Communications.

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Reform Banquet,

To the Editor of the Herald: SIR, - You have probably heard of a "Grand Banquet" that is to take place in the Masonic Hall, to-morrow (Thursday) evening, under the auspices of the Reform Association (so called) for the village of Richmond Hill. It is a very high-toned affair, the guests to appear in white hats, vests and swallow tail coats. I am told that printed circulars of invitation have been sent to the select, the Committee of Management having divided the Ratepavers into two parts, the sheep and goats. Now sir, we must take it for granted that all who d d net receive an invitation to attend this Banquet with his wife, are classed among the goats. For my part I was surprised to find myself classed among the latter, after the conversation I had with Mr Patterson, and the answer I made to his solicitation. It may be, that because I voted for N Clarke Wallace, at the last election they regarded me and all such (to use an elegant figure of Mr Rymal's.) as abandoned souls; or perhaps there is another and more potent reason. This Banquet being so very high-toned in its pharacter and in its character, and my wife not being considered as high in the social scale as the wives of some of these Grits, it follows as a matter of course, that we this little clique of wire pullers intend running the election contest their own way, I bid them God speed, and they can run the Reform Party into the ground if they like, for all that I care It looks as if they would succeed in do ing so by such manœuvres. I remain yours respectfully,

by order of the Grits, A GOAT.

Information Wanted

Richmond Hill, Feb. 26, 1876. To the Editor of the Herald.

Sir,-Feeling interested in the progress of your village where I was at one time well acqueinted, I requested the proprietor of a certain establishment where I dropped in for a few minutes to let me see a copy of the village paper. He handed me a HERALD, and on reading it I saw the mame of the Liberal. I asked my frie d where that paper was printed. He said he wasn't sure whether he had one of this week's, but he ought to have it somewhere, and after hunting around a little he found

a supplement lying in one corner of the room. On glanding over the supplement I saw an article hended 'Don't Read This." Having seen the same heading I to many notices of quack medicines and other nuisances which are thrust upon the public, I expected it was employed in like manner in that instance, and passed it over. After a few minutes my friend asked me to read sble difficulty in the beginning to tell what he wanted to talk about, -at least he says so. But after he got started he informed his readers that the Dry Goods Merchants kept Dry Goods, the Grocers had a stock of groceries, the Druggists had some drugs on hand, the Harness-maker used leather, and that you could get a vehicle at the

Waggou makers, a watch at the Watch The reader was directed to hunt the dealer out for himself, through the columns of the paper. Well I secured a copy of the paper, and saw by the village directory that you had an Utange Lodge. As I belonged to the brotherhood. I went across to see the W M, but was told on enquiring for his residence that the paper was misleading me. I wonder if the writer of that article thinks the officials of an Orange Lodge are never changed? I saw in the Directory a notice of a Guspel Temperance Society, and being interested in Temperance thought I would call on the President, but I was again informed that the paper was incorrect. The Society had been given a boliday. It had stopped short many months ago, and had not got started again. Feel-ing grieved at being fooled twice, I observed is the Directorythe name of an old friend amongst the Councillors. On inquity this also turned out to be untrue. It seems

there was a Municipal election last January, but this paper didn't consider the changes made of any account, and still announces the names of the old, Caungillors. I saw an advertisement about the Holiday Season being just upon us. It cau't be the mer chants are laying in a stock for next Christmas. Probably the advertiser means the Easter holidays! I noticed another advertiser offering big bargains from that date [20th Feb] until the 1st of Feb. I saw an. advertisement of a planing mill, and on inquiring was informed that the gentleman advertised as manager had given up his connection a long time ago. The paper directed me to deal at the steam pump works, and I started out to find them. On inquiring the way I was told they were some place in the States. An advertisement directed me to call at the Dominion Hotel, to take the stage for the Northern. 1 wished to go north, but on calling there I found the Hotel shut, and after ex-

periencing considerable anxiety was told that the stage had connected with the Robin Hood some weeks ago.

P. S. On looking through the Local News of the paper I saw a paragraph headed "Natal in Danger," I supposed the writer most. the writer meant Maple, and anxiously inquired whether there was an extinct volcano any where in that neighborhood, or if some plague had broken out in this vicinity. To my great relief and intense surprise. I at last discovered that it was not Maple. Can it be there is a new village grown up around here, by the name of Natal, since I last passed through. Or does the writer mean Natal in South Africa and call news from that place of a local

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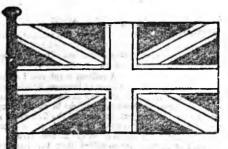
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