

than of the elementary branches of instruction; not that the former can be properly attained without the latter as a foundation, but that the elements are already to be found in a preparatory collegiate establishment at Windsor, and under the auspices of an English lady and her family, whom the exertions of a distinguished member of the provincial community have happily induced to settle lately at Halifax."

Haligonian hospitality meets with Captain Moorson's distinguished approval, though with reservations.

"It is not the fault of the inhabitants if Halifax be not a pleasant quarter for a stranger, and particularly for a military stranger. Hospitality, unbounded in comparison with that which such a person will experience in England, is offered for his acceptance; and if he is not fastidious, he may quickly enjoy the pleasures of a small society, unfettered by that ceremonious restraint which frequently becomes an annoyance in the intercourse of larger ones."

He seems to think that we are rather free and easy, but charitably makes allowances and excuses.

"The general tone of intercourse is somewhat analogous to that we meet with in Ireland; it is in fact such as naturally prevails where the circle is not very extended,—where the individual members have been long acquainted and where military have long been stationed with few internal changes. On the Englishman, especially if he have not previously travelled, the earlier impressions will probably be unfavorable; he will at least be surprised at the apparent familiarity subsisting between those whom at home we should consider all but strangers. The impression will not continue when he becomes more conversant with the circumstances out of which it has arisen. He is introduced as a perfect stranger to Mr.—; two hours afterwards, he meets the same gentleman in the street, the drawing-room or