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## PROGRESS, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1895

# SOCIAL AND PERSONAL recitations, dialogues and a march through the aisles of the church after which gifts from the tree were presented to all the members of the Sunday

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Mr. Harry Roberts left on Thursday for Boston, where he will remain for the winter. His many young friends in No.th end regret bis departure very much, and a number were at the train to wish him all possible success and happiness in his new NYDIA, position.

#### AMHERST.

[PROGRESS is for sale at Amherst by Master A. D. Campbell.]

DEC 25 .- The first of the holiday dances was given last Thursday evening by Mrs. C. W. Hewson for Miss Florence. This beautiful home Maple Terrace is spendidly adapted for such affairs and needless to say that all who were fortunate enough to be there had a most enjoyable evening. The guests included a large number of the young belles of society and a few of the older ones, and were the Misses Sleep, Miss Gwen Main, Miss Helen Fipes, Miss Nelson, Miss Fuller, Miss Chapman, Misses Munro, Miss Mc Leod, Miss Mitchell, Misses Love, Miss Helen\_ Gass, Miss Annie Joudrey, Miss Harris, Miss Le za Welling, Misses Sutcliffe, Miss Grace Pipes, Miss Mabel Pugsley, Miss Helen Biden. The young genilemen present were Mr. J. M. Curry, Mr. J. R. Douglas, Mr. Joe Douglas, H. Main Messrs. McLeod, Mr. Murray, Mr. Hineman, Mr. Moore, Mr. J.S. Sayre, Mr. Charlie Hillcoat, Mr. Harry Biden, Mr. Geo. Dougias, Mr. Reg Harris, and Mr. Geo. Bryant.

Several of our leading hostesses will entertain at dinner on Christmas day but have not heard of any large evening parties to take placs.

On Christmas eve Mrs. James Gale entertained a number of the young folks at her home on Have lock street. The party was principally for the triends of Miss Jean and was certainly a very erjoyable event.

The annual Christmas tree and tea given by the baptist church to their Sunday school scholars takes place on Thursday evening in their new vestry.

Mrs. George Hillcoat and Miss Nellie are spending Christmas in Sussex.

Mr and Mrs. McManus of Morcton are spending Christmas in town.

Mrs. Hode son went to Truro to spend the holidays with her sister Mrs. Cummings. Judge Wallace of Sussex is the guest of Mr. and

Mrs. Arthur D. Sharp Ratchford Street. Dr. Chapman is spending Christmas with his

parents Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Chapman, Victoria St. Christmas in River Herbert.

Congratulations are in order to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McLean on the arrival of a wee lassie in the

Bev. Walter P. Taylor of New Market N. H., was the guest of his brother Mr. A. D. Taylor on Monday.

Mr. James Brown C. E., of Sydney, C. B., has returned to spend Christmas at his home in Amherst.

There was a bapti t social at Mr. O. LeB. Price's on Thursday evening. Mr. Harry Woodworth arrived today from Char. lottetown to spead the Christmas at home.

HARCOURT.

DEC. 25.-Mr. J. D. Phinney was here on Monday evening en reute to Fredericton. Mr. Phi ip Woods was taken suddenly ill last evening. Dr. Keith is attending him. Messrs. J. Harry Wilson, Henry Wathen and

Frank Eumphrey cime from Campbelton this

morning to spend the holiday with their relatives in

Harcourt. Miss Bessie McLeod of Kouchibouguac is visiting the Misses Perry.

Sheriff Leger was here yesterday-

Mr. R. Z. Walker of Dalhousie is the guest today of Mr. Isaac B. Humphrey.

Mr. H. Parlee left on Saturday to spend his vacation at Moncton and Sussex.

Miss Outon left for her home in Jolicure, Westmorland County, on Saturday.

A large party went to Rogersville by last night's express to participate in the R. C. Church services Among the number were Mrs. James Chrystal, Miss Lucy Chrystal, and Messrs. Peter Chrystal, Dennis Saulnier and Peter Cormier.

The annual Xmas dinner at Walthenna Cottage to-day was a pleasant and erjoyable gathering. All the members of Mr. and Mrs Wathen's family were present excepting Mrs. Williamson of Greenwich.

Mr. William Jardine of the "Review," Richibucto, was visiting here this week. Mr. Thomas Walthen, late of British Columbia

is visiting his relatives here.

#### NEWCASTLE.

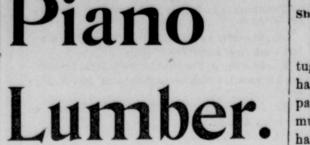
PROGRESS is for sale in Newcastle by Perlee Fleming.]

Dec. 25 .- The concert and social given last Friday night in the assembly rooms of the Harkin's Academy was a most successful affair. The opening quartette by Misses Russell, Thomson, Troy and Watt was well rendered. Miss Jean Thomson sang a cradle song in her usual pretty style, while Miss Troy's solo "Forget, Forgive" was one of the favorites of the evening, Miss Troy being in unusually fine voice. Miss Harley's reading was listened to with great attention, while little Miss Pallen of Chatham captivated the audience in her club swinging. About 9.30 refreshments were served by the teachers and senior scholars of the Mrs. Alex Christie and family are spending academy. The proceeds amounted to thirty-three dollars.

Mrs. Kingsley, who has been visiting Mrs. Jas. Mitchell returned to her home on Wednesday. Dr. Bishop and family of Bathurst spent Christ-

mas with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Park. Mr. and M.s. E. Lee Street spent Christmas in Bathurst with Mr. and Mrs. T. Street. Mr C. R. Mitchell will remain in town till after the new year.

Messrs Howard Croeker and Jack Sweet are spending their vacation in town. Mr. Hugh Harrison is also among the number to spend Christmas in Newcastle. LULL MOON.



Like a precious stone is valone tug with a turn-down chimney, and uable in proportion as it is flawthat one I saw on the Brooklyn side, I less. A perfect piano must have think, in Newtown Creek. I was crossing perfect wood, Mr. L. E. N. Pratte, manager for this company a very low bridge in a horse car, when spent some time making a per- just abarra sonal selection of timber as it do stood in the forest. No other piano manufactures have taken it. such trouble but the Pratte Piano Company spare no effort to have bri

every detail perfect. Not only was the wood selectbr ed personally by the Pratte Piano Company's manager, but through all the various processes of transthe formation in addition to the attention of skilled mechanics it has the personal supervision of Mr. Pratte. This insures unequalled | too results.

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> "But just before it touched the bridge the top of the chimney swung back, and the boat passed under safely, with the chimney trailing back at an angle of about 45°; it it resumed its upright position below the bridge. The entire upper chimney turned back on a spindle through the lower part of the chimney, or upon a hirge in the back, I don't remember which. It had a hood or projection on the front side which covered the lower part of the chimney when the upper part was turned back, so that the flue remained continuous. It was operated with a crank or a lever attached to the chimney. The operator was a boy, and he was an adept.

of Thames River Boats.

"Always just as it seemed certain that the chimney was about to be smashed flat. when it was apparently within a foot of the bridge and the boat was moving swittly, the chimney would swing back; it would that you expected every minute to hear it



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overcome this, in a degree, at least, lucifer

A Canine Vocalist.

County Line. His family consists of him

self and wife and a small, yellow dog,

which, I noticed, received an unusual

amount of care and attention. As there

was nothing particularly attractive abou

the dog, which was only a mongrel cur, I

rather wondered at their manifest affection,

and one day inquired the reason for it.

Mr. Downing, for answer, called "Bench,"

and, placing him in a chair, commanded

him to "crow." My astonishment was

unbounded when the dog gave a perfect

imitation of a Shangbai rooster, and, with-

out further command, followed it with the

grunts and squeals of pigs, the whining of

cats, and various noises incident to farm

life. He could give all the yelps of a pack

powers were discovered by accident. In

appearance, Bench is not prepossessing,

body rather unwieldy. In his eyes, how-

ever, there gleams an intelligence almost

human .- Correspondence of St. Louis

A Message from God.

hearken than the lat of rams. For rebell-

"To obey is better than sacrifice. and

While on a trip through Moore County,



1676 Notre Dame Street. MONTREAL.

### FIGHT WITH A WILDCAT.

The Experience of a Man who Met One of the Feroclous Creatures.

"I read in a paper the other day," said a New York merchant, "that wildcats will never venture to attack a man unless they have become desperate from hunger. It that is so, I had a little experience once with a wildcat that must have been the most desperately hungry one that ever longed for victuals.

"It was in Pike County, Pennsylvania. | trail along under the bridge so close to it

The opening of the new parish house of the church of England, last Friday evening was a very successful and enjoyable affair, and the congregation of Christ church must be corgratulated on the success of their enterprise. I understand that Bishop Courtney will be here on Monday to formally open the parish house and to indict the Rev. V. E. Harris as rector of the parish.

Mr. ard Mrs. A. Darrie Taylor went to Halifax on Tuesday evening to spend the holiday with friends.

Miss Georgie Sutcl fle who has been teaching at Port Greville came home on Monday for a short Tacation.

Mrs. W. J. Muncey of Dartmouth is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Parker, Crescent avenue.

Mr. Harry Rogers paid a visit to friends in town on Christmas eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cole spent Christmas with friends in Maccan.

Mr. Morris Mackinnon came home last week from Haiifax where he has been attending Dalhousie College.

Miss Laura Johnstone and Miss Maggie Purdy came home Monday evening from a visit to Hon A. R. and Mrs. Dickey in Ottawa.

Mr. Hal Clarke of Halifax, is the guest of his aunt Mrs. J. M. Mowatt.

Mrs. H. G. C. Ketchum pleasantly surprised her many friends last Thursday atternoon with a short ding itself of the caudal appendage under visit to Amberst, she left on the evening train for such circumstrnces reminds me that the Moncton en route for the South.

Miss Maggie Christie is home from the Acadia Seminary for the Christmas season.

Miss Alice Mackinnon camo home from Truro on Friday to spend Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Mackianon, Lalanche St.

Miss McLeod of Newcastle, is visiting Mrs. Frank

Miss McLeod of Newcastle, is visiting sits. Frank McDonald, Havelock street. The Misses Mary and Ada Beharrell are home from Mt. Allison for the holicays. Mr. John Mowatt came from Oxford on Tuesday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Mowatt. Mrs. Mowstt and children leave for St. Stephen on Thursday where she will make quite a lengthy visit to Mrs. Mowatt mother, Mis. Clarke. Prof. and Mrs. Sterne and children went to River

Hebert on Tuesday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Sterne's mother Mrs. Hibbard. Mrs. James Rannie and Miss Mabel Rannie of

Sackville, were in town on Monday. Mr. Garnit Chapman is home from Port Hope to spend the holidays with his father Mr. D. T. Chap-

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Fawcett and Miss Ester. brooks of Sackvil e, were in town on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Black are spending Christ-mas with Mrs. Black's mother Mrs. Jenks, in Parrsbo:o.

#### PARRBORO

#### [PROGRESS is for sale at Parrsboro Book Store.]

DEC. 29 .- Mrs. Carroll invited a number of young girls to a sleigh drive to Port Grevilie on Monday evening, with tes at the hotel there. Misses Fannie Ryan, Louise McCurdy, Kate McNamara, Maud Morris, Mary Tucker .nd Maggie McGuire were of the party.

Mrs. Charles MeCabe is spending the winter in Washington.

Dr. McKenna has given up his practice here and returned to Kentville. Although he has been here

but a short time all regret his leaving. Miss Aikman came home from Windsor on Thursday, for the holidays.

The sad news of Capt. W. N. Townshend's death at Antwerp was heard with deep regret by his many ir enes and much sympathy is felt for his family in their bereavement,

Mrs. Gilmore of St. John and Mrs. W. W. Black of Amherst with their children, have come to spend Christmas with their parents.

Mis Newel Corbett and her children have retured to Campbeliton. Miss Ella Corbett accompanied them to Moneton,

Misses McDougall and O'Mullin came home from Truro on Saturday.

Misses Bigney and Sutcliffe are guests of Mrs. T. L. Howard.

Curious Habits of Lizards.

The lizard family has many queer and remarkable habits, but none of these antics will compare with that known to the naturalist as 'shooting the tail.' All species of lizards are born cowards, but the effects of tear are not the same among the different members of the family. As an illustration I will say that there is one variety

of the lizard family (the so-called 'horned toad') which, when excited, spurts a fine

stream of blood from a duct situated just above the eye. Another variety-an inhabitant of Australia (naturally bluish-

black in color), turns sudderly white and appears to be perfectly paralyzed the moment it finds itself contronted by real or imaginary danger. The most curious habit of all, however, and one which is possessed by a large percent of the entire family, is that of voluntarily amputating the tail if suddenly surprised by one of its many enemies. The lizard's habit of ridlobster always drops or sheds its claws in the time of thunderstorms. In fact, anything that excites or irritates the lobster will cause a similar exhibition of this peculiar power. The lizard which amputates or purposely drops the tail when scared does not become paralyzed, like his Australian brother, but hurries away as body. The amputated tail is left to the mercy of the enemy. It lies on the ground floundering like a fish. This attracts the attention of the pursuer, which makes a meal of the amputated member, while the

body is escaping to a place of safety .--St. Louis Republic.

The way was over a lonely, narrow, crooked, backwoods road, bordered by deep woods. Toward dusk, as I was rounding a bridge the boy had the chimney in motion short turn in the road, my horse, which has again. It seemed almost to graze the edge

a good deal of spirit, suddenly shied, and then sprang forward on a furious run. At the same instant an animal with glaring eyes plumped down in the sleigh at my feet It had evidently leaped from a tree at the horse, but the quick movement of the horse defeated the animal's purpose, and it alighted with its fore feet on the robe that lay across my lap. It glared savagely up and look out to sea over the range, and at me, with its face not more than two feet away, as it clung to the robe with its sharp foliow us into the bomb-proof. claws, growling fiercely. I had never seen a wildcat, but I knew that I had one to deal with, and it [seemed a very large and savage one at that. I had no weapon except my whip, which, fortunately, was loaded at the butt.

drew the whip from the socket and struck the wildcat a blow with it on the head, which caused the animal to loosen its hold on the rope, and drop into the snow. It was up in a second, and pursued me. It upon the back of the sleigh, which was low. Although the horse was running madly away, along the narrow and crooked road, tast as the fonr legs will carry the tailless throwing the sleigh from side to side, and threatening it constantly with destruction against some rock or stump, I was compelled to drop the reins and leave the result of the runaway to chance, for the wildcat was struggling desperately to gain a foothold in the sleigh, and fight me at close quarters. I knew that if the sleigh should come into collision with any obstacle heavy enough to wreck it, I would

be no match for the catamount, fighting on the slippery snow, even if I were unharmed by the collision, and so I strained every nerve to conquer the determined beast Captain. while I was still at an advantage in the sleigh.

Once I thought it was all up with me, for, as the sleigh was carried abruptly around a short turn by the flying horse, one runner struck a stone, and the sleigh careened and rnn for two rods on the other runner. I mechanicaliy threw the weight of my body against the upper side of the sleigh, all the time raining tlows on the head of the wild cat, and forced the runner down into the track again. A few more blows after that, and I was rejoiced to see the tenacious brute first loosen one claw, hang for a second with the other, while it tried to seize the back of the sleigh again with its teeth, beach. motionless.

"I dropped upon my seat too weak to make any effort to regain control of my horse, which was still rushing wildly along the uncertain road, now made still more uncertain by the gathering darkness. The horse ran for at least three miles, and then stopped from sheer exhaustion. I had by that time recovered rufficiently to drive the rest of the way to town, which wasn't far,

scrap against the top, but it never touched Before the boat was clear of the as it swung up past it into the perpendic-

REASONED IT ALL OUT.

ular."

Wonderful Inte-ligence of a Dog When He Had to Act Quickiy.

sure that would kill a man instantly. An-While a gun was being loaded Bombshell other curious proot that the physical charwould sit on the parapet and watch the operation. That finished, he would jump roundings, is seen in the lantern fish menthen scamper down from the parapet and tioned above. This ocean light-bearer lives at a depth of from two to four miles,

where perpetual gloom always exists. To As usual Bombshell was on hand to see the test of the new big gun.

s provided with a torch, which stands up-He superintended the loading, and while right on his nose, and which can be lighted was aiming the gun, he looked over the or extinguished at pleasure. The light itself is phosphorescent in character (simrange as carefully as did the outlook, and ilar to that of the firefly), and is used by from his air of responsibility, one might the finny owner of the queer contrivance "Clinging to the reins with my left hand have supposed that to him had been inas a trap to catch his food; smaller fishes, trusted the duty of seeing that the range similar in construction, but without the lamp, flocking around the light like moths was clear.

around the flame of a candle .- St. Louis But when we started for the bomb-proof Republic. instead of tollowing us, as was his custom, Bombshell remained on the parapet, lookcame on with increased fury, and sprang ing out to see and sniffing the air. In a moment he dashed off through the bushes Tennessee, recently, I was the guest of which covered the narrow beach between Rev Frank M. Downing, who lives in the the parapet and the sea. neighborhood of a small settlement called

Though thinking his actions peculiar, was sure that he would not remain in front of the gun, because he had done so once, when quite young and inexperienced, and the burning grains of powder-which are always thrown out by the blast of a gunhad buried themselves in his skin, burning him badly. He had never forgotten this. Certain that he would take care of himself. I paid no further attention to him, but went with the others into the bombproof and took my place by the electric key, ready to fire at the command of the

Just as the command "Fire !" was about to be given. Bombshell reappeared on the Leigh of a horse, the lowing of cows, the parapet and began to bark furiously into the very muzzle of the gun.

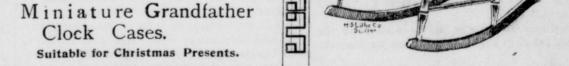
I called to him, but he would not come. Annoyed at the delay of the test, I tried to of hounds in pursuit of a fox, and in so realistic a manner that you could searcely catch him, but could not do so. As I aphelp believing that a hunt was in progress. proached he retreated still barking and apparently urging me to follow him.

Finally, convinced by the dogs actions that something was wrong, the electric wire was disconnected from the gun and I tollowed Bombshell. Wagging his tail with joy at having accomplished his object he led me through the underbrush to the

There, concealed behind a clump of bushes, were two little children quietly Globe-Democrat. digging in the sand and entirely unconscious of the danger in which they had been.-St. Nicholas.

The "Lantern of the Deep Sea."

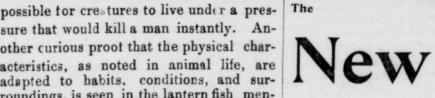
ion is as the sin of witch-craft' and stub-The genus pisces is represented by many bornness is as inquity and idolatry." remarkable families and individuals (the Samuel 15; 22, 23. last mentioned being freaks, of course),



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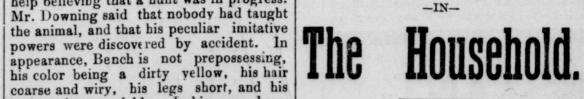
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Is a dangerous disease because it is liable to result in loss of hearing or smell, or develop into consumption. and then fall into the snow, and lie there

"My wife has been a sufferer from catarrh for the past four years and the disease had gone so far that her eyesight was affected so that for nearly a year she was unable to read for more than five minutes at a time. She suffered severe pains in the head and at times was almost

