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Progress is for sale in Halifax at the following places:

DEC. 16.—The lot of a society correspondent is not always an enviable one; it entails a great deal of boredom in attending functions one would rather avoid, in consorting with people one does not particularly care for, and worse than all the hearing of much personal abuse which one is not in a position to resent; but it must on the whole be Elysium in comparison with that of a man obliged to stand by as an auctioneer and see his property going at the tremendous sacrifice at which the Eastern rug, Indian and Persian, the catalogue set forth the rugs, carpets and potteries to be; and by far the larger part of the collection was excellent of its kind. Some rugs of course were common, and too crude in color to suggest the gorgeous east as their birth place; but they were there for the benefit, I suppose, of the ignorant who do not know the difference between a rug and a carpet. The good ones were obtained at bargain prices; a carpet worth \$150 going for \$85, two of the largest in the room for not more than \$100, and the smaller rugs such-to the buyer—delightful suns as fourteen, eighteen, and twenty-five dollars apiece.

The catarrhs, which were chiefly very modern Bulgarian, and worked in shies of English dyes, obtained five times the price in proportion to what was given for the really beautiful and eternally enduring carpets. The sale lasted three days and was quite a society function, every one who was there buying and looking on among the hundreds of the purchasers. I noticed Mrs. Kenny, Mr. Stairs, Mr. A. G. Jones, Mr. Bauld, Mr. Henry, Mrs. Terry Kenny, Mr. Doull, and a number of other well known people.

In the opinion of a humble onlooker, the sale would have gone better had there been more of the auctioneer and the gentleman in charge of the consignment; their playful encounters on several occasions were enough to put intending purchasers off; of course, it must have been agonizing to stand by and see one's merchandise selling so far beneath its value, but Mr. O'Brien's remarks on Monday evening did not certainly do his next day's sales any good. No one is to be faulted in buying, even if they really want the things; which a very small proportion of the people did, by the way.

The list of departures for this week looks rather formidable, especially since it is not made up like the Mikado's people "who never will be missed." Mrs. H. W. Clarke has left in the *Arcturion* for New York, and will winter in the south of France. Her health is not by any means all that could be wished, and she feared the winter in the very variable and untrustworthy climate prevailing in this part of her world. Her small dinners, teas, and in particular her suppers, were always very pleasant, and will be a feature of society very much missed indeed during the coming winter. Col. Clarke, of course, remains here to do duty at Government house, and is really one of the most delightful fellows to take in hand the private afternoons at the rink, for which he deserves to be called a public benefactor.

Mrs. Rolph and Miss Thomson are two more ladies who have gone away in search of sunshine; Mrs. Rolph having taken a house in Bermuda and Miss Thomson going to spend Christmas there with Mrs. Barry, who has spent the last two summers in Halifax and whose palmyra and foxtail hats will not soon be forgotten; it was quite equal to that of many professionals in London, who make very respectable incomes by doing at evening parties exactly what Mrs. Barry was so kind and unobtrusive in doing for charity entertainments.

Miss Thomson will be joined later in the season by her cousin Miss Ross, who is starting now at Fernwood with Mrs. Thomson.

The *Tyne* took several men in the gay home to England on leave, Col. Hill among them, who goes for two months only. Mr. Bryce and Mr. Devonshire, of the Leicestershire are went home, and Captain Westcott is soon to follow them.

I see Mr. Corbett's horses advertised for sale, and am sorry to hear that he is also leaving Halifax for the winter and taking with him Mrs. and the Misses Corbett. To the poor eye it looks like a loss. If Halifax were a good place to get away from, so many houses are shut and so many people have fitted. Several ladies I understand are thinking of going to Germany chiefly for the education of their children. Why people have such a craze lately for mate in nearly all Germany is on a par with this, and worse by far than England; the houses are uncomfortable, and the food is an English or American palate simply a series of horrors, besides which Japanese cookery parties. Living is cheap, of course; but as a rule, extremely nasty. Unless one has a house and a cook of one's own, it is a risky experiment to take a family to Germany; a German boarding school is, generally speaking, only surpassed in discomfort by the average pension, where cabbage soup is succeeded by boiled veal and potatoes stewed with caraway seeds.

A lot of people went up last Saturday to see the "sailors' train" with the men of the *Tyne* start for the other side of the Rockies. The accommodation provided for both officers and men was excellent, and though it is a long and tedious journey, it is to British Columbia, it is infinitely preferable to the voyage which is its only alternative.

When the train was at the front in Halifax was gone, most people adjourned to the *Tyne* to have tea with Capt. Weldon and the other officers; an item which has a summer-like look even in winter season, though the trouper could not be called a summer-like residence in spite of the pains taken to heat it.

We have had positively no social excitement this week with the exception of one children's party and Christmas tree in Morris street, an entertainment which delighted the children, though it must rather have forced the season for their elders.

About fifty children though, fully appreciated the glorious fact of being able to see the forest of Christmas. It was an exceedingly pretty sight as they crowded about the tree, and with more or less they received their presents from a veritable Father Christmas, a charming innovation which was a great success.

I suppose criticism is hardly in my line, but I must say a word about the Kippack Indians, whose show at the Orpheus Hall is really excellent. Some of their songs are excellent, but the performance of the slack wire alone was worth the price of admittance. This show has been very little advertised, except by the striking appearance of the members of the company, as they went about the streets, but it certainly afforded a capital evening's entertainment.

Mr. George Mackled, of St. John, has been spending a few days in Halifax, where his wife has a whole host of friends, and where if I am not mistaken, some of her school days were spent.

Mrs. Arthur Moren, who is another St. John lady, is very soon to return to her native place for a short visit, but cannot be spared from here, for good.

Four unannounced engagements are at present exciting the feminine mind in Halifax, and will continue to do so for some time, since the principal people concerned in them hold the excellent theory that their matrimonial intentions are their own affair and no one else's. They are all *bona fide* engagements however, and the fullness of time that no doubt be made public property. It is to be regretted that their fulfillment however, will necessitate four accomplished and pretty girls leaving Halifax for ever the water.

Any number of people have been asking who the tribulation to the St. Augustine's bazaar, and what connection she had with this place. Of course the more elderly portion of the community who remember the late Lord Mulgrave, afterwards Marquis of Normanby, as governor here, will remember his daughter Lady Laura Phipps, who married a clergyman now the present Lord Ellesmere, to whose father the Rev. Heber Bullock was for a long time chaplain. Lady Ellesmere has always had a kindly remembrance of her young days here, and of the Halifax ladies who were her contemporaries, and has kept up a constant correspondence with the Misses Bullock, to whom was sent her substantial token of interest in church matters here.

Dr. and Mrs. Keogh are giving up their place in Hollis street, and will spend the winter in Philadelphia on account of the delicate health of their youngest daughter. Miss Keogh however will probably remain at Government house for the winter, with her aunt Mrs. Davy, and where I hear by a pleasant sea wind, there is to be a small dance during Christmas week.

Much anxiety is still felt concerning Mrs. Binney, whose severe accident in Wolferhampton, where

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AMHERST. [Progress is for sale at Amherst, by George Douglas, at the Western Union Telegraph office. Dec. 16.—Dr. and Mrs. Dobson left on Friday for Bermuda, via New York, to spend the winter. Miss Page accompanied them, with the same end in view. Mrs. Hilden gave another of her enjoyable little parties on Tuesday evening, in honor of Miss Moore who leaves shortly for New York. Mr. Bateson, C. E., the guest host at "Bally Hoolly" hall entertained a pleasant party of ladies and gentlemen at dinner on Saturday evening. Miss Jones of Truro, made a short visit last week in town, the guest of Mrs. C. E. Ratchford. Among the many attractions for this month, Mr. Barnaby's musical recital assisted by a number of his pupils, stands at the head of the list, and is to come off on Dec. 31. The Jubilee singers are billed for the 29th which no doubt will draw a crowd. It is nearly seven years since these delightful singers, charmed us with their melody. On the 30th a large ball is to take place, given by the young men of the town, and all the youth, beauty and fashion will be in attendance. Mr. Parker Carvill, of Charlottetown, spent Sunday in town. Mrs. W. H. Rogers returned last week from a pleasant visit in St. John. Miss Sue Dimock, formerly of this town, but lately of New York and Bermuda, returned last week from the latter place to locate here. The financial result of the party concert at the vicarage on Tuesday and Wednesday amounted to \$44. The young men of the parish were entertained at the vicarage on Thursday evening with an oyster supper. On Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Harris gave the pupils of Christ church S. S. a tea. Mr. F. R. Butcher, of St. John, was in town last week. Mrs. Bishop is home from Truro visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Main. Mr. Hibbert C. Black, of Pugwash, was in town last week. Mr. Rankine, of St. John, spent Sunday in town. Mr. Tremaine, of Truro, was in town this week the guest of his son, Mr. Harry and Mrs. Tremaine. Mrs. Robert McMillan has returned from Rochester, Mass. An interesting event takes place this (Wednesday) evening at the residence of Mr. Nell Campbell, when Miss Nellie Kunder will be united in marriage to Mr. Horace Logan. Rev. V. E. Harris officiates. A reception will be held from eight until half-past ten. Mr. Robert Mitchell, on the engineering staff employed in the mountains of western Montana, wired to his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell, of this town, that he was very ill, and about leaving for Duluth for proper treatment. For days no word reached them, notwithstanding repeated telegrams, and their anxiety was most intense. On Tuesday, however, of last week, they received a despatch that he was ill in the hospital at St. John, and was to remain there, but doing as well as could be expected. MEU.

DEC. 16.—It is hard to realize that Christmas is but a week distant as the weather until the last Easter, and one is not as forcibly reminded as usual by the display in the shop windows either, for so far there has not been many very attractive wares temptingly set forth. Nothing of a social nature has taken place this week except the meeting of the fortnightly club at Mrs. Stephen Siroon's, on Tuesday, which was very thoroughly enjoyed by all present; but there were not so many there as at Mrs. Ellis'. I suppose many could not spare the time from their Christmas work. The Harpers furnished the music, and everything was done to make the evening a pleasant one, the efforts being thoroughly successful. A number of young ladies and gentlemen from Halifax and Dartmouth gave a very enjoyable entertainment on Thursday last to the patients at Mount Hope. The programme consisted of music and recitations and was thoroughly enjoyed by the unfortunate inmates of the institution. Those who took part in the concert were, Mrs. Stewart, Miss Troop, Mrs. H. S. Creighton, Miss James, Miss Allen, and Messrs Troop, H. D. Creighton, Diamond and Shute. After the performance Mrs. Dixon regaled the performers with coffee and cake. Mrs. Rankine, of St. John, spent part of last week in Dartmouth, the guest of Mr. T. C. Cutler. Mrs. Chas. Rigby, of Cape Breton, has been visiting Mrs. A. E. Edgerly. Appearances appear to indicate an engagement between a Dartmouth young lady and a Halifax medical student. There is also a rumor of another engagement of a Dartmouth lady, but in this case the gentleman comes from the so called "case of Nova Scotia." Christmas decorations for Christ church are occupying the time and attention of a good many ladies and gentlemen, and the school room each day presents a busy scene. Judging from the interest taken and the well known taste of many who are assisting, we may expect something very striking and clever as the result of this work. Mrs. Davis, who has been in Upper Canada for the past two months, returned home about a week ago. The many friends of Miss Emily Duxton are delighted to welcome her home again. She arrived from Boston on Sunday last and will be in Dartmouth for two or three weeks. Mr. Prescott Johnston spent Sunday with friends in Bedford. WOLFVILLE.

DEC. 16th.—There is very little to write about this week. I think all our charming ladies must be too deeply engrossed in the making of plum puddings and mince pies, to give time for dances or parties, however, we shall look forward to a little gaiety after Christmas. The concert given in College Hall, Tuesday evening, Dec. 15th, by the Fisk Jubilee Singers, was a great success, being very largely attended. People came from Kentville, Cornwallis, and Grand Pre, and I think all who had the pleasure of hearing them the first time they sang in Wolfville, were eager to hear again these well known singers. I hope this is not the last time we shall listen to them. Miss Emma Hemen, who spent the summer with her aunt, Mrs. J. B. Hemen, has returned to her home in Liverpool, N. S. Miss Hemen won many friends while here and she will be greatly missed. Miss Laura Borden has returned from Boston, where she has been visiting for some months. Mr. G. Caulfield, of Halifax, is spending a few weeks at his home. Prof. Tutts lectured in College hall Friday evening, his subject being "The Canadian North-west." Prof. Tutts is a very able speaker and his lecture was very interesting. Miss Florence Crosby, who has been absent from Wolfville for the past year has returned and will resume her studies at the seminary. Miss F. Seabrook spent last week in Halifax. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Wilcox on the birth of a son. T. H.

PUGWASH. [Progress is for sale in Pugwash at Mrs. John Johnston's millinery store. Dec. 16.—What's in a name? Evidently your Amherst correspondent thinks there is a good deal in it. I regret that we have not a more attractive appellation to our town. We did think at one time of applying to parliament to have it changed, but it was rather difficult to decide on anything that would suit everybody, so we concluded "I were better to bear the ill we have Than fly to them we know not of." Pugwash is of Indian origin and said to signify "deep waters." The waters are all right, both useful and beautiful, but why they should bear such name is something I cannot solve. The completion of the "Short Line," linking us to the rest of the world, was also the means of bringing a charming little watering place into notoriety, and during the past summer between two and three thousand tourists visited this town. There is no doubt that in the future this will be the Saratoga of Nova Scotia. We were all glad to welcome a friend in the person of Miss M. Jones, now of Truro, who spent Sunday with us. Mr. Hubert C. Black made a short visit to Amherst last week. CLIMAX.

PARROBRO. [Progress is for sale at Parrobro Bookstore. Dec. 16.—Mr. Lay, of Amherst, has been in Parrobro for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Aikman are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son. Dr. Fullerton, of Cornwallis, was in town for a day last week. Mrs. Townshend is spending a week or two in Spraghill with Mr. and Mrs. C. Parsons. Mr. C. S. Muir went to Halifax for a day or two last week. Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons have returned again. Mr. Gibbons spent several weeks in the States. Mr. James Miller, of Sherbrooke, was at the Minas hotel for a day or two lately. Mr. Newell Corbet is back again from Boston. Mr. C. Young, of Calais, was in town on Monday. Mrs. Frank Young went to St. John last week. CHOCOLATE.

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