

Our Society.

HALIFAX, N. S., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, 1890.

All letters and contributions should be addressed to The Editor, Cambridge House, Halifax, N. S.

Articles for Friday's issue should be in the Editor's hands by Wednesday evening, but notices of current events can be inserted as late as Thursday afternoon.

Our readers are particularly requested to make a point of sending in at once (or telephoning No. 358.) :-

- (I.) Notices of intended removal, expected arrivals, etc.
- (II.) 'At Home' days, and more especially alterations in the same.
- (III.) News of the whereabouts, etc., of any old friends who have left Halifax.
- (IV.) Recommendations of servants leaving
- (V.) Advertisements of articles lost or found.
- (VI.) " " of articles for sale, etc.

It is hoped that all the Athletic and other Clubs will send in their records, notices, and gossip up to date.

Advertisements under heads (iv.) and (vi.) will not be charged for; but any person who is suited with a servant through the medium of this paper will be expected to pay a fee of 25 cents, and in the same way any person receiving a lost article will be charged 10 cents.

Private advertisements under head (vi.) and others, will be charged to the advertiser at the rate of 5 cents per line.

The rates for business advertisements are :

1 inch	\$4.00 per quarter
2 "	7.50 " "
3 "	11.00 and so on.

It is intended to keep the number of pages at 16 in future issues.

Our Society is delivered by hand to subscribers within the city, and mailed to those at the N. W. Arm, or in Provincial towns.

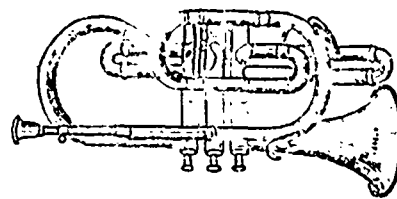
Subscription \$2.40 per annum, post free.

H. BRADFORD.
Business Editor.

WE are supposed to make our appearance on Friday afternoon, but the first two numbers were not ready for press till somewhere about midnight, so some of our subscribers received their copies a little late. We hope you will bear with such irregularities yet a little while, till we get the columns into something like ship-shape. In a week or two, at any rate, when we know better what matter to rely on getting, we shall manage to be "on time": and subscribers will get their papers straight from the press.

WHAT about next week? There's the rub, indeed! Christmas Day comes on Thursday, and OUR SOCIETY ought to come on Friday, but alas! What about the printers? When it comes to Temperance versus Christmas, we don't care to stake our existence—even for one week—on the issue. It would have been very nice to get up a magnificent Christmas number in the latest style, with full-page illustrations and plenty of ads., but we are overcome by youthful modesty, and the prospect of much plumping. We will try and give you something readable—at all events:—plenty of good stories, and whatever Christmas gossip may be afloat. You will have got through all the "swells" by the time we reach you—which may be Saturday night, or again may be Monday morning, according to the state of mind of the printers aforesaid—and will want a nice little tale or two to carry you on to the New Year.

Is anyone still grumbling at the amount of his 5-cents worth? Alack! and alas! but we can do no more for him.



A. E. JONES & Co.,

IMPORTER OF

Music & Musical Instruments

No. 88 Barrington St., Halifax.
(OPP. A. STEPHEN & SONS.)

WE have to expostulate! Already anonymous contributions are coming to hand (not subscriptions,—we don't object to those), and we must really insist on a certain amount of confidence being placed in us. Of course the names will not be published unless desired, and need not go further than the Business Editor, but it is a bad precedent to start suppressing them altogether.

THERE were great political doings yesterday, and eminent politicians were in Hollis St. as the grass that grows (or once did grow). Alas! again: it is a game we do not understand. Nevertheless we had serious thoughts of a special number.

OUR CABBIES.

"Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise," is a good old maxim much appreciated by cabbies: one that they diligently observe themselves, and try very hard to impress on their unsuspecting "fares." Not that we can blame them in the least, as the average "fare" has quite as little consideration for the cabby's rheumatiz as the cabby has for the fare's pocket. What a lot of breath would be saved if everyone took the trouble to understand even the first principles of the cab tariff, which is, on the whole, a very fair one.

For instance, the stoutest man in Halifax can drive from the Parade to Studley for 30 cents,—a small object to a thirsty man: and to the Rink for 25 cents, or to the head of the Arm for 45 cents. And back again for half the sum.

After midnight, "the fares shall be as parties may agree," but even here there is a saving clause,— "not however, to exceed double fare." Which amounts to this,—you can "cab" it to a lance anything under a mile, order your cab any time you like in the small hours of the morning, keep it waiting anything under a quarter of an hour, and return direct home therein, for 75 cents. But if you order your cab at 10 o'clock and don't leave the ball-room till 3.30 (which seems the correct thing,) the cabby has a perfect right to ask \$2.10, and another 15 cents if you look in at a friend's for a last whiskey and soda on the way home. And should your wife be with you, you are let in for yet another 75 cents. When you come to look into the thing, perhaps cabby doesn't *always* ask much more than he has a right to, after all!

Considered as a branch of the Higher Mathematics, the subject is decidedly interesting, and there is really room for a good textbook on the cab calculus. It is capable of developing some very fine problems:—we will treat you to a short easy paper one of these days, by way of a start, but you had better secure a good coach no joke) in the meantime.

One thing you should never forget,—it is written in the laws of humanity, if not in the legal code:—when you come out from a dance and find the temperature anyth. below zero, cabby has a perfect right to expect "a little something"—if only a whiskey-toddy in excess of his fare.

A. & W. MACKINLAY,

Have in stock a large assortment of SOCIETY STATIONERY, amongst which will be found:

WESTMINSTER VELLUM NOTE PAPER.	BASSENDEN VELLUM " PAPER.	WEDDING CARDS & PAPER.	INVITATION CARDS
CANVAS & GREY CALICO	ROYAL IRISH LINEN	CAKE BOXES.	BALL PROGRAMME
MELTON VELLUM	IMPERIAL KENT	CORRESPONDENCE CARDS.	MENU
ENVELOPES TO MATCH THE ABOVE.		CARD CASES.	

Visiting Cards printed from Plato.

137 GRANVILLE STREET.

Crests and Monograms stamped in Colors.