

Our Society.

HALIFAX, N. S., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12th, 1890.

ALL letters and contributions should be addressed to The Editor, Cambridge House, Halifax, N. S.

Articles for Friday's issue should be in the Editor's hands by Wednesday evening, but notices of current events can be inserted as late as Thursday afternoon.

Our readers are particularly requested to make a point of sending in at once (or telephoning No. 358.) :—

- (I.) Notices of intended removal, expected arrivals, etc.
- (II.) 'At Home' days, and more especially alterations in the same.
- (III.) News of the whereabouts, etc., of any old friends who have left Halifax.
- (IV.) Recommendations of servants leaving.
- (V.) Advertisements of articles lost or found.
- (VI.) " " of articles for sale, etc.

It is hoped that all the Athletic and other Clubs will send in their records, notices, and gossip up to date.

Advertisements under heads (iv.) and (vi.) will not be charged for; but any person who is suited with a servant through the medium of this paper will be expected to pay a fee of 25 cents, and in the same way any person receiving a lost article will be charged 10 cents.

Private advertisements under head (vi.) and others, will be charged to the advertiser at the rate of 5 cents per line.

The rates for business advertisements are :

1 inch.....	\$4.00 per quarter
2 ".....	7.50 " "
3 ".....	11.00 and so on.

The number of pages in each issue will probably be increased very shortly.

H. BRADFORD.

Business Editor.

WE are issuing the portrait of Lieutenant-Governor Daly with this number. We have already learnt many things by experience, and are hastening to profit by them; but our readers must bear with us for a few weeks while we are finding out what is wanted, and getting things better organized. There are "pros" and "cons" in every question; and we had to decide without delay whether to issue the paper at once, so as to include all the Christmas festivities, or to spend a month or two in organization, and start with the New Year. The die is cast, and we have no cause to complain of our reception or to regret our decision. At the same time, there are many difficulties to be overcome, among the chief of which is the fact that engravers, booksellers and news-agents—just the very people we want most—are abnormally busy with the Christmas numbers.

We must trust to the goodwill of our readers to look just a little way for us, if our newsboys do not raise quite such a shout in the streets as the rest of them, and perhaps in time they will find that we do, after all, fill a blank in the current literature of the Province, and are worth looking for on our own merits. This much we have decided,—the sequence of portraits will be if possible unbroken, and if they do not turn up in the order demanded by etiquette, the fault will lie at the door of our engravers. We have already added 4 pages of reading matter to this issue, and intend adding another 4 pages next week, and keeping the number at 16 in the future. We should be glad—especially at this slack season—to open correspondence on any subject of general interest, or to answer—if we can—any queries our readers care to put; and in many respects—see the notices—our readers can do much to make this paper interesting to them, if they will only take the trouble.

In conclusion, we shall be thankful to anyone who can suggest likely correspondents in St. John, Moncton, Truro, Antigonish, Amherst, New Glasgow, Springhill or Sydney.

The following may interest some of our readers. It is cut from the answer to our preliminary circular, from one who will, we hope, become an occasional correspondent from the other side of the herring-pond:

As for your own news it is too startling to be hastily dismissed; a society paper without scandal or political bias is too good an infant for this world—in the new world I doubt not it will be welcomed with open arms, but Jerusalem (the new) is the only city from which I expect it to emanate. Only one criticism will I venture—please divorce fashions from cookery; if you were as dyspeptic as I am the very idea of such an unhallowed union would kill you: inscribe on your banner "the good old cookery, and no French kickshaws," and I'll supply the oaths with which to embroider it.

Finally let me tell you—in response to your own invitation—what society wants:

1. Scandal about its neighbours.
2. Reliable tips for the Derby.
3. The removal of priqs.
4. A conscience that won't wear tender and recipes for the dishing of duns.

(I have endeavored to keep your own divisions)

If you can supply any or all of these please put me on the list of subscribers.

One last remark—take lessons at once with pistol and sword and insure your life in my favour.

Correspondence.

HALIFAX, Dec., 11th.

To the Editors of "Our Society."

GENTLEMEN: Owing to your notice and that of several other papers. I have thought it better to say something in explanation of my not having continued the "Sleep Walking Scene" in the recent Amateur theatricals. In the first place, the scene was advertised as it was, not only without my consent, but contrary to my decidedly expressed wishes. If the scene was decided on, I wished it to be merely a sort of tableau, and until the night before the performance refused to take the part. The lines, with which every one in the audience was probably familiar, I had, I am ashamed to say, read through for the first time about three o'clock on Friday afternoon, when I went through the "business" of the Scene twice, and then committed the lines to memory, intending to go over them again before the evening. From that time until I was hustled on the Stage without a candle, I had no time to do so. In anything but Shakespears one might make shift to get on, but having already inflicted one muddled performance on a kindly audience, it seemed too absurd to give them a second one, and either to misquote or misplace words which, to every one but myself, must have been as familiar as "A. B. C." It seemed, on the impulse of the moment, better not to ruin a beautiful scene, (which so far as the acting went I could do easily) by stumbling over the first words. My saying to the audience, "I will do it for you next week"—was under the impression that the performance was to be repeated *this* week for the benefit of a local charity.

F. A. GRANT.

A. & W. MACKINLAY

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MELTON VELLUM	IMPERIAL KENT	CORRESPONDENCE CARDS.	MENU
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