

A presentation was made to Professor Lawson on Wednesday under circumstances of more than ordinary interest and perhaps importance. Dr. Lawson has for some time conducted an evening class in Chemistry, the members of which have made great progress, and have been for some time seeking about for a means of expressing their gratitude for the patient way in which the Doctor has devoted his time and energy to their advancement. They at length decided on taking the Doctor by surprise with a presentation, and with this view imported a handsome spectroscope from Brownings (London), and awaited their opportunity. On the pretext of wishing for help in carrying on their studies through the vacation, members of the class at last got the good-natured professor—who is always ready to help anyone—to be present at a meeting, when Mr. Gordon, with a short prefatory address, presented the spectroscope, together with a MS., which reads as follows:

HALIFAX, N. S., June 24, 1891.

PROFESSOR LAWSON, LL. D.,

Dalhousie College, Halifax, N. S.:

We the undersigned members of your evening class of Chemistry, being desirous of expressing our appreciation of your kindness in establishing an evening class of Chemistry, thus giving us the benefit of your wide experience and thorough knowledge; while we are assured that the manner of recognizing your kindness most pleasing to you would be the showing ourselves sincere in trying to profit by your efforts, yet we hoped that you would be good enough to honor us by accepting a small tangible indication of our esteem for you personally, as well as for the great care and patience which you displayed in our instruction; but above all, for the thorough spirit of cheerfulness manifested through the whole season.

We now ask you to accept this spectroscope, trusting that you may find it useful in your profession, and that you may be long spared to confer your gifts of learning on this your adopted country.

WILLIAM GORDON,
ROBERT S. FAIRGRIEVE,
JOHN SANDBERG,
ALEX. McCOWAN,
JOHN A. WILSON,
R. GAUL.

ROBERT BRIMS,
JOHN E. BURNS,
SAMUEL R. FRAME,
CHAS. W. WEST, C. E.,
E. DAVIDSON,

Dr. Lawson's reply was pithy and humorous. He failed to classify the present performance. Surprise parties were common enough in Canada, but invariably of one of two classes: either when the *surprise* is informed beforehand of what is going to take place, and has an opportunity of making an appropriate speech, or where he is *not* provided with any particulars beforehand, but does not have to make a speech, because he finds himself the only one present at the meeting. Wednesday's presentation belonged to neither class, but was unique.

The Toronto *Empire* is great on the subject of the International Cricket match. Talking about the Halifax players it says:—

"Henry is too well known to require any remark. His record on previous internationals and his grand form throughout the English tour of 1887 alone were sufficient to give him a place of honor. This year he is batting in stronger fashion than ever and will likely be chosen as captain of the eleventh."

"In the other three names from the sea comes the surprise. They are practically unknown in Ontario cricketing circles. They are players however, of tried ability, stationed on military duty at Halifax, and are said to be great trio. Stockwell is credited last year with an average of over 80 in English matches, while Kaizer ranks still higher. Bengough's batting is said to be of the Stonewall order."

What Kaizer's average may be is not stated; perhaps the figures run too high to be even guessed at, but we should have thought 80 a pretty good all-round respectable average, and can

only hope Mr. Stockwell will sustain his reputation during his stay in Halifax.

On Saturday Mr. Leigh's XI sustained a defeat at the hands of a Garrison and Navy team, captained by Mr. Barnes, R. A., the Naval contingent being small, certainly, but very useful. Mr. Barnes XI scored 76 and 29 for 5 wickets, while Mr. Leigh's XI made only 47. For the former, Sergt. Farley made 29, and Mr. Stockwell 17 in the 1st innings, and Corp. Hopkins 14 (not out) in the 2nd. On the other side Mr. Leigh's score of 19 was the only one that ran to two figures.

Perhaps, on the whole Mr. Dawson's bowling was the most noteworthy feature of the match.

We hear that two of the Wanderers have been asked to play in the International match against the United States, and we hope that, for the honour of Halifax, they will both be able to get away.

Lady Watson has invitations out for one of her usual and charming afternoon entertainments for to-day (Friday). The weather is hardly what one might expect or look forward to for such an entertainment.

One of the most noticeable personages at the races, and certainly one most admired, was Mrs. John Miller, the bride from the States. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are staying at the Waverley, and intend, we believe, to enter into all the Halifax gaiety, when that gaiety takes place.

There was a report about in the early part of the week of the engagement of an officer recently arrived here and one of our most charming young ladies, but we hardly think it can be true, and only give it for what it is worth.

The Rev. T. C. Mellor has gone to New Germany, Lunenburg County, for a few weeks change and rest; his place in Dartmouth being temporarily filled by Rev. Mr. Parry.

Mr. and Mrs. Döring left on Wednesday for Chicago, and intend to spend about a month away from home.

Mrs. M. Wallace gave a very successful tea at her house on Morris St., on Wednesday, to meet Miss Laine as a farewell before her departure for Charlottetown on Friday, (to-day).

THE RACES.

WE SPOT THE WINNER IN EVERY EVENT.

If our readers followed the "tips" that we gave in our last issue and backed them accordingly—they must be now rolling in riches proportionate to their bets, for our choice without one exception was the winner in every race.

Monday was a dreary day, cold and blowing hard from the south-east. A bad day for the spectators but a good day for the horses when they once got warmed up. The attendance was good considering the weather, and people, in spite of these circumstances, seemed to enjoy themselves.

MAIDEN PLATE FOR PONIES.

Mr. G. Wales'	"Twinkle,"	131 lbs.	Mr. Willis,	1.
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Capt. Jenkins'	"Mazzeppa,"	142 lbs.	Mr. Morrow,	3.

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