such weight of agony,  
 How dark doth human life appear, what shipwrecks strew her shore,  
 When one frail barque alone can bear the grief that steamer bore.

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#### OUR MONTHLY GOSSIP.

THE municipal elections for the City of Halifax took place on the 1st of October. Candidates for the Mayoralty: Henry Pryor and D. Creamer, Esqrs. The former was returned by a majority of fifty-one votes. The Aldermen returned for the six several wards of the city were: H. G. Pugsley, H. Hartshorne, P. Morriseey, W. Evans, Wm. J. Coleman and W. Sutherland, Esqrs. On the 15th the election of the other civic officers took place, and all the previous incumbents were re-elected.

On the 4th, Mr. William Chambers, one of the Editors of Chambers's Educational Journal, who arrived in this city on the 24th of the previous month, visited the Acadian School in company with the Trustees and other gentlemen. An address was read to Mr. Chambers by one of the scholars, to which he returned a suitable reply, and obtained for them holidays for the two following days to visit the Agricultural Exhibition. Mr. Chambers expressed himself much pleased with the people, climate and products of this Province, the interior of which he visited as far as Annapolis. His visit to America is taken for the purpose of acquainting himself more fully with the people and resources of the country, with an intention of publishing the record of his impressions in Chambers's Journal for the benefit of emigrants.

On the 5th the Agricultural Exhibition was opened at Halifax, and held in the gardens of the Horticultural Society. It had been preceded by a Ploughing Match on the 3rd, held at Willow Park, and an exhibition of fireworks on the evening of that day. The exhibition of live stock, grain, fruit, and vegetables, was creditable to the country. A large number from both country and town visited it during the two days, and all expressed great satisfaction at the result. A dinner was held on the 5th at Mason Hall, and an exhibition of fireworks terminated the day's proceedings. On the 6th the prizes were awarded to the successful competitors by His Excellency Sir J. Gaspard