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ONE DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE.

A good name is said, on pretty high authority, to be better than great riches, to which may be added that it is often as hard to get and as hard to keep.

There are two kinds of reputations, the positive and the negative. We all know the man who is negatively good. He has no vices, except that of negativness. You are always safe to predict that he has not done anything wrong, and equally safe in not expecting him to do anything conspicuously good.

In religious matters he is very orthodox, so far as phrases go, but he has never examined a single article of his alleged belief. He knows little of the temptations to which a more robust type of humanity is exposed and no sympathy with those who succumb to them.

He is a good citizen. It costs the community nothing to govern him. Taking him all in all he is not a bad fellow, though quite a different personage from the man who is affirmatively good.

The latter is apt to have some vices. SIMON PETER was a sample of such a one. When the officers came to arrest CHRIST, he wanted to fight, and later he lied and swore. Afterwards he had the grace to feel thoroughly ashamed of himself.

Now we do not hear such sad tales of JOHN, or MATTHEW, or any of the other disciples; nevertheless PETER was the one of the twelve in whom CHRIST placed the most confidence, at least upon whom he appears to place the heaviest responsibility.

from the poles towards the equator; hence the geographical fact that our earth is somewhat flattened at the poles. The Russians seem to be governed by the same law and to be impelled southward by a force that has hitherto proved resistless.

In all attempts to forecast the future relations of Russia to the other European nations, it must be kept in mind that the Czar is the ruler of a barbarian people. The Cossack is no more in touch with modern civilization than the Huns, the Goths and the Vandals were with the civilization of imperial Rome.

Only one solution of the problem, which Russian aggressiveness presents, is possible. The nations must unite, overthrow the Czar's military power, and deprive him of much of his recently acquired territory. Every other line of action is predestined to fail.

MEN AND THINGS.

From the earliest period in the history of mankind down to the beginning of the 16th century mankind ate with the fingers, and the great majority of them do so yet.

A considerable part of the minority convey their food to their mouths with a knife, and do it with a dexterity that is appalling. Of those that are left a considerable portion are obliged to be content with a spoon, which reduces those who eat with a fork to a corporal's guard, so to speak.

The stories of the great feasts of antiquity are associated in the minds of many with knives, clean napery, etc.; but when you begin to realize that the viands were served in a bowl out of which the king helped himself first with his finger and after him the others around the table followed suit, the idea will begin to shape itself in your mind that a baked potato on a clean plate with a nice little cake of butter and a bright silver knife and fork would be more appetizing than nightingale's hearts or peacock's brains served a la Caligula.

You can live on very little if you like. Down in one of the Mexican provinces there have been no crops for three years on account of lack of rain, the people are eating earth and though they are not getting particularly fat on it, they are not starving.

Another curious thing may be mentioned. At a Long Island experimental station some seeds were planted in the cleanest sea sand available, and on the same day some similar seeds were planted in the best soil available.

Both sets of seeds received the same treatment, and the result was that the seeds in the sand distanced the others in germinating, and the plants grown on the sand matured more quickly and better than the others. Here is a problem to turn over, and it will probably occur to you, after you have done so, that we really do not know very much for certain about anything.

PROGRESSIVE HUMOR.

And They Were All Open Too. Murphy—Did you see "Ten nights in a barroom" last Saturday night? McIntyre—No, but I saw ten barrooms on the same evening. The Outlook. Lady (at the door, to hard looking character)—Are those men over at the corner friends of yours? They look poor and ragged like yourself.

"No mum, they're not friends of mine. They've all gone back on me, and I haven't a friend in the world." "What did you do to them?" "I was caught with a buck saw in me hand, mum, and they said that was evidence enough of a desire to work to convict me." Came Near Being a Watch Meeing. St. John man (Wednesday morning)—I feel dull; didn't get much sleep last night.

"What's the matter, baby cutting teeth?" "No, I went to the Fusiliers' concert." Everything Lovely. First Twin (six years old)—Say, Jimmie, popper's not goin' ter be home tonight, and we'll have a jolly fight when we go to bed. Bet I kin knock you down two outer three.

Second Twin—Yes, but mamma 'll come in and do the spankin' act. First Twin—No she won't; we can say there's a mouse under the bed. Tiny was a Well Fed Dox. "What made your friend blush so when I said I was afraid to let Tiny out of doors since the cold weather set in?" "Her husband is a sausage manufacturer, you know." The Last Resort. St. John Youngster—Say, Jim, mommer won't give us no cake and she's goin to give Sis the whole loaf.

What'll we do about it? His brother—Guess we've got the best accommodations for cake; let's hold a indignation meetin' and do none with it. And to Keep them Clear of "Rocks." Coastman (to city visitor)—And what might your son be doing now, Mrs. Town. Mrs. Town—He is a bell boy in the hotel. Coastman—Bell buoy in a hotel, eh? To guide guests when there's a heavy sea on, I suppose.

Looking Forward. Father—Johnny, why do you object to having your mother cut your hair? My mother always cut my hair when I was a boy. Johnny—That's the reason I object. I don't want her everybody lookin' at the scissor marks in my head when I get bald as you are. An Experienced Domestic. Mrs. Fisher—Bridget, did you fill the lamps today? Bridget—Yes, mum. Mrs. F.—Why, there is hardly any oil in the parlor lamp. It will go out before half the evening. Bridget—Yes'm, it is the night what Miss Mollie enters into her young man.

At Ottawa. New M. P.—Who's that man over there? Old Stayer—That's one of the members for St. John. "What a care worn expression he's got." "Perhaps; but when your constituents hold as many indignation meetings as the people who elected him have, you won't look happy either." PEN, PRESS AND ADVERTISING. The Folio, Boston's musical monthly, begins the new year by making a decided improvement in its appearance.

A new design adorns the cover and a new dress of type adds to the attractiveness of the inside pages. Besides all this The Folio is greatly enlarged, and begins the new year under most favorable circumstances. The January number of Canada comes to hand in enlarged form, and gives further evidence of its popularity as a magazine.

The best Canadian writers are on its list of contributors, and every number is strictly Canadian in tone. Mr. Knight has a good paper, and has enterprise enough to get it into the hands of the people. An Interesting Business Announcement. In another column of PROGRESS will be found an interesting business announcement by one of the most enterprising and prosperous business houses in the city, W. C. Pitfield & Co. What they have to say there will interest not only a large business connection but the general public as well.

POEMS WRITTEN FOR "PROGRESS."

The Joys of Youth. I remember, I remember My boyhood's happy days, My home beneath the willow, My father's tender gaze. And I likewise remember The wood-shed in the ell, Where I beneath the willow Did yell—and yell—and yell.

I remember, I remember My elder brother dear, My handsome, blue-eyed brother— His voice of joyous cheer. And I recall distinctly That this brother's daily store Was to melt me and to waltz me Till I'd roar—and roar—and roar.

I remember, I remember The room where I was born— The last to lose the twilight, The first to greet the morn. And I remember also A bathroom and a towel When they bagged me, and they dragged me And I'd howl—and howl—and howl.

A Joyful Welcome. Hark! hear ye the clangor of cannon and bell— The shouts of the people that mingle and swell Till a volume of music in majesty sweeps O'er the face of all nature and ruffles the deeps! Away with all discord! Let harmony roll From people to people, uniting each soul— Away with vain strivings for glory and power— Join voices and hearts in this jubilant hour.

The bells sound their greeting in joyous strain And happy our hearts as we hapt the refrain: The year, ere it dies, will know sorrow and sin— Let joy be the password that welcomes it in! KICK IN THIS COLUMN. Have you a telegraph office in St. John? If so, can you get waited on in less time than fifteen minutes, standing in a dark, cold hall as we have in CAMPBELLTON. Campbellton, Dec. 26.

Another Room Now. TO THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS: In a former issue of your paper you have a photograph of a room in King's College, Windsor, and under the photograph are the words, "The Haliburton Club Room." You have published a photograph of the room occupied by C. A. Abbot and B. A. K. Weatherbe Bose, not the Haliburton Club Room. The Haliburton room was furnished this year, and there is at present no photograph of it.

EDWARD LAWLOR, M. A. [The room in question was used as the club room when the engraving was made. THE EDITOR.] A Hint to Correspondents. During the last few months PROGRESS has found its way, and made the acquaintance of hundreds of new readers in places throughout the provinces where hitherto it was only seen by a few subscribers.

The amount of society correspondence has increased in proportion to the circulation, and the amount of manuscript received at the office on Thursdays has become too much for the composing room. For several weeks a number of letters have had to be omitted, and this week the number which will have to be held over is larger than ever. It is hoped, however, that in a short time arrangements will be made by which all our correspondents can have their matter appear. PROGRESS makes this announcement especially for its readers in Newcastle, Bouchouche, Windsor, Yarmouth, Annapolis, Greenwich, Tidnish, St. George, Grand Falls and a number of other places from which correspondence was received Thursday night, too late to be handled this week.

An Evergreen Tree. THE Bible contains 3,566,480 letters 810,697 words, 31,175 verses, 1,189 chapters, and 66 books. The longest chapter is the 119th Psalm; the shortest and middle chapter is the 117th Psalm. The middle verse is the 8th of the 118th Psalm. The longest name is in the 38th chapter of Isaiah. The word "and" occurs 46,657 times; the word "Lord" 1,855 times. The 37th chapter of Isaiah and 19th chapter of the 2nd book of Kings are alike. The longest verse is the 9th of the 8th chapter of Esther; the shortest verse is the 35th of the 11th chapter of John. In the 21st verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra is all the alphabet but "i." The name of our God is not mentioned once in the book of Esther. IT CONTAINS KNOWLEDGE, WISDOM, HOLINESS, LOVE. —Phila. Times.

MONCTON.

[Progress is for sale in Moncton at the book stores of W. W. Black and W. H. Murray, Main street.] Dec. 20.—There was such a number of people out of town on Christmas day that it seemed more than ever like a quiet Sunday, and those who remained in town ate, drank and were merry in the decorously mournful manner which seems appropriate to the season, because I really think that however hilarious one may feel at other seasons of the year, and however jovial their nature, the consciousness that so much is expected of them in the way of gaiety at Christmas weighs upon their spirits, and produces a chastened solemnity which they cannot shake off.

There were services in St. Bernard's, St. George's, St. Paul's and the Central Methodist churches Christmas with special music. The decorations both in St. George's and St. Paul's, R. E. church were very beautiful, and reflected much credit upon the army of willing workers who have been so active for the past few weeks. The Christmas music was of the usual high order. Hopkins' beautiful anthem "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem," was sung, both in St. George's and the Central Methodist church, the tenor solo being sung respectively by Mr. Zwiggler and Mr. J. H. Wetmore. The music at St. Bernard's was especially fine.

The usual presentations from employers to employees and vice versa took place, every body enjoyed themselves, at least they seemed to, and I hope they really did. One of the presentations which is worthy of note, was made by the Boys branch of the Y. M. C. A. to Mr. McKay, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. and consisted of an address, and a beautifully bound volume of Scott's poems.

Rev. George M. Campbell's Moncton friends were delighted to have him amongst them once more on Monday last; the occasion of his visit being the celebration of St. John's day by the Masons of Moncton, Mr. Campbell having been appointed to preach the anniversary sermon in the Wesley Memorial church on Sunday morning. Mr. Campbell occupied his old pulpit in the Central Methodist church on Sunday evening. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Sangster, of Highfield street, during his stay. I think I mentioned two weddings for this week. One of them took place yesterday afternoon at St. George's church, when Miss Nasc, eldest daughter of Mr. J. H. Nasc, of Bridge street, was married to Mr. Alexander Woodman, of Westville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Bertram Hooper, rector of the parish, at half past four o'clock, in the presence of a large number of the friends and acquaintances of the bride, who had assembled to see the last of Miss Nasc, and it was rendered especially bright and impressive by the holiday garb of the church, which had the appearance of having been especially decorated for the wedding. The bride, who was unattended, wore a pretty and beautiful suit of silver grey cloth, with hat and gloves to match, and carried a beautiful sheaf of cream colored roses and jess, the gift of the groom. Her bouquet was a *feu de joie*, as it were, and amid their music the wedding party drove to the residence of the bride's parents for supper, after which Mr. and Mrs. Woodman took the evening train for their home on the St. John river. Amongst the many beautiful gifts received by the bride the groom's gift deserves special mention. It consisted of a set of pearls, necklace, earrings, brooch, and ring over a hundred years old, and containing eleven hundred stones. It was indeed a most beautiful tribute. Mrs. Woodman will be greatly missed in Moncton, and she bears with her, to her new home, the hearty good wishes of her numerous friends.

This letter reaches St. John, another of our girls will have taken upon her the silken cord, and Miss Robb will have been transformed into Mrs. George C. Allen. The ceremony takes place at five o'clock this afternoon, at the bride's home, 400 Bedford street, and I hope to give an account of it next week. Mrs. Stephen Thorne, of St. John, Mrs. Snider and Mr. and Mrs. Robb, also of St. John, are in town, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robb, having come up, to be present at Miss Robb's wedding. Mrs. Dykes Robb's Moncton friends are glad to see her back again, after her visit to Truro, and to know that she intends spending the winter in Moncton. Mr. Legere, M.P., and his private secretary, Mr. Landry, were in town on Saturday, en route for Ottawa. Miss Harris returned home on Thursday looking if possible more charming than ever after her visit to Montreal. Miss Ada Williams is at home from the Halifax Ladies college, to spend the Christmas holidays. Mr. Will Cooke spent a few days at St. John on Monday at Christmas, and left again on Tuesday for Nova Scotia. Mr. G. W. Babbitt, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, spent last Sunday in St. John.

This week has been a very eventful one for Moncton, two weddings and one dance so far. The dances were given by Mrs. T. Y. Cooke on Monday evening when she entertained the bread and butter club. Miss Jean Thomson left us at Christmas tide to spend the festive season at her home in Newcastle, but by way of a fair exchange, Miss Addie Thomson came down and spent her Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Butler. BATHURST. [Progress is for sale in Bathurst at McGinley's grocery store.] Dec. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cowperthwaite spent a few days with friends in Dalhousie last week. Misses Emma Burns, Lina Burns, Maud Bishop and Mollie White are at home for the holidays. Mr. A. J. H. Stewart spent Christmas with his sister in Milltown, Me. Mr. Percy H. Wilbur made a flyin' visit to St. John during the week. Misses Mary Bishop, Kate McLean and Gerie Elabton, who came home to spend the Christmas vacation, leave on Friday to resume their studies at the Normal school. Mr. W. P. Draper spent Christmas at his home in Dalhousie. Messrs. Arthur Cowperthwaite and Frank Allen are spending a well-earned vacation with their home-folks. They leave on the first of the New Year to continue their studies. There is a permanent boarder registered at the Wilbur house in the person of Miss Lavinia Helena Wilbur. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur. Mr. W. F. Pepper has returned from his visit to St. John. Miss M. H. McGinley, registrar, is very ill with la grippe. DALHOUSIE. [Progress is for sale in Dalhousie at McGinley's grocery store.] Dec. 20.—Christmas day was outwardly very quiet, but there were many family gatherings, and no doubt the usual amount of Christmas jollity. Services were held in the morning in the R. C. church, and in the St. Mary's Episcopal church—the former was prettily decorated with spruce, and the handsome set silver candleabra, a gift from a few of the ladies of the congregation, was all that was needed to beautify their pretty little altar. 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