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# ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, FEB. 7.

With this issue, PROGRESS ends its career long, and if on some height in another realm as an eight-page paper. It has won greater the hero of Austerlitz reviews his dead, success than the publisher even thought or he will have to stand and gaze for ten days the concert was a trifle mournful, and as the audihoped it would. The time has come when to see the ghastly, or ghostly procession it has out grown itself, when it is ab- pass. solutely necessary to have more room, not only for the paper and the business interests that have gathered about it, but for the advertising patronage that has increased very largely. To effect this, PROGRESS will be issued next Saturday, February 14, as a sixteen-page paper. The subscription price will be \$2.00 per annum, and will retail for five cents a copy. We ask for the greater PROGRESS the same kind consideration and impartial judgment that have been given us thus far.

#### WHAT TO READ.

What shall young people read? The question is often asked and almost as often answered, yet to nothing is it so difficult to give a satisfactory response. It is like asking what people ought to eat. We may reply: Anything that is wholesome, but this only raises a second question as to what is wholesome, and the answer to this depends very largely upon the individual. As the old saying has it : what's one man's meat may be another man's poison. There are persons to whom the reading of a novel of the light sensational class is as much a mental rest, as to lie at length in the shade is rest to a man tired with work in the sunshine. There are others to whom poetry is a delight and inspiration to nobility of thought and action; others to whom it is absolute weariness. There are men and women who can read the keenest criticisms of religious subjects, and yet go forth to the performance of their duties as fully determined to love their neighbor as themselves as if, when St. John had written revelation the production of religious literature had ended. Others find themselves mentally unhinged by such writings and doubtful of their duty to man or to God. There is scarcely such a thing as neutral literature. It there is, it is not worth reading, except for purely mental rest, as in the case of the novels above referred to. All books, worth the name, make us either better or worse from reading them. Possibly for young people there is no more profitable reading than biography. Many a valuable lesson may be learned by following the footsteps of those who have made a name for themselves, noting their mistakes and successes. Books of travel may or may not be useful reading. This may seem to some to be a strange statement, but many books of travel are of no real value; for it is not of any benefit to fill the mind with a varied assortment of ill-digested facts. Undoubtedly a school education may be well supplemented by the perusal of carefully selected books, giving descriptions of foreign lands, but some discrimination ought to govern the selection. The reviews, the magazines, and some of the leading weekly papers afford admirable reading for the young. Those who have never made a habit of perusing the higher class of periodical literature would be surprised at the readiness with which a state for it can be acquired. Nothing in the line of reading is more educative than this, using the word educative in its original sense of "leading out" the mind. Let it be remembered that the educated man is he who has his taculties brought out, so that they can deal intelligently with ques-

MEN AND THINGS. All men who have not debauched their tastes like sweets." Possibly the doctor TAINE, a French writer, says that

NAPOLEON caused the death of 1,700,000 was too general in his statement, but when you hear a man talk about the hurtfulness persons born in France and 2,000,000 of pleasure, it is well to ask him just what born in other countries. This is a terrible his experience has been. In most cases record. Seventy-six years have passed since you will find that he has indulged in it un-Waterloo, and it would not be very easy to say just how much of the edifice remains, til he is a victim of physical, mental and moral dyspepsia. which so much blood was spilled to cement.

> A new rendering of Horace's line Gracculus esuriens ad cœlum si jusseris ibit is even Sir JOHN MACDONALD will go to Washington for a policy when he gets in a hard place.

"Where is the N. P.," asks the Globe. of the second empire. And the 3,700,000 they are powerless. The N. P. will stick and ready, it seems, to exchange checks for Mss. who preceded the emperor into the un- closer than a brother.

## IN MUSICAL CIRCLES.

Owing, no doubt, to the near approach of Lent, the number of things that have been crowded into the last two weeks, has been truly wonderful! I lo not mean that every evening has been devoted to music, but certainly that art has managed to monopolize a good part of the time. Although by this time it is rather old news. I should like to say a few things about the concert in Leinster street Baptist church (dear me! what a long name that edifice has.) Like all entertainments of that class, ence was debarred from showing its appreciation in any other way than by looking pleased when a selection found favor, the tendency to cheerfulness was not very great, not that I wish any one to think for a moment that I approve of applause in a church-even if the only reason given for its omisson be "that it might create jealousy."

Vocally, Mrs. Gilchrist carried off the honors the evening. I had not heard her sing Sullivan's 'Lost Chord" for a long time, and her rendition of was a great treat to me, although I could have wished the organ accompaniment not so heavy in the latter part of the song. Mrs. Gilchrist's other selection, "Oh! rest in the Lord," from St. Paul, suited her voice admirably, also. Miss Young was, I thought, nervous, which might account for the slight tremolo in her voice, which to me rather marred the effect in her solo, "O Lord correct me," ov Handel

Mr. Daniel sang his 2nd selection much better than the first (Now Heaven in fullest Glory). The fact that *Jerusalem* is not a favorite song of mine loes not prevent Mr. Daniel's singing it remarkably

Mr. Lindsay, although suffering with a heavy cold, sang Blandener's "Abide with me" very smoothly and evenly. Mr. Morley's setting of "Jesu Lover of my Soul" was rendered by Miss Young, Miss Halliday, Mr. Lindsay and Mr. Desid but I dou't think it was norm successful. Daniel, but I don't think it was very successful. It wanted more practice, and the voices were not evenly balanced, the soprano and bass being muc heavy for the alto and tenor. Mr. Jas. S. Ford's organ solo's Handel's Occasional Overture, Andante, Battiste and Andante, by Andre, were all finely The organ managed to get in some fine work on

its own account, and cyphered ad-libitum, which could hardly be called an improvement. The oboe refractory and was not an orna ston also, g the performance. The ladies committee entertaind the performers and their friends after the concert, when a light supper was served in one of the rooms djoining the church

PEN AND PRESS.

The Boston Times prints the following editorial omment on a contribution of Mr. Walter L. Sawyer's, who is doing some of the best and brightest work of his life at present. Only a short time ago a characteristic short story of his appeared in that popular and widely circulated paper Yankee Blade. Both of these bright sketches will appear in PROGRESS in a week or two.

The story, or rather character study, "A Great Man," by Walter L. Sawyer, which is published on another page, is in Mr. Sawyer's best vein, and is marked by that literary finish which is characteristic of all of Mr. Sawyer's work. There are few who will not appreciate the delicate satire and cleverness description in this sketch of country scenes and

Mr. C. H. Lugrin, the secretary for agriculture, has plenty of literary work on his hands. It is somewhat of a surprise to meet him as a poet, but he appears in that form in a recent lengthy contribution to Week. The Independent finds him a favorite has spurned the whole BONAPARTE tribe, Right here, and it has proved a good stayer. short story teller and those excellent youths' publica-No matter what the politicans would do tions, The Companion and Golden Days are willing This is a very happy exchange provided the checks are large enough and both publications have a reputation for generosity.

NOUVELLES FRANCAISES.

#### Sarah Bernhardt en Amerique.

Sarah Bernhardt a commence a faire ses adieux public. Les premiers au public americain seront faits bientot. Elle va entreprendre un voyage autour du monde et par consequent il y aura quelque temps avant qu'elle puisse recommencer a dire

Il est bien fait de la part de ces grandes artistes de considerer ainsi le public. Ce dernier ne dit jamais maintenant qu'au revoir aux actrices et chanteuses. Combien de fois par exemple Mme. Patti a-t-elle quitte la scene? A chacune son tour. et assurement il est temps que Sarah Bernhardt

Et de plus, qu'est-ce qu'il y aurait de plus a propos pour cet adieu que le role de Cleopatre? Elle ne peut pas toujours survivre a la morsure de l'aspic fatal. Sera-ce vraiement son chant du cygne qu'elle fera entendre dans Cleopatre?

La Siene a fait beaucoup parler d'elle en ces derniers lours.

Les Parisiens sont tres badauds pour tout ce qui cerne la glace. Cela rappelle ce mot d'un perruquier de Bade, qui disait avec une patriottique Oui, monsieur, nous avons ici, l'hiver, jusqu'a 19 degres de froid. C'est assez joli pour une petite

Momo, qui vient de recevoir le fouet, pleure nme un veau.

Ne pleure pas ainsi, lui dit un visigeur, tu sais en que ca rend vilain. Momo s'interrompt et dit au monsieur.

Alors, tu as du rudement pleurer, quand tu etais eune! UNE ELEVE.

IRIS TALKS ABOUT HALIFAX.

Sleighing parties still continue sur le tapis. Perhaps you think it time I changed the subject, as last week I devoted much of my letter to the "beautiful snow." But it being so unusual an occurrence for our city to remain for any extended period en-veloped in her downy mantle, we are apt in our enthusiasm to be carried away, forgetting that to our kinsmen across the Bay it is no novelty to drive to the music of the bells, out over the snow-clad country, rendered so dazzlingly white in the bright surshine. Everbody assuming any pretensions what-soever, I think, within these past two weeks, gave a drive! Exceedingly pleasant parties start about 2 or 3 o'clock in the afternoon in one of "Rob-inson's" large drags drawn by four, or sometimes six horses; the harpers are generally concealed somewhere under the buffaloes, and a charming time is the result. One of these conveyances "homeward bound," speeding through the suburbs with its dashing steeds and flaming torches, looking to the but halfawakened dwellers in this quiet neighborhood not unlike the famous chariot of the warlike Mars, and he is apt to rub his eyes, wondering if he is not dreaming of the gods and godesses he learned about when a boy at school, yet as the illuminated vehicle disappears round the turn, and while he listens to the music of the song which is borne along on the still night air he knows that i Mars who is here waging war, but Cupid. Then settling himself once more on his couch. muttering as he pulls the clothes over his head-"The ssme old story, the third time this week my night's rest has been spoiled, drat these sleigh drives!" The Boys at Cambridge house, Mr. Leigh's academy

of the pleasure seekers. But in the night. Ah! then is the time. A very large to bogganing party was given one evening last week by a number of ladies and gentlemen. Everything was on a grand scale; the absence of moonlight being substituted for, in the many torches and colored lanterns suspende from poles which had been erected for the purpose The General was among the numerous and it was amusing to see with what zest the old warrior and hero of many battles, steered his com-pany down the steep incline. Though, during the evening there were several "spills," no harm was done; all returning home happy in the consciousness of having thoroughly enjoyed the fun!

Mrs. Fishwick gives a large dance this week; a farewell to her son, Harry, who leaves in a few days for the North-West. Thirty invitations have been sued, and it will, we expect, be a very pleasant

On Wednesday, 27th January, The Flying Scud, On Wednesday, 27th January, The Flying Scud, so long anticipated, was put on at the Academy of Music, and has been played every night since to crowded houses. Lytell, as Ned Gosling, is perfec-tion. The scene in which, going up to Flying Scud's, he calls the horse, who, obedient to the familiar voice, comes over, puts his head out of the box and rubs it against his master's shoulder, calls forth great applause. Then the old jockey, bending close to his beloved steed, unfolds the programme which is to be carried out tomorrow at the Derby. In this scene the actor surpassed himself, and brought this scene the actor surpassed himself, and brought down the house, and the listener, too, finds himself carried away by Ned's enthusiasm, and feels like jumping up from his seat and flying off to the race. The other parts were well sustained. On Monday next Hands Across the Sea will be produced for the last time, on the occasion of a testimonial benefit to be tendered Mr. Lytell by the citizens of Halifax.

Diphtheria is still very prevalent. The city authorities have, within the past week, made a rule that as soon as a house is posted with a diphtheria placard, a policeman is to be stationed outside, and the premises are immediately under quarantine. It is this functionary's duty to allow no intercourse whatever with outsiders. For instance, the head of the family, wishing to carry on his business, must put up his quarters at an hotel. It it remains to be seen how this plan will act; some are for, many against it. The fourteen year old son of the late Judge Rigby died at Sidney, C. B., of this fatal disease last week, where his mother had removed with her children, thinking she would be safer away from Hahfax until the epidemic had passed

away. Let me pursue another doleful subject in a second paragraph. Do you know dear sisters we were rather pleased to learn that you too had been the victims of that preposterous fraud The Canadian Queen? Well; because "misery loves company." Wasn't it too annoying, after weary weeks of toil with Webster's unabridged, to receive a paltry butter-knife or pickle-fork. A young friend of mind receiving one of these valuable articles wrapped is up again, and writing "fraud! fraud!" all over is sent it back. At any rate, no house in Halifax need be without a butter-knife, and all the same pattern Still with it all, we have gained our experience, and never again will be caught, no matter how alluring the advertisement. The "South Sea Bubble" cannot be tried down here a second time. There is yet another swindle in which several of the com-munity have been "taken in,"—the Bible competitition in the Ladies Journal, another Toronto maga zine; it was worked on the same "send a dollar scheme." A very intimate acquaintance of mine answered the questions given in the competition very soon after the advertisement appeared, keep ing herself a copy of her answer as a good business woman should. Some months latter when the magazine arrived containing the answer to the stions, with the announcement that to those who had answered in like manner had been awarded the following prizes, etc. Our friend immediately pro-duced her dublicate and found it to be exact, word for word. Delighted, she searched the list containing the names of the successful, but, alas! in vain; it was not there. And, moreover, from that day to this, she has heard not one syllable from those

illainous frauds. Not changing the subject too abruptly; we are to have several weddings in the spring, or early sum-mer. Miss Edith Duffus to Mr. Trowbridge, flag lieutenant of H. M. S. Bellerophon, and Miss Graham, neice of Mr. Justice Graham, to Mr. Ernest Gregory of Antigonish. There are several other engagements in the bua, but as yet not fully enough blown to be announced.

Thursday aftenroon, from 5 to 6 o'clock, dispensing tea and all attendant good things, to a large num ber of lady and gentlemen friends.

Miss Fannie Yuill gave a small dancing party last Thursday evening. About nine or ten couples were invited, who enjoyed a very pleasant evening. Mrs. W. H. Busk (nee Miss Peck of Dorchester)

is receiving this week. Miss Agnes Blair is in St. John with friends, Rev. Mr. MacNeill and Mrs. MacNeill. This is Miss Blair's second winter in St. John, which will no doubt suffice to acclimatize one to St. John's foggy atmosphere, who thinks seriously of remaining there, permanently in the near future PEG.

### DIGBY, N. S.

FEB. 4 .- A lady said to me, not long since, "I never saw such unsocial, stiff people as you Digby people are." I shall make her "take that all back" for certainty, in the way of social entertaining, the past two weeks, Digby people have not been be-hind other places of its size and ability. Now let me tell you of "Three most brisk and giddy placed times." On Monday, 26th, Mrs. Short entertained about 20 friends, the married guests being invited to tea, the young folks in the evening. On Tuesday this same hospitable lady gathered another set of triends around her delightful tea-table

Wednesday evening, the North End whist club met at Mrs. C. Dakin's, Queen street. She stepped beyond the exclusive limits of the club, and invited a number of her triends, who are able whist players to join them. It was such a pleasant evening, that we didn't go home till morning.'

The juvenile quadrille club, met at Mr. Oscar Dakin's last week, where the members were charmingly entertained by his daughter, Miss Nettie

A jolly dance for the young boys and girls was given by Mrs. George Corbitt on Friday evening. Mrs. John Bingay entertained a few friends the me evening.

The most popular games with us now, where dancing is not in order, are Tiddledywinks and "Jenkins up," both requiring rapid and skillful use f both eyes and hands.

Miss Robinson and Miss Fellows, who have been the guests of Mrs. Munro, for some weeks, re-turned to their homes on Saturday. Mrs. Churchill left for St. John, N. B., on Satur-

day, where she will visit friends. The friends of Miss Mary Churchill, formerly of

this place, now residing in Boston, will be glad to know that she is recovering from the bad effects of a severe wound on her head, caused by a fall on the ice while skating. PAUL PRY.

#### CAMPBELLTON.

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FEB. 4.—The people of Campbellton are indebted to the Rev. Father McDonald, for his good taste in selecting a first class concert company, that played nouses here last week for the benefit of the Hotel Dieu Hospital. It was a rare musical treat. Mr. A. O. Babel, the Texas cowboy pianist, is a thorough musician and Miss Mattie Babel is certainly a cornetist of a very high order, judging from the way they were repeatedly encored. The music lovers of our town would like to have them stop over a few nights longer, but they will shortly have another visit from them.

J. D. Forster, warden of the Dorchester penitenti-

ary, was in town last week on church business. Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Lingley spent a few days at Bathurst, last week. They took in the match be, tween the the Campellton curlers and the Bathurst curlers, which took place at the latter place, last Saturday

Mr. Edward Alexander, of the I. C. R., has gone visiting friends, in the adjoining counties. Miss Ruth Chandler has returned from Dalhousie,

Miss Kuth Chandler has returned from Damousle, N. B., where she had been visiting for some time. Miss Minnie McDonald, of Rogersville, is visit-ing Miss Katie Murray, Cross Point. The Misses Devereaux, of Dalhousie, N. B., are

in town, the guests of the Rev. H. McDonald. Mr. John A. Flett has gone to Chatham, N. B., to attend the Curler's ball.

gan, of Charlo, is in town, the gu Mrs. Richard O'Leary. Another of our young men has joined the ranks of Benedicts. This time it is Mr. Edgar Sherley, who was married last night, to Miss Lizzie Downs, of Metapedia. Rev. Mr. Carr tied the nuptial knot. Mr. J. H. Pennette, the popular clerk of the firm of Adams & Frith, is spending a few days among his friends at Bathurst. He is accompanied by Master Whit. McMillan. SUGAR LOAF.

Speaking of numbers of people, how many persons do you suppose could stand on Queen's square, in this good city. The area is, say, 500 feet square. Probably this is not quite correct, but it will do as a basis for calculation. Its area is, there-

fore, 250,000 square feet; that is to say, on the square and the streets surrounding it you might pack the whole population of the province. There would be a little overflow into the side streets, perhaps, but

Germany, Austria, and Italy, which felt

the heavy hand of the great commander,

have arisen stronger and more consoli-

dated than ever before. Russia, to strike

a blow at which he crossed a continent

with his armies, has grown with marvellous

rapidity in political importance. France

and established a republic upon the ruins

known--what of them? If we accept the

ideas of our spiritualist friends, he would

have been able to establish an empire of

Three million seven hundred thousand

men. If they marched four deep they would

make a column nearly eight hundred miles

his own long ago.

not very much, if the people were packed together as close, well, say as close as the Normal school students pack the Fredericton post-office on Saturday night.

Everybody does not take up as much room as everbody else, and a great many people do not take up nearly as much room as they think they do-not nearly as much. This observation is true mentally, morally, physically and politically. There is probably not a man, who has reached middle age, who cannot recall several occasions when it was foretold that the country could not survive somebody's funeral. "What will we do when he is gone ?" was the question everyone asked. except his enemies; but he went, and somehow the country got along without him. We do not mean anybody in particular, and we are not referring to any particular country.

Do you know why this is so, reader, gentle or otherwise? Why, it is because common, everyday people like you and us have, on the average, a fair share of common sense, and our so-called leaders lead us in about the same sense as the flying spray leads the tempest over the ocean. There never was a man so big that he was a necessity to the country. If all our great men would go off somewhere and start a colony by themselves, the rest of us would get along about as usual.

Of course there are men who may be really called great. Measured by the quantity of blood he shed, NAPOLEON oubtless was the greatest butcher up to his time. Perhaps he would now have to rank second in this respect to PHILIP D. ARMOUR of Chicago, only ARMOUR has confined his slaughter to hogs and cattle. On the other hand ARMOUR has built up, NAPOLEON destroyed. ARMOUR adds to the commerce of the world and promotes the comfort of hundreds of thousands of people. NAPOLEON caused blockades either for or against him, and left a blood red trail of misery over Europe.

Measured by the good they do their race, the great men are the workers. The world rarely knows its real heroes. When they have been dead long enough to let their resting place be forgotten it wakes up to a sense of what it owes them, and hunts about for their graves so as to erect monuments over them.

Perhaps this is just as well, for we have seen that it is not possible to erect a monument over St. John's noble young hero without something having the resemblance of a scandal showing its ugly head.

DECREASE in Losses. three per cent, and was very woe-begone look upon her face at a be in the true sense of the word an eduinion that the band pieces were not quite so good opinion that the band pieces were not quite so good as at the concert last year, with the exception of the Squeegee Polka. Mr. J. V. Lantalum's solo, "Margarita Myer (Helmund), was well interpreted. Miss Quinton's song, "Come to My Heart," was very nicely sung. Mr. P. W. Lantalum gave a song, by Von Sakkingen, "My Love, Farewell," which he apparently did not know very well. Mr. Lindsay's selection suited his voice admirably, and he sang with much expression Mrs Perley was praver-meeting, was approached by her cated man. Perhaps the best advice that more than sufficient to pay pastor and asked if she felt the influcan be given young people as to what they the Death Losses of the DECREASE in Expenses. shall read, may be summed up in the words, ence of religion, answered that it was either year. "That which will contribute to mental religion or dyspepsia, she did not know Profits to Policy-Holders **DECREASE** in the Average of growth," and the only test of this is ex- which, was in a frame of mind that a good in matured Policies in EXhe sang with much expression. Mrs. Perley was very effective in her number, "Fiddle and I," by Goodeve, with violin accompaniment. Where the words "Fiddle and I" occurred, it was not quick perience. But it may be accepted as well many are in, if they would only tell the CESS of the Company's Terminations. established that novel reading as a staple truth about themselves. A real hearty Semi-Tontine Estimates. mental pabulum is very unsubstantial. A enjoyment of the good things lavished upon enough. Mr. Moore sang, "Only Tonight," very Miss nicely, but had a poor accompaniment. Miss Nellie Coholan's solo "Ne'nella," Kucken was ridiculous error is made by some persons, us by a bountiful Creator is not inconsis-W. T. STANDEN, of the Actuary Society of America, a distinguished Consulting Actuary of eminence and experience, in his report, says of the North well sung, her voice showing evidence of good train-ing; Miss Hancock interpreted Carl Benyckie's "Spring Flowers" very nicely; Mr. Daniel in "Jack's Wedding Morn" by F. Boscovitz, scored another marked success. Mr. White would have done better had he followed a little hint given him who talk about learning what the world is tent with religion, but it is with dyspepsia. American Life: "The large gain shown in every department, ranging from ten to eighty per cent, makes a record unexcelled by that of any other Company." Mr. STANDEN, further states: "As a matter of great interest for the North American Policy-Holders, an examination will show that the percentage of in-crease in surplus as compared with the Assets is 6.12 for the past year, as against less than four per cent for the average of other leading companies doing business in Canada, as shown by their last report. like from the pages of fiction. They oan- A man will drink the cup of pleasure to the not do this. The world of fiction and the dregs, and then repenting in bitterness of business in Canada, as shown by their last report. The above is only a small part of the conclusive proof that can be furnished to intending insurers, to show that it is to their own individual interest to take out policies in the North American, in preference to any "other company. To this statement, it may also be worth while to append the following, to be found world of fact are as far asunder as the heart his excesses, will advise the young some time ago, and played from his music. He succeeded in mixing up both himself and his accom-panist so that the audience was forced to wait until among the many reasons that can be given : poles. Fiction's only place is among the against innocent enjoyment. A story is During the present year, the first series of the Company's Ten-year Investment Policies matures. The consulting Actuary has allocated to these policies, profits, in excess of the Company's Semi-Tontine estimates, which will be paid on the due date of each policy, and which have been very satisfactory to those panist so that the audience was forced to wait until matters got straightened out and he could resume his violin solo. Miss Coholan's solo by Pinsuti was given in her own inimitable style. But why not call the song by its proper name, "White Wings." Miss Goddard's accompaniments were very much admired, especially when she played for Mr. Ham-mond's piccolo solo, which was itself very good. TARBET. recreations. A mind that can only grasp told of old Dr. Parr. At a dinner a man whose policies have already matured. This Company was the first Canadian institution to adopt this form of Insurance, and it has become so popular, that nearly all the other Canadian Companies great truths when they are surrounded by refused some sweetmeats with disdain, sayseveral of them after denouncing in for years-now issue policies upon it, in one form or another. love making or dramatic situations, had ing sneeringly: "I never eat sweets." VROOM & ARNOLD, - - - Agents, - - - SAINT JOHN, N. B. better save itself the effort of trying to The doctor turned to him, and said : "That, sir, is because you are or have been a sot. grasp them at all.

adjoining the church. I was sorry that I was unable to attend the St. James' S. S. concert, which I believe was enjoyed very much by those present. I heard of a dainty little song given by Miss Clara Quinton, entitled, "Margery Brown" by Pontet. Trinity choir is to lose another member as Mr. Strand (father of the organist) has, I have been told, accepted the posi-tion of choir master in St. Paul's church. on of choir-master in St. Paul's church

The Oratorio society has forwarded Lady Tilley \$41.97 for the hospital nursing scheme, being the net proceeds of the performance in Trinity church, with donations of \$10 from Mrs. W. S. Carter, \$5 from Mr. Morley, and \$5 from the Philhar

Now that Lent is upon us I do hope our Episcopal choir friends will not consider it necessary to make us do penance with bad music. Some of them think that if a piece is soft, it must therefore be slow, and hey draw it out to the utter destruction of rhythm tone, and, shall I also add, to the great detriment of the devotion of the musical portion of the ongregation. Verb, sap.

The Mozart Centenary is to be celebrated in Vienna on Dec. 5th, 1891, by special performances. We hear too little of this composers music in St. John, and yet no operas afford more chance for the selection of tuneful solos and concerted music.

Next Monday evening the Oratorio society hold eir conversazione in their reception room, Oddfellows hall; all active and honorary members are invited. The C. E. Institute have kindly granted the society the usual facilities for holding the con-versazione. I hear it has been suggested to the public library commissioners to procure a set of the standard oratorios and operas; the idea is a good one, and I hope it will be acted upon. The expense would not be great and many of us would enjoy such an opportunity to go through the works of the great masters much better than reading modern fiction, and surely all tastes should be catered for. The Rothesay Choral society resumed work last Tuesday evening under Mr. Morley's conductor-ship at the residence of Mrs. Fraser.

The Amateur minstrel company is once more ning to the fore, and a performance will be given, sometime I suppose, in the dim and distant future. haven't a great deal of sympathy with the minstrels, for I was in hopes that the energy which will be expended on them would have been devoted to nething else. However, I suppose I shall go and enjoy the show when it does come off. A paper is to be started in connection with the

oung Men's Association of St. John's church, and I hear that Mr. J. S. Ford has been invited to contribute a musical column

The Old Musical club meets at the residence of Mrs. W. S. Carter, Elliot row, on Monday evening

In St. John's choir, I believe, the solos in Stain-rs' Crucifixion will be taken by Mr. T. Daniel, and Mr. Lindsay, and when it is given in Trinity, fancy Mr. George Coster will sing the tenor, but have not heard whom they have secured for bass. The Musicale in the Church of England Institute on Wednesday evening, was a great success, and much regret was expressed, by those present, that this would be the last of the series. The programme was an excellent one and was much enjoyed. Of the choruses, I think the "Chough and Crow" and the "Carnovale" found most favor. The "Spinning Song" needs more voices, and it was not sung very Song" needs more voices, and it was not sung very smoothly. Miss Flossie Bowden- was obliged to respond to an encore for her cello' solo. Miss Clinch and Miss Mathers played the "Taunhauser March" as a piano duet. Mr. Lindsay sang the same charming song at both this musicale and the Cornet Band concert, "A day dream" by Strelelzki. Mr. Daniel gave Scot Gutty's "True till Death" in fine style. Mrs. J. R. Armstrong and Mr. G. Lud-low Robinson sang a duet and Mr. Robinson render-ed Birch's "I am waiting." Cira Pinenti's partsong "The Parting Kiss " was sung by a quartette, Miss Mamie Patton, Miss Halliday, Mr. A. H. Lindsay and Mr. A. M. Smith. Mrs. W. A. Ewing played as a piano solo, an arrangement by Spindler, of as a piano solo, an arrangement by Spindler, of "The Gay Huzzar. Light refreshments were serv-ed by the ladies refection committee, and the musicale was brought to a close by singing, Mr. Morley's arrangement of "My Own Canadian Home," and "God Save the Queen." As I was unable to be present all the evening at the City Cornet band concert, I have depended on a

tions arising from day to day. His stock nusical friend for an account of it. With such a engthy programme, it was a good thing that en-cores were prohibited. It seems to be the general shows an increase of forty-An old lady, who, when sitting with a of facts may be small, nevertheless he may

had a large "turn out" on Monday. They drove to Bedford, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Leigh, tutors, and several young gentlemen, who are read ing with Mr. Bradford, among others were Mr. Nagle and Mr. Wallace, who it will be remembered spent last summer and autumn at the Royal School of Infantry at Fredericton. Perhaps you have forgotten them, but the young gentlemen in question have by no means forgotten Fredericton, nor its ospitable inhabitants.

On Tuesday evening, 26th inst., Mrs. H. Y. Payzant gave a large drawing room concert at her residence, Spring Gardens. This musical given for a charitable purpose, was largely patronized and voted a great success. The best amateurs contri-buted Mr. W. B. King's characteristic reading being considered the piece of the evening. Miss Gladys Tremaine's violin solo was greatly admired and Mrs. Kennedy Campbell sang as sweetly as of yore while Mrs. D. C. Edwards and Mr. W.H. Hill gene resitations, which effected resited of learning gave recitations which elicited peals of laughter. Mr. Marshall, W. R. and Mrs. Nesbitt sang in their usual good style. Among the guests was Mr. Tilley, of St. John, who is taking a course at the Dalhousie Law College. We regret that Mr. Tilley's studies give him so little opportunity for mingling oftener in society while here where he has already become quite a favorite.

Collin's hill has been the scene of much gaiety during these past days. This is where we toboggan, and really we look quite smart and feel so, too, I assure you, when on bright afternoons we turn out for a shoot down the steep slide. On Saturday afternoon last the hill presented quite a brilliant appearance, dotted all over with the bright costumes

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On Tuesday evening last, was held the carnival at the rink, given by the subscribers to the "Private afternoons," although a non-subscriber could go in costume provided he obtained an ice ticket from the committee. This annual carnival is always the best of the kind given during the season, consequently t was looked forward to with much pleasure. But on the night in question-ye gods! how it pouredtorrents of rain! It was really sad, after all the preparations. Still, notwithstanding the unpleasant weather, quite a number of spectators were present and also a fair number of skaters. Several ladies and gentlemen danced the "minuet." Their costumes of "ye olden time" were extremely pretty, and greatly admired by everybody who had courage enough to venture out on such a night. IRIS.

TRURO, N. S.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Truro at Mr. G. O. Fulton's.]

FEB. 4.-Miss Greenway is here from Halifax, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Fred Carter. Mrs. R. F. Brine and Miss Laura, have returned rom Halifax.

Mr. W. S. Casson, of the Victoria, has been the purchaser of Mr. D. C. Cummings' elegant resi-dence, corner Pleasant and Victoria streets. Mrs Harry T. Harding's cuchre party last Tues-

day evening, Jan. 27th, proved one of the pleasantest of card parties. Among those present were: Mrs. W. S. Muir, Mrs. Thos. Mason, Mrs. Selden Mrs. W. S. Mult, Mrs. Thos. Mason, Mrs. Seiden Cummings, Mrs. Harry W. Crowe, Mrs. D. C. Blair, Miss Mai Dimock, Miss Blanche Tremaine, Mrs. Stevens, Miss May Bent, Miss Ida Black, Miss Mary Black, Miss Mary Crowe, Miss Suther-Miss Mary Black, Miss Mary Crowe, Miss Suther-land, Miss Anna Sutherland, Mr. Thos. Mason, Mr. Selden Cummings, Mr. Harry W. Crowe, Mr. Andrew Campbell, Mr. A. Patterson, Mr. Bowers, Mr. Tabor, Dr. Hall, Mr. James Ross, Mr. D. C. Blair. The first ladies prize was won and awarded to Mrs. Harry W. Crowe; Mr. Bowers carrying off the gentlemen's first; second ladies prize-; second gentlemens fell to Dr. Hall with Mr. Ross n close pursuit.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fitch, who have been uests of Mrs. C. E. Cutten, left on Saturday last for risits in other parts of the province, ere their return their home in Cambridgeport, Mass.

The Second Baptist church social was held at the residence of Mrs. Fulton, corner of Dominion and Victoria streets, last Thursday evening. A very easant and social evening was enjoyed by tho resent. A very pretty programme of musical selec ons, vocal add instrumental, some choice reading and recitations, were gotten through with with redit to all.

#### RICHIBUCTO.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Richibucto at the W.U. Tel. office. by Miss Jessie White.]

FEB. 4.-Mr. Charles Cole, of Moncton, was in town last week

Mr. Henry O'Leary gave a party last week, in honor of Miss Lily McQueary, of Campbellton. The many friends of Mr. J. D. Phinney will be

glad to learn that he has so far recovered from his evere illness as to be able to take several short drives during the past week.

Miss Fanny Grierson gave an enjoyable party last Thursday evening to a number of her friends. Mr. S. L. Storer left on monday for his home in brooklyn. During his visit here he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Robertson. Mrs. Mundy, of the Ladies College, Halifax, is in

town, visiting friends

A dance was held on Tuesday evening, in the Masonic hall, under the management of a number of our young gentlemen. The Kingston contingent were unable to get down, owing to the inclement weather. Progessors Goldie and Johnson furnished excellent music. Refreshments were served during the evening. There is a rnmour affoat that another party will be given next Monday eqening. REGINA

[It appears that there are two hotels in Richibucto and that last week our correspondent mistook one for the other. It is due to "Regina" to say that, as soon as the error was discovered, the editor was nformed of it, though it was too late for correction. The phrase most objected to, however, is a very common one, and should not have been construed to mean anything more than the simple words inplied. —THE EDITOR]

"I have met this man," said the legal

luminary with extreme severity, "in a great many places where I should be ashamed to be seen myself," and then paused and looked with astonishment at the smiling court and jury .- London

Tit-Bits. Mrs. Crowe was at home at the "Rookery" las

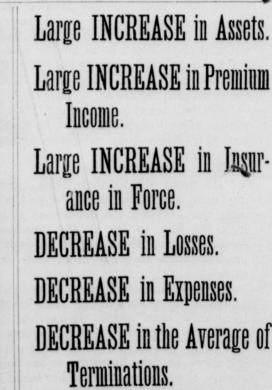
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