

HEART TO HEART TALKS
With My Friends and Patrons.

To show that the editor of THE JOURNAL, who is considered of such little account in his own city, is appreciated abroad in some quarters we feel tempted to publish the following letter, which speaks for itself, and which we give in full.

Sussex, N. B. July 25, 1904,
Martin Butler, Esq.,
Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Sir:—The back numbers of your journal reached us a few days ago and we were delighted to get them and do not know why you did not send them regularly to us. Perhaps you are not aware that we deeply appreciate your publication.

We were a little chafed on reading your journal to note that you have visited parts of Nova Scotia and have not favored us at Sussex with a call. We believe charity begins at home and you should visit towns in your own province as well as those in the sister province.

We would try and show you our fair town and treat you as well as you have been treated in Nova Scotia. We appreciate Nova Scotia, yet we look to New Brunswick first. We note that you have visited the city of St. John, which is only 44 miles from Sussex, and there are some in our town who feel you ought to give us a call.

We would like very much to introduce you to the newly elected Mayor and Aldermen of Sussex, as we believe they would warmly receive you and believe we could give you subscriptions enough to your Journal to pay you for your time and expenses here.

Yours very truly,
F. W. WALLACE,

The above is from the editor of THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND BULLETIN, a gentleman whose acquaintance we have not yet had the pleasure of cultivating except by letter, but, if we are not astray, and we rarely are in our estimate of men, there would not be much room left for improvement even upon a closer acquaintance.

Ye gods!—Just think of the city officials, the editors, or any of the 'toney' people of Fredericton yearning for a chance to show me around and treat me as a distinguished guest. If such a thing should occur I would no longer require to get my regular shocks from the electric battery to keep my blood in circulation; the shock produced by such a social upheaval would be sufficient to cure, if it did not kill me.

But to be honest and fair, with all their exclusiveness the people of this city have as a rule been good to me, and along with the people of the surrounding country, have given me by their patronage what I have never had for any length of time in any other place—a chance to live, poor though it is, and for this I am thankful.

Of course there have been occasional ruptures of friendship and withdrawals of patronage on account of politics or pique, but very few of my old friends have deserted me. I was surprised and pained last spring more than a little by the withdrawal of a dry goods firm with whom I had been on terms of the most cordial friend-



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ship and who had patronized me almost since the paper started.

By a misapprehension I was advised by the foreman of the office where THE JOURNAL is printed that another firm had broken off, but on consultation Mr. Fickler assured me that nothing was further from his intentions. He assured me that he considered that he was getting good returns for the money invested and even if he did not think so he would be the last man to patronize a man like me for the sake of helping him along, and then, when the novelty wore away and he had got all the credit there was in it from the public, to break away.

Some people run away with the idea that we have money laid by, but how they consider it possible under the circumstances is a mystery to me. It must cost us all of \$30.00 per month for all expenses of living in summer, and more in winter. Well, say our revenue, when I am working during the summer, from all sources reaches that amount, or even goes a little above it. There are from six to seven months in the year when I have no work to do to bring in any money. With the living expenses and debts to pay it may be easily imagined that we must come out in the spring, if not 'on the lift,' at least without much fat on our ribs. Because when I get my monthly pay and perhaps have been running some side line or happen to receive a rush of renewals or subscriptions, or money for foreign ads., I may have thirty or forty dollars in my possession, they jump at the conclusion that I am rich, and will need nothing more during the period of my natural life, forgetting the fact that even the munificent sum of \$40 will not go very far to keep things agoing and pay debts when there is nothing coming in. The remittances for the month are Thomas Colter, city, 50cts.; F. McGolderick, city, 70cts.; W. L. Anderson, city, 75cts.; P. H. McGrath, Lower St. Marys, 75cts.

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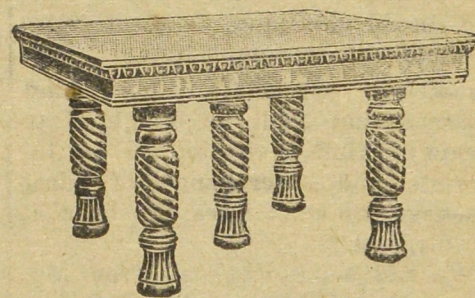
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