PROGRESS, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21.

THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

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The Memoirs of a Millionaire. The Memoirs of a Millionaire, by Lucia True Ames is a wonderfully interesting account of the life and work of Miss Mildred Brewster, a young Boston lady who, becoming possessed of great wealth quite suddenly, began to put it to the best use in the cause of humanity. Her first great work was the construction of buildings for the use of the poor, who, for a trifling sum, could obtain decent shelter and nourishing food. She afterward turned her attention to the lack of free public libraries in the Western States and planned how she might bring such New England advantages within their reach. To this end she sent out capable representatives, who went from place to place arousing an interest in such public benefits and always authorized to help every town or village to the same extent as it would help itself, that is, if the people or the corporation resolved to give \$50 or \$10,000 toward the establishment of a library, Miss Brewster would contribute a similar amount. One lady alone, representing Miss Brewster, established 68 reading rooms in as many Western villages. In her report to Miss Brewster, she gives a very interesting account of her work in Buggsville, where at first sectarian jealousies threatened to defeat every plan for the good of the people in this direction. But the ice was broken by the offer of the land to erect a building upon. Another donated the stone for the walls, the town voted \$1000, and entertainments followed each other in rapid succession in aid of the library fund. The people were encouraged to raise all the money they could by the assurance that for every dollar they obtained it would be duplicated by Miss Brewster. There was a public holiday when the building was dedicated, and a touching incident is reported at the close of the ceremony when a white haired old man came forward and said :---

I want to ask you to tell that rich young lady, who has made this thing possible for us here today, that the blessing of an old man rests upon her. I was born down in Maine, and never had much schooling. I came to this part of the country 55 years ago. My folks were killed by the Indians. It was mighty different here 55 years ago, I can tell you; there were Indians all about then, and wolves too. We had taken up government land, and after the old folks were killed I kept on the place as long as I could stand it, for the Indians had by that time been driven off, and there was no more danger. It was awful lonesome, though. There wasn't a soul within twelve miles to speak to. Sometimes I thought I should go insane through lonesomeness. I had only two books-my mother's little testament and another book; perhaps you have heard of it-'twas Locke on the Human Understanding. Well, I'd always been fond of books. Somehow, I never took to farming, and sometimes I felt as if I'd give every acre I had for a new book or a newspaper that would tell me what was going on in the world, something that would give me new thoughts : I was so tired of thinking the old ones over. The fellows who were my nearest neighbors weren't my kind : they hadn't any books, and if you'll believe it I've ridden many a time 50 miles to get a newspaper a week old. Well, at last I couldn't stand it any longer. I was ashamed to ask any woman to be my wife, and to come out and live in my dreary log cabin, even if I'd known any woman to ask, but I didn't. Unmarried women were scarce in those days. At last I sold all my land for a song-I should have been rich if I'd kept it-and I moved a little nearer folks. . . . Pershaps you won't believe it, but I've actually cried for books, I felt so sort of hungry and starved. I was 30 years old before, to my knowledge, I ever saw a book of poetry. It was Longfellow's. Well, ma'am, that book-I can't tell vou-'

do not count themselves above such trifles as a few weeks of camp-life in summer time. It is a natural and deeply interesting account of the daily life of eleven persons camping out in a California canon in the summer time. Beautiful illustrations add to the completeness of the description of the author, Kate Douglas Wiggin. The combination of girlish pranks and boyish tricks, the happy portrayal of youthful characters worthy of imitation, the unvarying good temper that prevails through every chapter gives this book a high standard among the holiday publications for the young. It is worth a place on every family's reading list.

A Summer in a Canon, A California Story, by Kate Douglas Wiggin. Published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co. For sale here by J. & A. McMillan. Price \$1.50.

McMillan's Almanac.

McMillan's almanac holds a first place among the Canadian guide books of the year. The completeness and correctness of the information cannot be questioned. It contains something of interest to many men in every class and profession, and is invaluable to the shipping merchant as well as to the sailor.

McMillan's New Brunswick and P. E. Island Agricultural and Nautical Almanac for 1890. Published by J. & A. McMillan, St. John. For sale by all booksellers in the provinces. In paper and cloth. Price 10 and 25 cents.

The Magazines.

Wide Awake, that most entertaining of the children's magazines, has a genuine Christmas number filled with stories, poems and illustrations appropriate to the festal season. Perhaps the most striking feature about the December number is the serial stories which begin in it. Among them are "Wednesday the Tenth," by Grant Allen, "Gid Granger," by W. O. Stoddard, and Mrs. Sallie Joy White's series, 'Business Openings for Young Girls and Young Women," which begins with a paper on "Saleswomen and Cash Girls." There is no better magazine for the children than Wide Awake. It is amusing, and, at the same time, instructive. Published by D. Lothrop company, Boston. Subscription price, \$2.40 a year.

Notes and Announcements.

Thanks are due for a copy of Footprints, the value of which is increased by the autoSOCIAL AND PERSONAL. CERTAINLY, [FOR ADDITIONAL SOCIETY NEWS SEE FIFTH AND

EIGHTH PAGES.]

SACKVILLE.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Sackville at C. H. Moore's okstore.]

DEC. 18 .- Moncton boasts of numerous clubs, but DEc. 18.—Moneton boasts of numerous clubs, our I think Sackville stands alone as the happy possessor of an "Onion club." This very original association consists of a number of the fair sex, who meet at each other's houses one evening in the week, and devote two hours to the consumption of this succu-lent but somewhat vulgar vegetable. I believe their motto is "In the onion there is strength," and mutual forbearance must certainly be the doctrine they inculcate. If it were not for the fact that Sackville inculcate. If it were not for the fact that Sackville always has a high wind blowing, and therefore they must of necessity be well aired before reaching home I think their friends would certainly "bar the door" against their entrance. A second reading club is also in progress, but its movements are shrouded in mystery that "Mitten" can find out but little about it. Ladies only, is the rule for this also, but why I cannot imagine, unless

rule for this also, but why I cannot imagine, unless as has been hinted, they meet to read and discuss fashion books under pretense of deep study. This is most likely a base slander by some envious mem-ber of the "unfair sex," as Sackville is noted for its intellectual women intellectual women.

ber of the "diffial" sex, as Sackvine is noted for its intellectual women. Mrs. Amos Atkinson has opened the festive season with a very enjoyable party, held on Tuesday even-ing, after the exercises in Lingly hall." The latter were by no means up to the usual mark, but the former left nothing to be desired. After the long fast from dancing, the young folks were only too glad to avail themselves of a little hop. And they hopped with extreme vigor till the evening verged well on to midnight. This is the first entertainment I believe, given by Mrs. Atkinson, but everyone hopes it will not be the last, and that other Sackville matrons will speedily follow her good example. Among the guests were Professor and Miss Mack, the Misses Cogswell, the Misses Estabrooks, Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Rannie, and last but not least Mr. Murray and Mr. Kirkpatick. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Allison entertained a few friends at whist on Tuesday evening. Mr. W. W. Welle, of Dorchester, was in town last week.

Mr. Hanford, of Amherst, was in town on Tues

Mr. J. D. Phinney went to Moncton Wednesday. Mr. Josiah Wood, M. P., has gone to Ottawa on

Mr. B. C. Borden, principal of the Ladies academy, vent to New York last Thursday. Mr. A. II. Anderson went to Moncton on Tues-

Mr. Miller, of Amherst, spent Sunday in town. Dame rumor has it that Mr. Miller finds Sackville particularly attractive this winter.

Miss Fannie Bliss, of Westa orland, spent a few days in town last week.

Mr. Hilcott, the popular band instructor, of Am-nerst, was in town on Monday. Miss Dibblee is visiting her neice, Mrs. J. F. Alli-

Miss Murray, of St. John, is visiting Mrs. A. E. Botsford. Her old friends are glad to get sight of

her once more. Miss Alice Estabrooks has organized a parlor orchestra with some of the musical souls. What to some music before very long, for excepting the entertainments in connection with Mount Allison, there is a most "plentiful lack" of this sort of amuse-mont all the time.

ment all the time. Miss Florence Black, of Port Elgan, is spending few days with Mr. David Dickson.

I cannot allow my weekly letter to go without saying a word about the very attractive way Mr. Johnson Trueman has his store arranged for Christmas. It is very prettily decorated with spruce, which is, I believe, the work of his amiable young wife. Mr. Trueman is especially noted for the tempting way he displays his goods, but this season eclipses everything. MITTEN.

HAMPTON.

Christmas and New Year's

PRESENTS.

DECIDE TO BUY FOR YOUR FRIENDS

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Where can we get the best assortment of

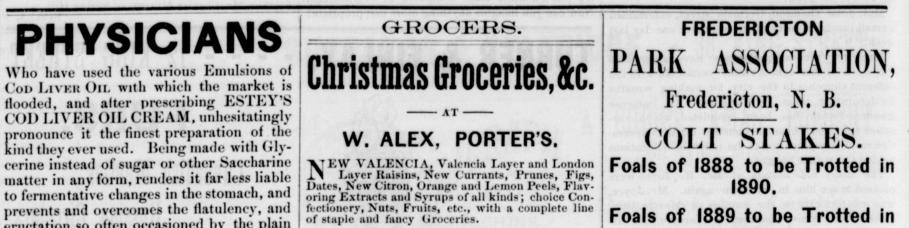
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And the old man's eyes filled with tears and his voice choked. And this was the comfort Mildred Brewster gave to thousands of men and women with her great wealth.

There was much romance in this woman's life. Her immense fortune was left to her by a rejected suitor, who afterwards married and went abroad. She loved a Mr. Everett who, though he returned her affection, was bound in honor to another lady. He went west and his fiancee, differing with him on religious questions, parted from him. Some time afterwa.d, Miss Brewster and a lady friend were travelling in an emigrant car which was wrecked while nearing its destination. It was Ralph Everett's good fortune to rescue them, with imminent risk to himself, from the blazing cars. To tell what happened afterwards would lessen the reader's interest in a fascinating book.

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Betty Leicester.

Sarah Orne Jewett has an undeniable knack of telling a story. Her natural description of New England character, her simplicity and catching humor are attractive characteristics of all her writings. Betty Leicester is the latest and one of the very best of Miss Jewett's books. It has been called a second Deephaven, which holds a first place in the literature of the young. Betty and her companions are not cast in angelic moulds, but they are worthy models for sensible girls to pattern after. It is essentially a story for girls, but older people will find much that is profitable, interesting and amusing in this pretty red and graph of the author, Mr. J. W. Lawrence. Grace Dean McLeod, of Nova Scotia,

has an admirable short story in the December Wide Awake. It is entitled "The Light on Black Ledge," and the scene is laid about what was once known as Peter's Point, now called Margaretville, in honor of the wife of the late Judge Haliburton.

Rev. L. G. Stevens gave a rapid touch to Bellamy's Looking Backward, last Sunday evening, in his sermon in the Stone church. He called it "fascinating," "delusive," and denied the power of "so-called socialism" to bring us to that happy condition which Bellamy pictured.

Messrs. J. & A. McMillan announce the publication of a booklet containing the best poems of Mr. H. L. Spencer. Mr. Spencer has done much good work, most of which was scattered. His friends will learn with pleasure the fact that it can be had in future in bound form. The Messrs. McMillan say that the volume will be a dainty piece of work. The cover design is novel and attractive, and a new style of type will be used throughout. Dark green ink and gold page borders should make a very pretty effect.

A TOUCH OF NATURE.

She Had but Little to Give, Yet That She Gave with a Cheerful Heart.

I was standing at the corner of King and Germain streets, watching the throng of holiday shoppers scurrying to and fro, with their bundles of sandal-wood nightmares and delirium tremens in blue plush, when George Moffat, the blind musician, started up one of his tender, sacred airs. Presently a woman passed up the street, paused as the strains of the hymn-I think it was, 'Let the Lower Lights be Burning"caught her ear, and then walked back to where Moffat had located his instrument. The well-dressed dames and misses tried to freeze her with a stare as she brushed their seal jackets in passing. Reaching the organ, the woman sought the pocket of her faded and torn gown, and brought forth some loose change-three coppers and a five-cent piece. As she looked at them hesitatingly, a tear made its appearance in her eye-the wind, probably, as it was a very cold day, you know-ran down the thin, careworn cheek, and splashed upon the almost transparent cotton shawl that pretended to shield her shoulders and arms on that bleak December afternoon. The strains of the tune swelled out strong and full again, as the poor creature replaced the copper coins in her pocket, and dropped the larger [PROGRESS is for sale at Hampton station by T.G. Barnes, and Geo. E. Frost, and at Hampton village by Messrs. A. & W. Hicks.]

DEC. 18.—Miss Kate Colwell, who has been making a short visit to her sister, Mrs. Edgar H. Fairweather, at Rothesay, returned home on Fri-

Mr. Charles Doherty and Mr. Duncan C. Robert on, of St. John, were in town on Saturday. Miss Minnie Hammond has returned from her

visit in the city and Rothesay. Mr. Frederick Flewwelling, of St. John, spent Sunday at his old home, in the village. Miss Fannie Barnes and Miss Bessie Peters went

o the city on Saturday.

Mrs. Gilbert Bent, who has been visiting her brothers, Mr. William Breeze and Mr. Dudne Breeze, in St. John, for several days, returned home n Monday.

Mrs. Ryan, of Sussex, accompanied by her daugh-ter, Miss Alice Ryan, arrived on Saturday, and are visiting Mrs. Ryan's daughter, Mrs. S. Hayward, at he village. Mr. A. A. Bartlett made a brief visit to Hampton

on Friday. Miss Jennie Raymond spent a few days in the

Miss Jennie Raymond spent a lew days in the city last week, visiting her friend Miss Ada Stephens. Rev. George A. Maynard, Mrs. Maynard and Miss Gow spent Monday in the city. Miss Addie Currie, who has been visiting her

sisters here for the past two or three weeks, left to

home on Saturday. The holiday edition of PROGRESS surpassed all ex-pectations. I hear that one dealer here disposed of several copies at the old price before he ascertained that it had been increased for that especial number to five cents. The majority number of the Moncton Times arrived at about the same time. Both publictions are a credit to the publishers.

Mrs. E. A. Warneford made a brief visit to St.

John on Thursday. Mrs S. W. Sprague, jr., and Mrs. Prichard spent vesterday in the city. Dr. Silas Alward occupied the platform at Smith's Hall, near the station, last evening, and delivered the first lecture in the Hampton sidewalk lecture UNDERWEAR, CLOUDS, SHAWLS; FANCY WOOL GOODS; CASHMERES, MERINOS;

the first lecture in the Hampton sidewalk lecture course, to a large and attentive audience. His sub-ject was on "Notes of a Summer Holiday." The chair was occupied by Mr. George Barnes, our genial registrar of deeds. At the close, a vote of thanks was moved by Mr. James W. Smith, sec-onded by Mr. Thomas A. Peters, stipendiary magis-trate, and carried unanimously. The lecturer, in re-ply, said that he would be sufficiently repaid for his trouble, if the good people of Hampton would mend their "ways" (sidewalk). Dr. Alward, while here, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hayward, at the village, and left for home this morning. Dr. J. Newton Smith and Mrs. Smith went to the city today.

ity today. Mrs. Noah M. Barnes, who was ill last week, is able to be out again. Mr. and Mrs. M. Heustis, of Sussex, spent Sur

A Number of Clearing Lines very Low day week in town, the guests of Mr. and Mrs.

DEC. 18.—The basket social held in Temperance hall, last Thursday evening, by the ladies of the Methodist church, was a pleasant affair. Mr. Robt. Phinney was the auctioneer and acquitted himselt in creditable manner. Mr. J. S. Simson, of Halifax, was in town on

Chursday last.

Thursday last. Rev. James Robertson, D. D., of Winnipeg, lectured last Sunday evening, on mission work in the Northwest, to one of the largest audiences ever seen in Chalmers' church. Miss Belle Forbes, of Kouchibouguac, spent Sun-

lay in town. Dr. J. W. Begg, of Hamilton, Ont., who spent a ew days in town, last week, has decided to practise

pen an office. Mr. J. D. Phinney spent last week in St. John. Mr. James Ferguson, of Bathurst, who is just ecovering from a very severe attack of gout, was

days ago. Dr. R. Olliqui, of Kingston, who has for the past five months visiting London, Paris and Spain, his native land, was in town on Saturday and was warmly received by his numerous friends. Mr. William Loggie, of Chatham, spent Sunday in town.

MUSQUASH.

DEC. 17 .- Mrs. G. C. Carman has returned, after pending a week in St. John. Miss Anderson is spending a few weeks at her home in Musquash. Mr. W. Scovil, of St. John, was at the Musquash

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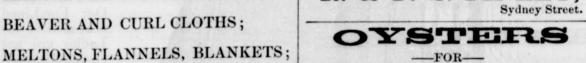
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GENERALAGENCY FOR THE **Province of New Brunswick** OF

COLT STAKES. to be trotted for on their Track. Stakes will be open to Colts, either trotters or pacers, that have been bred in the Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia or Prince Edward Island. The whole amount of entrance money and added money will be divided-60 per cent. to the winner, 30 per cent. to second, and 10 per cent. to third. Stake No. 3. Open to Foals of 1888, mile heats, two in three in harness; to be trotted at the FALL MEETING of the Association in 1890.

1891.

THE Directors of the above Association would

announce the opening of the following

Entrance, \$15.00 each, to be paid as follows: \$5.00 to be paid with nomination on or before 1st January, 1890. \$5.00, second payment, to be made on or before 1st July, 1890. \$5.00, balance, on evening before the race. \$50.00 will be added to the entrance moncy, by the Association, and \$25.00 additional will be given if the winner beats 2.54, the present track record for two-year-olds. Stake No. 4.

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\$50.00 will be added to the entrance money, by the Association, and \$25.00 additional will be given if the winner beats the best previous record on the Track for same class.

General Conditions.

All nominations must give name and description date of foaling, and breeding of foal named, and also the names and addresses of the breeder and

Races will be governed by the Rules of the Na-tional Trotting Association. A Colt distancing the field will receive first money only.

Board of Directors. F. P. THOMPSON, President. D. F. GEORGE, Vice-President. J. A. EDWARDS, M. TENNANT, HARRY BECKWITH, W. P. FLEWELLING, See'y.

Fredericton, N. B., Nov., 1889.

REMARKS.

The Directors think it advisable to continue these Colt races. While there is no money in it directly for the Association, the Directors think that it must

be encouraging to breeders. With the numerous well bred Sires now in the Lower Provinces, these stakes should be well patronized, and as they are limited to colts bred in the Lower Provinces, there will be no chance for parties to import colts with the especial intention of winning these stakes.

The Directors trust that the breeders throughout New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and P. E. Island, will help to make these Colt Stakes a success.

All entries received will be widely advertised, and complete lists of entries will be sent to each person naming a colt.

All communications should be addressed to W. P. FLEWELLING, Secretary

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hotel last week. Mr. Jesse Knight is expected home from British

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his profession here, and will return in a few days to

in town last week. Mr. George Wilson returned from Amherst a few

