

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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of 15 boys who were to graduate this year, for a few direct words of advice and commendation. In his own peculiar way Mr. Troop urged them to be true to the teaching and guiding they had received at Rothesay and commended them for the report they had won for themselves. Each boy was then presented with a handsome Prayerbook and bible and a most impressive service was brought to a close. Mr. Troop expressed himself as delighted with what he had seen and heard and promised if at all possible to make another visit to the colleges, where there is no shadow of doubt he will be very warmly welcomed again.

Owing to the death of Sir. L. S. Tilley who was the patron and very warm friend of the two colleges the closing exercises and distribution of prizes will be postponed until Monday afternoon next. The same arrangements will then as far as possible be carried out according to the programme already issued.

Miss Payne of this city was in Windsor late yesterday acting as bridesmaid at the wedding of Miss Allison and Mr. Boulton. She is reported as having looked charming in a beautiful gown of Dresden silk crepon, large cream hat and feathers and a bouquet of red and white carnations.

Miss Marnie Roach is in Sussex the guest of her aunt Mrs. George Cougle.

Miss Sarah Byrne and Miss Alice Byrne of Sussex who has been attending Mt. Pleasant convent have gone home for the holidays.

Miss Patton is in Sussex a guest of Mrs. Lands downe.

Mr. G. Wetmore Merritt spent Wednesday of this week in Sussex.

Mrs. G. M. Barker and little daughter have gone to Westford to spend the summer.

The closing exercises at the Sacred Heart Convent were of a particularly brilliant nature this year, although, as usual, they were strictly private. The young ladies were all daintily gowned in pretty white dresses, and the quantities of flowers used made the rooms very pretty indeed. The programme was excellent and was rendered in a charming manner, the oration being especially brilliant. Miss Marie Furlong delivered an interesting recitation in a very pleasing manner and the other young ladies acquitted themselves very gracefully. Miss Finn was the only graduate and the gold medalist were Miss Loretta Connel, Miss Sharp and Miss Alma Carner.

FREDERICTON.

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JUNE 24.—Owing to the serious illness of Governor Fraser, the parlor concert which was to have been held at Farraline Place tomorrow evening has been indefinitely postponed.

Friends will be pleased to know that His Honor is today much improved, and able to sit up and hopes are entertained that he will in a few days be able to get out again.

The friends of Provincial Secretary Mitchell will be glad to know, that though he is still in poor health, the reports of his case have been much exaggerated, and that Mr. Mitchell expects to come to Fredericton about the first of July.

Miss Mary Campbell of Montreal is here the guest of Mrs. E. Byron Windsor.

Col. and Mrs. Robinson accompanied by two of the Bishops and Mrs. Kingdon's little daughters, are visiting at the North Shore.

Mrs. W. E. Miller is visiting friends in Wood stock.

The girls of the Women's Aid society, intend having a moonlight excursion to Gagetown about the middle of July.

Miss Lydia Hunter is at present in Halifax, visiting her sister Mrs. Chas. Fraser and will sail from that port, next week, for England, she will spend the summer abroad.

Mr. John Cameron of London, England, who has been spending some days here, left today for his English home.

Mrs. Clark and daughter Miss Alice Clark of the Normal school are in Boston visiting among friends.

Mr. Geo. S. Clark and Mr. Hedley V. Edgecombe leave on Monday for Montreal from whence they will sail for Europe, after visiting England and Scotland they will go to the continent and will be abroad about three months.

Mrs. Henry Chestnut and family are camping at "The Bluff" camp.

Mr. Geo. Hume has arrived from St. Louis and is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Wesley Vanwart.

Mrs. Frank Thompson and children are in Wood stock, visiting Mrs. Thompson's sister Mrs. Geo. Balmain.

Mrs. Walter Fisher has returned from her visit to her old home in Woodstock.

Miss Edna White of Sussex is visiting Miss Linda Bridges.

Mr. Wm. Boone of Montreal is in the city for a few days.

Mr. Harry Chesnut and Mr. Charles Neil both leave this week for Europe and will be absent most of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell of California are visiting friends in the city.

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The Rev. Willard Macdonald and Mr. L. W. Johnson have returned home from Toronto.

Mrs. Rusk leaves on Friday for Galt Ont., and will spend the summer at her home there.

Miss Louise Symonds is visiting friends in the city.

Miss Bessie Tucker is here visiting her sister Mrs. Allen F. Randolph.

The Misses Lilla and Agnes Tabor have returned home from the school at Rothesay.

Mr. James Lemont is visiting his home here.

Mrs. Thos. Everett is here, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Julius L. Inches.

The Rev. Mr. Weddall is visiting friends in the city.

After three years spent with her sister, Mrs. Bel-yea, in Victoria, B. C., Miss Staples has returned home to St. Marys.

Mr. Kent McPherson, formerly of this city, but now of Chicago, is visiting the city.

Miss Mary Thompson, formerly of this city, but now of Denver, is here on a visit to Mrs. Wm. Cooper.

Mrs. Woodford Smith is a guest at the Misses Perley.

Miss Mabel Gregory has returned home from a two weeks visit to St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Brindle of Philadelphia are spending a few days in the city.

Major and Mrs. Loggie and their family leave for Picton N. S. on the tenth of July to visit friends there.

Judge and Mrs. Stratton are residing at Clifton.

Mr. J. D. McBeth formerly of this city but now of Boston, has been spending a few days among old friends here.

The Rev. J. D. Freeman is at present in Nova Scotia, having gone to attend the marriage of his sister, Mrs. Freeman who had been spending some weeks at her home in Liverpool will return with him at the end of the week.

Mrs. Spandling and daughter of Boston are visiting friends here.

Mrs. Duff arrived home on Tuesday from Indiana and will spend the summer at her home here, Prof. Duff is at present in Boston and will follow later.

The Rev. J. A. and Mrs. McLean of Harvey visited here last week.

Miss Emma McManley is spending her vacation in Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hoyt of Andover have been spending a few days here.

Mrs. Wm. Gables of New Hampshire is visiting friends here.

Mr. Chas. Parlee Scully went to St. John yesterday on an important mission.

Mr. Scott of Montreal is among the visitors to our charming little city.

Dr. J. W. Bridges left yesterday for Port Hope, Ont. and will be married there tomorrow, to Miss Metcalf. He expects to return with his bride in about ten days.

In a Rose Garden.

A hundred years from now, dear heart, We will not care at all, It will not matter then a whit, The honey or the gall, The summer days that we have known Will all forgotten be and flown; The garden will be overgrown Where now the roses fall.

A hundred years from now, dear heart, We will not mind the pain, The throbbing crimson tide of life Will not have left a stain, The song we sing together, dear, Will mean no more than means a tear Amid a summer rain.

A hundred years from now, dear heart, The grief will all be o'er; The sea of care will surge in vain Upon a careless shore, The glasses we turn down to-day Here at the parting of the way; We will be wiser then as they And will not mind it more.

A hundred years from now, dear heart, We'll neither know nor care What came of all life's bitterness Or followed love's despair, Then I'll the glasses up again And kiss me through the rose leaf rain; We'll build one castle more in Spain And dream one more dream there. —John Bennett in the Chap Book.

Horses and Cattle Along Shore.

At race courses near the ocean the horses are often taken into the water for the benefit of a salt water bath. Horse owners living along shore have done this regularly. The farmer, the fisherman, whoever owns horses, living near the shore, takes them down about once in so often for a salt water bath, maybe on Sunday mornings, when the horses are not at work, and when they are cool and in fit condition to go in. They don't swim them, but take them into the water until their backs are almost awash, and let them stay in a while, probably in water not so deep as that. The horses shake the water off like big dogs when they come out. Some horses go into salt water readily, some have to be coaxed in at first, but they all come to like it.

Cows living along shore wade off into the salt water, if that is the water most accessible to them, just as cows living inland wade into brooks and ponds and

pools, to get cool and to free themselves from flies and gnats. Cows may stand thus an hour or more at a time, knees deep in the salt water, but always with their tails off shore and their heads toward the land.

THE MULE AND THE LIVE WIRE.

A Sedate Hybrid's Lively Interval with an Unexpected Electric Current.

The electricians of the various electric companies in this city all have a variety of amusing stories up their sleeves, one of which they occasionally let out, but the best one heard lately was that told by Capt. Thomas Chamberlain, in charge of the city fire alarm and police telegraph system, while en route to Monroe Park the other afternoon to witness a ball game. He told the story substantially as follows:

There is a part of the Spring Hill road trolley that is not protected by guard wires and not long ago one of the telephone companies was stringing some wires at the lower end of St. Francis street, when one of their wires fell across one of my wires, and then onto the trolley. Around at the corner of St. Michael and Commerce streets my wire, which was thus charged with the heavy current, passed about half an inch from one of the converters of the Electric Lighting company, and an arc was formed. This burned my wire in two.

Just at the moment that this happened there was standing across the street an old mule hitched to a light farm wagon, which was loaded with potatoes. The mule had his head down and his ears pulled down over his eyes, evidently engaged in deep study of the days of his childhood, for he was an old mule and his race was nearly run. The owner of the aforesaid mule was in a store near by bartering for the sale of the potatoes.

This was the condition of affairs at that corner just before that electrified wire fell and settled quietly on the back of the mule. In an instant there was a change in the landscape. That mule woke up suddenly. He was surprised. He could not understand why he felt so gay. He evidently thought it was "his second time on earth." He couldn't stick a pin in himself to find out whether or not it was a dream, but he did the next best thing that a mule can do, and a thing at which most healthy mules are adepts. He let fly his heels. Simultaneously with the putting into play of his heels there was an avalanche of wagon and potatoes sailing through Commerce street. Bam! Slam! Ker-jam! went the heels of that old mule against the frail sides of that wagon and its load of potatoes and pieces of wagon.

The owner had just settled on a price for the load of potatoes when he heard a sound as of a cyclone coming. He hastened to the door to see what was the cause thereof. He could scarce believe his eyes. There, before his astonished vision, was "Old Pete" working his heels just as merrily as he had done when he was a two-year-old, while the chain traces clanked responsive symphony to the touches of the mule's heels. Visions of various and sundry saplings that he had worn to a frazzle to get "Pete" out of a walk rose before his astonished vision, and he could not account for it.

Finally a negro discovered that it was all caused by "one o'dem' electric wires," and he went at the wire with a hatchet to cut it. He was about as astonished as the mule when the hatchet went up in the air and he received a severe shock. But this act caused a transformation scene. All the gayety left "Old Pete" as suddenly as it had come and he once more relapsed into a thoughtful mood, while the owner went around gathering up the fragments of the wagon and potatoes that remained.—Mobile Register.

USE OF THE SENSES

Habit and Experience Play a Part in Seeing and Hearing.

If we ask ourselves just how it is that we see, hear and receive impressions from the senses, we shall soon discover two things. The first is that the explanation "we see with our eyes," "we hear with our ears," etc., is not quite satisfactory. It is easy enough to explain how certain rays of light impinge on the retina of the eye and certain waves of air on the drum of the ear; but how these purely physical things of sight and hearing no one can explain.

Our second discovery will be that it is not by the eye alone that we see, or by the ear alone that we hear. Memory, or, rather experience of habit, plays a great part in all sensations, though we do not often notice it, unless our attention is drawn to the fact by some circumstance that put experience at fault, and thus produces a sense-illusion.

Have you ever noticed, for instance, how experience helps you to recognize the position of sounds? If one made a noise at a little distance from you, you could instantly tell from what direction it came, because experience has taught you to judge of this matter through the very slight difference in the intensity of sound in your two ears. An experiment will readily prove this.

Stop up the left ear firmly with cotton-wool, and go into a dark room with someone else who carries a bell. Let the other person strike the bell in different parts of the room, yourself remaining still. No matter where the bell is, it will always seem to you to sound on your right side, even though it may actually be near the left ear. Persons deaf in one ear can never tell whence a sound comes. It takes two ears to do this.

CIGARETTES AND THE BICYCLE.

An Alleged Increase of Smoking Among Women Who Ride a Wheel.

The statement that the sale of cigars and cigarettes is steadily decreasing is not borne out by the Government statistics. For the ten months of the fiscal year ending April 30, 1896, the cigars manufactured for home consumption only in this country numbered 3,508,200,487, or an increase of 68,458,754 over the last fiscal year. In cigarettes an even greater in-

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crease is recorded, the total product for the first ten months for home consumption being 3,338,147,300, or an increase of 617,804,480. Consequently the statement of a decrease, which was attributed to the bicycle, is false.

As a matter of fact there has been a great increase in cigarette smoking through the popularity of the bicycle. This, it is stated, is due largely to cigarette smoking by women who, very many of them, are well equipped with tiny cigarette cases, cigarettes, and matches. A firm making high grade cigarettes is now turning out more cigarettes specially adapted to the taste of women than for men; and the number of special private brands, bearing the name and address or crest and motto of the customers, is increasing daily. Some women bicyclists now hand out a cigarette bearing the name in place of a visiting card. Some of these private brands made for New York women cost \$5 a hundred.

PAIN'S SUMMER SPECTACLE.

Cuba and the Struggle for Independence to be Pictured at Manhattan Beach.

"Cuba" is the title of the great fire spectacle which manager Pain has had prepared for this summer season at Manhattan Beach, and will give in the great open-air theatre. The first representation is announced for next Saturday evening, and, if the weather is fine, the audience will have an opportunity to see as elaborate a work of its kind as ever has been offered at Manhattan Beach. For weeks there has been an army of scene painters, under the direction of E. H. Kirby, at work on the scenery, which now is nearly finished.

The scene of "Cuba" is laid on the outskirts of Santiago, and shows the fortifications in the most effective manner. The subject appealed to the management because of the interest taken in the Cuban revolution by the American people. Though no definite result has yet been reached by either side, and the fate of the island still hangs in the bal, there have been sufficient incidents during the revolution upon which to base an interesting story for a spectacle. The reason why Santiago was chosen for the scene is that it was near that city that the first outbreak occurred. Here the insurrection was cradled.

The opening scene will be a fete day, with its sports and specialties. There will be also the drilling of troops, the landing of a filibustering party, the capture of part of it, a drumhead court martial, the interference of the American Consul in behalf of American citizens, the bringing out of the condemned prisoners to be shot, the blowing up of a fort, and a fight between Cubans and Spanish, ending with the placing of a wall of fire between the two armies.

Monkey Skin.

Monkey skin is the latest of the leathers—it is new this year—used for making pocketbooks, card cases, memorandum books, belts &c. It tans a drab color, and articles made of it cost about the same as similar articles of sealskin.

"The difference," said Asbury Peppers, though no one had asked him, "the difference between a bicycle pump and an anti-prize-fight law is that one is used to blow up the tires and the other is used to tie up the blowers."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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ALDERMAN MOROBIE SHELVED.

He is Made Chairman of the Assessors and Resigns From the Council.

One of the events of civic interest which has been overshadowed by the election excitement is the shuffling in the assessors office. Mr. W. F. Bunting who has filled the chair for so long a time was retired and Alderman McRobbie appointed in his place. Few people will find fault with the change for long ago it was apparent that it would be necessary to take some action regarding the constitution of the board.

But coupled with the charges come the announcement that the salary of the chairman is to be increased to \$1500—is \$800 more than it was—and that Mr. Bunting is made an additional assessor at a salary of \$500. This means an additional expense of \$800 to the city which is not likely to meet with general approval. Mr. McRobbie may not be directly responsible for the additional burden but if the statement is correct that he thought \$1500 even too little for the chairman then he had something to do with it. He was one of those who entered civic life upon the wave of tax reduction reform and he has been a "reformer" in the matter of expenditures ever since up to the present time. As chairman of the treasury board he had many opportunities to suggest and encourage the reduction of the expenditure. The recommendation for the change in the assessors office came from his own department and while he probably took no hand in the matter he should have kept the salary at the old figure even if it meant a personal sacrifice. In the opinion of PROGRESS this would have been to his interest in the future for no man in the council had the same opportunity of becoming the chief magistrate of the city next year as Alderman McRobbie. His present position is a secure one and he is well able to improve upon the assessment system.

"MARTHA" WAS A SUCCESS.

The Four Performances Netted Over Two Thousand Dollars.

HALIFAX, June 25.—The Orpheus club's performance of "Martha" was the musical event of the season, both artistically and financially, excepting of course, the Albari concerts. For four nights our amateurs found themselves before audiences that crowded the academy of music, making houses worth probably not a dollar less than \$2,000, in addition to a matinee netting over \$100. The expense of producing "Martha" was about \$1,600, or perhaps a little less, so that the Orpheus club should have netted \$500. It seems however, that the net receipts aggregate only \$200; a large amount in affairs of this kind; the orchestra alone, for instance costing \$200.

Max Weil whose training ability and whose baton made the opera the success it became, was one of the heroes of the week. Miss Lottie McKay, of Boston, a niece of Alderman Mitchell, the prima

doans, surpassed the fondest hopes held regarding her. D. C. Gillis never before appeared to such musical advantage. Mrs. J. McD. Taylor was as good as ever she is, which is saying a good deal. Mr. Houldsworth, whom the play bills announced as "of London" has a fine baritone voice, which was appreciated none the less because people who asked who he was, were told that "he is a clerk in the Halifax office of the Furness steamship line." One of the most valuable men in the whole production has been less frequently mentioned than any one else, and that is "Tom" Payne, who presided at the piano. Such choruses were never before heard in this city. The Orpheus club are to be sincerely congratulated.

Value of Swedish Cookery.

It has been suggested that the different cooking classes that are established in various parts of the city should devote one lesson of each course to Swedish methods of cooking. There is much that can be learned of competent Swedish cooks. Those who are really valuable have gone through systematic training in their own country. The standard of excellence is high there, and the cooks are trained to respect the material intrusted to them, making careful and judicious use of it.

Throughout most of the century, since the election of Napoleon's aide-de-camp, Bernandotte, as their crown prince, Sweden has been greatly influenced by French standards of taste in literature, manners, dress and in the household arts, and exceptionally in that of cooking. Yet there is a decided difference between French and Swedish cooking, which would especially commend the latter to our tastes and needs. Swedish dishes are less highly reasoned than French, and they are more substantial. Entrees of various kinds, giving imposing length to the menu but not satisfying the appetite of giving much reinforcement to the vital powers, are in their line. Excellent methods of cooking meat and fish, delicate sauces for both; rolls, biscuits, pancakes and many light, inexpensive, quickly made, wholesome and tempting sweet dishes are among the specialties of the Swedes.

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