

PROGRESS.

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THE MYSTERY OF A PICTURE.

If the assertions of the Pall Mall Budget are to be credited, there is a reason to believe that the world of art will ere long welcome the return of the missing picture, the famous portrait of the Duchess of Devonshire, by GAINSBOROUGH. This painter has been dead for more than a century, but it was only a little over fifty years ago that this particular picture came to the front in a singular way, and has had a still more singular history since its existence.

Instead of this however, the AGNEWS have shown a thoroughly British spirit in insisting that their reward of \$5,000 included the capture of the thief as well as the return of the picture. They now assert that they could have had the latter back on several occasions by paying \$1,000 or \$1,500, but declined because the bargain did not include the delivery of the thief. It is probable they are not inclined to avail themselves of the resources of civilization by which felonies are compounded on this side of the water.

Quite recently, however, a convict in a Belgian prison has been seen by a representative of the Budget, and has made a confession that he was the man who stole the picture, which is still in existence. His story is a very interesting one, and whether it is true or not is very circumstantially told. Having taken the picture, and failing to induce the owners to negotiate with him, he was sorely puzzled what to do with his treasure. There was a great risk in keeping it, nor could he melt it up as he could have done with articles of gold, silver, or even brass.

So nothing was done with the stolen picture. He kept it, because it seemed like a woeful waste to destroy it, and he is believed to know where to put his hands upon it at the present time. This bold but blundering thief has been known to the European police as ADAM WORTH. He is a native of this continent, and if PROGRESS be correctly informed, he had a sufficient "record" in New York, at an early age, to make his exodus to Europe a very prudent step. The stealing of the picture was a very easy piece of work for him, as was his subsequent acquisition of the funds which gave him a career of luxurious ease.

The question which some of the English papers seem to be discussing is as to whether WORTH stole the picture or whether he is merely endeavoring to make terms for himself in his present trouble by an ingenious and circumstantial lie. The latest reports indicate that the AGNEWS believe the story and that negotiations are pending for the return of the picture. They have had pretty good evidence of it in their correspondence in the past, by the receipt of a piece of canvass which exactly fitted a certain part of the stretcher from which the portrait had been cut. Some of the readers of PROGRESS may, perhaps, be aware that in the negotiations for STEWART'S remains, a piece of the covering of the coffin was sent as a voucher in the same way, and was the means of satisfying the representatives of the estate. The entire business of the stolen English picture has a genuine New York flavor about it, and had an American agency had the opportunity given to Scotland Yard, the picture would have been recovered long ago.

In the meantime the world of art will be glad to know that the picture is still safe, and that if it has not been damaged too much by the methods used for its concealment it will at some future time be more valuable than ever. "LEAD KINDLY LIGHT." A leading London newspaper had the following editorial paragraph recently: The accounts of recent services—funerals particularly—show the persistent popularity of Cardinal NEWMAN'S hymn, "Lead kindly Light."

One, perhaps, needs to have had some such spiritual experience as NEWMAN had in order to enter into the spirit of his words. It is true here, as well as in England, that the hymn has a wide popularity, and it is common at funeral services, though it is in no sense a funeral hymn. It has been sung in some instances because it was a favorite with the deceased persons, and in other cases for the reason that the tune seemed to touch the hearts of the living. While there are two or three settings, that almost invariably used is "The Lux Benigna" of Dr. DYKES, and NEWMAN himself believed that this tune was the secret of the popularity of the hymn.

All this time he had the picture concealed on his premises, a valuable yet wholly unavailable asset. He had no accomplices, and the secret was wholly his own. He dared not confide in anybody, and this fact prevented the carrying out of a really bright idea which occurred to him. It was nothing less than to have some ordinary picture painted over the canvas, have it put up at auction, buy it for a trifle, and then on the understanding of it have the discovery of the under picture as a matter of accident. The conveying out of this scheme would necessitate the taking of several persons into his confidence, and he was afraid to run the risk.

POEMS WRITTEN FOR "PROGRESS"

IN MEMORIAM. C. B. N. — B. J. F. N. Passion Week, 1893.

A Last Letter. ("With all the love that ever was, or ever will be, I remain your loving son, Charlie."—Jan. 29th, 1893.) I smiled as I read them, those loving words, traced with a boyish art; While a strange, sharp pain went thrilling down to the core of my shrinking heart!

That boyish letter is folded away, with tears and kisses blurred; And a mother's benediction on its every simple word! For the gentle heart that sent it has passed away from me.

With a kiss and a blessing for those he loved, one evening dark and late, He bid me say, "God bless them all, and tell them, I could not wait!" For the Shepherd His lamb was calling, and His face he longed to see, And so in the Holy Passion-tide he journeyed away from me.

And I followed him down to the churchyard, in the golden sunset glow, 'Mid the sound of the choir's chanting, and the sweet chime's silver flow. And I fain had followed him all the way (who had no more need of me), But the gates closed in, as my love passed through to the shores of the Jasper sea; To dwell evermore in the light of the Love, that is, and forever shall be.

Basil. Palm Sunday, 1893. He passed from the furnace of suffering, to where all pains cease;— Out from the anguish that crushed his heart, into infinite peace! Out from the shadows of Calvary, into the Easter calm; On his face the light of eternal love, on his breast a branch of Palm!

His blameless record of nineteen years (a spotless life's "old age") Was "all for God," from first to last, and not one tarnished page! But beautiful things were written there, for none but the Master's eyes, Bright with the crimson of charity, and the gold of self-sacrifice! Bordered with violets, meek and sweet, with lilies twined between; For a heart that was meek and humble, and a soul that was white and clean!

Ab, not till his eyes were closed in death, and his hands on his true heart crossed, Did we know what an "angel," all unawares, we had owned and treasured and lost! JEAN E. U. NEALIS. The Flirt. (ADVICE TO A FRIEND.) Dear Bill, give up your foolish ways Of sparking every lass, Whose charming smiles and ribbons bright Attract you as you pass. Those daisies fair with golden hair Are lovely, sweet and funny, They'll flirt with every "nice young man," Who'll waste on them his money.

The boys they all were smitten once Their "jinks" and spare cash went For ice-cream, sweets and funny, For drives, bouquets and scent. But when those darling little dears Ice-creams no more could get They jilted them and soon hung out Their "shingle" for "to let."

The Show at Fredericton. The Fredericton agricultural society advertises its exhibition for September 19, 20 and 21. It is not necessary for PROGRESS to speak of the favorable conditions and surroundings for such an exhibition. If any city possesses them Fredericton does. Its show grounds are located near the railway station and are spacious and pleasant, while the trotting park—one of the best in the province—is directly adjoining. The association has arranged for an attractive racing programme which will be sure to draw a crowd. PROGRESS will be able to give further particulars regarding the events as they draw nearer.

Fitting up the Royal Hotel, Halifax. The Royal Hotel of Halifax, has been much improved of late, and the present proprietress, Mrs. L. D. Windsor, and the well known manager, "Dan" Dooday, are evidently bound to leave nothing undone to please the public. The house which is centrally situated on Argyle street, has been fitted up anew with billiard tables and other things necessary for the amusement and comfort of the guests. "Dan" will always be pleased to see the boys.

Sweet Cream and all the fruits in season, Ginger Ale and Mineral Waters, Choice Butters, Cheese and fresh Eggs, Canned Meats, Vegetables and soups at 32 Charlotte St. from J. S. ARMSTRONG and Bro. Grocers. "Progress" in Boston. PROGRESS is for sale in Boston at the Kings Chapel News Stand, corner of School and Tremont streets.

SCIENTISTS AND SONG.

An Explanatory Remonstrance in regard to Certain Verses.

A short time before the Summer School of Science went to Sackville there appeared in the Chignecto Post some verses which were afterwards sung by the scientists. An item which has since appeared in some Nova Scotia papers states that the writer of those verses had "composed a song for the members of the Summer School of Science," and that it had been "accepted by them." That this account of the origin of the song is not entirely accurate, is evident from the following explanatory remonstrance, which appeared in the Post after the scientists left Sackville, and which has probably not been seen by the majority of them:—

EDITOR CHIGNECTO POST.—Dear Sir:—A sudden thrill of pride followed by a relapse into sadness, these were my feelings upon reading this item in the Science School despatch in the St. John Sun.

The scientists have adopted as their school song the verses by "Haw" in the Chignecto Post. These will be sung on closing and on other occasions. The tune is "My Own Canadian Home." Now when with the embarrassing aid of all the Nine Muses I wrote those lines, I did not dream that they would be sung. The piece was labelled, A Summer School of Science Song, simply for the sake of alliteration, that device so pleasing to the eye and so confusing to the tongue. If I had intended it for a song I should have thrown in a few semi-quaivers, and have manufactured a tune to it. It saddens me to think how the anatomy of that beautiful poem must have been twisted in order to make it work along with the tune of "My own Canadian Home." It is a distressing thing to reflect how, when a charming scientific soprano has struggled to get away up to High F, her voice must be injured in trying to crowd two syllables into the place that the careful composer of the tune intended for only one.

If the piece is sung as it was written, it must, by this time, be burdened with anachronisms. To go over the poem carefully, changing future time to past, might, however, be time ill-spent, as some might, though the force of habit, continue to sing in the future tense. The combination of the old and revised versions, sung to a misfit tune, might produce sound waves that would dash with considerable violence against the innate ear.

The part of the effusion referring to the scientists tramping down hay, which owed its birth to the erroneous idea that there must be a word in the piece to rhyme with day, alas! they'll tramp down grass! It could not then grate on the ears of scientific agriculturists.

The only way to make that song popular is to sing it in accordance with a well-known scientific axiom. It has been found that sounds can be made so far up the scale somewhere along the last letters of the alphabet—as to be indistinct to human ears. It has also been discovered by scientists working for the good of mankind that a solo—or any other similar instrument of torture—can be rendered to use a familiar expression "so low you can't hear it." Now if that song is sung somewhere up in X alt, with frequent changes (upon the singers becoming fatigued) to low "minus B," it is surprising how much more appreciated it might become, even by those not well versed in the science of music.

Another thing that scientists have discovered—not summer scientists, but those who keep the thing up all the year round—is that every building has a key, a musical key, by which it can be unlocked. In other words, if you take a structure and find the key to which its molecules will respond, and keep dinging at that particular key in the hearing of that particular structure, there is going to be a grand crash if the music does not stop. I must therefore particularly caution vocalists not to sing that song in the key of F too near the Sackville covered bridge. There is one thing, however, that I must congratulate the scientists upon, and that is the successful removal of the Sackville post-office by a judicious use of the proper key.

Let me make the songs of the scientists, and I don't care the atomic weight of hydrogen gas if Boyle, or Avogadro, or Newton makes their laws. And now, O scientific folk, tarwell! May you, who in your summer studies have been led to seek Truth, that rare maiden who is supposed to dwell in a place where H₂O is free from nitrates and carbonates, find her and give her an elementary acquaintance with the other seventy odd elements, so that hand in hand with Science, she may force Superstition and Ignorance into "Stygian caves" mid sights and sounds unholy. And when you leave this gravity-swung planet, if you have held to Truth and the right, may you be whisked through chromospherically warmed ether on your way to make a continuous spectrum analysis of the brightness of the regions above. The advice of your humble servant is "Turn to the right, although his name is Haw!" Parrsboro, N. S.

XAVIER MISINTERPRETED.

The Recent Statements of a Correspondent Sharply Defined. To THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS: Your correspondent from Grand Falls is evidently seeking notoriety at any cost. In your issue of the 12th inst. he says that one-half of the proceeds of the entertainment in question, was to be given to the church. Now, I ask your correspondent on what authority such a statement was made. Discovering his mistake, and instead of simply retracting his words, he seeks to throw the odium of having made a false statement on the undersigned, who is as innocent and undeserving of his wrath as "Mary's little lamb." Now, I want to know from your very positive correspondent how he knows there were any profits, or that the club had promised to share those profits. To the unaware, I simply say that our club made no profits at Grand Falls, and having made no profits how could we share anything that did not exist. As your correspondent has no connection with the party who requested our club to play at Grand Falls, and is altogether ignorant of

the arrangement, if any, under which this entertainment was given, I would respectfully ask him to ascertain the truth before hazarding any more gratuitous statements, and limit my remarks here in the meantime.

I must add, however, that your correspondent misinterprets "Xavier" most scandalously, as I have a letter from this noted explorer and quote the following sound advice to your correspondent:—"When you want to talk about something you nose noting about, den fill your mouth wid water and don't let one drop out, and wen you want to wrote about something you nose noting about, den poof one burdoque on your pen." FRED LA FOREST.

The North End Library.

To THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS: You could do good work by calling the attention of the people in power to effect a reform in the public library (North End). The writer is a visitor here since the latter part of June, and spent a few hours on two different days, very agreeably entertained with the choice magazines, papers, etc., with which the library is well stocked, but the lack of system, of order in caring for the stock, is very apparent. The table is heaped with the different magazines in a heterogeneous mass, most of which date back for a year or more, and to get a magazine of a particular date would be much the same kind of work as looking for a "needle in a hay stack." Then I was told that some of the magazines of the latest numbers, are always kept for a choice few of the librarian's friends to look at, previous to being laid on the table at all. READER.

ST. JOHN, AUG. 10.

SUTTON. Aug. 23.—Mrs. C. Gilchrist visited friends here this week. Messrs. C. P. Sutton, S. B. Dalton, L. Kimball and Walter Sutton, returned last week from a week's cruise on the St. John river. Mrs. S. Taitt spent a day here recently. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gregory spent Sunday with Mrs. E. C. Sutton. Mrs. H. C. Barbour, Mrs. H. Hall Dunham and Mrs. F. Powers, and their families, who have been summering here, have returned to the city. Miss Fannie Bonnell is visiting at Greenwich. Miss C. A. Stevens, who has been visiting friends here, will return to the city tonight. Miss Annie Duke, of West End, was here last week. Mrs. W. P. Bonnell spent Friday and Saturday in the city. Master Harry Cowan spent a week here quite recently with relatives. Miss Mabel De Witt returned last week to resume her duties as teacher of the school. Miss Mabel Cowan returned to the city last week. Mr. and Mrs. C. Pidgeon and Miss E. Pidgeon, of West End, were the guests of the Misses Clarke on Tuesday. Mrs. Fred Fowler, Mrs. Thos White and Master Fred White, of South End, and Mrs. A. Ritchie, of Montreal, are the guests of Mrs. S. Bonnell and will return to the city tonight.

HAMPTON VILLAGE.

PROGRESS is for sale in Hampton Village by Messrs. A. & W. Hicks. AUG. 24.—Among the visitors this week were Dr. Geo. A. Hetherington, Mrs. R. W. Crookbank, Mrs. Blair, Miss Bovill, Mrs. W. Purvis, Miss L. Purvis, Miss Crookbank, Mr. and Mrs. A. McBeath, Miss H. McBeath, Miss Allan, Mrs. Burns, Mr. J. H. Scammell, Mrs. S. M. Scammell, Mrs. T. Vaughn, Miss K. Vaughn, Miss B. M. Cushing, Miss L. C. Cushing, Miss E. A. George, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hutchinson, Mrs. E. A. Price, Miss K. Price, Miss Lulu Price, Miss Anne Ervin, Mrs. Kinneary, Miss C. Crookbank, Miss T. Jones, Miss F. Crookbank, Mr. W. S. Cooling, Mr. B. McBeath, Miss M. E. McBeath, Miss Rudbeck, Mr. H. McDuffe, the Misses McDuffe, Mrs. E. Fairweather, Mrs. A. Armstrong, Miss Bettie, Miss McAllister, Mrs. A. Burns and son, Miss Kerns, Mr. William Hunter, Mr. J. R. Armstrong. Mr. G. Colter White spent Thursday with friends here. Mrs. T. P. Dixon and Miss Dixon, Philadelphia, are visiting Mrs. J. E. Fairweather. Mrs. J. P. Hill, Miss S. Hayward, Mrs. Geo. Hayward, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright spent a few days with Mrs. F. Hayward. Miss Keith and Miss Nellie Dodge, Sussex, are visiting Mrs. W. B. Dodge. The Misses McAvity and Miss Fairweather, St. John, who have been visiting Mrs. John McAvity have returned home. Mr. Victor Barnes, Boston, is spending a few days with his sisters here. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Newman, Worcester, Mass., are spending a few days with Mrs. R. H. Smith.

RICHIBUCTO.

PROGRESS is for sale in Richibucto by Theo. P. Graham. AUG. 23.—Mr. John Ferguson gave an outing to a number of his friends on Wednesday last. It included a sail down the harbor in the steamer "Caluna" and then up the river for ten miles, where the party went ashore and had luncheon, returning to town about dark. Those present were Sheriff and Mrs. Wheten, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. V. McInerney, Dr. and Mrs. Ferguson (Kingston), Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Robertson, Mrs. Ferguson (Newcastle), Mrs. McLaughlin, Miss Jessie (Dorchester), Miss Ferguson, Misses Ella and Pessie White, Messrs J. Ferguson, R. Phinney, W. Brown, Charles Ferguson (New York), W. D. Carter, J. H. Abbott (Kingston), W. O. McInerney (New York). Mr. Geo. Noble, of St. John, spent Sunday in town. Mrs. E. O'Leary returned on Saturday from a visit of several weeks spent in Newcastle. Mr. David Hudson of St. John, is visiting home. Messrs. James McDougall and David Giesbrecht are attending the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Moncton this week. Mr. Wm. O. McInerney of New York, who has been spending some ten days at his home in Kingston, returned to-day. Rev. Joseph Sellar of Bathurst arrived in town on Monday.

ANAGANCE.

AUG. 23.—Miss Burnett, daughter of Dr. J. N. Burnett of Sussex, and Miss Teakles of Sussex, spent week before last with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davidson at "Waterside Villa." Messrs. Theodore Girault and Alex. McAnespy spent Tuesday in Elgin, Albert Co. Miss Agnes Ryan of New York, who has been visiting Mrs. George Davidson at the I. C. R. depot during the months of July and August, left for her home in New York last Friday, to the regret of the very many friends she made while here. Mrs. Bertha Mowatt of New Westminister, B. C., is at present visiting her cousin, Mrs. F. W. Davidson at "Waterside Villa." Miss Ellen Stewart of Newcastle Creek, Queen's county, spent last week with friends on "Apple Hill." Miss Nettie McNaughton, of this village, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. George McLaughlin in St. John. Mr. and Mrs. Caine of Boston, Mass., are visiting Mrs. Caine's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Chittick, of Anagance Ridge. MOSQUITO.

ST. MARY'S, N. B.

AUG. 23.—Mr. A. B. Johnston still continues ill. Miss Strangue is visiting Miss Brown. Captain Kieny spent Sunday with friends at Lower St. Mary. Service was held at the Methodist mission at Lower St. Mary's Sunday afternoon. Miss Kyle, a talented young musician of Gibson, acted as organist. (An account of the marriage of Mr. Hubbard is given in the Fredericton correspondence and omitted by the editor from this letter.)

BARRINGTON.

AUG. 22.—The Taylor Concert Co. gave a very creditable entertainment in the Hall, Tuesday evening. Some of the numbers were well rendered, especially the duets on the violin by Miss Corbett and Mr. Taylor, and the violin solo by Miss Corbett. Miss Helena Chase, who has been visiting at "Glenwood," returned to Boston on Wednesday accompanied by Miss Doane; who will spend a few days at the "Hub" and also in Yarmouth before returning home. Mr. Hogg and Miss Goodwin were at the "Cottage" last week. Mr. Cain also made up a flying visit, bringing his sister with him. She will remain some time. Among other arrivals at the Cottage were Mr. Binning of St. John, John McDonald, Weymouth, J. L. Hetherington, Halifax, C. W. Schaffner, St. John, E. F. Clements, Yarmouth and John McDonald, Argyle. Mr. John Robertson, of Boston, arrived on Saturday and is spending a few days with his brother, Mr. Gabriel Robertson. He will return on Wednesday, accompanied by his mother. Mr. Percy Sargent left on Friday for Amherst, where he will be employed in the new trunk factory. His brother Arthur returned to Boston last Saturday. Mr. W. F. McCoy, a friend, from Halifax, was in town Thursday en route to Shelburne. From there they will go on fishing and hunting expedition up the river. Miss Seddie Hopkins returned from a delightful visit of two weeks to Boston, where she was the guest of Mrs. Irving G. Hall. Mr. John Hopkins, C. E., of Memphis, Tenn., and his brother "Ed" are visiting their parents here for a few weeks. We hope our bracing climate may prove very beneficial to the former and remove all traces of malaria from which he has recently been suffering. Mr. Clarence Chase, one of the staff of the East Boston Free Press is visiting his aunt, Mrs. T. W. Robertson, at the "Willows." Mr. Peter Sutherland has returned to visit his former home, after an absence of several years. His wife and family have been spending the summer at Barrington Head. VESTA.

PARRSBORO.

PROGRESS is for sale at Parrsboro by Mrs. A. C. Thompson & Co. AUG. 23.—The Misses Marlow, of St. John, are stopping at Mr. George Corbett's. Mrs. Goddard of St. John, and Mrs. Miles, of Montana, with her two children, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Upham. Miss Alice and Viola Howard have gone to Houlton, Maine, to visit friends. Mrs. Parsons, of Montreal, and Miss Alloway of Springhill, are guests at the Ottawa House. Miss Cooper, of Moncton, who has also been a guest here has returned home. Mrs. Horace Eaton went to Amherst on Friday. Miss Johnstone, of Amherst, is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Townshend. Rev. Canon Townshend went to Amherst on Monday. Rev. F. Brogan of Boston, Prof. Brogan of St. Louis and the Misses Brogan of Lowell, are staying at the Minas Hotel. Mrs. Cowles of Amherst, is paying a visit to Mrs. B. N. Fullerton. Prof. Bowles of Harvard, and Mrs. Bowles spent a day or two here last week. Mr. R. S. Campbell of St. Tamagouche, has taken Mr. D. F. Campbell's place as principal of the school. The knights of Pythias of Springhill, came down this evening to establish a branch of the order in Parrsboro. They marched from the train to the Grand Central, their gay helmets making a bright showing. Mr. Sanborn of New York, is in town. Rev. Mr. Daly and Mrs. Daly, spent Sunday at the Queen's. Mr. and Mrs. Inglis Craig, of Amherst and their children arrived by the "Evangeline" this morning. The boat left Kingsport last evening and should have arrived about seven o'clock, but instead was battling with the storm in the bay all night. Miss Leith was also on board, returning from a visit to Halifax. I do not know the names of any of the other passengers. It was a night of very great peril. Mrs. L. K. Holmes and her children have returned from an extensive visit in Pictou.

ANNAPOLIS.

PROGRESS is for sale in Annapolis by Geo. K. Thompson & Co. Mrs. West gave a most enjoyable party last week! Miss Susie Cunningham entertained her friends on Monday. Dancing was the order of the evening and it was kept up till the "wee sma' hours." On Wednesday evening Miss Cunningham gave a small whist party. Mr. Sherburn Blackie is spending the summer at home. Mr. Kenneth Leavitt is home for a holiday. He is accompanied by Mr. Conant, Mrs. Hall gave a large party last week. Mr. Edward Robinson is visiting his uncle, Dr. Robinson. Mrs. and Miss Grey of Halifax, are the guests of Mrs. Owen. Mrs. Carr spent a few days last week with Mrs. DeBlair. Rev. H. How is in Windsor. The services at St. Luke's on Sunday, were held by Rev. Mr. Des Brisay. Miss Aggie Johnson is visiting her cousin, Miss Carrie Harris. Miss Madge Stewart of Digby, spent part of last week with Miss Edith Corbett. A camping party, chaperoned by Mrs. Robinson, spent last week on one of the lakes near here. They returned to town on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Whitman were in Halifax last week. Mr. C. H. Tucker went to St. John on Monday, returning on Wednesday. Mrs. Gilpin, Dr. Robinson, Miss Gladys Robinson, Miss Godfrey and Mr. McVicar were among those who went to the Masonic Fair at Halifax. Mrs. De Bois gave a 5 o'clock tea on Tuesday. Mr. McDonald, post office inspector, is in town. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jefferson are visiting Mr. Jefferson's parents. Everyone is deeply interested in two weddings which are to come off on the 5th and 6th of September.

HARCOURT.

AUG. 23.—Rev. R. McConnell went to Richibucto on Tuesday, and the district meeting. Mr. J. W. McDermott left on Saturday, for the World's Fair, and before returning will visit cities in Kentucky and Florida. Messrs. J. F. Doroathy, W. W. Pride, T. Delaney and others went to Moncton on Monday, to attend the Liberal meeting. Miss Annie Black drove from Richibucto on Thursday, and returned on Saturday. Mr. Geo. A. Noble is at the Central this evening. Mrs. A. E. Wellwood of Sydney, proposes leaving for home tomorrow, after spending two weeks with her mother, Mrs. J. McDermott. She will be accompanied by her sister, Miss Agnes M. McDermott, who goes back to Sydney to resume her studies. Mrs. Vradenburg is in town, the guest of Mrs. M. F. Keith. Mr. G. W. Merrithon of Fredericton, spent Sunday at the Eureka. Mr. Biss Bailey returned from Boston on Friday. Mr. Wm. O. McInerney was at the Eureka today, en route to New York. Mr. A. McKinnon and wife of Hillsboro, A. C., were at the Central today. Mr. Fred R. Butcher who represents several fire insurance companies, was in town today. LEX.

MAUGERVILLE.

AUG. 22.—A reception was held at the residence of R. D. Wilnot, M. P. P., Belmont, on Wednesday last, in honor of his guest, Hon. G. E. Foster, finance minister. Mrs. Robert Bailly and daughter are visiting at Thomas Bailey's. Miss Sprague and niece are visiting Mrs. J. Bailey. Mr. Fred Hoben left Thursday morning for St. John. Miss Eliza Clowes and Miss Annie Covert are visiting Mrs. George Clowes. Miss Bent left for Boiestown, Monday last. Mrs. Chase of Douglas Harbour, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. Miles, Frogmore. Mrs. G. H. Sterling is visiting Mrs. Geo. Smith. Mr. Morse, who has been stationed here during the summer months preached his farewell sermon to a large congregation Sunday evening last, and left for Rochester, N. Y., where he will resume his studies. Miss Rosborough of Fredericton arrived on Monday last to take charge of the school at Upper Maugerville. LEAF.