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### SALUTATORY.

WITH this issue, the BADDECK TELEPHONE makes its modest bow to the public.

An important consideration in starting a newspaper is the selection of a suitable name. We asked for and obtained suggestions, none of which commended themselves. For a while the matter was dropped to attend to things of graver import. The name came at the right time. We are pleased to note that so far as we know, our friends like it. Additional appropriateness, we think, comes from the fact that for some years past, on our streets has been seen the familiar figure of Dr. Graham Bell, the inventor of that triumph of modern genius—the telephone. Under this title the paper enters the great world of journalism, to fill the niche for which it is designed with the hope that it may be useful in its "day and generation."

A brief statement of the CHARACTER of this paper is called for. It will be

1. A NEWSPAPER devoted to the news and to general literature. The presence in our midst of persons of literary attainments of a high order—the establishment of a Free Public Library and Reading Room, Literary societies, etc. have all had a marked influence upon our young people. Here they will have an opportunity of coming into line and being more generally useful to themselves and to the public, exerting not merely an intellectual but also a moral influence.

2. A LOCAL paper. While attention will be paid to foreign news, it will be presented in condensed form. If our people feel, as many of them do, that this is their paper, and keep us informed in matters of general interest, throughout Victoria and the adjoining county of Inverness to the north and west, the TELEPHONE will become a means of communication between them and success in this particular will be assured. Correspondence is invited on all legitimate questions for public discussion. Temperance and moral reform will receive our heartiest support. The politician even is not shut out. But we expect discussion to be conducted fairly and in a gentlemanly manner. Anything of the invective or personal will be unceremoniously consigned to the waste basket.

3. A PATRIOTIC paper having the interests of all classes of our people at heart—conducted with a view to reach and come in touch with the largest possible number of loyal Cape Bretonians at home and abroad. Loyalty—not in sentiment merely—to the Empire, to the Dominion, and to our "Island home" being kept prominently forward. All the same it is gratifying to note the present friendly relations existing between Great Britain and the United States, and that this feeling is shared in largely in Canada. Never, perhaps, since the big tea party in Boston Harbor has this been so apparent. It is not a matter of wonder that the Americans fought for independence. They had been playing soldier for some time and to good purpose. They had fought the "forest primers" for homesteads. They had fought French and Indians for possession. They were cruelly and unjustly treated. The hot blood of Britain was in their veins. No wonder they gained their independence. But it is time they forgot and we forgave! After all "blood is thicker than water."

4. A NON-PARTISAN paper. We prefer this to the word "independent" which has fallen somewhat into disrepute, and provokes a sneer when understood to apply to a journal, untrammelled by party, only till a fitting opportunity offers. Party papers have their use and we have no quarrel with them. We have, moreover, clearly defined political opinions, but shall not obtrude them upon our readers in these columns. We are aware it is thought by some that a provincial weekly cannot exist without political patronage. We shall try the solution of that problem. We purpose, however, publishing from time to time the political news from the most authentic sources

within our reach, ON BOTH SIDES, without any political preaching of our own whatever. Let it be clearly understood then that under all circumstances, while under its present management, the TELEPHONE will remain true to its motto—STRICTLY NON-PARTISAN.

### SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR.

The long expected battle off Santiago was fought Saturday and Sunday. By this time Santiago has probably surrendered to the United States. The Spaniards were routed and their fleet almost annihilated. Spain lost 4 armoured cruisers, 2 torpedo boats bursting, 300 killed, 150 wounded and 1500 taken prisoners. The United States lost 1 killed, 2 wounded and 2 ships slightly injured. Admiral Cervera, Vice Admiral Villami and 500 prisoners were sent to New York on board the U. S. Cruiser St. Louis.

July 4.—General Torral demanded the surrender of Santiago, the chief town of the eastern department, but was refused. Population 30,000.

July 10.—General Shafter declined unconditional surrender. Bombardment of Santiago by army and navy began at 4 p. m. Shot and shell literally rained upon the Spanish lines and many buildings in the city were in flames within an hour after the bombardment commenced. The cathedral was struck and damaged.

The surrender of Santiago was formally offered by the Spanish commander, Gen. Torral, to-day, but was promptly refused by Gen. Shafter because of the conditions attached.

And now the once proud and powerful Spain with its long list of famous kings and rulers, with its wonderful and soul-stirring history since the first war between Rome and Carthage, 264-241, B. C., down the eventful centuries to the present day, is now to all appearances one of the rapidly decaying nations which will ere long be bereft of its colonial possessions if not itself swept from the map of Europe.

This is not the first time that disturbances took place in Cuba nor is it the first time that the United States showed its sympathy towards the Cubans and hankered after their possessions. Politically Cuba is a province of Spain. Since the deposition of the Royal family of Spain by Napoleon (1818) Cuba has been ruled over directly by a Governor-General of the class of Lieutenant-General of the Spanish army, whose authority is despotic. He is appointed for three to five years and is supreme head of the civil, military and ecclesiastical jurisdiction of Cuba. The deprivation of political, civil and religious liberty and exclusion from public offices combined with a heavy taxation to maintain the standing army and navy have resulted in a deadly hatred between the native Cubans and the mass of officials sent from Spain. Hence the conspiracy of the Black Eagle in 1829, the insurrection of the blacks in 1844, the conspiracies of Narciso Lopez in 1848, his landing with 600 men from the United States in 1850 and his third attempt in 1851 which cost him his life and that of many of his followers. During these troubles great sympathy was shown for the Cubans by the people of the United States. In 1848, President Polk proposed through the American Ambassador at Madrid, a transference of Cuba to the United States for \$1,000,000. In 1858 a similar proposal was made in the senate—the sum suggested being \$30,000,000—but after debate was withdrawn.

In another column will be found a farewell address to Miss MacPhee, M. A., for some time principal of Victoria Co. Academy. Miss MacPhee's superior professional attainments, the excellence of the work done under her regime, as well as her personal qualities, have made her many friends. She is to be married in August to E. C. Hart, M. D., C. M., of Victoria B. C. We wish them long life and much happiness in their new home. Dr. Hart, formerly of this town, is one of our Cape Breton young men who are distinguishing themselves abroad. It is thought that Miss MacPhee will be succeeded in the Academy by her brother, James M. MacPhee, B. A. If so this ought to be a guarantee that the record of the Academy will be sustained.

OUR thanks are due to Dr. J. L. Bethune, M. P., for his kindness in editing the Gaelic department of this paper. In the midst of a busy public and professional life the doctor retains his love for the Gaelic. We have no doubt his efforts will be highly appreciated in the homes of our people wherever the language of the Gael is spoken.

THE TELEPHONE in religion, as in other things, is cosmopolitan. All the churches in town are represented on its staff. It is only fair to say, however, that this was rather the result of accident than design, competency on the part of workmen being the only requisite. So far the selection is highly satisfactory.

### CURRENT EVENTS.

A Parisian paper makes the statement that "Mr. Gladstone was paid higher terms for his magazine articles than any other author. His minimum price was usually £200, and the figures sometimes reached five times that amount." Now though dead his name still commands a great price, as well as a never flagging interest. Gladstoniana continues to take first place in English magazines and papers, and indeed, this literature, including the books and articles written before and since Gladstone's death, will form a large library of itself covering a long and important period in England's history and touching upon many characteristics of the most interesting men of the time. Of course the Right Hon. James Bryce's "Life of Gladstone" will be a serious, stately and truthful account of this wonderful career, but the short sketches of odd moments spent with him at Hawarden by Lady Frederick Cavendish, by the artist Holl, and other writers too numerous to mention, bring more closely to our hearts the human side of the dear and great old man. Specially full of interest is the volume "Talks with Mr. Gladstone" by the Hon. Lionel A. Tollemache, to whom Gladstone seems to have talked very frankly of his personal views of the men about him. Of Beaconsfield he said: "Dizzy did not show at his best during the last twenty years of his life. But he showed great ability when attacking Peel. Mind, I am not weighing his sayings in the moral scales; but they certainly showed great ability," and he ranked him as the greatest master of parliamentary wit that had ever been. He looked upon his character as a great mystery and it pained him to feel that the mystery will never be solved. Perhaps now as these two great ones lie side by side this veil of mystery has been withdrawn. It is a curious incident that just at this time there comes the report that Beaconsfield's long delayed biography is to be written, and the person said to have been selected for the work is John Oliver Hobbs, (Mrs. Craigie). The London Daily Mail says: "A wiser choice could hardly have been made, for the broad handling of a theme so attractive and so rich in opportunity." Mrs. Craigie is expected to spend the winter on this side next year giving public readings from her own writings.

The English novelist, W. R. Crockett, who started a few months ago to take a walking tour through Spain, is said to be having a hard time of it, being repeatedly taken for an American.

"Northward," a full report of Lieutenant Peary's arctic explorations, was issued just prior to July 1st, when the intrepid traveller again started off intending to put in three years' work in arctic regions. By pushing his stations slowly and steadily further north, he hopes to reach that great goal, the north pole.

Y. L. C.

### Peary off to the North.

Lieut. Peary sailed from Sydney on Thursday night in his auxiliary steamer "Hope," Capt. Samuel Bartlett. The "Windward," Capt. John Bartlett, arrived at Sydney from New York Saturday evening and sailed yesterday morning for the north.

The Hope's reserve stock of coal will be landed at Littleton Island to be used by the "Windward" on her return provided she is frozen in the north all winter. The "Hope" is expected to return in the latter part of September.

We wish Lieut. Peary every success. Capt. Bartlett is not only a thorough seaman but a gentleman in every sense of the word.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents. We do, however, hold correspondents responsible to us.

### EDITOR TELEPHONE:

Sir,—During the visit of General Montgomery and Hon. Mrs. Moore to our town, a meeting of citizens assembled to hear the General and Mrs. Moore, who spoke on the Victorian order of Nurses and such an impression on the audience was made that resulted in the appointment of a committee of citizens to undertake the raising of the funds necessary for the maintenance of a trained nurse in our county for one year. By united effort this can be accomplished. Over one half the required amount has been pledged, and when the collector approaches you in behalf of this object kindly give him all the aid you can. If you see no collector and feel disposed to help this grand purpose of placing a competent nurse in the homes of the sick poor, kindly send your contribution to John E. Campbell, Baddeck, Treasurer Victorian order of Nurses for Victoria County. It is proposed by the committee to hold meetings throughout the county wherever practicable and explain the benefit of the benevolent object. Such a meeting was held last week in Zion Chapel, Baddeck River. Subscribers to the cause will please be prompt as the committee wish to engage the services of a nurse as soon as possible.

ALBERT I. HART,  
Sec'y, of Com.

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### Farewell Address.

To Miss Margaret J. McPhee, Principal of Baddeck Academy:

DEAR MISS MCPHEE,—In presenting you with this small gift, as a memento of your sojourn and labors amongst us, it is our desire to convey to you our heart-felt gratitude for all that you have done for us during the three years of your able and efficient administration of the principalship of Baddeck Academy, and we entreat your assurance of our earnest appreciation of your untiring efforts for our educational advancement.

Not only this but your exemplary character and useful and unselfish life have set a seal upon our lives, the impress of which time will never efface, nor will it ever dispel from our hearts the affection for you which has been implanted within us.

Our regret at your leaving us is great and sincere, but whatever home and community you may in the future grace with your presence always look upon the homes of your "old pupils" of Baddeck Academy as your own whenever it may be your wish to visit among us. We are not only your pupils and friends, but your brothers and sisters in the larger school of human endeavor.

With strongest assurance of our sympathy and love in all your undertakings.  
We are most sincerely,  
[Signed by the pupils of Baddeck Academy.]

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