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 ing the past two weeks in town, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Bruce of Bonnacord street returned Saturday to his home in St. John.
 Mrs. Alex. H. Mitchell left town yesterday to spend a few days with relatives in St. John.
 Mr. Robert Simpson, who has been visiting his son Mr. R. W. Simpson of the I. C. R. engineering department, left town on Monday for New York, en route to Glasgow, Scotland, where he intends spending some months with relatives.
 Miss Bruce returned on Friday from a short visit to Campbellton.

The many friends of Miss Edith Holstead who have been a student at the Waltham training school for nurses, are welcoming her very warmly back to her former home. Miss Holstead is spending the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. William Elliott of Botsford street.

Mr. P. S. Archibald C. E., left town on Monday to spend a few days in Halifax.

One of the saddest accidents which has happened on the I. C. R. for years, was that by which conductor C. C. Thompson lost his life at Sackville on Monday morning. Mr. Thompson was a well known resident of this city a general favorite amongst all who knew him and the heart-felt sympathy of the entire community goes out to the hapless widow and orphans. The funeral took place this morning under the auspices of the Brotherhood of Railway trainmen, the remains being taken to Sackville for interment. IVAN.

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Dec. 15.—A very pleasant surprise party was tendered Miss Florence Jones on Friday evening by a number of her friends. A most enjoyable evening was spent in playing whist and in dancing. Among those invited were: Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hanson, Misses Jessie Fleming, Annie Webster, Mamie Triton, Julia Keith, Clara Price, Ella Blakney, Edna Triton, Laura Fowler, Grace Crandall, Susan Chapman Alice Keith and Bessie Cochrane, Messrs. Hugh Keith, Bernard Ryan, Everett Keith, Hugh Church, Will Blakney, Will Fowler, Ernest McLeod, and Sherman Colpitts.

Mr. G. B. Hallett was in town last week.
 Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gross arrived home from Hillsborough on Monday.

Mr. B. Howes of Sussex is in town.
 Miss Mabel Macdonald entertained a number of her friends at a "yellow tea" on Monday. It is needless to say that all enjoyed themselves.

Dr. Barnett, Sussex, was in town today.
 Mr. Walter Potts of St. John spent Tuesday in town.

Mrs. J. C. Price of Havelock and her daughter Mrs. N. McNeil of Hampton, spent Friday here the guests of Mrs. J. Webster.

Mr. Humphrey Davidson was in town to-day.
 Mr. Herbert S. Keith, St. John, spent Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Keith.
 Mr. Hugh Church was in Salisbury on Tuesday. DICK.

Notice to Correspondents.

As Christmas day this year falls on Saturday PROGRESS will be published a day earlier, and correspondents will please send their letters a day earlier than usual.

INDIA'S CHIEF IDOLS.

Brahma the Creator, Vishnu the Preserver, and Siva the Destroyer.

Great is the number of idols, in India, for popular report puts the number down as 333,000,000. Every Indian village has its especial idol, sometimes more than one. None of these idols of clay, wood or stone is supposed to be fit for worship till the consecrating words have been spoken over it by a priest.

Brahma is the supreme god of India and appears in three forms—Brahmathe creator, Vishnu the preserver, and Siva the destroyer. Each of the three is supposed to be married, and thus at once we have six deities which are supreme in India.

Vishnu, the preserver, the most popular and most worshipped, is shown black and likewise with four arms, and as in a struggle of the gods with the demons he killed

a woman he was condemned to be born twenty-two times as a fish, a tortoise, a bear and a lion among many other animals. His many manifestations in animal form are likewise popular. His wife, Lakshmi, is the goddess of prosperity and good luck. She is represented as a lovely woman with a gold-colored face—gold being the Hindoo's ideal tint.

Very different are Siva and his wife. He is the destroyer and is represented as a man unclothed, but powdered over with ashes and having a tiger skin swathed about him. He has the third eye in the middle of his forehead. A necklace of human skulls decorated his throat, while he carries a club or trident surmounted by human heads and bones. He is also armed with a bow and an ax. His wife has several forms. At first as Sati, the faithful one, her name is given to widows who are buried alive on their husband's funeral pyres. Secondly she is Durga, the mother of the world, and is seated on a lion and dressed in red. Again, as Kali, the goddess of cruelty, she is one of the most horrible of Hindoo deities, represented as black, adorned with human skulls and hands and dancing on the body of her husband. This is not because she hates him, but because, when, according to tradition, she had finished destroying her enemies, she danced so violently the earth seemed about to be shaken to pieces, and to stop her Siva lay down among the dead, and she, not seeing him under her feet, became ashamed, and put out her tongue, which is the Bengali manner of blushing. These are the principal gods of India, selected from the reputed 333,000,000.

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A WIDOW'S AFFECTIONS.

Adjudged by an Illinois Jury to be Worth Over \$54,000.

In most breach of promise cases the amount of damages asked for is ten times as much as the damages sustained or hoped to be received. But a jury recently gave a verdict in a case at Danville, Ill., in which the affections of the fair plaintiff were adjudged to be worth over \$54,000. This is probably the largest award for slighted love ever made in a breach of promise court. The story of the circumstances out of which the case arose is an important one.

John H. Germand has long been considered the wealthiest man in Danville, Ill. He was a real estate owner for several years and his property brought in large returns. He had many tenants, among whom was Mrs. Carrie Corbett, a beautiful widow of 35 years, who lived with her little 12 year old son. Germand visited her once a month, but claims his visits were at first of a purely business nature. One day he went to the house to give some instructions to some painters who were at work when Mrs. Corbett asked him to come into her apartment. This he did and the two sat upon the sofa. This was the beginning of a long courtship, in the course of which Germand took her out for carriage drives, and on several occasions they journeyed to distant towns together, and once both went to Chicago on a vacation trip. Of course they were always properly chaperoned.

It went along this way for a long time, and then came a trip that led to a disruption. Mr. Germand was going to the convention of Christian Endeavorers in San

Francisco. Mrs. Corbett expressed her desire to go along, and her sweetheart bought the ticket and paid the other incidentals of the trip. On the way Mrs. Corbett paid particular attentions to a delegate on the train, and carried on a flirtation with him all the time. Germand was jealous and so the trouble came on which culminated in the breach of promise case as above indicated. Germand is 71 years old and has been three times a widower. The amount of the damage allowed was a surprise to all—even to Mrs. Corbett herself. But before the trial Germand had disposed of most of his property, so that in all probability the judgment of the court will stand unsatisfied.

Spelling by Ear.

An American gentleman, residing in Berlin, taught a little German boy the simple stanzas, 'Ding-dong bell' and 'Twinkle, twinkle, little, star.' On being asked to write the words of these poems, as he thought they were spelled, the boy produced the following, according to the Home Guard.

Dinn, dann, bell, Pussis in wi well,
 Hupstern, liltel, gnosel gruen,
 Huuckert liltel Tammi truat
 Wardernortbeu was tas
 Tudraun Purpusikat.

Twinkel, Twinkl, liltell star,
 Hauelwader wad jaar,
 Abahaf wi wol so hei
 Leikelele munn in Wiskl.

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DIED.

FISHER—At "Summer Villa" Fredericton, Dec 10th, Miss Clara Ariana Alice, youngest daughter of the Late Hon. Judge Fisher.