

ANNALS
OF THE
North British Society
OF
HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

THE NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY was the first of those national and patriotic associations which have been formed in Halifax, having been instituted on the 26th day of March, 1768, in the nineteenth year of the settlement of the City. On the same day Saint Andrew's Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was organized and chartered, having been founded by John Taylor and several others of those who were founders of the Society. Of the original founders, few traces remain, except in the record of these two kindred associations, and it is likely that were it not for their connection with the North British Society and with St. Andrew's Lodge, their names would now be entirely forgotten.

The changes which necessarily occur in the lapse of a century, have not only affected the membership of the Society, but have effaced some of its prominent characteristics as well. The circumstances connected with the settlement of the capital, fostered among those of its population who shared, not only the same privations and dangers