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HIS HONOR LIEUT.-GOVERNOR DALY is a son of Sir Dominick Daly, who was successively Governor of Tobago, P. E. Island, and S. Australia, and who married Miss Maria Gore, daughter of Col Gore, of County Kilkenny. Their son, Malachi Bowes Daly, was born February 6th, 1836, and educated at St. Mary's College, Oscott,—one of the best schools in England, where Col. Ryan, R. A., and his sons, were also educated. He was called to the bar of Nova Scotia in 1864, was private secretary to his father, and to two successive Governors of Nova Scotia; stood for Halifax (Conservative) in 1878, and was re-elected in 1882 and 1885. In 1885 he was chosen by Sir John MacDonald as Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees, and in 1890 was appointed Governor of Nova Scotia. His Honor married, in July, 1859, Miss Joanna, second daughter of Sir Edward Kenny, and a more popular couple never reigned in our Government House.



HIS HONOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR DALY.

A REVERIE.

I rode along the moonlit road,
My mind was full of care,
And my heart was sad and restless
With sorrows hard to bear.

At the church-yard I reined in my horse,
Fast'ning him to the gate;
Then up to the path I took my way,
And the hour was lone and late.

The Moon shone o'er the still church-yard,
A sweet and mournful sight!
The gravestones looked like their owners'
ghosts,
Clad in their robes of white.

The sight half calmed my troubled breast:
I reached the grave I sought,
There flung myself upon the ground
And lost myself in thought.

A month ago! Ah, how I wished
That time would come again,
Though I should have to pass on e more
Through that anguish and that pain

And as I sat thus lost in thought,
Came stealing through the air,
So faint, so distant came a sound
Of music sweet and rare.

Nearer it grew, and clearer now
It sounded in my ear;
I clasped my hands, I upward gazed,
In wonder and in fear

A strain I ne'er had heard before,
Nor e'er shall hear again
I held my very breath to hear
That to me fraught with pain.

Louder it filled the air, and lo!
There broke upon my sight
A troop of sweet angelic forms,
All clothed in spotless white.

Loud thrilled the music and behold
As nearer still they drew,
The fairest, and the brightest, came,
My own, my lost one true.

And now they softly drifted past
My loved one in the throng;
Fainter and fainter vanishing,
While softer grew their song.

So softly faded the refrain,
That sweetly mournful strain,
Fainter it trembled on the breeze
And ne'er was heard again.

How long, I know not, I lay there
But when at last I rose,
The load was lifted from my heart,
Made lighter were my woes.

So happy had she seemed that night,
Should I then sorrowing be?
Stay weeping o'er my fate because
She now was pure and free.

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Society Notes.

Mrs. James Morrow was the entertainer-in-chief of this week, giving two most charming dinners, one on Wednesday night and one on Thursday night. Sir John Ross was invited to that of Wednesday night, but could not go on account of gout. Amongst those present on Thursday, were: the Lt.-Governor and Mrs. Daly, Major and Mrs. Trench, Mr. and Mrs. Wood, Dr. McDowell, Dr. and Mrs. Morrow.

There was a very pleasant dinner at Sir John's on Thursday, and there is to be one at the Archbishop's on Monday next.

There have been skating parties nearly every day this week. The pious rejoiced when they saw Sunday was a soft day, and the impious said other than pious words—but Monday made up for it, and all who could rushed off to Williams or the Dartmouth Lakes and enjoyed themselves nobly. There is no comparison between open air skating and rink skating—except for those that prefer valseing. On Wednesday afternoon there occurred an incident Dartmouth Lakes that might have been a serious one. The ice refused to support Miss Salter and she went in—the water was deep and she went down. Mr. Fraser of the W. R. Regt. nobly jumped to her assistance. Mr. Trotter—of the same corps—laid hold of Mr. Fraser, somebody name unknown laid hold of Mr. Trotter, and by the combined aid of all three, Miss Salter was rescued from an unenviable situation, which at one time looked serious. She was taken into a neighbouring house where they most kindly fitted her out in all the latest Paris fashions. There is no foundation to the report that a Humane Society medal would be presented to the gentleman who laid hold of Mr. Trotter's feet.

William's Lake was rendered very lively on Saturday by the crowds of people that went there to indulge in skating. The fine day, the good ice, and the hospitality of the gunners drew nearly everybody that was worth drawing, and jollity reigned supreme. The skating was excellent, the band,—well the band I believe is new, and then it is hard to play in the open on a cold day—but the hot tea, and ditto claret, not to mention the cherry—brandy, made up for everything. I was much amused to see some of the new arrivals learning to skate; it brought back many scenes to my mind of cherished hopes and forgotten promises, one young gentleman in particular seemed to be learning under very pleasant circumstances, so that I envied him and wished that I too was a beginner till he "took a toss,"—then the pleasures disappeared, and he looked weary. There were no accidents, except to the P. M. O's trap: we will put that down to the rough roads, but one of the maxims when driving is to look to the road. Another couple started to drive there and were found at a point far distant for Williams.

Correspondents at Charlottetown express great concern at the news of the Bishop's illness, and ask for more detailed accounts of his health. We are glad to be able to say that he is steadily—though slowly—recovering from what has been a very severe attack of enteritis, and that he will probably be able to sit up in a few days.

Mrs. Donald Keith, Inglis Street, has cards out for an "At Home, from 8 to 12" on Tuesday next.

Miss Anna Fraser is to be married at St. Luke's Cathedral on the 31st of December.

Mr. Kent, R. A., intends spending some time with Mrs. Tiffany in Philadelphia on his way back from England.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Bagot leaves for England on Saturday, she goes away for the winter for the health of her children. But we hope will return in the spring.

Dr. Stodhard leaves on Saturday for Berlin to study the new consumptive cure under Prof. Koch.

Mr. J. C. More, manager of the Merchant's Bank at Quebec, is visiting his friends in Halifax.

All the talk about having "no rink" this winter has ended in smoke, after all. The details are not finally settled yet, but the days proposed are Tuesday and Friday afternoons and Wednesday morning and evening. The band will certainly play on Tuesdays and Fridays, and on Wednesday evenings if funds allow. In fact, everything will be pretty much on the usual lines, except that the amount of luxury provided will depend to a large extent on the number of members. We hope enough will join to insure the tea and cake, at any rate.

Last week we just had time to issue a short notice of Tyrone Power's Benefit at the Academy. Probably there has been more talk about the

extraordinary termination of the "Sleep-Walking" scene than about any performance given in Halifax for many a year. We must at least give Miss Grant credit for being original in her methods, and for treating us to something in the way of novelty.

Miss Grant's acting in "Daddy Hardacre" has been rather severely criticized. She has undoubtedly made a mistake, and we hope, for the sake of our amateur players, that she will realize this herself and not fall into such a trap again. We have seen Miss Grant on the boards several times, and we rank her as one of the best amateurs in Halifax, *in her particular line*, which is at least as useful as any other, and in which no one else here can do such good work. It is a great mistake to sacrifice years of experience and go against the bent of one's natural genius for the sake of the gallery,—especially when the gallery doesn't respond.

Our remarks on the subject of the Wanderers have not been taken altogether in good part,—and we hardly expected they would. All the same, it is the interests of the Club that we have at heart, and this is the time to talk off whatever bad feeling may exist. And what is the use of "going for" the Garrison in this matter? The Garrison is a "fleeting show,"—it is a small thing to them if they *do* fall out with the only club that gives them any sport to speak of, as they know that in two years at the outside, they will be ordered off and will have to find new opponents in the field. But to the Wanderers it is a very different affair:—here they are, and here they are to remain, and if every little difference is to be remembered against generation after generation of the occupants of Wellington Barracks, the noble game of football is likely to degenerate into a species of bull-fight. The point we wish to press home to the Wanderers is, that however strongly they may feel against any particular regiment, and whatever causes of complaint—just or unjust—they may have against it, it is their interest to suppress these feelings entirely when that regiment departs and a new one takes its place.

The decision of Prof. Samuel Porter to leave Halifax in the spring has revived the old question of professional versus amateur choirs among the parishioners of St. Paul's Church. The authorities are in favour of doing away with the present choir and substituting the usual boys' and men's choir: while many of the regular attendants would prefer good professional singing, and, which is more to the point, profess their readiness to pay for it. There is a great deal to be said on both sides—we imagine that most churches would like professionals in their choirs, but of course it means another heavy item of expense. The question at issue is, whether this expense is compensated by the increase of congregation (and therefore collection), and whether the good effect of the ordinary system in stimulating an active interest in the church among its younger members can be compensated by anything in the new system.

Private letters received from the North Atlantic Squadron at Bermuda, say that the ships had a splendid passage down. The weather is described as being simply perfect. Lawn tennis is in full swing. H. M. S. *Bellerophon* is in dock. The fleet are expected to sail for the West Indies about New Year's Day.

The Japanese sale has been quite the centre of attraction, many of the very fashionable spending most of their time there; some buying, others talking, and all enjoying themselves listening to the irrepressible Clarke entailing the treasures of the East and leading the wily Haligonian on to buying them. On Wednesday night I noticed Mr. Wm. Duffus, Mrs. Justice Graham and Mrs. Curren amongst the heaviest buyers, on Thursday Capt. Jenkins, and Mrs. Kenny, Mrs. W. Thomson, Mrs. Graham, and Mr. Jones, and Mrs. R. Macdonald, Mrs. G. Stairs, Dr. and Mrs. Oliver.

Mr. C. S. Rankin, of the Halifax and Bermuda Cable Company, left on Thursday in the "Loanda" for Bermuda, to join the staff of the company at Hamilton.

Good old Potter! Potter is without doubt at the present time the most talked of and the most discussed man in Halifax. Families are divided in the Potter question; friends of a life time pass each other on the street, just because one is a Potterite and the other an antipotterite. In fact, life is rendered a little more burdensome than usual because of good old Potter. We should not like to express an opinion one way or the other, either for the dynasty of Potter or against the dynasty of Potter; but it looks to an unbiased outside stranger as though the Committee of the Sailors' Home and Seamen's Rest were "as clay in the hands of the Potter."

Sporting Notes.

The following letter reached us during the week:
DEAR MR. EDITOR:

I am sorry to see that there is some difficulty in carrying on the Gun Club, and may I suggest that you as an unprejudiced person should suggest that the committee allow the military to become members (as I believe they were not last year.) I am sure that plenty of us would like to join.

I remain,

A SUBALTERN.

Very likely our correspondent is right, but if so it is somewhat anomalous that some of the most conspicuous men on the ground, and those who seemed to do most shooting, were members of the Garrison. If they are not regular members, so much the better for them, as they get the sport without paying for it; in that case, we would advise "Subaltern" to join on the same footing and say no more about it. But if the Club is to be a success, it should have but one class of active members.

There is another thing: some men who are not extra good shots, but still like to shoot, don't care to go out there, and put some coin into every sweep with no chance of ever winning any; they say it is expensive enough without this. Surely they could have handicaps!

The second prize offered by the Dominion Artillery Association for the most efficient garrison batteries in the Dominion has been awarded to No. 5 Battery, H. G. A., (Capt. F. H. Oxley, commanding.) The first prize was missed by one point only.

The annual meeting of the Red Cap Snow Shoe Club was held at the Halifax Hotel on Tuesday evening. It was decided to do away with the usual sleigh drive and to have a dinner on long race day and a dance some time in January instead. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Captain—W. L. Brown.

Second Captain—George DeB. Smith.

Secretary—J. C. Lithgow.

Committee—R. M. Symons and Frank Grierson.

MCCORMACK AND LAIDLAW.—Laidlaw, the Dartmouth skater, has received from Hugh McCormack, of St. John, articles of agreement providing for a series of three races for the world's championship each for \$100 a side; the first to take place in St. John Dec. 26, the second in Halifax Jan. 1, and the third place to be named by McCormack (other than St. John or Halifax) not later than Jan. 1, and to take place before Jan. 10. Each party to deposit \$25 with James Barry, of St. John.

Musical.

We have now had several days to think over Miss Laine's announcement, -time enough to realize that a great treat is in store for us, and that a progressive stride is about to be made in the musical history of Halifax. There has been many a friendly debate as to whether Miss Laine's great popularity is due entirely to her perfect rendering or partly to her taste in selecting songs. We ourselves have always held that the true artist is shown as much in the selection as in the rendering, and we have been able to trace the educational influence of Miss Laine's singing in our musical society, even while listening to performances in which she herself takes no part.

The little we know of the coming programmes confirms these impressions, and we have no doubt that the recitals will be, as indeed they can hardly help being, a brilliant success.

Miss Laine leaves Halifax on the 19th inst. for Boston, where she is engaged to sing at the Philharmonic Society's concert on the 28th. We expect her back again on the 11th January, and the first recital will very probably be given on the 22nd. The date of the second is uncertain, but will certainly be before the departure of the West Riding Regiment.

The Boston Philharmonic orchestra is conducted by the famous violinist, Bernhard Listemann, with whom Miss Laine sang before coming to Halifax, and who has never ceased to regret her absence from Boston.

Our old friend, Professor Saml. Porter, has decided to take up his residence in Annapolis Royal next spring, much to the regret of his many musical friends in this city. Mr. Porter has done a great deal for music while here; we owe him a debt of gratitude for having trained many a church choir and singing society to be the pride of Halifax; and it is hoped that a handsome testimonial will be gotten up and presented to him before he leaves us.

In anticipation of Prof. Porter severing his long connection with St. Paul's Church as organist and choirmaster, the church authorities are now looking out for another good man to take his place. Mr. Chas. H. Porter's name has been freely mentioned as his successor, unless some good man from abroad can be secured. Halifax has grown so much in musical importance within the last ten years that two or three good men would find ample scope to employ their talent profitably amongst us. The city is becoming an important educational centre, and the more good teaching talent can be concentrated here, the better for the cause and the place.

Fashion.

Dear Mr. Editor,

It is really very charming of you to ask me to tell you all the latest things in the way of dress—woman's dress, I suppose you mean; but, to tell you the truth, I'm a plain little body myself, and don't care even to read all the fashion columns in the ladies' papers,—they only seem to muddle me up, and make me think I must be a perfect guy, not to have any of the wonderful things they described last week as being "quite the rage." All the same, I have got eyes in my head, and if I happen to see anyone wearing anything particularly nice, I won't forget all your pretty compliments. Just now, there really isn't anything very striking; in fact, just the opposite,—the best people seem to stick to the perfectly plain, tailor-made gowns. The three-quarter length jacket is in vogue for the winter, and very sensible it is, too, if we do have any cold weather: I wonder how you folks in Canada care for anything else, with the thermometer in the zeros;—you can't walk comfortably in anything longer, and these pretty little short jackets can't keep you properly warmed through, though they might do very well for skating.

There are several new things in the way of material:—for instance "Raynhan Mohair," which is very soft and pliable, suitable for the present style of gown for rough wear, as it is very thick, and therefore best fitted for slight folds. For a prettier costume, the "Imperial Amazon" habit cloth is good; while the "Cotslet"—a kind of vellum, only ril bed,—seems to be very popular.

For the circular cloaks the "Liberty" Art Serge is certainly the best thing.

The latest caprice has completely shelved our dear old sealskins, though I mean to stick to mine—Persian Lamb and Astrakans are the thing this winter; but it would be very silly to part with your seal if you got a good one: there aren't enough millionaires in the world to drive it out of fashion for long. I'll give you anything good I can find in the way of shoes next time I write,—that is, if this is any use to you.

Ever yours,

JOANNA.

Cookery Notes.

OYSTERS AND MACARONI. (a nice supper dish.)—Lay some stewed macaroni in a deep baking dish, put upon it a thick layer of oysters, season lightly, *very lightly*, with cayenne pepper, and cover heavily with grated lemon-peel; add a small tea-cup of cream, and strew a layer of bread crumbs on the top. Dot with pieces of butter, and brown in a very quick oven for about 10 minutes or even less. Serve with piquante sauce.

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PERICO'S REVENGE.

(FROM THE SPANISH OF FERNANDEZ-JUNCOS.)

I.

PERICO was a jolly good fellow, who led a free, happy and independent life, such as did the Iberian people previous to the invasion of the Phenicians.

Young, rich, elegant, and endowed with sound common sense and no mean parts, it seemed as if Dame Fortune had taken an especial delight in bestowing upon him the most inestimable gifts at her command.

His was a life exempt from cares and creditors.

He was a bachelor.

He resided in his own house.

He read no political papers.

He was, in short, what may be called a thoroughly happy mortal.

But

Alas! How true it is that there can be no happiness without a *but* in this miserable world of ours!

It had been written in the Book of Destiny (mark the Arabian elegance of my style,) that the hero of this voracious history was doomed to be the victim of a more cruel and woeful invasion than that of the Carthaginians of old.

And the predestination was fulfilled.

The house of Perico was invaded by a terrible vixen who succeeded in converting into a perfect bedlam what erstwhile had been a quiet and peaceful home.

Wretched Perico!

II.

Catalina Tormenta, (the female in question,) was a species of fury with *chignon*, ear-rings and bracelets, a panther in petticoat, a basilisk with bustle.

She possessed, however, a great talent: that of concealing her ferocious instinct under a cloak of devoutness and modesty that would have deceived even the most experienced physiognomist.

She was, moreover, a perfect marvel of physical beauty.

So that Perico, who was somewhat sensitive, and from his tenderest age had evinced a greater inclination for women than for men, as soon as he beheld the graceful form of Catalina, could not help falling head over ears in love with her.

Catalina did not care a snap for Perico; but the latter's wealth was to her soul a powerful incentive.

Besides this, she needed some one to bite and scratch in her frequent bursts of ill-temper, and it seemed to her that a good-natured fellow like our hero, would exactly answer her purpose.

With such a felicitous disposition on both sides, what was to be expected took place as a matter of course.

Perico and Catalina were made one.

III.

Contrary to the old established matrimonial custom, the newly wedded couple had no honeymoon.

Indeed, the very day in which the nuptial celebration occurred, there were growls, scratches, bites, blows, and other suggestive indications of a domestic storm.

And these scenes were repeated at brief intervals, with increased violence, until they assumed a truly dramatic character.

As is to be supposed, Perico's part in them was purely passive: he bore them in silence with stoical resignation.

Only now and then would he be heard to exclaim, paraphrasing Cicero's celebrated apostrophe:

How long, O Catalina! wilt thou abuse my patience?

-To which outburst she would instantly reply with impressive arguments, such as a broomstick or finger nails, vigorously administered.

But the woes of our hapless Perico did not by any means end here.

I had occasion to remark that Catalina, in spite of all,—was a marvel of beauty.

This circumstance, which could in some way extenuate his foolishness in marrying such a shrew, proved, ere long, a source of additional uneasiness and troubles to the poor fellow.

Anon. Perico began to observe that the visits to his house of a certain party, who was no acquaintance of his, were becoming more frequent.

"Surely" thought he "this individual doesn't come here for the purpose of admiring my beauty. It's more likely he admires that of my wife. I'll watch him."

And in thus thinking Perico gave evidence of being no fool.

IV.

Now, with your permission, gentle reader, I am going to write this chapter in the tone and style of the dime novelist.

Please lend me your attention.

More than a year had elapsed since Perico had been suffering (that's the word,) under the ruthless power of Catalina.

In the language of the poet, Night, the sable goddess, stretched forth her leaden sceptre over a slumbering world.

It was just past "the witching hour of midnight" when a man, muffled up to his nose in a sort of dark colored cloak, silently crossed several streets, and finally stopped in front of Perico's residence.

He cautiously looked about him, to see if he was being observed; then inserted a key in the lock of the door, which immediately turned on its hinges, and entered the house.

A moment after, another mysterious figure emerged from the portico of a neighboring mansion, glided silently towards the same door, which had been left ajar, and also went in.

Let us follow the first one, if you have no objection.

With firm step, despite the darkness, he ascended a flight of stairs, and crossed various apartments, as if accustomed to these nocturnal excursions.

Catalina met him on the way.

"Is that you, Juan?"

"Yes, my dove."

"I did not expect you at such a late hour. If you cannot be more punctual—"

"Come now, dearest, you are not going to scold me for a minute more or less."

"You deserve something worse."

"Don't say that."

"I not only say it, but mean it."

"You are cruel. Next time I promise to be more exact."

"And you'll again break your word. Oh, these men!"

(Here follows, in the original, a very piquant and spicy dialogue and scene, written after the now universally recognized realistic school. I felt that my neat rendering of it was something to be proud of. But, alas! I had reckoned without my host, I mean the Editor, who has had the cruelty of requesting me to either alter or suppress the whole passage, fearful lest the *décollé* style in literature might shock the sensitive nerves of some of those dear souls of the "unco guid" description, who, I dare say, fail to perceive any impropriety, however, in that *very style*, when exhibited at the theatre or ball-room. While thus compelled to mutilate my poor author's story—sacrificing him, so to speak, at the altar of Prudery,—I cannot help declaring that Jules Janin knew whereof he was speaking when he remarked that "the fear of hypocrites and fools was the great plague of thinking and writing." Craving the sensible reader's pardon for this digression, I proceed with my *curtailed tale*.)

V.

While the two lovers were thus unsuspectingly engaged in conversation, the mysterious personage whom we saw follow Juan into the house, was attentively listening behind the door of Catalina's *boudoir*, and anxiously peeping into the interior through the keyhole.

He remained in that uncomfortable position for about an hour.

Then, silently retracing his steps through the deserted hall, he

descended the stairs and went out into the street, muttering to himself and giving signs of a badly suppressed rage.

"The wretches! Thus to betray the confidence of an honest man; and it was for this that she was so anxious to get me away. Well it was that I returned, urged by a strange presentiment; for at last I have witnessed and heard all that was needed to come to a final determination. Ah! the hour of my terrible revenge has at length arrived!"

Thus saying, he glanced ominously at the house he had just left, and slowly wended his way up the street.

Presently he arrived at the corner, turned it, and . . . *exit* Perico!

VI.

Four days after this episode, some fishermen were giving their testimony before the local magistrate, in connection with a horrible tragedy which had taken place the night before.

Here are the particulars:

They had already retired into their huts, situated on the sea-shore, when they heard several shots followed by piercing shrieks, like those of a person seriously wounded. Desirous of lending their assistance to the poor fellow, they hurried to the scene of the tragedy where they only found a hat, a coat, a pair of pistols bearing the name of Perico, and a long track of blood recently shed. Not a soul was to be found in all the neighborhood. They instituted a search for the wounded man, following up the direction of the bloody trail, but this, going over some abrupt reefs, was finally lost in the ocean.

It was then evident—according to the fishermen—that a crime had been committed in that locality, the victim of which had been thrown into the sea.

A letter, written by Perico, and addressed to Catalina, which had been found in the pocket of his coat, confirmed the opinion of the witnesses.

In it was stated that in consequence of a question of honor, he was to fight a mortal duel with a dexterous and formidable adversary, adding that the receipt of the letter would be conclusive evidence that he had been killed and thrown into the sea, for such were the conditions of the encounter.

But this was not the most original feature in the case.

Together with the letter was found Perico's testament, extended in due form, in which, after praising Catalina in the most glowing terms, he appointed her absolute heiress to his estate.

The happy widow, as is to be supposed, shed the conventional crocodile tears, that such liberality was expected to elicit, and it is even averred that she ordered some masses to be said for the repose of Perico's soul.

VII.

The moment Juan, Catalina's lover, heard of the demise and testament of Perico, he exultantly said to himself.

"Now I shall wed her and reckon that I have won the big prize in the lottery. I have always felt that I was born to roll in riches."

No sooner said than done. Juan married Catalina.

But once in possession of the titles and prerogatives of a husband, all the poetry that as a lover had surrounded him in the eye of his perverse and fickle consort, vanished like a bank cashier. The unfortunate man soon awoke to the dreadful reality, and gradually dropped into the unenviable place left him by Perico.

The wedding was followed by the squabbles, scratches, slaps, bites, and other lively connubial entertainments so dear to Catalina's soul.

There were, moreover, aggravating circumstances which boded serious consequences. Unlike Perico, Juan had a terrible temper, which at times would impell him to acts of violence.

Evidently Catalina had, for the nonce, encountered her match—

"This man is not like Perico," she would say, "but I'll fetch him."

"This woman is a perfect cataumout," he would say, "I must tame her."

And the thrashings became reciprocal, assuming apace an alarmingly tragic character.

Stubborn he, and she inexorable, in the war for the mastery over each other, neither would yield, and the storm thus raged more furiously every day.

At last the crisis was reached. Juan, in a fit of passion and desperation, tied a rope round his neck, and died cursing his wife, not, however, without first giving her such a drubbing as she had never received before.

Shortly after this, Catalina also gave up the ghost, being unable to survive her beloved husband's parting caresses.

CHAPTER VIII.

The local magistrate was still engaged in investigating the causes which had led to the death of Juan and Catalina, when a gentleman of good appearance presented himself before him desirous of identifying his person. He exhibited for the purpose a pass which read as follows:

"Mr. Perico Pata de Gallo, native and resident of . . . &c., &c." . . .

And at the margin was a description of the owner of the pass, which tallied in every respect with that of Perico.

"But, my good Sir, are you not dead?"—exclaimed the magistrate, aghast at the sight of what he believed an apparition.

"I . . . yes, sir . . . that is to say; . . . Allow me to explain."

And forthwith Perico gave a more or less plausible account of how he had succeeded in saving himself from the "vasty deep," thanks to a foreign vessel which had picked him up, landing him afterwards in a distant country, whence he had just returned.

But, sooth to say, nothing of the sort had happened.

All about the duel, shots, letter and will, had only been a stratagem ably concocted by Perico, for the purpose of attaining a twofold object.

First: To deliver himself from the iron clutches of his wife.

Second: To make her appear as free and wealthy in the eye of her covetous lover, so that he might fall, as he did, in the trap.

Knowing full well the temper of both, especially Catalina's, he had foreseen the tragic end which could not but follow.

He, therefore, simply left them to themselves, and they did the rest.

And this was Perico's terrible revenge.

He recovered his large possessions, and now once more enjoys a happy, free and independant life, with all the other advantages detailed at the beginning of this narrative.

FRANCIS J. AMY.

Halifax, N. S., 18th Nov., 1890.

OUR CIVIL SERVANTS.

DOCTOR (*to Government Clerk*).—Well, what do you complain of?

CLERK.—Sleeplessness, doctor!

DOCTOR.—At what time do you go to bed?

CLERK.—Oh! I don't mean at night, but during office hours!

MOTHER.—Well Tommy, how do you like your new governess?

TOMMY.—Oh, very well; but papa doesn't, 'cause yesterday he pinched her cheek, and must have hurt her!

SHARP BUSINESS.

A nobleman was deeply in love with a lady. He met her one evening at a crowded ball, and as he could not get an opportunity of talking with her in order to propose he contrived to slip into her hand a piece of paper, with the two words written upon it:—

"Will you?"

The reply was equally brief:—

"Won't I!"

Wanderers' Amateur Athletic Club.

CRICKET REPORT.—(Concluded.)

MATCHES PLAYED.

1. June 2nd vs. Hamilton's XI. Wanderers, 70; Hamilton's XI, 53
Won by 17 runs.
2. June 14th vs. R. A. & R. E. Wanderers, 175; R. A. & R. E., 123.
Won by 52 runs.
3. July 1st vs. Garrison. Wanderers, 89 & 86; Garrison, 93
Draw favour of Garrison.
4. July 25th & 26th vs. Garrison. Wanderers, 75 & 52 for 3 wks.; Garrison, 96 & 119.
Draw favour of Garrison.
5. Aug. 7th Married vs. Single. Single, 118; Married, 68 for 3 wks.
6. Aug. 8th & 9th vs. Garrison. Wanderers, 196 & 79 for 5 wks.; Garrison, 112.
Draw favour of Wanderers.
7. Aug. 25th vs. Dartmouth Club. Wanderers, 143; Dartmouth, 68 & 31 for 3 wks.
8. Aug. 29th & 30th vs. Garrison. Wanderers, 81 & 19 for 4 wks.; Garrison, 76.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Not Out.	Total.	Average.	Not in Innings
W. A. Henry,	10	2	221	27.62	54
F. A. Kaiser,	12	1	212	19.27	11
W. G. Brookfield,	5	1	56	14.00	11
C. Stewart,	7	1	74	12.33	25
T. J. Cahalane,	6	1	57	11.40	28
E. P. Allison,	11	3	91	11.37	19
W. H. Neal,	8	1	79	11.29	41
G. A. Tayler,	3	1	19	9.50	16*
F. A. W. Tayler,	10	1	81	9.00	29
T. F. Tobin,	7	1	53	8.83	17
C. J. Cunand,	5	0	43	8.60	29
L. M. Johnstone,	7	1	36	6.00	19
T. J. Cochrane,	7	0	32	4.57	13
F. P. Bligh,	3	0	9	3.00	7

* Not out.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.

(H. P. BLIGH, Secretary.)

The club is in a highly satisfactory condition financially. The Treasurer's account shows receipts amounting to \$2573.03, expenditure \$2230.27, so that it has been possible to transfer \$140 to the Reserve account, leaving a balance of \$202.76 to the credit of the club at the Bank. The expenditure includes the laying of a new bowling-green, and an extra large grant to the Tennis club.

The balance in hand is enough to pay next year's instalment on the grand-stand account, which is the last, so that the club is practically free from debt, and has a Reserve Fund of \$565.27.

The entrance-fee of \$5.00 now required has not made the number of applications for admission sink below the average. The number of active members at the last semi-annual meeting was 322; of these 22 have been struck off the list for non-payment of dues; 18 have been placed on the Honorary list, 28 have resigned, and 1 has died. There have been 27 new members, bringing the members up to 280. The resignations have been for the most part those of older members, who consider that the Club no longer needs their support.

Owing to the formation of the South End L. T. Club, the number of Lady members has decreased from 30 to 7. Lacrosse has been played on the Wanderers' Ground this year for the first time, and it is hoped that a large number of members will take an active interest in the game next year.

The bye-laws will be revised up to date and printed in time to be laid before the general meeting this time next year.

REPORT OF THE GROUND COMMITTEE,

(GEOFFREY MORROW, Chairman.)

The ground Committee beg to report that with the limited amount voted to them not much new work could be done on the grounds; but a new Lawn Tennis Court was laid and carefully cut and rolled, but not opened for play. This should be a first class court next season.

The Track was put in order the very first thing in the Spring, and was after that comparatively easy to keep good.

The ground Committee were able to let the grounds for Base Ball, and this brought a considerable revenue, part of which was voted by the Managing Committee for a new bowling green. This was laid and should prove to be very true.

The ground Committee beg to recommend that next season the Tennis Courts be laid up in turn for three weeks at a time all through the season. This will give them a chance, as it is impossible for Courts to be played on every day, and still be in good order.

The same thing is recommended for the bowling-greens.

They also recommend that the fence, or at least that part on Park Street, be painted next Spring, and that the Southern side of the track and ground inside it be re-graded.

The ground Committee are pleased to again bring to your notice the assistance and suggestions they have received from J. D. Irons, to whom improving the ground is a Labour of Love and who has at heart the best interest of the Club.

FOOTBALL.

(J. N. DUFFUS, Chairman.)

The Football Sub-Committee, reports on the past season as "the most unsatisfactory one in the annals of the Club." In the 1st place, Dalhousie took offence at their playing the Abegweits on Thanksgiving Day (claiming for themselves a match with the Wanderers as a fixture for that day,) and refused to arrange any other matches throughout the season. Again, at the beginning of the season some of the Wanderers' team objected to playing against private soldiers, with the result that from that time the 76th refused to play them at all, even in conjunction with other clubs. The team, which at first was not up to the mark, has improved considerably during the season. The forwards are strong, but the backs rather weak. As this is chiefly owing to a lack of interest in the game on the part of some of the younger members, and as the club has this year lost the services of Mr. W. A. Duffus as quarter-back, it is suggested that a younger member should be added to the Committee, whose duty it should be to arrange matches for the 2nd XV, and see that they practised more often.

It is also suggested that the match 1st v. 2nd XV's should be made a fixture.

An Association team was got together this year, which played one match, v. R. A. and R. E., being defeated by 2 goals to 1.

The following 1st XV matches were played this year:—

- Oct. 25. v. Kentville, won by 1 goal and 2 tries to nil. (8 points) tries earned by Oxley, Wyld, and Harley.
- Nov. 1. v. Navy:—Lost by 1 try to nil. (2 points.)
- Nov. 8. v. Navy:—Won by 1 goal and try to nil. (6 points). tries by Grierson and MacIntosh.
- Nov. 6. v. Abegweits:—Lost by one try (2 points.)
- Nov. 15 v. 2nd XX:—Won by 1 goal and 4 tries to nil. (12 points.) tries by Henry (2), Duffus and Harley
- Nov. 22. v. New Glasgow:—Won by one goal to nil. (4 points.) try by Henry.

This makes in all 6 matches, of which 4 have been won, and 2 lost.

A splendid run made by Mr. W. A. Henry in the Glasgow match is worth recording as the best seen this season. The second XV have played but one match, against Dalhousie 2nd (Nov. 19), which ended in a draw.

SPORTS.

The sports sub-committee (W. E. Leverman, chairman) report a successful year, throughout which the club has maintained its place in the front rank.

G. H. Bowen was prevented by illness from running at the Championship meeting, and G. Tracy had private reasons which withheld him from competing.

W. A. Henry won the Hurdles and Broad Jump at Truro, while A. M. Bauld lost the 100 dash only by a few inches.

Grierson, Ruggles, C. MacIntosh, Boulton and Creighton have all improved.

H. W. MacIntosh has made himself famous by his performances at Montreal and Washington.

The results of the Summer Handicaps were:

July 10th,	100 yds.	won by G. A. Tracy.
17th,	220 "	" G. H. Bowen.
24th,	440 "	" "
31st,	880 "	" H. W. MacIntosh.
Aug. 22nd,	1 mile	" "

The Annual Sports on September 13th, were a great success in every way.

The Club was ably represented at Windsor, July 1st.
 " Pictou, Sep. 16th.
 " New Glasgow, Sep. 20th.
 " St. John, Sep. 27th.

The Brown Medal Race, Sept. 29th, was again won by H. D. Creighton, (time 2.07½).

The third Championship meeting was held at Truro, October 4th, the Wanderers again leading in points.

The scores were:—

1.—Wanderers, - - - - -	43 points.
2.—Beavers, (St. John) - - - - -	19 "
3.—Windsor, - - - - -	16 "
4.—Y. M. C. A., (St. John) - - - - -	10 "
5.—Pictou, - - - - -	10 "
6.—New Glasgow, - - - - -	10 "
7.—Rambler's Cycle Club, (Halifax) - - - - -	9 "
8.—St. Mary's, (Halifax) - - - - -	3 "
9.—Truro, - - - - -	3 "

Total, - - - - - 123 Points.

The Committee anticipate a lively season next year, though they do not think the junior members show the interest they should show in handicap events.

BASEBALL.

The Baseball sub-committee (F. Grierson, chairman) report only one match during the season—with the Chebuctos of Dartmouth—which ended in a defeat. In fact "the game has become almost obsolete" in this club, owing chiefly to two causes: I.—The actions of professional players during the past two years, which make them very undesirable opponents and II.—the introduction of Lacrosse.

For the time being, it is recommended that no further baseball matches be arranged, as the whole team—with the exception of the battery department—is in extremely bad playing form.

The committee regret "that Messrs. Burns and McIntosh were not given an opportunity to display their excellence in the battery department, for which they had put up some hard practice."

TENNIS.

The Lawn Tennis sub-committee (G. S. Troop, chairman) reports a most successful season. Although they lost many lady-members through the formation of the South-End Club, the number of players was still quite large enough for the courts possessed. The match with the Garrison, though ending in a defeat for the Wanderers, acted as a stimulus to their play.

In the annual club tournament, Messrs. Record and A. Morrow won the doubles, and Mr. Record the singles. The Maritime Provinces L. T. Association held the first Annual Tournament at Truro, August 4th-5th, where Messrs. Slayter and Burns made a good show for the club.

The Committee regret that the Tournament for 1891, is to be held in St. John instead of Halifax, and fail to see the justice of this arrangement, as there are 4 clubs in Halifax, and only one in St. John.

The Courts were not very good at the commencement of the season, owing to the laid in July, which will be in first-rate order next season, and it is suggested that in future a system be adopted

by which each of the five courts is laid by in rotation for three weeks.

The Cinder Court has been in excellent order throughout the season.

LACROSSE.

The Lacrosse sub-committee report a very successful start, and a growing interest in the game.

The visit of the Orient club from Montreal was a great boon to the Wanderers, giving them excellent models to copy.

The presence of the 'Crescents' in Halifax,—who are always ready for a friendly game—is another great advantage to the club.

Unfortunately the team was organized too late in the season to admit of its entering the Provincial League.

The prospects for next year are excellent.

Matches played this season:—

v. Collegiate School, Windsor.	Drawn.
v. Truro. A-A-C.	Won.
v. 'Orient's of Montreal.'	Lost.
v. " " "	Lost.
v. 'Crescents', Halifax	Won.

QUOITS.

The Quoit sub-committee (Mr. A. Morrow, chairman), report the ground in constant use, though the usual Fall Competition was not held this year.

Our Volunteers.

HALIFAX GARRISON ARTILLERY, (Concluded.)

At Ottawa the H. G. A. won their share of the prizes, and succeeded in having a man in every regular match.

In the Extra series, at 500 yards, with Martini, Lieut. Flowers, H. G. A., made the possible 25 points, and won second prize, and at 600 yards with the same rifle, Sergt. Case, H. G. A., also made the possible 25 points, winning first place. Capt. Adams also won prizes in these two competitions.

In the shooting at 800 and 900 yards, Capt. Adams and Lieut. Flowers won prizes at each range.

While the H. G. A. have made such a creditable showing on the rifle range, they have not neglected their legitimate work with the big guns, and considering that this was the first year they have been enabled to learn the drill of ordnance of a heavier description than the 64-pounder, it speaks well for them that they were able to assist in the recent sham attacks of Halifax to the satisfaction of the officers commanding the R. A.

Lieut. Col. Irwin, Inspector of Artillery, stated that he noticed a decided improvement in their gun drill, and all other work.

Capt. Oxley's battery made 117 points out of a possible 140 in the efficiency competition, and it is at present a disputed point whether his or a P. E. Island battery will be awarded first prize.

The event of the season in big gun work is the competition at Orleans Island, Quebec, to which the H. G. A. sent seven detachments, numbering 8 officers and 56 men, under command of Capt. Maxwell, with Capt. Oxley adjutant. The inspector, Lieut. Col. Irwin, in speaking of the appearance and drill of these detachments, said that any corps might well be proud of them.

The teams succeeded in winning 3 first prizes, 4 second, 2 third, and 10 others,—altogether 10 prizes out of a possible 33.

It has been said that the H. G. A. devotes too much time to rifle shooting, but the above figures are sufficient answers to that charge, as the success of the teams in shooting with the big guns is due to the fact that many of the men are acknowledged rifle shots.

This has not been an exceptionally lucky year, for they have shown up well in every artillery competition that has been held on Orleans Island, in 1888 winning every first prize offered; and they have won the Montreal trophy and Quebec Merchant's cup twice in three successive competitions, thus holding them for good.

On the whole the H. G. A. are to be congratulated on the success they have met with on the ranges this year, and have every incentive to push forward and do greater things next year.

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 pigs.
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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Provincial Notes.

DARTMOUTH is not a very social place, although the contrary opinion seems to prevail on the other side of the water. It appears to have its years of active society life followed by a year or two when a social party of any size is quite a rare event. The present year has been a very quiet one in Dartmouth society. The last dance, Mrs. Harry Creighton's was so long ago that it is almost forgotten. Still there is, as elsewhere, we may suppose, an undercurrent of gossip which to those in touch with the movers on the Dartmouth social stage is interesting enough. We will endeavour to indicate the direction of this current from time to time, striving however, to avoid scandal or giving offence.

Mr. T. M. Cutler has been absent for one week in Montreal. He returned to Dartmouth on Wednesday.

Mrs. W. R. Foster and others are contemplating starting some entertainments this winter in the school-room of Christ Church. It is proposed to produce two plays, "Comrades" and "Esmeralda," and also musical evenings with tableaux, etc. The proceeds will be for the Christ Church improvement fund. Some of the ladies are assembled every day this week preparing for the Christmas decoration of the church. The gentlemen occasionally find it pleasant to happen in at tea time. An effort is being made to obtain a new organ for this church, to cost between \$2,000 and \$2,500.

There was a small dance at the house of Mrs. Gow on Tuesday evening. About twenty guests were present, including some from Halifax. The half-past 11 boat to the city generally hurries these things to a conclusion, as in this case. There is unfortunately some prospect that Mr. Gow and family will move permanently to Halifax in the spring.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Mr. Beverly Newberry, eldest son of Mr. F. T. Newberry, leaves Charlottetown on the 10th instant, for the neighbouring Republic, whither he goes, like the hero of the olden tale, "to seek his fortune," among the American people. The exact locality of his new home must depend upon future circumstances, but where ever it be, Mr. Newberry carries with him the regrets of his many friends, and their best wishes for his prosperity and happiness—*bon voyage*.

Government House, 'tis known, had gradually been allowed to fall into such a condition of delapidation as to render it impossible for the Lieutenant Governor to occupy it in the late unsatisfactory condition of his health. We are glad to find that the authorities have so far remedied defects by the making of repairs and the introduction of suitable heating apparatus as to allow us to state that the official residence will be occupied by the Lieutenant Governor and his household during the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Macleod, returned from their visit to the Southern States on Saturday 29th ult.

Mrs. Rankin and Mrs. Bartlet arrived here from their visit to New York on Tuesday 2nd instant.

Mr. Justice Peters has been allowed extended leave of absence, and, with Miss Peters will, in a few days, take a holiday in Washington and other American cities.

Mr. Harry Bayfield, who came here a short time ago from Kingston Military College to undergo an operation upon one of his knees, is rapidly progressing towards complete recovery.

St. Andrew's Dinner, under the auspices of the Caledonian Club, was this year tabled at the "Osborne House"—the President of the Club, Col. Irving, A. D. C., was "mine host." The dinner was successful in accomplishing the objects aimed at: and was, no doubt, very satisfactory to all who dined under the red lion of Scotland.

A daughter is born in the family of the Rector of Charlottetown—Rev. W. Handyn.

Mr. and Mrs. George Peake have lost a dear child, Mirian, and in their sorrow have the sincere sympathy of the community. Consequent upon the anxiety of the sick-room and the blow of the bereavement, Mr.

Peake was for days seriously ill. We are more than happy to be able to say that Mr. Peake is just recovering from his nervous prostration.

Mrs. Beer—wife of Dr. Beer, and niece of the late Chief Justice Palmer—is seriously ill, stricken with paralysis. Her daughters—Mrs. John Longworth and Mrs. Alexander Anderson—have been called to her bedside from the United States. Most sincerely is it hoped that Mrs. Beer will be restored to her family, whose anxiety is shared by a large circle of friends.

Government pond—the fashionable haunt for skaters long ago—was black with skaters after the late frost, but too crowded to entice some people from more congenial society at home with their friends.

Miss Minnie Palmer is again at home for a short interval during her visit to Mrs. John Richards at Bideford, where Master Kenneth Richards slowly recovers from his late illness.

We are snow clad and almost ice bound. Winter seems here to stay—all too soon. We are isolated and outsiders say we grow to think too much of ourselves—"A small room is cosy."

YARMOUTH.—Mrs. James Farish (late of Yarmouth,) but now of Annapolis, visited at Mrs. E. K. Spinney's last week.

Mrs. George Farish gave a very pleasant progressive Euchre party Monday evening for her sister-in-law Miss Bertha Farish, who has been visiting them for some time, but intends to return to Liverpool before Christmas.

Mrs. E. K. Spinney gave a card party last Thursday evening which was of course a success, as her parties always are.

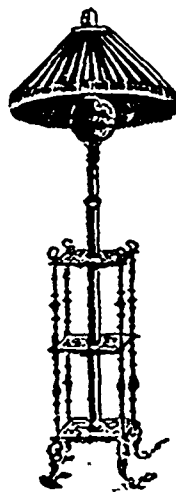
Mr. and Miss Baker went over in the Boston Saturday evening to attend the reception given on board the new steamer.

A FACT! A little girl in St. John recently while saying her prayers asked the Lord to make her like "Royal Baking Powder." When asked by her mother why she made such a singular request replied: "Because I want to be absolutely pure."

Mr. Law advertizes at auction some time before Christmas, another consignment of Japanese goods. I am afraid the men will feel when it is over as if they had been victims of the Baring failure.

KENTVILLE:—The new Club here is a grand success in every way. We have a reading-room supplied with about 45 periodicals, including Times, Field Forest and Stream, Harper's, Punch, Century, Forum, etc.

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increment (vide Henry George) they may have about them. The table, I believe, cost considerably over \$500, but of course, not being a sporting man myself, I know nothing definite. "On dit," (please note this is French) that at the present moment three of the shining lights in local society are all seriously ill with D. T's, and Sir James Holmes says it is quite like Scotland. Our Tennis Club bids fair to win even greater honours than last year, as the success we obtained at Truro has stirred up a very strong "esprit de corps" among the members, and although, probably, the absence of Miss Daisy Wiltshire will prove a drag upon the club, there are several fair members left any of whom by application and energy can, we hope, fill her place.

Sporting matters are at present very quiet: the small game has all gone, and the real season for Cariboo (the only big game easily accessible from here) has not yet begun; when it does you may depend on receiving reliable (!) reports; and we hope next week to send you an amended list of the enormous bags made by Halifax sportsmen in the wilds of Kentville. There may be some excuse for exaggeration in fishing, for, as Josh Billings says, "the man as can catch fish or swap horses and not lie about it, is just as pious as any man as lives"; but we always thought there was just as much inclination to exaggerate in shooting as in fishing, until on a recent visit to the great metropolis—as Halifax is called by one of her merchants—we found that the actual score had always been exactly rendered, although in one or two cases our local nimrods had not exactly received the amount of credit due to them. This has never been the case in fishing, for we have heard a celebrated Halifax disciple of old Isaac Walton declare that he had caught bigger fish in Halifax county than in King's, and this we know to be untrue; and in Kings county the man who has to tell a fish yarn must be a very poor fisherman.

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WINDSOR.—The Reverend Canon Partridge, was in Windsor last week. He delivered three of a series of lectures on Canon Law, that he is giving to the Divinity students of King's College. He was the guest of Reverend Dr. Willets during his stay.

We were very glad to welcome back Miss Mary DeWolfe, who has just returned from an extended visit to Prince Edward Island.

Mrs. Campbell, of Weymouth, is paying a short visit to her daughter, Mrs. Vroom.

The Reverend W. B. King has been in Windsor during the week, on duty connected with the Board of Home Missions. Mr. King was a guest at Christ Church Rectory.

The Reverend Dr. and Miss Nichols are staying at the Hotel Dufferin. Miss Elizabeth Nichols is to go to Edgell when the School opens.

Everyone has been on the ice since the cold snap set in, and the skating is very good.

The Philharmonic Society are busily practising for their annual concert in the spring.

The Natural History Society will probably have fortnightly public meetings for those who are scientifically inclined.

RIDING has been a very popular form of recreation in Windsor this Autumn. Almost every day might be seen groups of fair equestrians with their attendant squires enjoying this exhilarating exercise. But alas! the recent unsettled weather has made the roads in a shocking condition, and for the present the devotees of the saddle will have to abandon their pleasure.

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Theatrical Notes.

On the return of the Lytell Company from St. John, it will be found that the company has been re-organized, and a great deal of new (and better) blood added. It is expected that the company will open at the Academy on Christmas Day with "Hazel Kirk," followed the next week by "Hoodman Blind." These are two English dramas of widely different types, which if only passably well played, are sure to prove popular.

On Monday the St. Mary's Dramatic Club gave a very successful performance of "The Mariner's Return" and "Bombastes Furioso." We must congratulate Miss Harrison on her debut as "Mary." Mr. O'Connor was very good in both pieces, and Mr. Patrick Houlihan as the "Coloured Maid," created quite a sensation.

To the by no means long list of Halifax amateur actresses must now be added the name of Miss Lownds, whose rendering of the old servant at the Academy on Friday, was bright and lively, especially when the disadvantageous circumstances under which she played are considered.

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CHURCH NOTICES.

(We should be glad to get notices from the other city churches of all denominations, if they can be sent in before Thursday noon of each week.—Eds.)

Services for Sunday (Dec. 7th.)

ST. PAUL'S, (CHURCH OF ENGLAND), Services Sunday Morning 11 A. M., and Evening at 7 P. M. All seats free. Strangers provided with books. Wednesday Evening Service, 8. Rev. Dyson Hague, M. A., Rector. Rev. Lawrence Skey, Assistant.

ST. ANDREW'S, (PRESBYTERIAN), Rev. D. M. Gordon, Usual Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Bible Class (conducted by Principal Mackay, A. M.) and Sabbath School, at 3 P. M.

Rev. Dyson Hague, Rector of St. Paul's, is forming a society of the young men and women of the church, with the object of uniting them in church zeal and interest. The meetings will be of a social character, with short talks on interesting matters relating to the Church of England, and studies of Bible characters and themes.

ST. GEORGE'S, (CHURCH OF ENGLAND) 8 A. M., Holy Communion. 11 A. M., Matins. 3 P. M., Confirmation Class. 7 P. M., Evensong. (Rev. Canon Partridge, preacher.)

GARRISON CHAPEL, 8 A. M., Early Communion. 11 A. M., Parade Service. (Rev. Norman Lee). 12 (noon), Holy Communion. 7 P. M., Evening Service. (Rev. W. H. Bullock, D. C. L., Hon. Chaplain to the Queen.)

ST. LUKE'S CATHEDRAL, 8 A. M., Early Communion. 11 A. M., Matins and Litany. (Rev. C. W. McCully). 7 P. M., Evensong. (Rev. F. Norman Lee).

STARR ST. FREE BAPTIST CHURCH. (Rev. Arthur G. Jones, Ph. D. pastor). Mr. Wm. J. McKenzie will occupy the pulpit morning and evening. Sabbath School and Adults' Bible Class at 2.30 P. M.

MARRIAGES.

On Tuesday, Dec. 9th., Alexander Keith, (of Gordon & Keith) to Miss O. Little of Pictou. Mr. J. E. G. Boulton was best man, and Miss Holmes bridesmaid. Rev. Mr. Laing officiated.

DEPARTURES.

Mr. Douglas R. Wilson, per S. S. Halifax, (Wednesday) for San Francisco. Mr. C. S. Rankin, per S. S. Louisa, (Thursday) for Bermuda.

REMOVALS.—Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Pearson and family from Queen Hotel to Lorne House.

ROSE BISCOTTINES.—Those who wish these lovely little cakes to be perfection must keep exclusively to the proportions of the different ingredients, and be careful that the Biscottines are not over baked or burnt. Take one pound of dry pastry flour, eight ounces of castor sugar, eight ounces of butter (fresh,) one half ounce of finely sifted biscuit powder, a hock-glassful of rose water and two eggs. The flour and biscuit powder should be sifted together, and then the other ingredients well rubbed into them. The sugar should now be mixed thoroughly, and a space made in the centre of the lot, in which the eggs and rose-water should be poured. Stir everything together, and produce a nice, firm, stiff paste. Roll this out into a sheet rather less than one-eighth of an inch thick, and then stamp the biscottines out of it with a small flute-edged oval hand cutter. Now lay the cakes on butter baking tins, put them in a warm oven, and keep them there till quite done. By rolling the above dough out only the thickness of stout note paper, and baking the biscottines very lightly indeed, only about twenty seconds in a good hot oven—the result will be beautiful wafers to take with ices.

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