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Society Notes.

We regret that we are obliged to send this number to press without the promised photograph of Prince George on the front page. It is through no mismanagement of ours; all we know about it is that a cable arrived yesterday from Montreal stating the bald fact that the plate is not yet ready. We hope both subscribers and advertizers will be lenient, and will consider this extra page of reading no unfair exchange. Next week we will make amends. It is some comfort to have a little more room to work in:—even as it is the bulk of the Wanderers' reports, the report of the Halifax Garrison Artillery, and a lot of provincial news, will have to be held over. The ladies' column is cut pretty short, and clippings haven't a look in.

Such a day as last Monday interfered a great deal with what is generally known as Morris street Monday—which has become quite an institution. We fancy there are more visitors doing the rounds in Morris street on Monday than in any particular street on any particular day. Especially in those two popular houses of Mrs. James Morrow and Mrs. Stairs Duffus. In either of these most charming houses one is almost always sure to meet the smartest of people, hear the latest of news, and get the hottest of hot cakes, and in fact people come to stay and not only to pay a visit. Bye the bye I hear that Mrs. Stairs Duffus is going to move; let us hope she will not move far from where she now is, for the neighbourhood will miss her.

There was a small dinner at Sir John Ross's on Monday night; a capital dinner was given and a pleasant evening spent in spite of the cold outside; amongst those invited were—Mrs. and Miss O'Dell, Col. and Mrs. Jolly, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wylde, Miss Morrow, Mr. and Miss Thomson, and Mr. and Mrs. M. Morrow, Miss Ball, of Charlottetown, Mr. Barton and Mr. Smith.

The marriage of Rev. James Simonds to Miss Anna Fraser, youngest daughter of the late Dr. Fraser, of Gerrish Hall, Windsor, will probably take place at St. Luke's Cathedral, early during the coming winter.

Col. and Mrs. O'Brien, who are at present with Sir Terence and Lady O'Brien, at St. John's, Newfoundland, are expected to return to Halifax in January, preparatory to leaving for England.

Miss Clarkson, who has been making an extended round of visits in England, among others to Capt. and Mrs. Bouverie Clark at Norwood, to Lady Jane Van Koughnet at Tytlenhangar Park, and to Mrs. Reginald White at Titchfield Vicarage, is expected to return to Halifax after Christmas.

A very interesting and beautiful ceremony recently took place at All Saints' Home, Margaret St., London, when Miss Mary Almon, daughter of Senator Almon, of Rosebank, was "professed" a member of

the All Saints' Sisterhood. Miss Almon is now known as Sister Mary Alma, and is at present working at Eastbourne. Miss Laleah Almon was present at the ceremony.

Sleighting on the 1st December is very early for Halifax. There were a good many sleighs flying about on Tuesday, making the air merry with the sound of their bells. Capt. Jenkins was the first to start. He had his sleigh spinning round on Monday afternoon. After the recent sale of furs some of the sleighs ought to look better this year than they have lately. As far as turning out sleighs is concerned Halifax is far behind any other place in the Dominion. It is seldom that one sees a sleigh turned out with everything complete as in Montreal or Ottawa.

The simple game of "Poker" is much the fashion at present, especially amongst the smartest people. There are numerous, what one might almost call clubs, that meet at different houses on different nights to indulge in a little harmless gambling in trying to draw flushes and three of a kind. We have not heard of any great success being either won or lost; but fancy the stakes played for are as a rule low, but even at 10c. limit it is possible to loose something, if not a fortune. Ladies, as a rule, play well, and always have good luck. We know one or two who could hold their own against any old timer.

The new commandant of the Canadian militia, Major General Ivor Caradoc Herbert, is an officer of the Grenadier Guards, and has been since 1886 serving as Military Attache at St. Petersburg. He is a man in the prime of life, being but 39 years old, and it would seem that what he lacks in the way of the experience which comes with age is amply made up by his natural ability, for we are told that Col. Herbert has distinguished himself in the army and has won the favour of Lord Wolseley. His service record is thus briefly stated: Born 15th July, 1851; commissioned an Ensign and Lieutenant in the Grenadier Guards, 5th November, 1870; Lieutenant and Captain on 25th November, 1874; Brevet Major 18th November, 1882; Captain and Lt.-Colonel 2nd May, 1883; Colonel 18th August, 1889; Regimental Major 26th October, 1889; Brigade-major of the Home District from 25th February to 31st July, 1882; Brigade-Major of the Expeditionary Force to Egypt, from 4th August to 6th November, 1882; Brigade-Major of the Home District from 11th November, 1882, to 1st May, 1883; Commandant of the School for Auxiliary Forces, Wellington Barracks, from 1st November, 1885, to 6th April, 1886, when appointed Military Attache at St. Petersburg.

The war services of this distinguished officer are as follows: Served in the Egyptian expedition of 1882 as Brigade-Major—in action of Mahuta—Battle of Tel El Kebir, mentioned in despatches London Gazette, 1882, medal with clasp, bronze star, Brevet of Major, 4th class of Medjidie—served in the Soudan expedition of 1884-5—was with the Guards camel corps; action of Abu Elea, medal 2 clasps. General Herbert married a daughter of Lord Londesborough.

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Society Notes.

General Herbert with the Hon. Mrs. Herbert arrived in Halifax by the *Sardinian* on the 30th ult.

There was a euchre-party at Sir John Ross's on Wednesday night and one at Thornvale on Thursday, small but very pleasant. It is wonderful how euchre holds on after all it is a very pleasant way of entertaining, these parties can always be and generally are turned into an impromptu dance.

Mrs. S. M. Brookfield, who has been summoned to England by the death of her father, will probably remain abroad until after mid winter.

Mrs. Ralph Peake, and Miss Haviland, of The Lilaes, Charlottetown, will spend the winter in town, at the Halifax Hotel.

Mrs. McGhee, of St. John's, Newfoundland, and the Misses Fitch, formerly of this city, have taken up their quarters for the winter at Hillside Hall.

Miss Rutherford, of Amherst, who spent the early months of the year in Halifax, has returned to town for the winter.

Bishop Courtney was reported much better this morning, having passed a fairly good night.

Miss Mildred Stayner, after paying visits in England, has gone to Ireland, to stay with her cousin, the Hon. Mrs. Charles Alexander.

Great reticence is observed by the ladies who have the management of the entertainment that is to be given in aid of the Church Hospital. It is occasionally said that a lady cannot keep a secret, but the moving spirits of this entertainment have disproved this, for they have resisted all 'pumping,'—most cautious and wary pumping too. We can give some facts about the entertainment that are not yet known outside the charmed circle. The performance will take place in the Academy on or about the 12th January. It will consist of a fan drill, something quite new to Halifaxians, a farce, and a minuet. Sixteen young ladies, selected, so rumour says, for their beauty, attired in uniform dresses of various bright colours, will perform the evolutions of the fan drill. In the farce—which is to be *the Area Bell*, two well known city ladies will take part (or rather parts). The minuet will be danced in costume 'a la Watteau' by eight couples. Those who have seen the rehearsals say that a great surprise is in store for those who may be present at the entertainment: The ladies who are responsible for the direction of the performance are Mrs. R. Umacke, Mrs. E. D. Tucker, and Miss Fitch. The efforts of Miss Gliska, the able and talented instructress, are highly appreciated by those participating in the affair. The "deserving institution" in this case is the Church Hospital.

Rev. C. W. and Mrs. McCully have been spending a few days at Hantsport, where Mr. McCully preached last week at the opening of the new Anglican Church.

Mrs. A. W. Browne and family, and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lundy are staying at the 'Bedford Hotel,' which seems likely to be almost as popular a resort during the winter as it has been throughout the summer.

Judge and Mrs. Weatherbe are expected soon to arrive at 158 South street, from Ste. Eulalie, the house near Grand Pre.

It seems as though there must always be a certain amount of friction between the Wanderers and the military, in spite of the constant efforts of the more sensible on both sides. On the part of the military—although now and again some youngster may be objectionably bumptious—we cannot help seeing that there is a general inclination to be friendly with all opponents in the field. But some few of the Wanderers seem to be in a constant state of irritation, and ready to catch the slightest excuse for a squabble. No doubt this feeling arises in many cases from causes deeper than is at first sight apparent; but when one club meets another purely for purposes of sport, we cannot recognize any cause whatever as justifying an exhibition of bad-temper. The first maxim in every kind of sport is 'winning or losing, keep your temper'; and it would be far wiser for each side to refuse to play a man who is known to bear ill-feeling to the other, than to run the risk of spoiling the season's pleasure by creating a general ill-feeling.

As far as cricket is concerned, at any rate, the Garrison XI. is a Godsend to the Wanderers, and the Wanderers an oasis in the desert to the Garrison. This year, for instance, when foreign matches fell through all round, six out of the eight fixtures were with Garrison teams. Of course, cricket is only one among the many branches of sport included

in the Wanderers' programme, but it is *the* one that distinguishes it from other clubs, and through which it has, perhaps, gained most honour abroad. And the Garrison, which is the mainstay of the Wanderers Cricket XI., should surely be recognized as a friend, and not an enemy, to the club generally.

These remarks are suggested by certain sentences contained in some of the sub-committees' reports read at the general meeting, which show plainly enough the feeling referred to. To all who take a broad view of the situation, who examine into the history of this club, which is to-day the greatest credit to the city, and who read over the names of those who originally founded the club and by their exertions raised it to its proud position, to all these it must be clear that there can be but one end to such grumbings, unless promptly subdued. The grumblers will awake some day to find themselves in quite a second-rate position, and to hear rumours of another Halifax athletic club whose members play in international cricket and football matches, which is the boast of the city and a credit to Canada, and the names of whose prominent members are strangely familiar to them.

We do not set up for being musical critics, but we *do* appreciate something soft to sit upon, and a place to keep our legs in,—though perhaps this doesn't amount to the same thing. Should we ever find ourselves leaders (save the mark) of a musical society, we should adopt a new method of selecting the seats for the audience,—something of this kind:—let half a dozen committee-men be chosen *by weight*,—let them borrow the oft-abused editorial chair and sit upon it from 9 a. m. till 7 p. m. (with half-hour intervals for bread and cheese)—then let them be removed to the proposed scene of action, seated on the proposed chairs, placed the proposed distance behind one another, and forced to remain on them from 8 till 10.30, due precautions being taken to prevent their interrupting each other's meditations by shuffling of feet or otherwise changing their positions. Then, and not till then, let the final vote of the fortunate six be taken as to whether the proposed chairs be accepted or not. If they are, let the name of the maker be at once forwarded to us, and we will be delighted to give him a free advertisement for the rest of his natural life.

From the same amateurish point of view, perhaps the next thing in importance after the selection of seats is the selection of the songs. No doubt the present system is excellent, but there is an alternative system, and one well worth considering. A piece may be chosen on account of its intrinsic value,—its undoubted beauty and exquisite harmony, such as appeal to the untrained ear as well as to the trained. It may on the other hand be chosen as being one of the few that exactly suit the particular range and style of a particular singer, and bring out in all their magnificence his or her—pet notes. And this appears to be the system generally adopted, by both amateurs and professionals. Of course the result is very fine:—we are delighted to hear a good voice at its very best, and to admire the perfect execution of even a very medium composition. At the same time, as far as the actual pleasure is concerned, we must confess a preference for a masterpiece of harmony, even though it may contain just one note that the singer doesn't fancy himself on.

In Notman's window, George street, there is a photograph of the very excellent guard from the Princess Louise Fusiliers which paraded to receive His Excellency the Governor-General on his arrival in Halifax. but why was the band placed in front of the guard?

The ladies and gentlemen of Hillside Hall are arranging for a trip to Jerusalem at no very distant date. (N. B.—This item is guaranteed by the name and address of the sender. Eds. *Our Society*.)

A very pleasant dinner party, was given at Government House last night.

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Sporting Notes.

At the cross-country meet on Saturday Mr. MacGowan, who was riding that game little mare "The Tramp" got a nasty fall: he put her at a rather stiff fence that was not in the direct "line of run," and as the ground was soft above and frozen below the mare slipped and fell heavily, throwing her rider. Luckily they escaped with a few bruises and scratches, and the veteran mare once more escaped being hurt from a fall.

How are the mighty fallen! Poor "Trent" sold for \$45 at Clarke's auction rooms on Saturday last. H. H. Prince Victor Dhuleep Singh paid 15 guineas for him in England only a year ago last May. We believe he bought him from Lord Harrington. He is a well-bred one and ought to go a bit—but won't, and we think he never will. His record in England was not so bad, but he never did anything here, and on his first appearance was beaten by poor old "Why Not" in a canter in a two mile match. At the same time was sold Eclipse, a good horse once. The first time he figured on a race card was at the Summer meeting of 1882, when he belonged to Mr. Stairs Duffus, he is the only one left of all the horses and ponies in that card, and he now descends to a truckman's cart.

We are sorry to hear that there is some difficulty in keeping the Gun Club going. The difficulty lies, we believe, in getting any one to accept the financial responsibility and the actual loss which the late Secretary experienced. Surely there is some way of getting over this difficulty. It was quite an institution last year, and a number of ladies used to walk out and have tea with the members in the quaint old waiting room, where many a hardened criminal has said his last good-bye to the outside world before retiring into the gloomy abode of the penitentiary. Capital tea and hot rolls were served. Let us hope that we will have an opportunity again of accepting the hospitality of the Gun Club.

BADMINTON CLUB.—A Badminton Club is in course of formation, the promoters being Capt. Mullins and Mr. Elliot. Its meetings will be held in the Drill Hall, and at present membership is confined to the Garrison, though of course, civilians (especially ladies) will be invited to play. A consignment of rackets, etc., is already ordered from an English firm.

CURLING CLUB.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, to arrange preliminaries for the coming season. The rinks are already being frozen in, and it is likely that the season will be opened with an At Home, somewhere about the beginning of the year. The officers for the year are:—A. C. Edwards, Esq., *President*; Col. Noyes, R. A., *Vice-President*; and G. E. Faulkner, Esq., *Secretary*.

STUDLEY QUOIT CLUB.—The season at Studley is only just over, though for some of the more enthusiastic pitchers it is never really over, so long as there is a piece of brown earth visible above the snow. Last Saturday there was quite a respectable muster on the field, and the kettle on the fire seemed to want filling at least as often as usual. The Saturday before, the muster was certainly small, but none the less noteworthy. A shower of rain, accompanied by a slight blizzard and gales from the Northeast, is a trifle at Studley;—the only difference it makes is that the fire is taken inside the tent, while play goes on as merrily as ever.

Fashion.

There is nothing to be worn this winter but astrachan, and velvet or velveteen dresses are often trimmed with this fur.

Jewelled or spangled nets are to be the rage for evening dresses, and Paris Elegantes are using small muffs for evening wear.

Bodices for evening wear are now often cut square, with high collar—gold and silver galon being used as trimming.

Wanderers Athletic Club.

GENERAL MEETING, THURSDAY, NOV. 27TH.

REPORT OF CRICKET SUB-COMMITTEE.

The season of 1890 was from all standpoints less interesting than that of 1889. While there was, perhaps, nearly as much practice at the grounds as at former years, yet the first eleven, especially during the earlier portion of the summer, did not work as earnestly as they might have done, and the younger members might easily have turned out in greater force. The non-playing members of the club also manifested less interest in the game, and the public followed their lead.

This state of affairs would be discouraging, looking to the future prospects of cricket in Halifax, were it not that from the existing circumstances no other result could have been anticipated.

In the first place it was learned early in the season that our old rival, St. John, was not able to put a team in the field, and in the second place, it was found to be impossible either to induce any other foreign club to pay us a visit, or to organize a team to carry the Wanderers' colours abroad.

The only matches which remained to us were such as could be organized in the city, and, as the Navy were too weak to be willing to play us, our only fixtures were against teams from the Garrison.

We already have hopes of better sport in 1891. A letter has been received from St. Paul's School at Concord, N. H., proposing to make Halifax the objective point of a cricketing tour next summer, and every inducement has been offered by us to ensure their visit. During the last two years this team has made two tours, one to Upper Canada, and the other to New York and Philadelphia, their record being 16 wins out of 18 matches. A strong effort will also probably be made to take a Wanderers team to Toronto, about the date of the International match, and to this end your sub-committee beg to solicit the active co-operation of every lover of the game among our members.

We have with regret to chronicle the departure of one of the mainstays of our XI. Mr. F. A. W. Tayler has returned to the land of his birth, carrying with him hearty good wishes for his success on the cricket field and elsewhere from his numerous friends in this the place of his voluntary exile. A sound bat (although unfortunate this season), an excellent bowler, a useful field, and an out-and-out sportsman, his place on the XI. will be difficult to fill. As some compensation, we hear of the advent of one or two cricketers, new to Halifax, whose merits time will prove.

Your sub-committee wishes to give expression to their gratitude to Walter Leigh, Esq., for valuable assistance given by him in the way of coaching at the ground. In a community like ours, a man of Mr. Leigh's acknowledged ability can, and Mr. Leigh did, make his influence upon the practical development of the game distinctly felt.

The ground, during the first weeks of play, was not in its usual excellent condition, owing to the fact that a great deal of the grass had been winter killed, but thanks to the exertions of the ground committee, to the energy and skill of John Irons, and the fertility of the soil itself, the wicket had, before play ceased, resumed its wonted appearance.

Appended are the details of the matches played, and the batting averages. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. A. HENRY,

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HALIFAX, N. S., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5th, 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 (on telephoning No. 353.) :-

(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.

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H. BRADFORD,
Business Editor.

AFTER a good deal of talking, and after slaying a good many highly conservative lions who stood in our path, we have at last, speaking more or less metaphorically—made our appearance. In what guise, and under what title we should do so has been a matter of grave consideration. Here we are at last, then, to stand or fall as you may decide:—"OUR SOCIETY." "What a title!" you are exclaiming already—"Whose Society?" Very easily answered,—may you never ask us a harder one,—it is *your* society, fair reader, whoever you may be,—we editors are broad-minded and ubiquitous, and *all* society is *ours*. Do you think we could live in Halifax with our eyes open and not discern that society has many sections, each thinking much of itself and little of all outside it? Do you think we are so blind as not to see quite a select little society in a dozen little towns not many miles away from this metropolis? Do you imagine that we think for a moment that anyone whose life is worth living does not rejoice in being a member of *some* society? If so, you mistake us entirely, and should feel it your first duty to set us right in the matter.

Let us reason together, according to our present limited lights. Where should we start? There can be no question as to that, at any rate:—we start where we are likely to get most news; that is, where people have least to do; that is, where the officers in Her Majesty's Service live and move and have their little gaieties; that is, in the "gallant 300." Is this a slight to anyone else?—Not in the least; it is only a recognition that they have more to do; when the time comes that they feel like resting on their laurels and spending,—or letting their children spend—what they have spent their lives in saving,—then they can join the band of

revellers if they choose. "Of course they will choose, if we'll have them," is the responsive chorus of the 300. Not so fast, my distinguished friends and most respected allies;—think over the names of all the most wealthy, honorable and cultivated residents:—merchants and bankers,—the aristocrats in this country where the do-nothing class hardly exists, and is not thought much of at that. Think them well over,—you know the names well enough, but how many of them do you meet at afternoon teas? What do you think they do with themselves? It is our turn to catechize now:—Many of their clerks you know, certainly, but what about the principals? Horrible thought, isn't it, that there may be a society outside your ken, perfectly respectable, most substantial, and in fact, somewhat fastidious! Yet such is the very distressing state of things, and it will be for us to record their doings as far as we can get at them—as well as yours.

And even then we have not done,—besides this society that "doesn't know" the military because it doesn't care to take the trouble (except, perhaps, when an occasional fond mother may think her duty not done till she has "brought out" her pretty daughter at a mass ball),—besides this, there is yet another—and by no means small—society, that "doesn't know" the military chiefly because the military "doesn't know" it, though this does not transpire in its ordinary conversation. This section also will have our earnest attention and most sincere sympathy, mistaking as it does, for the most part, the shadow for the substance. And distinct from these three, there are cliques too numerous to mention, and too finely differentiated to be distinguished without careful study.

All of them come within the scope of Our Society and to all alike we address ourselves and exhort them, saying: I.—Do not be afraid to reveal yourselves to our editorial gaze,—we will not try to hurt your feelings, and we may in the long run be able to do you some good. II.—Do not labour under the delusion that we can do everything by ourselves, without your help. Don't be lazy about it, but if there's anything you would like us to know, just send in your jottings;—there's no harm done if two or three send the same. III.—Ask us any questions you like,—we will do our best to answer them. IV.—Send in your coupons, and don't wait to be pressed for the "ready."

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Provincial Notes.

DARTMOUTH.

The "at home" days of the ladies of Dartmouth are either Tuesdays or Thursdays. The bridge on Portland street by the Presbyterian church appears to be the line of distinction. The ladies below and beyond this point receive their callers on Thursdays, including Mrs. Dr. Parker, Mrs. Troop, Mrs. Allison, Mrs. Mott, Mrs. Sircom, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Gow, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Cutler, Miss McLean, Mrs. McRoberts, Mrs. Strong, Mrs. Stewart and others. Those on the town side of the bridge, embracing the larger portion, and including among a number of others, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. C. Creighton, Mrs. A. Johnston, Mrs. Dustan and Mrs. Dewar are "at home" on Tuesdays.

The family of Dr. Parker moved to Halifax for the winter on the third inst. Mr. George Troop and family will also move across the harbor, later in the month. It is to be much regretted by Dartmouth society that Mrs. A. E. Ellis intends to leave Dartmouth in the spring to reside permanently in Halifax. Never a party has been at her house that was not a success, and thoroughly enjoyed.

Mr. Edward Thorne, whose residence was partly burned on the 16th of last month, has taken a house on Ochterloney St., for this winter. He intends to build on the old foundation in the spring.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

Since their Excellencies the Governor-General and the Lady Stanley of Preston left the Island, matters social have been exceedingly dull, nay, even at an absolute stagnation.

It will be remembered that the former evening of the two during the stay of the vice-regal party was devoted to a dance, the latter to music. It was a great disappointment to those who accepted invitations for Friday evening, that Lady Stanley was not able to appear.

A short time ago Mrs. W. Harrison Carvell (wife of the Lieutenant Governor's Private Secretary) entertained some of her friends in a dance at Government House. Mrs. Carvell was unable to attend.

The home of the Prothonotary has lately been brightened by the arrival of Miss Longworth.

Mrs. Ralph Peake and Miss Haviland left Charlottetown for a winter in Halifax on Thursday, the 27th inst.

Dr. George Ings has lately returned from England, and with his wife and family is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ings. Dr. Ings contemplates casting his lot with the people of New Glasgow, the home of his brother-in-law, Rev. W. Crawford Frost.

WINDSOR SOCIETY JOTTINGS.

There has been very little gaiety here lately. Mrs. Gossip gave a very pleasant dance about a fortnight ago, on which occasion her eldest daughter made her *debut*. If we may judge from the expressions of pleasure employed by the guests, the occasion must indeed have been an enjoyable one.

The announcement of the engagement of Miss Aggie Lawson to Dr. Ryan some weeks ago was received with much satisfaction by their numerous friends. Miss Lawson is very popular in Windsor society, of which she is deservedly considered the belle, and Dr. Ryan is one of the most promising professional men of our town. We were also very pleased to hear of Miss Anna Fraser's engagement to the Reverend James Simonds, Rector of Barrington, N. S. Miss Fraser is a daughter of the late Dr. Fraser of Gerrish Hall, Windsor, who will long be remembered in society circles for his unbounded hospitality, and as belonging to that old provincial aristocracy, which is unhappily fast becoming extinct. Mr. Simonds is a graduate of our university, and has lately resigned an important parish in California to undertake work in his own country.

Mrs. Clarence Dimock and her sister, Miss Locke, have been visiting in the States since October, and they are very much missed in society circles.

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Mrs. King is also away at Ottawa, where she is visiting her daughter Mrs. Sinclair. The Reverend Archdeacon Jones has moved into the new Rectory, which was only erected last summer. It forms a valuable addition to the splendid property owned by the parish of Christ Church.

PICTOU.

It is murmured that Col. Snow, who has been for some years, sojourner among us, intends buying a property at the East End, and settling here. This is good news if true, as both the Colonel and Mr. Snow have made many friends here, and have been the leaders in every thing that tends to make time pass pleasantly for our young men and maidens.

"Dan" will soon be off for his yearly trip to Norfolk, (N. B., not Norfolk Island).

Mrs. A. D. Munro has not returned, being detained in Renfrew, Ont., we regret to hear, by the serious illness of her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McKenzie have taken up their quarters for the winter at the Revere.

Mrs. James Taylor (*nee* Miss Jennie Hudson) is at present paying a visit to her parents.

Miss Belle Patterson is to spend the winter in Palermo, with Mrs. John Cregar, who visits the sunny isle of Sicily by the advice of her physician.

YARMOUTH, N. S.

Mrs. Alex. Doull is visiting her parents. Mr. Corning's health, we are sorry to hear, is not much improved by his trip to Colorado.

Miss Joey Doane was a passenger by the steamer *Boston*. She joined a party of friends, and visited the continent, while away. So with the trip to the Azores thrown in, she has seen a good deal of the world in a few months.

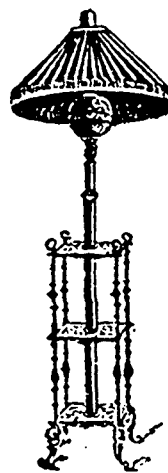
Mr. Harry Rowley, who has been away from home nearly seven years, returned with his father Col. Rowley last Wednesday, and stayed until Saturday. He is teller in the Bank of B. N. A. at Winnipeg, and first lieutenant in the 90th Rifles, of N. West rebellion fame.

A few of our society ladies have organized a reading club, which meets every week at the houses of the members. To prove that it is not utterly frivolous, I may add, they are now engaged in reading "The rise of the Dutch Republic."

The Philharmonic Society, under the leadership of Mr. Hopley, is now engaged in the study of Handel's Creation, and expects to give a concert some time during the holidays.

Mrs. T. V. B. Bingay, jr., entertained her friends at a five-o'clock tea last Thursday afternoon.

Miss Grace Robinson, of Annapolis, is visiting Mrs. W. D. Ross.



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While we are bringing our out door sports before the public, perhaps we would do well to give a glance at the work our City Volunteers have been doing the past season in the various competitions in which they have taken part, at home and abroad. In this paper we will treat of the Halifax Garrison Artillery, which through the zealous work of its officers and men has become one of the crack corps of the Dominion.

The first competitions of the season were the three matches for prizes on the team to represent the province in the Inter-maritime matches at Charlottetown, on June 12th, when out of eight places the H. G. A. won six.

The Canadian Military Rifle League competitions came next, in May, June, July and August, seven matches in all, which were taken part in by all the best shooting corps of the Dominion, each corps sending ten men. The matches were with the Snider Rifle at 200, 400, 500 and 600 yards, no sighting shots. In the aggregate of these matches, the H. G. A. succeeded in winning 5th place, beating all the corps hitherto considered the "cracks," and coming out ahead of all teams who shot in ranges where two or more teams were competing. Capt. Adams won the Badge for the highest aggregate score in the H. G. A. team, beating Sergt. Case by one point. In the course of these matches Capt. Adams made the highest score made this year on Bedford Range with the Snider Rifle, viz: 92 points out of a possible 105. In connection with these matches it is as well to mention that they decided a long and vexed question as to the superiority of the H. G. A. team over the 63rd

Rifles team, for of the seven matches mentioned above the H. G. A. won six, beating the 63rd six to one.

In their own Association Match held July 18th, some very good shooting was made, Capt. Maxwell winning the Bland Medal with 61 points out of a possible 70, and Sergt. Macleod the D. R. A. Silver medal with 62 points. No. 3 Battery (Capt. Maxwell) won the Skirmishing Match.

In the Provincial Rifle Association Matches the Gunners carried off many honors. In the Nursery competition Gunner Watson won 1st prize and Gunner Harris 2nd, the H. G. A. winning five prizes out of the twenty offered.

In the third Competition for the P. R. A. Gold Medal, Capt. Maxwell, H. G. A. won second prize with 59 points out of the possible 70, the H. G. A. winning 14 prizes out of 31.

In the fourth Competition for the Bankers' Cup, Lieut. Flowers, H. G. A., won second place with 62 points out of possible 70, the Corps winning 11 prizes out of 31.

In the All Comers Match, Bomb. Fader won 3rd place, while the Corps won 12 prizes out of 30.

The Laurie Challenge Cup was next competed for, and in the struggle for its possession centres the great interest of the meeting. The men of the various Corps having by the time this match is shot had considerable practice, vie with each other for the possession of this coveted trophy. The Halifax G. A. were the happy winners, with the magnificent score of 566 points out of a possible 700, or 8 points more than they made with Martini's last year in the same match. This is the fifth time in succession the H. G. A. have carried off this cup.

The seventh Competition, Bomb. Fader, H. G. A. was 1st, and Sergt. Harris, H. G. A. 2nd, the Corps winning 14 prizes out of 30.

In the Ladies' Competition, Capt. Maxwell won first prize, with 31 points out of a possible 35, the corps winning 7 out of 19 prizes.

In the Merchants' Cup Match, Gunner Watson, H. G. A., won second prize and 12 out of 31 fell to the H. G. A.

In the Laurie Bugle Skirmishing Match the H. G. A., again came to the front, the Bugle being won by No. 7 Battery (Capt. Anderson); and of 4 H. G. A. teams entered, 3 succeeded in winning prizes.

The P. R. A. Badge for the highest aggregate of the meeting was won by Battery Sergt-Major Spencer, No. 6 Battery.

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The benefit to Mr. Tyrone Power at the Academy this evening, was a great success, save for the unfortunate manner in which the "Sleep-Walking" scene came to an end. The house was crowded in the more fashionable parts. The performance will be noticed more fully next week.

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Messrs. Nagle, Wallace and Lewis from Fredericton, Monday.
Mr. C. D. Macdonald, (from Pictou), 161 Hollis St.

DEPARTURES.

Mr. Kent, R. A., for England, via New York.
Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Crofton and Mr. A. Crofton, for Boston.
Capt. Jarred, for England.
Mr. A. M. Fraser, for Boston.

BIRTH.

At Claremont, Halifax, Dec. 2nd, the wife of Capt. Howe, (2nd Batt. York and Lancaster Regt.) of a daughter.

The following addresses are not in the last directory:—

Col. Hill, R. E., 7 Spring Garden Road.
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CHURCH NOTICES.

Services for Sunday (Dec. 7th.)

ST. PAUL'S, (CHURCH OF ENGLAND), 11 A. M. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Preacher, Rev. Dyson Hague. 7 P. M., Evening Prayer. Preacher, Rev. Dyson Hague.

ST. ANDREW'S, (PRESBYTERIAN), Rev. D. Mc 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.

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STARR ST. FREE BAPTIST CHURCH. (Rev. Arthur G. Jones, Ph. D. pastor). The pastor will occupy the pulpit both morning and evening:— at 11. Subject—"The Liquor Question." 2.30, Sabbath School and Pastor's Class. 7, Subject—"A brother's prayer." Seats are all free.

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.

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