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Monday evening the regular monthly meeting of the young people's mission band took place at Mrs. Thos. Harts. This was a special or casion. Besides the usual short service and readings of the Watchtower, which is the pretty name given to four young ladies who make it their business to keep informed on all missionary work in different parts of the world, there was a most accep able recitation from Miss Lizzie Ogden and a sweet toned duett from Miss Carrie Weldon and Miss May Hart. A collection amounting to \$7.50 was taken for the Jennie Ford orphan asylum that is being built in China. The ice cream and cake with which the evening closed were by no means the least agreeable feature. This society which is doing excellent work has some thirty or forty members and is in connection with the meth dist church.

The W. C. T. U. met Tuesday afternoon at Mrs. Chas. Ford's. Mrs. Ford has been quite ill lately but fortunately recovered sufficiently to help speed along the good work.

Mrs. McDougall gave a tea for a few of the mar ried ladies Tuesday, in honor of her mother Mrs. Dawson of Pictou.

Mrs. W. Shives Fisher and Jaughter spent a day with Mrs. Bedford Dixon last week.

H. C. Read has returned from a short trip in St. John and Predericton.

Miss Fairly left Tuesday for Bristown. Mrs. Church who has been visiting Mrs. David Dickson, has gone back to Amherst.

Some of the invalids are making their appearance again, Capt. Frith Atkinson is able to be out walkirg, Miss Grace Fawcett is sufficiently strong to take a short drive, her sister Miss Janie is just getting down stairs.

A recent letter from Miss Fanning who made so many friends here in her two years stay at Mt. Allisor, states that she is now in good health and better voice than ever. Miss Fanning has been singing in Chicago and is now starting on a concert trip through California and Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pickard instead of returning home from New York this week as expected have decided to visit Philadelphia.

Miss Julia Keith left for home Tuesday. Miss Alice McHaffey spent Sunday in Dorchester the guest of the Misses Backhouse.

Mrs. Chisholm is out walking again but hopes to avoid ice and sprains in future. Mrs. James Purdy leaves next week to join her

husband in New Westminister where the captain is building boats for the Klondike. Captain John Purdy's wife and daughter are

settled in the same place on a ranch where the cap_ tain is making a good thing in running river J. F. Allison gave a small but pleasant whist party to a few of his friends last evening. Those

invited were, Thos. Murray, A. B. Tait, Lovel Harrison, Frank Harrison, A. H. McCready, H. C. Read, W. H. Harrison, H. C. Henderson. LADY OF SHALOTT.

DORCHESTER.

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MAR. 9 .- Mrs. M. G. Teed entertained a few married ladies at a high tea at Rocklyn on Thursday last. Among the guests were Mrs. J. R. Campbell, Mrs. Joseph Hickman, Mrs. David Chapman, Mrs. Hiram W. Palmer and Mrs. J. F. The Rev. Dr. Seyton lectured in Hickman's hall

on Monday and Tuesday evenings to appreciative Mis. J. R. Campbell left town on Saturdry last

en route to Montreal to join her husband. The reports from the Rev. J. R. Campbell are

The Rev. D. W. Pickett of O.k Point arrived on Friday to take charge of the parish during Mr. Campbells absence. He is staying at Maplehurst the residence of Mrs. George W. Chandler. Mrs. Joshua Chandler returned from Moncton on

Miss Alice McHaffey of Sackville has been spending a few days, with the Misses Backhouse at "The Cottage". She returned to Sackville today. Captain and Mrs. George Swayne went to Jolicure last Saturday for a weeks visit.

Mr. R. W. Hewson of Moncton was in town on Thursday last.

Mr. H. C. Hannington of Monoton paid Dorchester a flying visit last week.

Mr. C. L. Hannington spent Sunday in Moncton. Miss Hogan of Moncton is visiting her friend Miss Gallagher at the Hotel Windsor. Miss Mary Cooke returned to Moncton last

Mr. F. W. Taylor who has been in the employ of the Merchant's bank or Halifax here for the past three years has been moved to Moncton. M1.

MONCTON.

Kenneth Foster from the bank in Moncton takes

his place here.

(ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE.)

The pianoforte recital given in the basement of St. John's presbyterian church by Mr. F, B. Blair and his gifted pupil Miss Jean Robinson last Friday evening was an unequalified success and the music lovers our city enjoyed a treat. The basement was well filled with a thoroughly appreciative audience, and the reception accorded the performers was most flattering. The recital opened with Mendelssohn's concerto in G. minor Mr. Blair playing the solo on the first piano while Miss Robinson played the orchestra accompaniment on the second. Mr. Blair's playing was excellent both in technique and breadth of tone, while Miss Robinson showed great skill and an evidence of careful training which reflected great credit upon her

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teacher. Miss Robinson's solo numbers were Schu bert's "Impromptu" Chopin's Impromptu" Suite by Greig and Sonata by Hummell. Mr. Blair's solo numbers were Beethoven's Moonlight sonata Bondo Capriciosso by Mendelssohn, and Chopin's Scherzo in B. Minor all of which were rendered with great skill and expression.

M iss Jean Bruce has never been heard to greater advantage by a Moncton audience and her interpretation of DeBerriot's Scene de Ballet was charming. She gave as an encore some of the old Scottish songs. Miss Bruce's playing was characterized by such feeling that her audience enjoyed every note She is certainly a talented violinist,

Mrs. Grant Hall, the soloist of the evening was in excellent voice, in fact she has never sung so well, since Moncton people first had the pleasure of hearing her; her sweet and flexible soprano vo ce seems to have gained in strength, and compass since she last appeared before a Moacton audience, and the upper notes are particularly clear and full Mrs. Hall sang three numbers, Tosti's Good-Bye, Milliard's Waiting, and Mascagni's Ave Maria all of which received enthusiastic encores. It is to be hoped that we shall hear Mrs. Hall more frequently in future.

Mr. Blair and Miss Robinson are to be eongratulated upon the success of their entertainment.

The Man of Moderate Means.

'There is one enjoyment that we may all alike enjoy,' said the man of moderate means, 'and that is the warmth of returning spring. I can always tell when spring has really come by seeing somebody standing in front of a building, where he is sheltered from the wind, enjoying the sunshine of the first really gentle day after winter. There is a mellowness about it, a broad, great geniality, that is unmistakable. and that we accept with grateful hearts. It pervades us with present comfort and gives us much promise of the future. The glow may last, on the first day, but a little time; it may be chilly before and after. Happy is he who is abroad on this day, and who happens upon a sheltered spot at such an hour as to receive it—the sun's first spring greeting to the earth.'

A Big Strawberry Farm.

Two miles west of Van Buren is the syndicate' fruit farm, probably the largest strawberry farm in the United States. At the time of the organization but forty acres had been cleared and put in cultivation, the remainder of the tract being covered with timber of a heavy growth. Today there are 175 acres of land set to strawberries that are expected to yield 15,000 crates of strawberries the first season, which, at last season's prices, will return to the investors \$27,300.

Essily Remedied.

Mamma-I am afraid that young Wilder will not make you a good husband, Clara Clara-Why not, mamma? Mamma-It seems to me that he rather

neglects his personal appearance. Clara-Yes, that's true, mamma, and I'm glad you mentioned it. I'll see that be makes his personal appearance here every evening after this, instead of only twice a week.

ROPING IN GROOM AND BRIDE.

A Policeman Interfere; With an old Cheslice Wedding Custom.

Of the many marriage customs which still survive in many parts of rural England, the one peculiar to the county of Cheshire, of roping a wedding party, is certainly interesting, though it was the subject of magisterial investigation at Sandback petty sessions recently. Three men named Dodd, Duckworth and Burrows were summoned for obstructing the highway at Bechton, a village two miles from Sandbach. A rustic beauty was united to ber faithful swain at that village, and the happy couple were driving away from the church, down Bechton Hill, when the observance of the marriage custom peculiar to the neighborhood brought the carriage to a sudden stop. At the horse's head stood Duckworth and Burrows, holding the ends of a rope across the road. While the liberal display of rice and old shoes enables the friends of brides and bridegrooms elsewhere to speed the newly wedded couple, in Cheshire it seems to be the custom to delay their departure till they pay thair 'footing.' The driver was at no lose, for it was part of the custom not to proceed till those inside had given the rope bearers a shilling each. Another villager named Dodd saw no reason for his exclusion from the benefits of the custom, since, after Duckworth and Burrows had received the coin, he promptly fixed up another wedding rope across the highway. Once more had the wedding carriage to stop and the funds of the couple to defray the expenses of the honeymoon were the poorer by another shilling. Unfortunately, however, a police officer, who happened to be driving in the neighborhood, was a highly interested spectator of the proceedings. He caused Duckworth, Burrows and Podd to be summoned, and they were fined, the two first named half a crown each and Dodd five shillings.

A SERIOUS EXPERIENCE

PASSED THROUGH BY ONE OF BROCK VILLE'S BEST KNOWN MEN.

His Legs Gave Out and When He sat Down He had no Control Over Them-Dr. W. liams' Pink Pills Restored Him to Activ

From the Brockville Recorder.

There are few men in Brockville or vicinity better known to the general public. and there is certainly no one held in greater es eem by his friends, than Mr. L. de-Carle, sr. Mr. deCarle came from England to Canada forty-four years ago, locating in the county of Glengarry. Eight years later he removed to Brockville and has made his home here ever since. He established the large marble business still carried on by his sons here, and is bimself one of the most expert stone cutters in the Dominion of Canada. He is also well known as an ar ist in other lines and as a draughtsman has few equals and no superiors. Ample evidence of this is afforded in the fact that when the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railroad was begun, Sir Santord Fleming, chief engineer that great trans-continental road, requested bim to join his staff. Mr. deCarle accepted the position at Sir Sanford's rerequest and remained with the company for nine years, during which time he drew nearly all the profiles of the road and the plans of the bridges between Ottawa and Thunder Bay. His work was commended as the best done by any draughtsman in the company. Since leaving the company's service Mr. deCarle has lived a retired life, enjoying a well earned competence at his cosy home in the west end of the town. Mr. deCarle is possessed of a rugged constitution and had always enjoyed the best of health until the tall of 1896. Then he was stricken with an affection of the limbs which much alarmed him. Speaking with a RECORDER reprentative the other day, the conversation happened to turn upon this event, and the circumstances connected therewith can best be told in his own words. "Last fall" said he. "my legs became in such a condition that when I sat down I had no power over them. I could not move them one way or the other, and was naturally much alarmed. I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I had read of their curing cases similar to mine and so I decided to give them a trial. I purchased a supply of the Pills and commenced taking them according to directions. I had only taken them a short time when I found that I was regaining the use of my legs and could raise one up and cross the other without much difficulty. I also remarked to my wife that the pills were doing me much good and she was both surprised and delighted when I showed her with what ease I could | drink habit. He came to town one summove my limbs. I continued taking the pills for about a month and by that time I had as full control of my legs as I ever had-in fact was completely cured.] have never had a symptom of the trouble since and am now as well as ever I was. attribute my cure entirely to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. In fact it must have been the pills for I took nothing else in the way of medicine, and I cannot too strongly recommend them to anyone afflicted as I

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be delivered. In Halifax the school commissioners supported this plan most heartily, and 1,500 children were de-lighted with this wonderful painting which they Note address: 29 Charlotte

Street, St. John. PIGEONS AS MESSENGERS.

Advantages of Their use for the Rapid Concentration of Naval Forces.

The twenty-third volume of proceedings of the United States naval institute, just issued, has among its contents several ably written papers on subjects interesting to the navy. Lieut. E. W. Eberle contributes a paper on 'Homing Pigeons as Mes sengers of the Fleet,' in which he refers to the advantages and practical workings of a messenger pigeon service, and points out conditions under which it may be used with advantage to the fleet. In his paper Lieut. Eberle says:

'From its geographical surroundings Key West will become our important pigeon station on the Atlantic, and Port Townsend, which controls the straits of Fuca and the entrance to Puget sound, will be the most important on the Pacific. Port Townsend station can control the entire entrance to the western possessions of Great Britain, and this would prove of great value in the event of hostilities with that country.

'The rapid concentration of naval forces at the point of attack oa the movement of forces to intercept the enemy is only made possible when we have a system by which we can communicate rapidly with the shore stations from long distances at sea, and the messenger pigeon service is the only spstem by which we can obtain such communication. This service might be called, very appropriately, a 'sea telegraph' system, and although its messages cannot be dispatched with the speed and absolute certainty of the telegraph, yet the system has the advantage of forwarding its messages from any position within definite limits, and therefore it is not necessary to seek the telegraph station in order to send

'In the event of hostilities, many more messages would be sent in order to insure the receipt of important information, and if only one of the many little messengers should arrive in time to enable our fleet to man œaver so as to engage the enemy before he could inflict appaling destruction of life and property upon some one of our seaports, then this service would prove itself most valuable to the government and well worth the small annual sum required to maintain its efficiency.

'It requires but one practical illustration to strike home and to open our eyes to the merits of this service. Let a single human life be saved from ship shipwreck in a time of peace, or let one marœuver of the enemy's fleet be frustrated in the midst of war by the timely arrival of one of these swift-winged, trusty little carriers with its urgent message, and all the country will applaud the result and will realize the value of a messenger pigeon service upon the seas.'

Came Home to Bim.

Farmer Billison, like many another man who is not a farmer, was addicted to the mer morning with a wagon load of corn, sold it and started for a dry-goods store to make a few purchases. There was a saloon on the way. Farmer Billison stepped inside to take a drink. Two or three other drinks followed, and then he lost all recollection. Late in the day he woke up to find himself lying under a tree. He was about half way home. His patient horses were nibbling the grass by the roadside. He gathered himself up, felt in his pockets, found his money all gone but seven cents, and then went and looked in his wagon to see what he had bought. There was a jug about three-fourths full of whiskey-and nothing else.

'Twenty five bushels of corn,' he said, for three quarts of corn juice! Old man he continued, seizing the jug by the bandle and raising it above his hea!, 'this won't do! Old man,'—here he brought the jug down with all his might on the iron tire of one of the bind wheels, to the utter destruction of the jug and the total loss of the corn juice,—'we'll organize a fotal abstinence society right now!'
This happened years ago. Farmer

Billison is still a member of that total abstinence society, in good standing.

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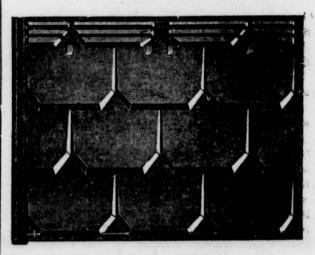
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