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## ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, JAN. 2.

### 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 negativeness. You are always safe to predict that he has not done anything wrong, and equally safe in not There is nothing particularly startling in expecting him to do anything conspicu- this fact, perhaps, but if you take it as a ously good. In religious matters he is text you could preach quite a sermon from it. 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 the viands were served in a bowl out of 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. There was nothing negative about PETER. PAUL was another positive character. What he did he did thoroughly, and he did much. It is the positive men who make the world move, and if they go astray sometimes, let us be thankful that they do go, and do not sit still and wait to be moved. OLIVER CROMWELL was a type of the positive man. He went off the track, which good judgment ought to have led him to follow, in many instances, but the world owes him much. Republican America is the child of CROMWELL's thought. The case may be even more broadly stated, and we may claim for him me honor of being the father of modern popular government. Nevertheless, he was very far from being a model character. Yet we are not so much concerned about the great historical characters as we are about the people we meet every day. Do not, good reader, not much more complete than the ideas pride yourself upon the fact that you have not this, that or the other bad habit, or have not done this, that or the other thing that may truthfully be charged against your neighbor. There is just as much difference between people as there is between a clothes-line and a live electric light wire, and it is not much to the credit of the former that it can be handled with impunity, and never shocks anybody.

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, In many re-

spects they are not nearly so far advanced as the Chinese, the Hindoos or the Persians. They are nominally christians. In point of fact they have scarcely, any religious taith. They have no idea what popular government means, and can hardly be brought to understand it except by gener-

ations of experience. 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. It may postpone the inevitable crisis, but that is all; but the overthrow of Russia, the driving back of the Cossack to the Volga valley, the reestablishment of Poland, Independent Tartary, and the Caucasian principalities would secure a lasting era of peace. Events seem shaping towards such a result. Germany, Austria and Roumania. with Italy's

help in Europe, Japan, China and Afghanistan, with England's help in Asia, may any day unite and drive the northern barbarians back to their original home.

### 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 convev their food to their mouths with a knife, and do it with a dexterity that is appall-Of those that are left a considerable ing. 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.

### PROGRESSIVE HUMOR.

And They Were All Open Too. Murphy-Did you see "Ten nights in a barroom"

last Saturday night? McGinty-No, but I saw ten barrooms on the same evenin'.

### The Outcast.

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 o work to convict me."

### Came Near Being a Watch Meeting.

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 Fusileers' 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 Dog.

"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 oaf. What'll we do about it? His brother-Guess we've got the best accommodations fer cake; let's hold a indignation meetin' and be done 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.

Johnn y-That's the reason I object. I don't wanter have 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 to-

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; this is the night what Miss Mollie entertains her young man.

### 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 pelt me and to welt 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 tow'l When they bagged me, aud they dragged me And I'd howl-and howl-and howl.

I remember, I remember The dear old mossy well, With it's weather-beaten bucket And its crank that rose and fell. And I'm reminded clearly How on washing days I hauled Upon that cussed crank until I bawled-and bawled-and bawled. BILDAD.

### A Joyful Welcome.

Hark ! hear ve 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 happiest strain And happy our hearts as we join 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 ? It 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.

missed in Moncton, and she bears with her, to her TO THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS: In a new home, the hearty good wishes of her numerous former issue of your paper you have a photograph of a room in King's College, girls wil girls will have taken upon her the silken cords, and Windsor, and under the photograph are the words, "The Haliburton Club Room." 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, on Bots-You have published a photograph of the ford 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, room occupied by C. A. Abbot and B. A. K. Weatherbe Bose, not the Haliburton Club Room. The Haliburton room was having come up, to be present at Miss Robb's wedfurnished this year, and there is at present no photograph of it.

EDWARD LAWLOR, M. A know that she intends spending the winter The room in question was used as the club room when the engraving was made. Landry, were in town on Saturday, en rout Ottawa THE EDITOR.]

### Mrs. F. W. Daniels entertained a few friends on

MONCTON.

of town on Christmas day that it seemed more than

ever like a very quiet Sunday, and those who re-

mained in town ate, drank and were merry in the

decorously mournful manner which seems appro-

priate 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 con-

sciousness that so much is expected of them in the

way of gaiety at Christmas weighs upon their

spirits, and produces a chastened solemnity which

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

tive for the past few weeks. The Christmas music was of the usual high order. Hopkins' beautiful

volume of Scott's poems. Rev. George M.Campbell's Moncton friends were

Ere this letter reaches St. John, another of our

spent last Sunday in St. John. This week has been a very eventful one for Moncton, two weddings and one dance so far. The dance was given by Mrs. T. V. Cooke on Monday

evening when she entertained the bread and butter

ub. Miss Jean Thomson left us at Christmas tide to

BATHURST.

grocery store.

sister in Milltown, Me.

John during the week.

week

Dalhousie.

la grippe.

machinery.]

season

[PROGRESS is for sale in Bathurst at McGinley's

DEC. 30 .- Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cowperthwaite

spent a few days with friends in Dalhousie last

Misses Emma Burns, Lina Burns, Maud Bishop

Mr. A. J. II. Stewart spent Christmas with his

Mr. Percy H. Wilbur made a flying visit to St.

Misses Mary Bishop, Kate McLean and Gertie

Elhaton, who came home to spend the Christmas

vacation, leave on Friday to resume their studies at

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.

Miss M. H. McGinley, registrar, is very ill with a grippe. DU KY.

CAMPBELLTON.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Campbellton at the store of A. E. Alexander, wholesale and retail dealer in

dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, hardware. school books, stationery, furniture, carriages and

DEC. 29 .- The boat race which took place Christ-

mas was won by Messrs. L. S. Brown, Wm. O'Brien

and Daniel Desmond. Great excitement prevailed

at the time of the canoe race, which was a competi-

tion between Messrs. Alex. Mowatt and A. D. Mc.

Kendrick, and Messrs. Robert Duff and Will

Mowatt. The latter won after a hard fight, mak-

ing the race one of the most exciting of the

Miss Janie Jardine entertained a number of her

friends at her mother's residence on Monday even

ing. The large number present spent a most en-

joyable evening, and especially in tripping the light

fantastic, which affords such great pleasures for our

mas with their numerous friends at Chatham. Mr. Harry Wathen, freight agent of the I. C. R.

the Normal school. Mr. W. P. Draper spent Christmas at his home

and Mollie White are at home for the holidays.

the army of willing workers who have been so

street.]

they cannot shake off.

Mrs. F. W. Daniels entertained a rew friends of Saturday evening. Mrs. John Cameron also gave a small party on the same evening. By the way we must not forget to compliment Mr. Cameron on the brilliant ap-pearance of his residence on Christmas eve. I hear that some of the young people are very much interested in the game of whist, and talk of forming a club for especially studying its intrica-[PROGRESS is for sale in Moncton at the book stores of W. W. Black and W. H. Murray, Main DEC 30 .- There was such a number of people out

cies. Miss Ida Nelson is spending her Christmas holi-days at home at Dee Side. Miss Smallett of New Carlyle, spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Dr. Cates. Mr. John E. McLellan, ot the I. C. R. offices, Moncton, spent Christmas with his parents in town. Mr. Herbert Alexander was entertained by a number of his friends, on Saturday evening, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John McMillan. Lattle Miss B.akenev of Amherst is visiting her

Little Miss Bakeney of Amherst is visiting her friend Miss Effie Johnson. Mrs. O. Gilken is visiting friends in Newcastle. Wm. Hamilton, Jr., of Peterborough, Ont., is in

Mrs. Wm. Alexander, mother of Mayor Alex-ander is visiting at her son's. SUGAR LOAF.

### BRIDGETOWN.

DEC. 29.-Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harvey. of Halifax, is visiting Mrs. H.'s mother, Mrs. C. Fitz Randolph

was of the usual high order. Hopkins beauting anthem "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem," was sung, both in St. George's and the Central methodist church, the tenor solo's being sung re-spectively by Mr. Zwigger and Mr. J.H. Wetmore. The music at St. Bernarnd's was especially fine. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fitz Randolph went to Port William last week to visit their daughter Mrs. New-The usual presentations from employers to em-ployed and vice versa took place, everybody enjoyed themselves, at least they seemed to, and I hope they combe.

After holding divine service in St. James church really did. One of the presentations which is worthy of note, Christmas morning, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Canningwas 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 ham went to spend the day with Mr. Howe, rector of Annapolis.

Miss Pryor, who had been on a somewhat extended visit to her sister, Mrs. Duffs, of Halifax, has

Rev. George M.Campbell's Moneton 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 Moneton, Mr. Campbell having been appointed to preach the anniversary sermon in the Wesley Mem-orial church on Sunday mrning. 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. returned home. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones are in town, the guests of Mrs. James Fellows. Mr. H. S. Wallace left for Halifax last week to

spend Christmas with his parents. Miss Smith, of Annapolis, is visiting her aunt,

Mrs. J. Rice. Mr. Charley Strong, one of our popular young townsmen, has gone to spend a few days, in his for-

mer home Dartmouth. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones, of Weymouth, are in town, the guests of Mrs. James Fellows. Mr. A. W. Foster, who for some time past has 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 Nase, eldest daughter of Mr. J. H. Nase, of Bridge street, was married to Mr. Alexander Woodman, of Westfield. The cerebeen studying law in Amherst, is home, where he

will spend the holiday season. Mr. Woodman, from Dalbousie College, spent a few days with his old chum, A. W. Healy. Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Foster, celebrated the tenth Mr. Alexander Woodman, of Westlerd. The tere-mony was performed by Rev. Bertram Hooper, rector of the parish, at half past four o'clock, in the presence of a number of the friends and acquaintances of the bride, who had assembled to see the last

anniversary, of their marriage, last Tuesday even-ing. About fifty guests were present, and the presents were numerous and useful. A very pleasant time was spent. Mrs. Inglis, of Toronto, is home on a short visit to

her parents

of Miss Nase, and it was rendered especially bright and impressive by the holiday garniture of the church, which had the appearance of having been especially decorated for the wedding. The bride, who was unattended, wore a pretty travelling suit Mr. F. C. Harris is in town. ot silver grey cloth, with hat and gloves to match,

Master Willie Beckwith, who for the past term and carried a beautiful sheaf of cream colored roses has been at the Sackville college, is home for the and terns, the gift of the groom. As soon as the holidays. ceremony was over the bells rang merrily forth in a

Prof. H. W. Smith, assisted by Messrs. frueman, 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 King and Ancient, of the school of agriculture, Truro, addressed a large audience in the court ouse on Friday and Saturday last. Mrs. Lynch, of Kentville, is visiting friends in

the St. John river. Amongst the many beautiful gifts received by the bride the groom's gift deserves Mr. Hoyt, of Annapolis, is spending a few days with his brother Mr. George Hoyt. special mention. It consisted of a set of pearls, necklet, earrings, brooch, and ring over a hun-dred years old, and containing eleven hun-dred stones. It was indeed a most beauti-ful tribute. Mrs. Woodman will be greatly

rith his brother Mr. George Hoyt. Mrs. Edward Eaton, jr., left yesterday for her C. C. nome in Mill Village.

### DALHOUSIE.

DEC. 30.-Christmas day was outwardly very very quiet, but there were many family gathering, and

no doubt the usual amount of Christmas jollity. Service was held in the morning in the R. C. church, and in the St. Mary's Episcopal churchthe former was prettily decorated with spruce, and the handsome set silver candelabra, a gift from a few of the ladies of the congregation, was all that

was needed to beautify their pretty little altar. Mr. and Mrs. Burr, of Chatham, spent Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. Burr, of Chatham, spent Christmas in town with the guests of Mrs. Geo. Moffat. Dr. Pidgeon lett last Wednesday evening, for Quebec, where he will spend his holdays. Miss Emma Harquail, Miss Georgie Haddow, Mr. John Montgomery, and Mr. W. Draper are among the young people who are home for their holidays. Dr. Begg went to Bathurst to visit riends there. Mr. and Mrs. Cowperthwaite, of Bathurst, are the guests of Mrs. H. A. Johnson. Mr. Alex. Campbell, of Montreal spent Christmas ding. Mrs. Dykes Robb's Moncton friends are glad to see her back again, after her visit to Truro, and to Dr. Legere, M.P., and his private secretary, Mr. Miss Harris returned home on Thursday looking if possible more charming than ever after her visit to Montreal. Mr. Alex. Campbell, of Montreal, spent Christmas with his family here. Miss Ada Williams is at home from the Halifax Ladies college, to spend the Christmas holidays. Mr. Will Cooke spent a few days at his home in Among the Christmas presentations I will note gation presenting their minister, Rev. Mr. Fisher, with a beautiful buffalo robe. BIRDIE. oncton at Christmas and left again on Tuesday for Nova Scotia. Mr. G. W. Babbitt, of the Bank of Nova Scotia

### A LESSON IN GEOGRAPHY.

Russia is bounded on the north by the Arctic Ocean, on the east by the Pacific Ocean, on the south by China, England (by virtue of India), Afghanistan and Persia, on the west by Turkey, Roumania, Austria, Germany and Scandinavia. It

The stories of the great feasts of antiquity are associated in the minds of many knives, clean napery, etc.; with when you begin to realize that but 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

You can live on very little if you like. Down in one of the Mexican provinces where 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.

a Caligula.

Another curious thing may be men tioned. 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 pro bably occur to you, after you have done so, that we really do not know very much for certain about anything.

Take almost any fact in physics and tollow it out in all its details. You will find before you get far that our boasted science compared to the realm of the unknown, is which a child playing at the edge of the surf can form of the ocean. This does not prevent some people from knowing everything and having opinions ready upon every conceivable subject. As a rule the less a man knows the more set he is in his opinions.

A story is told of an old lady who said she was disgusted to hear two men discuss why the stars were bright, when everyone knew the reason was: "because they is." There is lots of this sort of knowledge around, and the happiness of lives is sometimes wrecked by ignorance which assumes the attitude of infallible wisdom.

It is not pleasant to read paragraphs "running down" the city or the country even if most of the statements in them has no quarrel with the two oceans, so far are correct, but it is absurd to exaggerate as is known; but with every adjacent in the opposite direction and escribe country it has one or more subjects of a prosperity which does not exist. The dispute which may at any time result in Sun was guilty of this in its article on the war. This is the most significant fact in Christmas trade. No merchant is going old world politics, and it is something that to say to the public through a newspaper diplomacy is powerless to alter. Treaties interview that his business has fallen off. are utterly powerless to prevent Russia That would be a most unbusinesslike from crowding downwards. Astronomers | course. But is it fair for a newspaper to and students of dynamics tell us that the make use of these forced statements know and students of dynamics tell us that the tendency of everything on the earth is to-wards the equator. The whirling of the Sun the holiday trade was equal if not we do not publish, and yours is one of them. Rushglobe tends to drive everything ahead of previous years. Is it true?

### 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 nany 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 mprovement 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 o hand in enlarged form, and gives further had to be omitted, and this week 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 . Pitfield & Co. What they have to say there will interest not only a large business connection but the general public as well. It is an open secret that the firm of W. C. Pitfield & Co. has met with splendid success since it acquired the dry goods business on Canterbury street. The partners, Mr. Pitfield and Mr. Hayward have won their spurs on the field of business; they have won success and what some people would modestly call a fortune by hard work, unceasing attention to and a perfect knowledge of their business.

It is, above all, encouraging to note that these cool and experienced business men have such faith in the future of this country. that they are willing to back it with their capital. They have done a large and profitable business, an increasing business, which, it is very evident, from the contribution of \$40,000 new capital, that they propose to make larger and more profitable.

That success may wait upon and follow them, and all others who show the same energy and the same faith is the best New Year's wish PROGRESS can extend to them.

### "Progress" Statements Correct.

While the Hampton matter is sub judice it would perhaps be unfair for PROGRESS to comment as it would like to, but the evidence given bears out the statements made in this paper. It is a pity Mr. Grant could not recollect the conversation between himself and Mr. Peters in Sussex.

On the eighth page of this paper is a the people on the evenings of January making, songs, etc., were indulged in, after see the boys in their new role and listen to their local gags. PROGRESS is informed to the revenings of January Sinhie and And East Stein Alexandry Sinhie and And East Stein Alexandry Sinhie and And East Stein Alexandry Sinhie and Sinhi and which refreshments were passed around to the 150 guests. The College must be in a very prosperous condition as there see the boys in their new role and listen to their local gags. PROGRESS is informed that the songs and jokes are all new, and that the burlesque, Mr. Mikado, will alone the worth going to see. beautiful music stand and tone of her services. Dr. Lunam, accompanied by Mr. W. A. Mott, left yesterday morning for P. E. Island. Rumor has it that the doctor is interested in a scheme which will eventually end in maritime union. are 71 scholars enrolled, which is a high tribute to Mr. Whiston's ability when one considers that the College has only been ing into print is not the way to remedy your grievopened four months. ance.

### 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 iucreased 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

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, Buctouche, 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.

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 the 117th Psalm. The middle verse is the 8th of the 118th Psalm. The longest name is in the 8th 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.

### And Yet He Is Not There.

Since some persons have erred in connecting a well known boarding house on Wellington Row with a paragraph in the last issue of PROGRESS it may be stated

The Future Queen of England. The athletic club proposes to surprise A very pleasant evening was spent. Speech-

### ST. STEPHEN AND CALAIS.

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DEC. 30 .- Philip Corey entertained a number of spend the festive season at her home in Newcastle, but by way of a fair exchange, Miss Addie Thomfriends on Christmas day. A Christmas tree and son came down and spent her Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Butcher. supper were the interesting features of this happy occasion

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Todd gave a dinner party to a number of relatives on the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Boardman entertained a large number of relatives and friends at dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Nicho's' dinner party on Christmas day included among other guests Mr. and Mr. Elweil Lowell and Miss Fannie Lowell.

Capt. and Mrs. Geo. W. Lord gave a dinner at 'The American House' on Christman day.

Mr. James Murchie entertained about 35 guests at his home in Milltown Christmas.

A delightful subscription party was given in Army hall on Monday evening last. The german was danced. Mr. Will Todd led the merry dancers through the many intricate figures. The favors were exceedingly pretty. The party was matronized by Mrs. Henry Eaton.

Mr. Willard King and Mr. Chas. Newton are ontemplating a visit to Clifton springs for the benefit of their health.

Mrs. Fred. Hartford and Mrs. Geo. Goodwin will spend the winter in Calais, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Grafton.

Miss Stevens has returned from Sackville acadmy, and will join her sister, Miss Alice Stevens, at

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Patch, formerly of St. Stephen, are receiving congratulations upon a happy event. It is a daughter.

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 Miss Joe Moore and Miss Helen Foster will entertain the "Round Table" whist club this evening. Mr. J. L. Thomas, of New York spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Calais, on his way to St. John. Mr. Roscoe Perkins was in town over Sunday.

### Musical Signalling.

It is a theory which seems to have been confirmed by practical experiment that a pure tone of voice, such as that used in singing, penetrates to a much greater distance than mere noise. This idea has given rise to a new system of marine signalling, to be used either at night or in foggy weather, and based entirely upon the action of successive musical tones.

A limited number of combinations of notes can be made to carry on all the conversation necesssary between approaching vessels to avoid collision, or between light-houses and dangerous points of the

coast in order to prevent wrecks. Four notes, for example, serve to ask, "Which way are you heading ?" and two others mean, "I am steering southeast."

maids. Among the ladies present I may mention : The system can be employed on a larg Miss Maud Johnson, Miss Effie Murray, Miss Mag-gie McKenzie, Miss Carr, Miss Mary McBeath, Misses Lizzie and Minnie Henderson, Miss Lizzie scale by means of machinery consisting of a keyboard, on which the operator would Jardine, Misses Bertie and Bessie Stewart, Misses Sadie and Lulu Sowerby, and Miss Janie Jardine. Mr. Alex. McLellan, wife and family spent Christplay, and "speaking apparatus." It is expected that by such apparatus communi-cation may be established at a distance of two miles. The invention can be adapted is spending his Christmas holidays with his par ents at Harcourt. Rev. J. M. Robinson, of Moncton, occupied the pulpit in St. Andrews church here, Sunday. Christmas services were held in the episcopal church and Roman catholic church. In the former to the Morse code of signals when it becomes necessary to spell out names or words.

### Very Satisfactory.

the services were of the usually Christmas form, very little decorations being noticeable. In the Mr. Whiston's commercial college Halicatholic church the decorations were somewhat on an that the impression was erroneous. That catholic church the decorations were somewhat on an elaborate scale, a handsome crib being erected of spruce and flowers, while the altar was relieved here and there by natural flowers, and the choir, to be in keeping with the grand feast, rendered in magnificent style "Batman's Mass in C," and at the evening services "Lambillottes Grand Tantum Ergo" was rendered in splendid shape. The soprano, tenor, alto and bass being taken by Misses Minnie and Annie Delaney, and Messrs. Thos. Mcclosed for the Christmas holidays, fax, was not the boarding house referred to. Dec. 22nd. In the evening an at home The Boys in Burnt Cork. was given by Mr. Whiston and teachers.