

SOCIAL and PERSONAL.

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J. E. Cowan, Mr. and Mrs. Vanwart, Miss Ross and others.

Mrs. James Wilson, Jr. held an afternoon whist party at her home yesterday from 3:30 to 6:30. Quite a number of ladies were present.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Jewett of Poston have been visiting at their grandfather's, Lanark Heights.

SIX LITTLE GIRLS.—If one or two of the "Six Little Girls" who wrote a letter to PEARL'S will kindly suggest some names in confidence the editor may be able to carry out their idea.

MONCTON.

[Progress is for sale in Moncton at Miss Hattie Tweedie's bookstore and M. B. Jones' Bookstore.

MAR. 1.—Mrs. W. C. Barnes has returned from a very pleasant visit of over five weeks with friends in Halifax, N. S.

Mr. and Mrs. Marr left on Thursday on a two weeks trip to Montreal, Toronto, Boston and New York.

Mr. Clarence Estano has removed to Sydney, Cape Breton, where the firm of Estano & Sons have opened up a branch. Mr. Lewis Estano is also at Sydney.

A street parade led the opera house Tuesday evening at 7:30. There was a large attendance everybody turned out and celebrated Cronj's capture.

One of the most successful events of the season was the "Brunswick ball" held in the Brunswick Hotel Monday. There were present over one hundred couples and the evening was most thoroughly enjoyed. The decorations throughout the hotel were on a elaborate scale. In the hall on the ground floor was a string of Chinese lanterns lit with miniature flares. At the end of the hall, a picture of Her Gracious Majesty, on each side of which were guns stacked with bayonets. Over all were the words, "Our Queen." Over the main entrance was the word "Welcome." The dining room looked very attractive. Bunting was there in profusion and at one end was a picture of the Queen over which was the motto "Our Empire," and under "Success." The dresses worn by the ladies were perfectly lovely and were greatly admired. So large was the crowd that the main office, reading room and dining hall had to be utilized.

About midnight an excellent repast was served. The committee in charge of the affair proved very efficient writers.

While the ball was in progress about two o'clock this morning, Mr. Geo. McSweeney, proprietor of the Brunswick received a telegram announcing the relief of Ladysmith. Upon the contents of the telegram being made known, the enthusiasm was intense. The dancing ceased for a while and all joined heartily in singing "God Save the Queen," "The Soldiers of the Queen" and "Rule Britannia."

The ball was gotten up by the boarders of the hotel and received great credit on the committee having the affair in charge. The patronesses were Mrs. Peter McSweeney, Mrs. J. W. Y. Smith, Mrs. E. B. Chandler, Mrs. G. W. Daniel, Mrs. C. D. Thompson and Mrs. Geo. McSweeney, and the committee men were Messrs. J. R. McDonald, Geo. McSweeney, O. B. Price, R. Colclough, E. S. Smiley, Frank J. Sweetey, J. C. Malon, Jas. Geary and others.

Miss Bruce Milne lies seriously ill at her home, Miss May Crandall of Chipman, Queens Co., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rogers, Peasant street.

Mr. W. Thompson of Calgary, who was called home owing to the death of his mother, intends returning to the west in a week or two.

All the young men of the Y. M. C. A. who would join a class in military drill met in the Y. M. C. A. room Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Miss Helen L. Miles of Amherst, who was on a visit to Digby, N. S., died very suddenly on Tuesday morning. Deceased was the daughter of Rev. G. F. Miles.

It will be of interest to some of his old acquaintances to know that Mr. R. A. Smith, late of Moncton, and Miss Mary Carson, were married at Brooklyn, N. Y. on the 21st inst. The bride is the daughter of Wm. Carson, head bookkeeper in the wholesale dry goods firm of Clafin & Co., New York city. Mr. R. A. Smith is the son Rev. R. Barry Smith.

ST. STEPHEN AND CALAIS.

[Progress is for sale in St. Stephen at the bookstore of G. S. Wall, T. E. Atcheson and J. Vroom & Co. J. Collins at G. P. Trevel's.

MARCH 1.—Mrs. O. S. Newham entertained at Christ church rectory last Wednesday evening a party of some twenty five young people. Friends of her daughter, Miss Florence Newham.

Mrs. W. F. Todd entertained a party of friends at her residence on Saturday evening to meet Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Young of Parrsboro.

Miss Helen O'Brien arrived from San Francisco, California, on Saturday after a visit of more than a year with relatives who reside in that city.

Miss Alice Graham has been quite ill this week. Misses Annie and Bessie Bixby gave a thimble party at their home on Union street on Thursday afternoon which was a most pleasant affair. The hours were from three until seven o'clock. At six



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o'clock supper was served on little tables placed in the drawing room for the convenience of guests. After supper there was some music, and singing by Miss Cora Maxwell. The affair was a most pleasant one and greatly enjoyed by all.

A. R. Bradford of Eastport is mentioned as the next mayor to be nominated by the republican party of that city.

Miss Lydia Keith of Portland, who has been visiting in Calais, has gone to Princeton to be the guest of Mrs. C. F. Eaton.

Miss Louie Taylor is in New York city devoting herself to the study of art.

W. W. Brown and Mrs. Brown have gone to Philadelphia and Washington to visit for several weeks.

Miss McLaughlin, who was at one time assistant teacher in the high school, has returned from Fredericton and opened a class for the study of English literature and French.

Mrs. James Johnston of Vanceboro was visiting friends in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Harper entertained very pleasantly a party of friends at their home last week.

Mrs. Irene Nickerson is visiting Boston. Miss Fowler of St. John is visiting Miss Edith Johns.

Miss Florence Boardman gave a very delightful five o'clock tea on Thursday afternoon for the pleasure and entertainment of the Maine University Glee Club which was visiting in Calais.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Chipman left on Monday for Toronto where they will spend two weeks.

Horace Trimble is visiting Boston, New York and other cities.

Miss May Jones is visiting Boston. Hon. Geo. A. Curran and Mrs. Curran have returned from a trip to the southern states.

Mr. and Mrs. Albion Eaton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Edgecombe in Fredericton last week. Mrs. Howard B. McAllister gave a very pleasant tea party at her residence last evening for the pleasure and entertainment of Mrs. Edgar Hitchcock of Mapiim, Mexico, who is the guest of Mrs. C. N. Vroom. The evening was a most pleasant one and greatly enjoyed by all who were there.

PARRSBORO.

[Progress is for sale at Parrsboro Book store.] Feb. 27.—A pleasant social at Mr. John McGuire's on Monday evening netted twenty five dollars for the funds of St. Bridget's Church.

The children's fancy dress carnival came off in Calais on Tuesday evening. Miss Henderson representing "Good Luck" was awarded the girl's prize while Master Joe Gillespie who made a very pretty "Tom Thumb", secured the boys' prize. The ice was good and there was a fine attendance notwithstanding a counter attraction in St. George hall.

The aforementioned attraction was a most successful entertainment designed and carried out by the young people of St. George's church. The first part was an exhibition of Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works. Miss Woodworth in her make up as Mrs. Jarley and

management of the show was nearly perfection. Her colored assistant, Mr. T. J. Choiselet, showed much care and skill in moving and winding up in figures. Those who posed as "wax figures" were Mrs. Gullied, Mrs. Parsons, Misses Bessie Upham, Mattie Woodsworth, Clara Kirkpatrick, Annie Smith, Maude McNamara, Blanche Mosher, Emma Reicke, Joe Lavers, Merle Pettis De Roberts, Rev. R. Johnson and Messrs. George Upham, J. D. Nicholls, Willie Buchert, J. Cutten Hoke, Chas. Hill coat, Masters Tommy Day and Carl Fraser. The curtain fell on this part of the entertainment and the next thing to be seen was the wax works mysteriously ended with life, smog the audience dispensing coffee, tea and cake.

The second part was an European drama in three acts, the joke on a quinn which from beginning to end kept the house in convulsions of laughter. The dramatic personals were, quinn, Mr. J. Cutten; Mr. Squinn, Miss Reicke; Miss Betsy quinn; Miss Mabel Cutten; Mr. Hall, Mr. Achiel Choiselet; Jake, Mr. C. Choiselet; Pete, Mr. L. Hoke. All acted their parts well. Mr. Hoke especially was a genuine coon.

PRESCRIBING FOR THE EMPEROR.

Novel Method of Examining the Ruler of the Chinese Empire.

The responsibilities of a physician are never light, but surely one who has to prescribe for a patient whom he may neither question nor touch, and upon whom he hardly dares to look fear of a serious breach of etiquette, finds himself in a hard place. This is the condition of a Chinese doctor who is called upon to attend the emperor. A Shanghai correspondent of St. Louis Republic gives a curiously interesting story of the enforced attendance of Chen Lien-Fang, the most celebrated native physician in China, upon the emperor.

In October an imperial edict directed the governors and viceroys to send physicians of distinction to the capital, and Chen Lien Fang was ordered to report the grand council. The account of his experience was given by himself.

A few days after his arrival at Peking he was summoned to an audience. That audience was certainly formidable. Entering the presence of the sovereign on his knees, he crossed the apartment in that position to the place where the emperor and the dowager empress was seated at opposite sides of a low table on a dais.

The emperor looked pale and listless, had a troublesome irritation of the throat, and was evidently feverish. The empress who struck the physician as an extremely well-preserved and intelligent woman, seemed solicitous about the patient's health, and careful for his comfort.

As it would have been a serious breach of etiquette for the doctor to ask any questions of his majesty, the empress proceeded to describe his symptoms, the invalid occasionally signifying confirmation by a word or a nod.

During the monologue the doctor, following the customary procedure at imperial audiences, kept his eyes fixed on the floor. Finally, at the command of the empress, and still kneeling, he was permitted to place one hand upon the emperor's wrist. This was no feeling of the pulse, but simply the contact of the flat of the hand first with one side of the wrist and then with the other. This accomplished the empress continued her recital of the patient's sufferings.

She described the state of his tongue, and the symptoms of ulceration in the mouth and throat, but as it was not permissible for the doctor to examine these

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for himself, he was obliged to make the most of a somewhat unprofessional description. As he patiently observed, it is difficult to look at a patient's tongue when his exalted rank compels you to keep your eyes fastened on the floor.

The empress having concluded her remarks on the case, Chen Lien Fang was permitted to withdraw, and to present to the grand council his diagnosis, together with advice as to future treatment. These were subsequently communicated officially to the throne. The physician prescribed certain tonics of the orthodox native type, and suggested the greatest possible amount of mental and physical rest.

Brave Children.

Probably one of the youngest heroes on record is Leonard Webber, aged five years who has just received a certificate of honor from the Royal Human Society for saving his three-year-old brother from drowning. The Philadelphia Times tells the story.

The children were playing with other boys on the edge of a pond, when the younger Webber fell into the water. The others, frightened, took to their heels, but Leonard, without the slightest hesitation, plunged in and rescued his brother.

Quite as remarkable was a case which comes from a remote corner of Russia, where a boy of nine years actually had the temerity to tackle a great, giant wolf that had assailed a tiny playmate as he lay asleep.

The rescuer seized an axe that had been

left by a woodman, and gave battle to the wolf, which finding itself thus attacked, promptly scuttled off to the wood.

Russia has been the scene of much youthful heroism. Some years ago, while a peasant woman was sitting with her little daughter, aged about eight years, at supper, the curtains which divided the living-room in which they sat from the adjoining bedroom caught fire through the explosion of an oil lamp.

The mother sat still, not knowing what to do, but her daughter, child as she was, possessed more presence of mind. Seizing a knife, she climbed upon a chair, cut down the blazing curtains, and then smothered the flames with the hearth rug. In two minutes the fire, which might have developed into a veritable conflagration, was extinguished.

A Lesson in Courtesy.

Nicholas I., Tsar of Russia, was the type of an absolute autocrat. The succession of terrible wars which clouded his reign did not tend to soften his disposition or to render him less imperious. But rough and harsh as he was, Nicholas had a measure of chivalry in his disposition. He would not tolerate, under any circumstances, an insult offered to a woman.

As the tsar was driving through the streets of St. Petersburg, he caught sight of an officer of his household in the act of upsetting an old beggar woman, whose hands were raised in a prayer for alms.

The official was quite unmindful of the august witness of his act, and was rather pleased when, a few hours later, he was summoned to the imperial presence.

Nicholas soon undeceived him, and in the presence of a dozen courtiers cut him to the quick with his indignant reproof.

"Enough!" said Nicholas, finally. "You will walk up and down that corridor all night, and every time you turn you will say in a loud voice, 'I am a puppy! I am a puppy!'"

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