

### A Distinguished Lecturer.

Archibald Forbes, the famous war correspondent of the London *Daily News*, is on a lecturing tour through Canada. He commenced his engagements in Halifax, N. S., on the 19th October. He has been well received wherever he has appeared so far, including this city. His lectures are on the "Royal People I have met," and "The Inner Life of a War Correspondent." Though Mr. Forbes, we are told, once tried in vain to secure journalistic employment in Canada, we have no doubt—journalism having advanced and changed much in the interim—that he will find many who would be willing to "jump at the offer" now. He thus discourses of the start he made in journalism :

"My literary work began while I was in the dragoons. Several of my stories and fugitive pieces were published in the *Cornhill Magazine*, of which Thackeray was the editor, and I wrote a great many pieces of various kinds for periodicals of several descriptions. My first work in the field for a daily paper was done during the Franco-Prussian war. There are only three thoroughly enterprising papers in London, you know—the *News*, *Telegraph* and *Standard*. The *Times* is powerful, but slow. My start was made with none of these papers, but with the *Advertiser*. I served my first campaign for that paper, corresponding from the battle-fields until the siege of Paris began, when I received a notice to come home in about these words: 'Come home. We understand the Germans have fully invested Paris. As we have a correspondent who resides in that city, of course your services are no longer required.' Signed by the editor. I returned to London with my note books full of materials for a complete description of the state of the siege. As fresh news from the war was eagerly bought at very high rates, I determined to make a nice sum by my notes. I called at the *Daily News* office and one of the editors agreed to take three columns of my description. After having written that amount I found that my notes were only half exhausted, and that the investment of Paris was only half perfected. Fearful that if I continued to supply copy it would be thought I was trying to make more than was bargained for, I went to the chief editor, intending to tell him that though I would make my story complete I would expect pay for only three columns. I found him reading the first slip of what I had

written. When I had said enough to enable him to understand my point he interrupted me and said: 'Mr. Forbes, go on writing, until you finish this description, whatever space it requires.' He knew the value of news. A short time after this the *Daily News* made me such an offer that, though I had started a paper of my own, I abandoned it at a loss of £1,000, and that I had just married a wife, I bade her good-bye and returned to the front. I have been a war correspondent of the *News* ever since, and, though for months I have not written a line for the paper, my salary is paid to me regularly without diminution."

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