

of blue and gold before they left Bermuda. This comes rather late in the day, but the delightful style of the author will take all chestnutty flavour away. Next week we shall give a second letter, which deals with the cruise in the West Indies. We are promised a third letter later, to account for their doings in Bermuda since their return.

The "anti-tights" bill was thrown out by the upper house of the Minnesota Legislature. Who can say now that upper houses are useless?

Sir Edward Kenny, Knight, was a typical example of the kind of men who first settled and built up this country. He began in very small beginnings and ended a very great man, that is as far as he could go in a colony of this kind. He was born in Ireland in 1800 and emigrated with his brother to Nova Scotia in 1824. He and his brother, Thomas, from small beginnings built up the large and extensive business of T. & E. Kenny, so well and extensively known at the present time.

Sir Edward took an extremely active part both in civic and political life, being one of the first councillors elected in this city in the year 1841, being elected for Ward III. He subsequently became Mayor. He was appointed to the Legislature, in which body he remained twenty-six years, being its president for eleven. When appointed to the council he was a liberal, but subsequently changed his views and became a tory and an ardent confederate. At the time of confederation he was appointed to the Senate and became a member of the cabinet of Sir John MacDonald. He remained in the cabinet till 1870. Sir Hastings Doyle having gone to England on leave, Sir Edward Kenny was appointed administrator of the government and was at this time knighted by the Queen in just appreciation of his long public services.

Lady Kenny was for many years one of the social leaders of this town in its gayest days—and many the bright entertainment given and the distinguished guests entertained both at their town house and at their delightful summer residence on the shores of Bedford Basin—Sherwood, one of the most beautiful places in or around Halifax.

Now that the head and founder of the family has passed away at a ripe old age, he has left a distinguished and popular representative behind him to carry on the name and make it even more distinguished than ever.

The "paper chase" mania has set in with a vengeance. We hear of new ones to come off every day. Mrs. Mullins had a hunt last Saturday and a large number turned up in spite of the pouring pelting rain. No doubt they enjoyed it and they certainly seemed to. The ground was heavy, the fences high and the pace fast. The hares were the Rev. Norman-Lee and Mrs. Mullins. The first of the hounds in at the death were Mrs. Harvey and Miss Nellie Almon. The finish was at Rosebank where a tea was given by Miss Almon.

The races on June 22nd promise to be better than they have been for many years. The number of entries will be large and the quality of horses and ponies entered will be good.

We are glad to hear that Mignonette owned now by Mr. Clifford Jack will be able to run after all. The best of the new ponies seems to be a blue roan recently got from the country by Mr. Barry.

St. John is going to send at least one pony, which we believe will be able to make a good race with anything in Halifax. The Tramp, although she has not wintered well, will still show to the front, and will be a dangerous opponent in the pony-cup. Muffin owing to a bad thorough-pin will not be seen on the course this year. These with two or three others that are being kept somewhat dark will make up a very good field of ponies. As to the horses—we believe that there are three coming from the County Club in Boston, Mr. Hopkins returning and generously bringing

two opponents. So that Halifax will have its work cut out to win back the cup. Emmeline, Mr. Barnaby's mare is in training for it—and we have heard that Hopeful was also being fitted and a horse from New Brunswick. It will be a great pity if we can not win it back.

The Orpheus Club held their concert last night, but our report came to late for insertion in this issue.

The first Cricket match of the season is to be played to-morrow at Windsor. The past and present of Cambridge House school playing the College, and on Monday the present school team play the Collegiate School.

Tuesday was a fashionable night at the Academy. Many of our society people being present at the first presentation of the Colonel.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalziel, and Mrs. W. B. Reynolds and family have returned home after a very pleasant holiday at the Bedford Hotel.

Mrs. Allison of Windsor, is to give a large dance on Monday.

Miss Laine's third and last song-recital takes place May 28th at Orpheus Hall. The Leipsic Trio, will assist, and by request will play the brilliant Rubinstein Trio. They will also accompany Miss Laine in several songs. Miss Laine will sing "Nochirne" by Chadwick.

As this is Miss Laine's last public appearance in Halifax, and taking into consideration the many pleasant evenings she has afforded us, we certainly think that the music-lovers of Halifax should turn out in force, to give the fair artist a "good send off." Not only should this be done for Miss Laine's sake, but also to sustain the reputation of Halifax, as being able to appreciate good music.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor attended in state the pro-rogation of the Provincial Legislature on Tuesday afternoon a guard of honour furnished by the Leicestershire regiment was drawn up outside the Province Building, the corridor and stairs being lined by a detachment of the Princess Louise's Fusiliers. His Honour was accompanied by Col. Clerke, and was joined on entering by the following officers of militia Major Gordon (D. A. G.) Lieutenant Col. MacShane (Brigade Major), Lt. Col. Humphrey (P. L. F.) and Col. J. T. Walsh (63rd.). The Halifax Garrison Artillery fired a salute from the Citadel.

The Colonel was played to an appreciative and large audience at the Academy, on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. We presume the comedy which preceded it has changed its name in crossing the "Pond" when we saw it last *mirabile dictu*—19 years ago it was called the Spitalfields Weaver.

We can heartily congratulate the company carrying through "The Colonel" in such a smooth manner. Mrs. Thos. Barry gaining fresh laurels as the widow, and Mr. Redmund took the Colonel with that naturalness and *bonhomme* which is essential for the success of the part—as Charles Torrens, Mr. Brien was not seen at his best—the fact is, the part does not suit him, he has in reality two parts to play and does not conceive either. The make up of the serious family deserves the highest praises. Mr. Duani again showed that he was one of the most versatile actors that have appeared in Halifax. Miss Pearce acted so well, looked so demure and pretty that we cannot understand her husband wanting to be off on the spree, but then he had a mother-in-law.

The Leipsic trio gave a recital in the Orpheus Hall on Wednesday evening. Gade's Opus 29 and Raff's opus 102 form the programme, and were interpreted in masterly style, each of the trio doing perfect work. Their *ensemble* was perfect with much poetical conception and shading such as can only be expected from highly professional talent. Mrs. Klingensfeld's singing showed good training, but her voice was rather light for the room.