

Society's operations, and the suggestion was favourably entertained.

Attention was called by Mr. Holmes to the lack of assistance accorded by the members of the Society towards the production of the ANTIQUARIAN, and the editors desire to reiterate a request for contributions of matters of interest, however brief. It is a peculiar feature that nearly all the help and kind words of encouragement received with reference to the magazine, come from outside the circle of the Society itself.

U. S. HALF DOLLARS OF 1836.



GENTLEMAN of Southampton, L.I., writes that a great deal of curiosity has been excited by the sudden appearance in circulation of a large number of silver half dollars, all bearing the date of 1836, and as bright as when they came from the Mint. The mystery is thus explained: An old resident of Sag Harbour, formerly well known as a practising physician, but who for several years has led a comparatively secluded life, at the time of the panic of 1836 hoarded up 1500 half dollars of that date. He kept them in total disregard of interest or premium until the present time. He has now put this hoarded treasure into circulation.—*American Journal of Numismatics.*

NIL DESPERANDUM.—A copy of the Pictou, N.S., *Observer* of 1831, has the following notice: "At Ship Harbour, on Sunday, by the Rev. Mr. Sprott, Mr. Michael Eison, senr., aged 104 years, to Miss Sarah Sophia Teresa Belinda Lawrence, aged 41 years and 6 months, after a courtship of 16 years."