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"Surtout," said Monsieur de Talleyrand, who was reputed wise in his generation, "Point de zele!" If there were a Talleyrand today at the head of the Baptist church in Halifax, he would be on the point of tears of deprecation at the tremendous zeal shown by a humble light in his church. The reverend gentleman in question was asked to make a few closing remarks at a temperance meeting, in the course of which he managed to insult every officer and man stationed in this garrison, and also a large number of the principal people in town.

If the orator speaks "that which he does know" he must move in a curious society; if the speech in which he indulged merely embodied little theories of his own, he has had the pleasure of having them made a subject of impolite derision and sarcastic re-

In the opinion of the speaker Halifax is a bad and corrupt town to live in—the profane at this are tempted to inquire why he left Yarmouth to come here—which is, perhaps, a similar story! But if Halifax is in such a bad way, it will take a great many righteous men of Mr. Adams' calibre to avert the wrath to come. Perhaps if a sufficient number were imported even, an ungrateful populace would

prefer the vengeance of heaven. The gist of Mr. Adams' remarks was that the garrison of Hanfax was injuring its social life. The men, he said were bad enough, but the officers were the great evil. They were social parasites; they enjoyed the hospita it, of the citizens, and laughed at them behind their backs; he had never known an officer to be christian; he doubted if even the army chaplains were christians; and what could be expected from officers and men, in a religious point of view, when the chaplains set the example they

Society, he said, was morally corrupted by the officers of the garrison in the so-called upper classes and in the lower classes. Things had come to such a pass that respectable young men were beginning to find it necessary to go abroad to find ladies whom

they could wed.

It is impossible to take such a tirade seriously, but this last remark has almost had the effect of making society do Mr. Adams that honor. No greater insult to the ladies of the place could be put into words. The many families whose daughters have married men in the army, who have sons in her majesty's service, are not people whom Mr. Ad ams is in a position to despise, if his remarks were not beneath their notice. As to his objections to the army chaplains, per-haps they are a little like those of the Prince of Ar-

menia to cream tarts; "he did not know anything In the opinion of Mr. Adams, no man who ever takes a drink, smokes, or reads a novel, will go to heaven. In which case the chance of eternal bliss for the civilized world is somewhat slim. The reverend gentleman will reside in his heaven in the society of Mahommed as, to whom wine is forbidden; of savages, who have not cultivated the art of reading;

such of the righteous as inhabited this world before the discovery of tobacco.

As for his saying that he had never known of an officer who was a christian, such colossal ignorance is beyond belief. It is not the quoting of such names as Gordon, Stewart, Hedley Vicars, which can lighten so darkened a mind. Perhaps some one owning lives of the above christian gentleman might lend his books to Mr. Adams, and snence, if not convince him. * * *

Apropos of the political combat of which we are now in the midst. The candidates of both parties are curiously unanimous on one point; aversion to leaving their happy homes. One of them indeed, said so much on the subject of his home being his proper place, that a gentleman in the gallery called out: "Never fear; we'll keep you there!" A reassuring statement which is yet to be proved.

Miss Julia Arthur has been in an unenviable position during the past month, if report speaks truly. It is not pleasant to be congratulated on a mythical engagement, even when the supposed fiance is an eligible one; but it is infinitely worse to have one's name allied with that of a gentleman like Mr. Bagge, who gave out that he was Miss Arthur's

prospective bridegroom.

His history, if my memory serves me, is somewhat peculiar and varied. He is an Englishman, and he married an actress some years ago in England. His wife, Miss Helen Forsyth, was very pretty and very clever. Mr. Bagge appreciated her, for the usual retrain of his conversation was "my wife Helen Forsyth." He was not himself a remarkeable actor, perhaps to be a "super" of the upper class was the limit of his ambition. But he was a typical "actress's husband." I hear that he has been divorced from Miss Forsyth, but of this I am not certain. What is certain though, is that Miss Arthur utterly denies being engaged to him; which is just as well perhaps for the future of that fittle lady.

An engagement lately announced is that of Miss Grace Hill, youngest daughter of the Rev. George Hill, for so long rector of St. Paul's church, Halifax, to D. deMilie, eldest son of the late James DeMilie, whose books are a household word all over Canada whose books are a household word all over Canada and the United States. Dr. DeMille has been for the past two or three years a surgeon on the Allan line, and though the and Miss Hill are both natives of Halifax and old aquaintances, they had not met for some time until they did so on the steamer in which Miss Hill came from England to visit her sister, Mrs. Troop. This adds another to the long list of engagements for which a sea veyage. the long list of engagements for which a sea-voyage is responsible!

I hear that the coming summer will see the

marriage of one of the very prettiest of Dartmouth ladies, to a partner in a well known legal firm of Halifax; after what is for these days, a very long

A few days of cold weather, a taste of skating and sleighing, have had an invigorating effect on society. The private afternoons at the rink are a reality, and no longer a fond speculation; but Ichabod! the glory of the institution is departed. For a first cause, there are not enough dancing men, and there is not that determination to learn which is usually displayed by "duffers" with a few brilliant exceptions novices are contented to amble round the rink without attempting the mysterious art of waltzing. The feminine part of the skating world however, is not daunted by such a trifle as incompetent partners.

The carnival is announced for the ninth of February, and we are to have as attraction, a cotillion danced on the ice. Precisely what figures will be adopted is not decided; but if last year's minuet was pretty, this year's cotillion shall be far prettuer. There is such scope for color, which is the great thing; ribbons, flags, flowers, favours, whips and reins—the list is endless. I hear that the same lady to whom was owed the success of the minuet, has its successor in hand; the leader for the men has not yet been appointed.

Theatricals are promised us in the near future. Mrs. Daly, Mrs. Kenney, Mrs. Tobin, Mrs. Morrow and Mrs. F. Jones are the principal ladies on the committee which met on Thursday afternoon at gov ernment house. Mr. Fuller is the "star" in our firmament at present, vice Mr. Marshall of the West Riding Regiment, whose talent was worthy of better things than the amateur stage. His Crispin is not

What piece is to be put on depends, of course, on where it is to be played. If the ball room at government house is to be turned into a theatre, nothing very serious will be chosen. But it the company are to appear in the Academy of Music there mus-be something which admits of good dressing and

pretty scenery. Mrs. Reader, who is getting up Mrs. Jarley's waxworks for the benefit of a hospital in Leicester, has had the courage of her opinions, and plunged

boldly in medias res at once. The entertainment is to take place in the Academy of Music on the eleventh of February, and will consist of a concert by the full band of the Leicestershire Regiment, some songs by various popular amateurs and very far from the least attraction-Mrs. Jarley's

As far as beauty is concerned Mrs. Jarley will be worth seeing. It is not a new entertainment, even in the colonies, but perhaps the fair manageress has new features to present. Certainly she has secured a very pretty company! Miss Clarkson, Miss Worsley, Miss Slayter, Miss Roberts, Miss G. Uniacke, Miss Keogh and Miss Kenny are the ladies I have heard mentioned as taking part in the performances. The male portion of the company I am unable to name; perhaps they may not be quite so interesting.

On Thursday afternoon the Wanderer's amateur athletic club he'd a ladies' meeting at the Church of KNOWLES' BOOKSTORE Halifax, N. S.

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England Institute, to discuss a proposed plan of holding a national fair in June for the benefit of the club. There was a large attendance of ladies; the Wanderers' grounds are a very popular place in summer, and as the object of the fair is to improve them, and nearly every woman in Halifax has a friend or relation who is a member of that club, the meeting was most successful. The Wanderers deserve a great deal of credit for having given us what is so nearly a "show place" as their grounds. If their fair is managed with the same well applied energy, it will be another feather in their cap!

I see that Mr. Melville of the Leicestershire regiment has been appointed private secretary to Sir Terence O'Brien, the governor of Newfoundland. How Mr. Melville will like St. Johns—the climate, not the people, who are all that is most hospitable—remains to be seen; but St. Johns will certainly like Mr. Melville. A cheery, charming, companion, and a thorough little gentleman, Sir Terence O'Brien is to be congratulated on his new secretary.

The dinners of the week only number two; that of the dinners of the week only number two; that of the Archbishop on Monday, the Leicestershire reg-iment on Wednesday, and the first fortnightly mess dinner of the Halifax Garrison Artillery on Friday. The guest of honor at the Archbishops was, I sup-pose, Sir John Thompson; but the dinner was of a very non-political and impartial character. The very non-political and impartial character. The guests was Hon. L. G. Power, Mr. Justice Townshend, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Canon Carmody, Colonel Kyan, Major Waldron, Mr. Motton, Mr. McCoy, Mr. C. H. Cahan, Mr. Justice Meagher, Dr. Farrell, Mr. Stephen Tobin, and several others, including, of course, Sir John Thompson.

St. Patrick's Minstrels have been the amusement of the week. They had packed houses at the Academy, and have not gone off from the standard of previous performances. The stage was very pretty, and the costumes a vast improvement on usual minstrel livery; even the orchestra were included in the general fancy dressing, and wore good, and some of the singing was very good, and some of the jokes very bad; but the whole performance was most amusing. There were the usual local jokes on the city fathers, and the usual hits at the climate of St. John; though from all one hears this winter of its weather it is a good deal better than that of Halifax. But altogether the prime movers of the minstrels must be congratulated on a grand success.

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DARTMOUTH.

JAN. 27 .- There was a children's party last week and judging from the hilarity of the young people when they dispersed, I should fancy their desires had been all satisfied. Miss Clarke is in Halifax spending a week or two

with her friend, Miss Mary Lawson. Miss Josie Howe has been quite ill with typhoid fever, but is much better. A few of the young friends of Mrs. Stewart spent

a very pleasant musical evening at her house last Miss Wetmore, who has been in Dartmouth for

some weeks is still here, and the many friends she has made hope she will spend some time longer. Mrs. Hunt, mother of Mr. Aubrey Hunt, is quite

with bronchitis or la grippe.

The host of friends which Mr. D. Faulkner possesses were glad to see another witty communica-tion from his ready pen in a recent issue of one of our daily papers. Mr. Faulkner though succeeding fairly well in his new home retains all his love for and interest in his native place, where it is hoped he may at some future time again take up his abode.

Miss Robinson of St. John, is on a visit to her ister, Mrs. Charles McDonald. I have just been told of the engagement of a young lady, very popular in Dartmouth where she

has frequently been on a visit to friends; it is not to be announced until Easter so I can only give this The next meeting of the Fortnightly club will be held on Thur-day next at Mr. John Oland's where ned on Indreday next at MI. Some Other will be enjoyed by the members. It is too late in the week to give particulars, but I will do so in my next. The club so far has been an unqualified success and every meeting has been well attended; even some of the staid married of gentlemen whom one fancied had grown tired of dancing are learning the new dances with as much zest as the youngest members. I think the scarcity of young unmarried men in Dartmouth serves to keep the wedded ones more to the fore in social atfairs than would otherwise be the case, proving in truth of the saying "there is no great evil without some good."

BUCTOUCHE.

JAN. 26 .- Mrs. Bliss Ward, of Moncton, who has been visiting her friend, Miss Maggie Foley, this week. She left on Monday morning's train. Mrs. J. A. Irving gave one of her delightful little

parties in honor of Mrs. Ward. Mr. Geo. A. Noble and Mr. Charlie Hall, of St. John, and Mr. J. E. Ledden, of Quebec, payed their annual visit here this week.

Miss Sarah Doherty and Mr. W. W. Doherty from Campbellton are visiting at Mr. B. H. Foley's.

Mr. Ellis, of Halifax, was registered at the Bay Mr. Eths, of Halifax, was registered at the Bay

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JAN. 26 .- The event to which all have been looking forward for some time came off on Wednesday the 20th, in the marriage of Miss Annie Frances Brown, eldest daughter of Mr. Fred Brown, to J. W. Borden, of Canning. The ceremony took place in St. John's Episcopal church at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and was performed by Rev. Canon Breck, D. D., assisted by Rev. J. O. Ruggles, of Halifax. At the hour mentioned the groom arrived at the altar with Mr. George Caulfield, who attended him, and as the choir sang, "The Voice that Br athed o'er Eden" the bride entered the church leaning on the arm of her father. She was attired in a very handsome travelling dress of seal brown cloth trimmed with Russian sable. The bridesmaid, Miss Kate Prescott, Dartmouth, wore a dress of grey camel's hair cloth trimmed with black velvet. After the ceremony the bridal party returned to the residence of the bride's father, where the newly married couple received the congratulations of their friends. Mr. and Mrs. Borden left by the 5 o'clock express amid showers of rice and good wishes for Halifax. Among the guests were Dr. and Mrs. Borden and Miss Borden, of Canning, Dr. and Mrs. Brock, of Kentville, Rev. J. O. Ruggles, Hahfax, Miss Prescott, Mrs. E. Brown, Mrs. Mc-Phee, Mrs. Esdale, Miss Rowe, Dr. and Mrs. Fullerton, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Borden, Grand Pre, Mr. Caulfield, Mr. Donaldson, the Misses Brown, Miss Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. C H. Borden, The following is a list of the presents: cloth trimmed with black velvet. After the ceremony

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Silver spoons, Miss Prescott.
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Tea cosy, Miss Rowe.
Porridge sett, Miss McLatchy.
Cup, saucer, and plate, Miss Lizzie Bowden.
Five o'clock tea set, Mr. Cauifield.
Handsome piece of crown Derby, Mrs. Longley
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Miss Haliburton entertained a number of her
friends at "Kent Lodge" last evening.
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TRURO. N. S.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Truro at Mr. G. O. Fulton's.] JAN. 27-The choir of the First presbyterian church and a number of other intimate friends afforded a complete surprise to Mrs. C. E. Cutten on Friday evening the fifteenth, the occasion being the anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Cutten's crystal wedding. A most pleasant evening was spent, enjoying a delightful lunch, and listening to some choice music, both vocal and instrumental. The most pleasant feature of the evening was, maybe, the presentation to Mrs. Cutten by her friends of a very elegant candelabra as a mark of their esteem and good will.

Miss Maie Dimock left on Saturday last for a visit

among Boston friends. Miss Eva Craig has returned from her visit among home friends in London, Ont.
Mr. and Mrs. C. E Cutten entertained a dinner party of twelve last Thursday. Though strictly a tamily party, a very pleasant evening was spont after enjoying and discussing the elegant repast which Mrs. Cuten had prepared for her guests.

The entertainment announced to take place in the vestry of St. Andrews next. Monday, Feb. 1, promi-es to be a very good thing. Some of the best local talent are announced for the occasion. Mrs. S. E. Gomley will recite, and the new musical trio, Messrs. E. R. Suart, A. C. Patterson and W. R. McMillan, planist, violinist, and cornetist will demonstrate to their audience, how beautiful are the sounds they can provoke. Mrs. Patterson, accompanied by her sister, Miss J. H. Calkin, returned home last Saturday night

Mrs. Gardner Clinch gave a very pleasant progressive cuchre party last Friday evening. Over 20 guests were present. Mrs. S. E. Gomley won the lady's first prize, and Mr. John Stanfield, the gentlemen's first. Dancing concluded this very pleasant affair.

Rev. D N. C. Dimock, who has very recently completed the fifteenth anniversary smee his ordination, was tendered a reception last night in the Y. M. C. A. hall. It will long be remembered as a very pleasant reunion. The reverend gentleman is a favorite and highly respected among all classes and denominations, with but one or two exceptions, who were unavoidably absent, but from whom letters were read, all the ministers in the town were present, and delivered short addresses suit able to the occasion. Music, vocal and instru-mental, by the choir and other local talent. The ladies had provided refreshments in galore. Mr. Dimock made some very feeling remarks in reply ere in conclusion he pronounced the benediction. A number of our young people have received Miss Lena McLeod's invitation to a dance to-

morrow (Thursday) night. PUGWASH.

[Progress is for sale in Pugwash at Mrs. John Jan. 27 .- Miss Macrae, of St. John, is visiting her sister, Mrs. McKenzie. Miss Smith, of the same place, is also a guest of

Mrs McKenzie. Mr. A. Wilson went to Halifax on Monday for a day or two. The sad news of the death of Mr. George Smith,

son of Mr. Griffen Smith, of this town, reached here last week. He died at San Francisco of la grippe. It is about twenty one years since he left his home. Much sympathy is felt for his aged parents.

Mr. J. H. Black expects to go to St. John this week for a visit to his friends, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Rev. Mr. McKenzie is able to be out again after a Mr. R. F. Boyer lett last week for New Glasgow, to ergage in the survey of a projected line of railway between that town and Country harbor.

Miss Daisy Elliott expects to leave for Amherst

this week to visit friends.

The young people in connection with the presbyterian church are busily preparing for a concert to come off shortly.
Mr. J. Kerr Salter made a short trip to Amherst

PARRSBORO.

[PROGRESS is for sale at Parrsboro Bookstore.] JAN. 27 .- The skating rink is to be open this evening for the first time this season, and the 'agony of icy expectation" is over at last. The ice was quite fit on Monday and Tuesday evenings, but political meetings were held in the ball above the rink on those evenings, and it was thought that the noise of the skating would be disturbing. Mr. Hawke, of Moneton, Mr. McClure, of Truro, and Capt. Howard spoke on Monday evening, and Mr. ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ Dickie, M. P., addressed a large audience on Tues-HALIFAY N.S.,
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WHISTON, principal of the Halifax Commercial College, believing Woodworth's, and that a deligatful time on both occasions.

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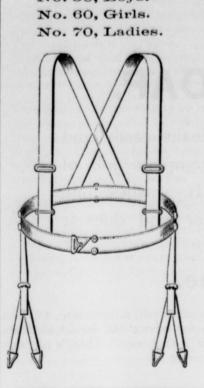
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