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THE WOMEN ARE AT WORK.

The women of St. John are unusually active in projecting good works this year, and whether all their plans commend themselves from a practical standpoint or not, due credit must be given for good intentions. The desire to have a curfew law is specially to the point in this connection, and it is very doubtful if such legislation as is sought can be secured. It means, in the opinion of many, a too radical change from the settled order of things, and trenches too dangerously on the question of the liberty of the subject. If it reached only the class of waifs for whom it was intended, the law might be well enough, but to give the police power to drive children from the street because they are children is quite another matter. It is scarcely probable that the legislature will make any such enactment in the absence of any expression of opinion from the citizens that such a law could fill a long felt want. It is understood that even the ladies themselves have considerable doubt as to now far success is likely to attend this particular enterprise.

The ladies have other projects on hand, however, which commend themselves on their merits. One of these is an ambulance and patrol wagon, which the Woman's Council will supply on condition that the city will maintain it. The idea is to have a suitable vehicle which can be used for the conveying of injured persons to the hospital or their homes, and also be utilized for conveying prisoners to the police station when they are unable to walk or are disposed to resist. Heretofore, in the case of accidents, the sufferers have been taken on whatever conveyance was near at hand, frequently a jolting express wagon or a common sloop, in every way unfit for the purpose. So, too, most of us have seen unfortunate prisoners bundled into carts as if they were sacks of salt and hauled to the station in a most uncomfortable and ignominious fashion. A combined ambulance and patrol wagon will therefore be of practical use, and it is gratifying to know that the ladies have agreed to put their hands into their pocket books and have already given the order for the vehicle.

Another project of the Woman's Council is the appointment of a police matron. As Progress understands, the idea is not to have a matron on constant duty at the police office, for the number of arrests of females in St. John does not call for any such arrangement, but the plan is to have a woman who will be available as matron when her services are required for special cases, where a woman prisoner requires womanly care and attention. While the need of such a matron may not be so apparent as the need of an ambulance, there is no doubt she could be made useful in many instances. The police matron is of recognized utility in many cities of the United States, and has also been introduced into some of the Canadian cities. There seems no reason why St. John should not have one if the ladies volunteer to furnish her and the details of her duties can be satisfactorily arranged.

The women of St. John appear to be wide awake to the needs of the present day, and are evidently anxious to live for the good that they can do. Whatever they undertake, whether they accomplish it or not, is in the line of moral reform, and has its influence in directing attention to evils of which the public are apt to think too little. This applies even to the proposition to have a curfew law, even though there may be grave objections to such a law being enacted.

CURING CONSUMPTION.

Dr. CYRUS EDSON is not only a leading physician of New York, but is a man who has been prominently to the front in his official connection with the health department of that city. He is a practical man whose views on sanitation and kindred subjects have been widely quoted, and his standing is such that his opinions on any medical question are heard with respect by the profession and the public. A few weeks ago PROGRESS mentioned that Dr. EDSON believed he had discovered a cure for consumption and was experimenting with a view to a more definite statement.

He now announces that in his new compound, which he terms aseptolin, he has a cure for tuberculosis, malaria, and kindred germ diseases. The position of Dr. EDSON is such that a statement of this kind coming from him must excite a widespread interest. If the new compound is all that is claimed for it, it must create a new era in the treatment of a disease which has hitherto baffled the highest medical skill.

There is as much probability that the remedy will prove efficacious as there was that PASTEUR'S hydrophobia cure would do what was claimed for it at the outset, and the world now recognizes that as one of the great discoveries of the age. Dr. EDSON'S consumption cure will be of still greater benefit to humanity, for the disease with which it combats is one of the most powerful foes of humanity in all quarters of the world. While hydrophobia is a dread calamity, the proportion of those who suffer by it is small, it is of accidental occurrence, and only by direct inoculation can it be communicated from one person to another. Consumption, however, is a disease common to most climates. It is transmitted from one generation to another, and it is now known to be contagious. It is a disease which medicine has sought to palliate rather than cure, for while people have recovered from it when early warned of its approach, the pharmacopoeia has hitherto known no specific cure for it.

For more than a year Dr. EDSON has tested and experimented with his preparation until the time came when he could announce his confidence in it. He has now made the discovery public and placed the formula at the disposal of the profession, with a statement of the various tests made by him and their results. It is a preparation of pilocarpin-phenal-hydroxide, injected hypodermically, and in the thousand injections he has given no bad result has followed in any case. There is no reaction. Dr. EDSON says:

"The effect of the solution when injected into a patient suffering from disease caused by active germination is to directly inhibit bacterial development and consequently to diminish the production of poisonous bacterial products. Its beneficial effects are so quick and positive in the great majority of cases as to convince any one who uses it of the correctness of this conclusion. "This treatment also enables us to save the stomach for alimental purposes alone, and by giving easily digested, rapidly assimilated and highly nourishing food, a very great factor in a favorable result is secured."

The theory is that every germ disease can be cured when the proper antiseptic is found and introduced into the body. The most direct introduction is into the blood by injections. The trouble has been to find the right antiseptic in this disease and that, but with the discoveries of PASTEUR and EDSON already made, it would seem that others must follow. In any event the specific for two terrible afflictions seem to have been found beyond question.

CROOKS CAPTURE NEW YORK.

It would look as though the efforts of the "reformer" police force of New York, in the way of closing up Sunday barber shops and beer saloons, were not all that the mercantile community requires. During the last few months the number of bold burglaries in the big city has been surprisingly large, including the plundering of houses in the swell portions of the town at early hours in the evening. In the Townshend robbery the value of the jewels taken was about \$60,000, and there have been several others of very large magnitude. For a bold piece of work, however, almost in the eyes of the public, the robbery of DENNETT'S restaurant, last Sunday, appears to beat the record.

Everybody who has lived in New York, Boston or one of several other American cities, knows DENNETT'S "religious" restaurants. Every newspaper man knows them and so do thousands who like a quick launch well served, whether it is merely coffee and rolls at ten cents or the luxury of ham and beans at fifteen cents. Around the walls at every point are framed scripture texts which are designed to refresh the soul while the beans refresh the body. These restaurants have a very large patronage and are open day and night, except that at 11.45 on Saturday they are closed hard and fast and remain so until Monday morning. This pious custom has just caused the proprietors a loss of about \$2,400 in their New York branch. It happened this way:

The New York restaurant is on Park Row, one of the busiest thoroughfares of the city by day or night. All the newspaper men and printers are passing to and fro at all hours, and in that part of the city there is supposed to be unusually good police protection. When the restaurant was closed last Saturday night, it was left as usual with an electric light burning and the whole of the interior of the lower story in full view of the passers by. The large safe was in plain sight from the street. The mode of communication between the lower and upper story was such that anybody passing up or down stairs was also exposed to the scrutiny of the public for some seconds. Up stairs were four smaller safes containing a balance of nearly \$1,400 left over after paying the wages on Saturday. The burglars, who got in by the roof and descended, broke open all of the five safes, using explosives on the large one, and got away with their plunder so quietly that there was not a suspicion of their visit un-

til one of the managers visited the restaurant Sunday afternoon and made the discovery. How such an astonishingly told break could have been made in so public a place cannot be easily understood, but the broken safes told their own tale and the money was gone. There is no trace of the burglars.

That such a robbery should be possible in New York is not a very good showing of itself, though it is true it might have happened with a police force ten times as watchful. The worst of it is that it is only one of a number of recent doing criminal acts, and in all the important cases the offenders cannot be traced. It would seem to have been better to let BYRNES stay in office, for whatever may have been his faults he could at least repress crime with a strong hand when circumstances demanded it. That, apparently, is more than the present police board can do.

LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE.

There is a more serious question before the rate payers of St. John to day than many of them imagine. Those people who are urging the citizens to sign a petition against the granting of liquor licenses are earnest in their endeavor but we cannot believe that they have considered the question from every point of view. If they had we are convinced that they would not seek to interfere with the licensing of respectable well ordered places to reputable people for the sale of liquor. If the non granting of licenses would stop the sale of liquor then there might be some excuse for their action but surely it is better if liquor is to be sold to know where it is sold and that there are reasonable restrictions placed upon the disposal of it. A signature to a petition may be a small thing in itself but every rate payer before he signs it should consider whether he is assisting to establish saloons in every hole and corner in places where they are not now allowed to exist, and whether he is willing to reduce the civic revenue to such an extent that it will make a serious difference in the rate of taxation.

We do not believe that any reasonable person thinks for one moment that the sale of liquor can be stopped in St. John. What then will be the result? Unlicensed dens, constant litigation between the city and the reputable liquor dealers, (who it may well be expected will make a strong fight for their business and their living,) a depleted revenue and a higher rate of taxation.

PROGRESS has always taken the stand that the liquor law should be enforced, and there can be no question that the city of St. John has greater control over the sale of spirits, under the present provincial law, than any other city in the Maritime provinces.

Let well enough alone!

The action of the prohibition convention in requesting the government to increase the numbers of signatures from one third to one half merits the closest attention of the executive. The restrictions placed upon the traffic are quite stringent at present and if they are increased there can be little doubt but that the efforts made by the dealers to comply with the law will be much lessened, since with the exception of one or two sections such a condition would practically amount to prohibition.

The law requiring the closing of all barber shops in New York state on Sunday, except in New York city and Saratoga, has been affirmed as constitutional by the supreme court. It ought to be followed by a law compelling the closing of bath rooms on that day. For a part of the world with so much wickedness in big matters, New York has wonderful scruples about the wickedness of little matters.

Now that EDISON has taken hold of the new light in photography, it is hard to say to what wonderful results his experiments may not lead. So far he has succeeded in finding a ray more powerful than that discovered by ROENTGEN, and for a starter has made it penetrate a steel plate an eighth of an inch thick. He believes it will soon be an easy matter to photograph a brain through the skull.

The curious fact is developed that while diamonds are cheaper and more plentiful than ever before, the revenue from duty on them in New York amounts to little or nothing, though the tariff is more than double the old rate. The presumption that the smugglers are wiser than they were is not an unreasonable one under these circumstances.

Wanted a Reputation.

HALIFAX, Feb. 20.—A reputation of excellence in anything is what most people like. There are those who desire their fellows to believe they shine in art, even when they do not so shine. An instance of this comes to light in the case of a young man who the other day presented a painting to a club of which he is a member. He showed pencil sketches of a picture in which he said he was engaged, and finally produced a completed painting, which was placed upon the club walls. Now it transpires that the painting was not the result of his skill but was the outcome of a well filled purse, for the painting was purchased from a down town dealer. The present is doubtless just as welcome to the club presented by its member as if painted by him, but the incident shows in what directions the ambitions of some people be.

VERSES OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Two dainty feet as white as foam
Out on the silver sand;
Over the sea is a distant home
A star on a golden strand.
The air is smooth in its purple glow,
Its sad songs moan the shore;
Peace in its music murmuring low,
When the tempest's rage is o'er.
That distant home in regions mild,
Is a beautiful world of light;
Here there are winds and waves sweet child,
Here there are storms and night.
Seafarers fair, float ever in,
Showing no flicker or fault;
But roses as fragrant in bloom before,
Have hidden life's bitter salt.
Angels of love with their emark,
For midnight gales will blow;
Angels keep these when days are dark,
And the great depths overflow.
The heart that some day thy own may seek,
And low to thy beauty bow;
May vows of its love at twilight speak,
As the dear ones who guard thee now.
Dainty feet and delicate hands,
Golden hair, and a face
Beautiful ever in smile and voice,
Sweet Jean is a gem of grace.
Two years of love and a dear heart gone,
O'er the waters dark and dim;
How often sweet love returns to us,
In an organ note and a hymn.
CYRUS GOULD.
Guava Vine, Feb. 1996.

LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE.

To Ralph B. Shaw, Lowell, Mass.
(On reading his poem, "My Lady Birch")
The white garbed Queen of wood and wild,
The sentinel of the streams,
My Lady Birch glows in your verse,
The goddess of your dreams.
As fair, as chaste, as beautiful,
As pulseless calm and still,
As Grecian statue's marble form,
Made warm at artists' will.
The new Pygmalion of the wood
Hath found another charm,
A new Diana minus dogs,
To work an Acteon harm.
The Maple of Ohio hills,
In all its Autumn glory,
Must bow its crest of red and gold,
Before thy tuneful story.
My Lady Birch of Northern clime,
Give praise for such a lover,
Who first has sung thy purity,
None else could e'er discover.
But dullest souls, through poet's eye,
With quickened pulse now see
A dainty maid in robe of white,
A Lady! not a Tree!
HILSBORO, Ohio CHARLES H. COLLIER.

The Bicycle Club Minstrels.

On Monday and Tuesday evenings next, these well known performers will make their third bow to a St. John audience at the Opera house, and it is safe to predict that the S. R. O. sign will be out both nights, so those desiring a choice seat should make their selection early. At the dress rehearsal everything ran as smoothly as possible, and a great treat is anticipated, both from a musical and from a humorous standpoint. The chorus work will be an especial feature this year, while the end songs and the sentimental solos are all *fin de seicle*. A sparkling olio of character sketches, double quartettes, original dances, and banjo selections will comprise the second part, concluding with a howling burlesque on "Trilby," localized, and replete with witticism, and cast as follows:

Svenall Mr. J. E. McPeake
Toby "Jay" DeWitt
The Laird "E. M. Olive
Little Billie "W. S. Rainnie
Trilby "Jos. G. Rainnie.

Mirth, music and merriment will undoubtedly reign at the Opera house on Monday and Tuesday.

Undermining the Faith.

HALIFAX, Feb. 20.—The management of a well known ladies' college in this province will, it is said, be the subject of investigation at a coming general meeting of the church which has its oversight. The cause for this investigation is said to have been found at a recent revival at a point outside this city. A student had temporarily lost her faith which she happily regained as a result of the revival services. The story of the young lady told of the causes of her weakened religious belief it is said strangely reflects upon her environment at the ladies' college in question. Accordingly the matter will be brought to the attention of the church court and a rigid inquiry, and a remedying of the evils complained of, will be demanded. This case will be watched with interest in many quarters, and not the least interest will be that displayed in the board of the college.

Unavoidably Omitted.

The unusually heavy pressure of social news this week makes it necessary to omit notes from several correspondents, but in future it is hoped that room will be found for all.

CAMPBELLTON.

(Progress is for sale in Campbellton at the store of A. E. Alexander, wholesale and retail in drugs, groceries, boots, and shoes, hardware, school books, stationery, furniture, carriages and machinery.)
Feb. 19.—The carnival held here recently was a grand success in every way and was largely attended. The chief attraction was the many and varied costumes. The most original representation being awarded the prize by the Judges, Dr. Lunan, Mr. Baker and Mr. C. A. Kennedy, to Mrs. Wm. O'Brien (nee Delaney) as statue of Liberty. Miss Carrie Delaney received honorable mention as also Miss Mowat, Lattie Rose, and Miss M. Barberie as "Student" among other noticeable costumes were Miss Lucy Alexander as "Little Christmas," Miss Minnie Barberie, "Folly," Miss Maud Johnson, "Turkish Bath," Miss Nellie McLeish, "Bohemian Girl," Miss Lena Murray, "America," Miss Annie Thompson, "Italian Maiden."
Messrs. Andrew Matheson and Bray McKeandrick have returned to St. John where they were attending the curling bonspiel.
Among the strangers who attended the carnival Tuesday were: Mr. Ingles, Metapedia, Mr. Burns, Bathurst, Mr. Bert Blackhall, and Miss Eliza Barberie, Dalhousie, Mr. Baker.
Miss Moberg a former resident of Campbellton spent Tuesday with Mayor and Mrs. Alexander.

AMHERST.

(Progress is for sale at Amherst by Master A. Campbell.)
Feb. 19.—Literally speaking this has been a regular clearing out week in the railway line preparatory to the Lenten closing down, but there are several prospective events still on the list which are to be held over and will probably be moderated to suit the season.
Several very enjoyable teas have been given during the week, beginning with Mrs. T. R. Dunlap who was at home last Wednesday afternoon to a number of her lady friends at her home on Victoria street.

Another pleasant tea for matrons was given by Mrs. E. L. Fuller, Spring street, on Thursday afternoon. Miss Helen Biden and Miss May Love assisted the hostess in serving tea.
Miss Ella Hillson gave a delightful five o'clock tea on Saturday afternoon to a number of her friends. Among the guests were: Miss Johnson, Campbellton; Miss Shaan, Halifax; Miss Rich, Truro; Miss Fio Palmer, Dorchester; Miss Harris, Miss Main, Miss Gwen Main, Misses Munn, Miss Brown, Miss Nelson, Miss Gilman, Miss Pipes, Miss Florence Howson, Miss Pugsley, Miss Biden, Miss Mary Bent. The tea was given for Miss Johnson of Campbellton who has been Miss Hillson's guest during the week.
Miss Maggie Purdy entertained a number of her friends at tea on Monday afternoon at her home on Victoria street. I understand the affair was given in honor of a young lady who has been visiting friends in town.

Quite the most enjoyable tea of the week was given by Miss Nellie Cutler at Spruce grove on Tuesday afternoon. The guests were: Miss Main, Miss Green Main, Miss Helen Pipes, Miss Black, Miss Purdy, Miss Maggie Purdy, Miss Maud Tighe, Miss Hillson, Miss Bent, Miss Effie Johnson, Campbellton; Miss Mitchell, Miss McLeod, Miss Munro, Miss Aggie Munro, Miss Christie, Miss Mary McFarlane, Miss Love, Miss Harris, Miss Sleep, Mrs. H. J. Logan, Mr. Borden, Mr. Lookwood and Mr. Murray. Miss Ethel Lowerison and Miss S. Cliffe assisted Miss Cutler in serving tea.
Miss Ethel Lowerison gave a small but very enjoyable party on Saturday evening in honor of Miss Fio Palmer. Among those who enjoyed the hostess kindness were: Miss Helen Pipes, Miss Hillson, Miss Johnson, Campbellton; Miss Blanche Nelson, Miss Palmer, Dorchester; Miss Nellie Chapman, Miss Rhoda Sutcliffe, Mr. J. H. Douglas, Mr. J. R. Douglas, Mr. W. W. Murray, Mr. Moore and Mr. Milligan of St. John.
Miss Bessie Curry spent Sunday with friends in Halifax.

Miss Fio Palmer who has been visiting Miss Helen Pipes returned to her home in Dorchester Tuesday afternoon. The guests were: Miss Main, Mr. N. A. Rhodes went to Halifax on Saturday en route for Bermuda where he will spend the remainder of the winter.
Mr. J. H. Douglas, Mr. J. R. Douglas and Mr. Curry drove to Sackville on Tuesday to attend the dance given at the Brunswick House.
Mr. N. H. Milligan of St. John spent Sunday with friends in Amherst.
Mr. B. D. Bent spent Sunday in Halifax.
Capt. Morrison and bride of Port Hawkesbury, C. B. spent Sunday in town. They were registered at the Amherst.
A number of young ladies and gentlemen came from Moncton last Wednesday evening to enjoy a skate at the Aberdeen rink. After a short skate they repaired to the Terrace hotel where a very nice supper was served.

The last dance before Lent was given by Mr. C. S. McLeod on Tuesday evening in honor of Mr. Bert McLeod, at their pleasant home on Cochrane street. Young Mr. McLeod made a capital host and was assisted in receiving his guests by his sisters Misses McLeod. The young ladies who were present were: Misses Main, Misses Love, Misses Frieda and Lucy MacKinnon, Miss Mable Pugsley, Miss Ella Hillson, Miss Johnson, Campbellton; Misses Munro, Miss Lena Weiling, Misses Sutcliffe, Miss Grace Pipes, Miss Annie Mitchell, Miss Lida McLeish, Miss Thelma Moore, Miss Gerlie Hillcock, Mrs. Harris, Miss Annie Joubert. The young gentlemen were: Mr. Main, Mr. W. W. Murray, Mr. Harry Borden, Mr. W. Murray, Mr. Sayre, Mr. Bell, Mr. Geo. Douglas, Mr. Nelson, Mr. R. Harris, Mr. Heneman, Mr. Charlie Hillcock and Mr. Rhodes.

WINDSOR.

(Progress is for sale in Windsor at Knowles' book store and by F. W. Dakin.)
Feb. 18.—Thursday of last week was the day selected for the Avoniam cycling club drive and Wolfville, their destination. The weather was delightful at the start and although snow was falling heavily before midnight, it did not damp the enthusiasm of the boys, nor prevent their having a very jolly time. The cyclists were joined by a rink of curlers, who went over to play a game with Wolfville and were entertained at the Royal hotel of which they speak most highly. Those of the Avoniam who went were: Messrs. John Dimock, F. S. Dimock, Solome, Benders, C. I. Shand, Lynch, Smith, Kerl, and Rafane. The curlers were: Messrs. Paulin, Armstrong, Robson, Dr. Gossip and Anslow. After the game the Windsor gentlemen, who were victorious, were entertained at supper by the Wolfville curlers.
Hon. M. H. Goudge and Mr. I. W. Oaseley have returned from their parliamentary duties in Halifax.
Mr. W. M. Christie was in Halifax attending the banquet given to the Hon. Geo. Murray last week.
Judge DeWolfe and family are making a visit in Boston.
Mr. Rufus Curry was in Halifax last week.
Mr. C. S. Simpson has returned to the U. S.
Mr. Creighton, who has been visiting in Wind or for sometime has returned to Dartmouth.
Rev. K. Hind of Wolfville has been in town for a few days.
Mr. Ed. Reed and Mr. Young of Middleton spent Sunday in Windsor.
Mr. Arthur Sutherland, who has been quite ill is recovering.
Miss Francis Ouseley is in Halifax, where she expects to remain for some months, for the purpose of studying music.
Mrs. Russell is making a visit with friends in the city.
Mr. Arthur Gurney of the collegiate school, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is convalescent.
Mr. Alfred Shaw has gone to Boston for a short visit.
Mr. James Shand was in Windsor lately for a day or two.
Mrs. Stewart of the manse has returned from Truro, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Kent.
Miss Robinson has returned from a visit to Mrs. Trueman's in Halifax.
Mrs. T. A. Shand has gone on a business trip to Montreal.
Miss Florence Shand spent Sunday in Wolfville. Mrs. A. W. Redden of Halifax is visiting her father, Mr. John Kelth.
Miss Evelyn Kierstead of Wolfville has been spending some days with her friends the Misses Bennett.
Saturday was the monthly holiday for the young ladies at "Edgehill" and a large number of them spent the day with friends in town. Among the ladies who entertained the young people were: Mrs. Paulin, Mrs. Ouseley, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. W. Dimock and Miss Harvey.
On Friday evening the Quinlan society of King's college held a public debate, the subject "Resolved that man is more influenced by love than money." After a number of very good speeches on both sides by the students, the question was decided in the affirmative.

SPRINGHILL.

(Progress is for sale in Springhill by Daniel A. Fraser.)
Feb. 19.—The members of the club gave another delightful dance on Monday last, this being the last one until after Lent. Everyone present enjoyed a most pleasant evening and tripped it right merrily through a long programme of dances to delightful music, from piano and violin, everyone who was invited made a point of being present and the affair is spoken of as one of the most successful that has taken place for a long time. The chaperones Mrs. F. Hefferman, Mrs. A. W. Foster, Mrs. Dr. McKay; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hefferman, Mrs. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. M. Jones, Miss Jewkes, Miss Spencer, Misses Hardgrave, Miss Crossdale, Miss Carro, Miss Murray, Miss Abbott, Miss Susie Murray, Miss Hayward, Miss Janie Dick, Miss Simpson, Messrs. McKinnon, Proctor, Col. Haddie, W. H. Murray, H. Murray, Calkin, F. Anderson, B. Murray, Fairbanks, Fraser, Campbell, Jack Hardgrave, Jim Hardgrave, Black.
Mr. A. W. Foster spent Wednesday last in Amherst.
Mrs. E. Fuller is spending a few days in Halifax. B. B. B.

SACKVILLE.

(Progress is for sale in Sackville at Wm. I. Goodwin's Bookstore. In Middle Sackville by E. Merritt.)
Feb. 19.—The seniors at Home passed off very successfully Friday evening. A heavy storm prevented a number from other towns being present but there was an attendance of nearly six hundred at all had a delightful evening. Among some of the strangers present were: W. W. Wells, Mrs. Benedict and her mother, Mr. Sanford, Mr. Baird, Miss Robb, and Miss Hamilton and a number whose names have escaped me.
On Monday evening a pleasant surprise party was held at the residence of Mr. Seth Bulmer.
Last evening a most enjoyable dance was given at the Brunswick house by the bachelors; Mrs. H. E. Fawcett and Mrs. F. G. Rainnie acted as chaperones and the committee giving the ball was:—A. B. Tait, H. Henderson, A. H. McCready, W. H. Harrison, F. B. Black and B. D. Teal. About one hundred and fifty invitations were sent out but owing to the lateness of trains and other unforeseen reasons only sixty five of the invited were present. A dainty supper was served at midnight after which dancing was resumed for a couple of hours. An admirable programme was provided and it was next to impossible not to follow the music. The bachelors' ball was a genuine success from start to finish. Among those present were:—Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. S. Tait, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Atkinson, Mrs. Geo. Kinney, Shediac; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Fawcett, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Rainnie, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wallace, Mrs. Casey, Mr. and Mrs. Fred King, Dorchester; Miss L. Tait and Mrs. F. Tait, Dorchester; Mr. J. Johnson, Misses Grace, Winnie and Janie Fawcett, Emily Roach, Alice McHaffey, Mabel Rainnie, Alma Gilson, Marysville; Scragra, Grogan, Miss Carlisle, Laura Phinney, Miss Estabrook, Emily Willis, Miss Cunningham and Miss Campbell and Messrs. Friel, Hamilton, Hickman, Payant, Dorchester; R. Douglas, J. Douglas Curry, Wilbur, Amherst; Foster, Moncton; Tait, Black, Teal, Coady, McDougall, Frayer, Walker, Henderson, Mr. Cready, Davies, Rowley, Brook, Little, Wilson, Fawcett, Roach and Campbell.
Miss Bessie Miller of Elmfield, spent a few days here the guest of Mrs. W. I. Goodwin.
Miss Mary Black returned Thursday from a lengthy visit to Lockport.
Miss Mary Powell and her sister of Moncton are visiting relatives here.
Miss Pauline Bent returned to St. John Saturday after a visit of four weeks in Sackville.
Miss Nora Burke of Toronto is the guest of her aunt Mrs. J. L. Black.
The Misses Curry give an At Home tomorrow from five to seven.
Miss Maud Read entertains a number of friends from Moncton and Sackville at a social dance this evening. PARKIS.

ANTIGONISH.

(Progress is for sale in Antigonish at I. R. McIlreath & Co's book store.)
Feb. 18.—Mr. Kirk is away on a trip to Boston and other American cities.
Mr. D. G. Kirk spent a few days in Halifax last week.
J. L. McDougall, Barrister at Stratbrooke, C. B., spent a few days in town recently.
Mr. Fred Calder of Port Hood, C. B., passed through on Wednesday to East River, St. Mary's, to visit his sister the wife of Rev. J. McFarlane.
Mrs. J. O. Forsyth of Port Hawkesbury, C. B., was in town for a few days, his many friends were glad to see him so hale and hearty.
His Lordship Bishop Cameron was the guest of archbishop O'Brien in Halifax, previous to the latter's departure for Rome last week.
The citizens band had a very successful concert on Monday night in McDonald's hall.
Mr. Chas. C. Gregory is spending a few weeks in town with his family, his many friends are glad to have him back once more.
John A. Gillis of Cape George arrived home last week. His Nova Scotia friends in Boston before his departure for home presented him with an address accompanied by a valuable gold watch.
Mr. John W. Blanchard spent a few days in Cape Breton this week.
Mr. Valentine Chisholm a highly respected citizen of this place died last Wednesday.
Mr. J. A. Walker who is about to be member of the states, was waited upon by the members of the division, of which he was an active member and presented with a handsome gold watch in recognition of his valued services in connection with it.
Mrs. H. H. McCurdy gave a very enjoyable snow shoe tramp to a few friends who enjoyed themselves immensely.
Rev. M. Leflin of Tracadie was in town on Friday.
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McIntosh of county Harbour were in town on Friday.
Will Carroll is home after an absence of three years, his many friends are all glad to see him once more; we hope he may stay here permanently as he is a jolly good fellow.
Mr. E. W. Graham and a select number of friends enjoyed a toboggan slide last Tuesday evening. In addition is to be built to the college this coming summer, and also two wings to the convent. SILENT OBSERVER.

RICHIBUCTO.

(Progress is for sale in Richibucto by Theodore P. Graham.)
Feb. 18.—Mr. F. Moore of Amherst was in town on Monday.
Madame Polier of Shediac, who has been the guest of Mrs. G. V. McInerney for the last three weeks, has returned home.
Mr. F. Pilon of Montreal spent a few days in town last week.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Stevenson entertained a few friends at what on Tuesday evening. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. R. Phinney, Mr. and Mrs. F. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Forbes, Mr. and Mrs. W. Short, Miss Chrystal, Miss Main, and Mr. J. Short, St. John.
Mr. H. O'Leary is suffering from an attack of bronchitis.
Mr. W. D. Carter is spending a few days in St. John the guest of Mrs. A. W. Foster.
Miss Annie Ferguson is visiting friends in Kingston.
The last of the series of assemblies was held in the Masonic hall on Monday evening. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. Forbes, Mr. and Mrs. F. Sayre, Mr. and Mrs. B. Phinney, Mr. and Mrs. F. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. O'Leary, Mrs. S. C. Weeks, Misses Hudson, Vanstout, McFarlane, A. Phinney, Ardine, Ferguson, Stevenson, Chrystal, Main, Messrs. D. J. Cochrane, F. Phinney, B. Brown, B. Bell, I. Stevenson, J. Flanagan, L. Brown, R. McKinnon, W. Hudson. ANON.

There are more than twenty species of bur-bearing animals known to inhabit the Hudson Bay country, ranging in size all the way from the meadow mouse and sand rat to the caribou, moose, ox, bison, and polar bear.

The production of whiskey in Kentucky in November and December, 1895, was double that of the same period in 1894.

Brown eyes are said by oculists to be strongest.

There are 2,478 different varieties of fire escapes and ladders to be used in emergencies.