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### CORRESPONDENCE

Hotel Grand View, Jacksonville, Florida, May 21st, 1901.

Editor ADVERTISER:—I must note of 13th case in due time, and on your invitation I shall be pleased to do so, from time to time, a brief contributor to your columns.

The attachment to be a native land has been in every part of the world's history, esteemed a virtue of the noblest and highest class. It has been my experience, and observation as well, that it is not an easy matter for a British subject ever to become anything else, naturally. I am still a Britisher, although having spent the greater part of my mature life under the Stars and Stripes. When I pick up the letters left by the carrier, those bearing the Queen's head are invariably opened first. I presume that long before this your readers have become familiar with the tremendous disaster which occurred two weeks since came upon the fair city of Jacksonville. What two weeks ago was a beautiful, prosperous and charming place, is to day almost a waste and desolate wilderness.

On May 3rd about ten o'clock, an alarm of fire rang out from a palmetto, fibre factory in one of the western suburbs, and in less than two hours one square mile, about 640 acres, of the very best portions of the city lay in ashes and ruins. With more than twenty thousand inhabitants, houseless and homeless.

When it was found about an hour after the fire began that the home fire companies would not be able to cope with the fearful conflagration, telegrams were sent to Savannah, one hundred and seventy miles to the north, to St. Augustine forty miles south, and to Macon and Fernandina for help. These cities quickly responded, and trains with firemen and engines, were soon making a mile a minute to the rescue. Reaching the city, these noble firemen fought the devouring elements with heroic fortitude, but the odds were against them. A gale was blowing and from block to block, they were driven till they were a mile away and covered and hopelessly in the water but completely ruined by the smoking ruins.

The writer's home lay directly in the path of the onward sweep of the devouring element, and so sudden was the onslaught and so terrifically heated was the entire atmosphere that nothing was saved. Friends came to our aid, and many things were taken from the house only to be abandoned on the streets, and burned before our eyes, while being driven by the intense heat to seek shelter to preserve life.

Besides thousands of dwellings some of them magnificent residence, ten fine hotels, nearly a score of churches, and about two hundred business houses, wholesale and retail, were destroyed. This will give you some idea of the terrible fire. Individually we lost the accumulation of more than twenty years, regretting the loss of about from one thousand to twelve hundred books in our library, with no insurance whatever, more than anything else. With all the newspaper accounts and eye-witness descriptions of the terrible nature of this fire, no adequate description has yet been given. Not but what the writers have been honest, and minds to comprehend. No one can possibly realize what a terrible disaster these seven hours of rolling, roaring, seething flames wrought.

With the exception of the corner south-west of the government building, there is not a building as far as the eye can see in any direction. The thousands of dead trees, once lining our streets with perennial beauty and the tall chimneys stand out like an immense cemetery, unkept and uncared for by human hands. During the fire, the screaming of women, the puff of the engines, the cries for help, the rushing here and there, the roar and crackle of flame, the falling and crashing of walls, with now and then some terrific explosion, were most appalling. Quite a number of lives were lost, in burning houses, others were driven into the harbor and drowned, their burned and scarred bodies being discovered in a day or two after the fire.

But we are pulling ourselves together as best we can. The day after the fire I saw a sign board looking out from a tremendous mass of smoking ruins which read—"You downed us, but you can't keep us down"—A fellow feeling has drawn us close together. We are working with what little we have. Shacks for temporary refuge are going up every where. Sister cities are aiding, and this fire I believe will be chiefly in mind as a miles stone in the city's progress.

Owing to the thousands of a class of negroes in and about the city, who with such opportunities are prone to pillage and plunder, our city was at once placed under military rule. Soldiers and men-of-war sailors and marines are on duty everywhere.

The writer is on the commissary staff in charge of all clothing, and we are at our desk in that department from eight in the morning till five in the evening, with a guard of Uncle Sam's soldier boys to keep order about us.

All the Churches in the main part of the city were burned, and as preachers we meet our flocks where best we can. Last Lords-day, I held two services for my own congregation, and two for the Presbyterian church. Next Lords day, I held beside my own services, one for the Congregationalists, their pastor being north for funds. But I must not lengthen this.

T. H. BRANES,  
Pastor Adams St., Christian Church,  
Jacksonville, Florida.  
Wolffville

Mrs. A. J. Kempton and Mrs. Arthur Kempton arrived from the West on Saturday and are visiting Mrs. P. M. Kempton. Rev. A. J. Kempton arrived on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Borden were thrown from a carriage in town on the 24th and Mr. Borden was considerably hurt.

Rev. W. M. Smallman preached in the Baptist church on Sunday.

Mrs. Rockwell of Wolffville who has been spending a few weeks at Westport, Digby County has returned home.

Mr. T. L. Harvey of Wolffville has entered into partnership with Mr. Geo. Ellis of the Beaver Mills.

It is understood that steps are being taken to have the port of Wolffville brought under the Harbor Master's Act.

Mr. F. M. Logan was in Wolffville last week.

Miss S. A. Shaw of Windsor spent the 24th in Wolffville.

The death of Mrs. Rebecca Allison, widow of the late Geo. H. Starr of Halifax, and daughter of the late James Crane of Grand Pre, occurred last Saturday at the age of 84 years.

Rev. A. C. Chute of Halifax is mentioned as likely to fill the new chair of Theology at Acadia.

The speakers of the anniversary proceedings next month at Acadia, representing the senior class will be, Miss Adele McLeod, Summerside, P. E. I.; A. L. Bishop, Lawrencetown, Wylie Manning, St. John; H. W. H. Longley, Paradise; R. J. Colpitts, Port Elgin.

Rev. J. W. Manning of St. John is visiting at Wolffville.

Rev. Dr. Pattison of Rochester New York will preach the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday morning in College Hall Wolffville. Rev. W. A. Newcombe of Thomaston Maine will preach in the evening.

Mr. Frank Southern of Westport Digby County has been spending a few days in Wolffville.

The sale of tickets for Madame Sans Gene will commence at R. W. Eaton's Kentville; Rockwell & Co's Wolffville and H. H. Cochrane's Canning at 12 o'clock noon Saturday 25th May. Prices 50, 35 & 25 cents.

The Kentville Lawn Tennis club opened the season on Saturday by giving a Tennis Tea. Some fifty guests were present and had a delightful time. The lawn is now in perfect order.

The death of Mr. Elias Hale, one of the oldest and highly respected citizen of Woodville, Kings, occurred last Saturday morning, at the age of 68 years, after a short illness. The deceased leaves a wife and five children to mourn their loss. The funeral was held last Monday, burial took place at Billtown.

Among the number of charming plays presented, Sarah's "Madame Sans Gene" Barry's "Little Minister" and Ouida's "Under Two Flags" proved the favorites, and while the lines are finely drawn, yet the enthusiasm may have been more pronounced over the first named. Be this as it may, it was in "Madame Sans Gene" that Jessie Bonstelle, dainty and fanciful, won the warmest applause in her portrayal of the title role, and her position before the footlights in the garrison city has never since been questioned, if indeed it ever was. A player of note, Miss Bonstelle commands a respectable remuneration, and therefore Mr. Harkins has need of the success which is everywhere greeting him.

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A good driving horse for sale. A. E. Calkin, Kentville.

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E. J. BISHOP.

### A THEATRICAL SOCIAL EVENT

W. S. Harkins who for the past 10 years has been giving to Halifax the features of its theatrical season, opened for an eight weeks run at the "Academy of Music" in that city during the early part of this year with "Madame Sans Gene". His engagement was a most successful during the season, and closed with the triumph of his last night.

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