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VERY BOLD BAD PEOPLE.

The London Belles Disgusted a Thousand People in the Institute.

More than a thousand people flocked to the Institute Thursday night to see the New London Belles a show that has been here once or twice before. On those occasions the performance was fairly bright and decent which is much more than can be said of the entertainment given on Thursday.

PROGRESS goes to press Friday and cannot tell its readers whether the show remained in town more than one night but the opinion is unhesitatingly expressed that such an indecent exhibition should not be permitted. Had any police officer walked on the stage last evening and stopped the vulgar show the crowd would have applauded him.

To describe how bad the show would be impossible. The members of the company certainly looked their parts. Britain and Sheffield street in their worst days produced no tougher specimens of the female sex.

To the credit of the management of the house it may be said that the record of this company in the past favored the engagement. To break the contract on the opening night might have been a serious matter but the contrast between the fashionable audience that saw Harkin's show on Wednesday night and the crowd who flocked to hear ribald jests and coarse songs on Thursday night.

There was not a woman present—Yes, there was one and she got such a reception as she wished to a front seat that even her husband had to acknowledge the doubtful tribute with a smiling bow.

There was considerable chaff between the audience and the stage. It was dangerous to make a move to leave the house because the females in the cast did not hesitate to stop in the middle of a song or a sentence and call out to the party not to get excited and so forth.

Well known front seat men were roasted unmercifully and while the crowd laughed they disapproved of the unprovoked insult.

PROGRESS does not know the route of the London Belles but theatrical managers who care for the reputation and the wishes of the people will do well to be cautious.

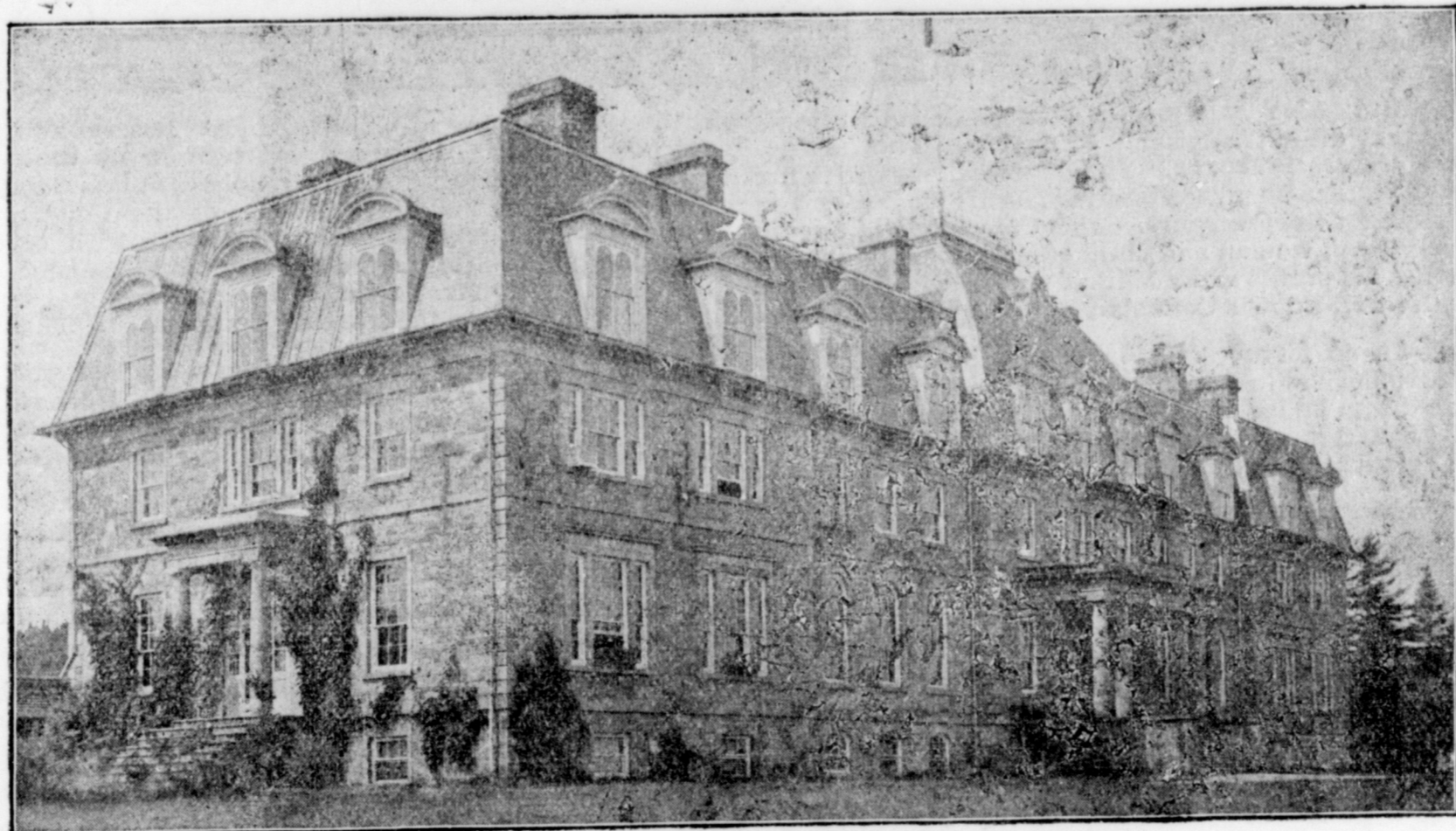
ALL ABOUT AN I. O. U.

Smith Gives Brown an I. O. U. and What Came of It.

John Brown of this city received a lawyer's letter a day or two ago, which was couched in such terms as to cause him some uneasiness. The occasion of it he well understood for it was one of the results of a practical joke that had given him considerable amusement and his friends some laughter and fun.

A week or ten days perhaps ago while engaged in a little social conversation with some of his friends William Smith (or he may be called that) approached him and said, "John lend me \$5." "Certainly," replied John, "ten if you want it." "No I only want five and here is my I. O. U." The exchange was made, Brown took the I. O. U. and Smith took the \$5. A moment or two later Brown looked at the I. O. U., and one of his friends suggested that it would be an easy matter to raise the \$5 to \$50. No sooner said than done but by whom it was done is not known and then to all appearances the little bit of paper represented a loan of \$50 instead of \$5. In the course of that same day, or evening, Brown was a little short of funds and meeting his friend Black, he asked him if he could not discount the I. O. U. of Smith, who was well known to both of them. Black was willing and he gave Brown \$45 for the \$50 I. O. U. The joke of this was soon noised around and pretty soon came to the ears of Smith, who at first felt somewhat indignant that his friendly promissory paper should be bandied around from person to person and in such an indiscriminate way as it had been. Still he was unable to locate the document until one day a King street business man presented it to him with a request for payment. He refused to acknowledge that he owed any such amount and the merchant called upon the gentleman who gave it to him, Mr. Black, to

redeem it. He did so and meeting Mr. Smith shortly afterwards found him in such mood that he paid the full amount of the I. O. U. and then walked straight to the legal gentlemen who do his business and placed the case in their hands. No



THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Brown is wondering just what the outcome of this will be and his friends are having some fun at his expense on account of the curious way the joke has been turned upon him.

Hypnotism Exemplified Again.

Not long ago St. John had a fine exhibition in the art of hypnotism. Mr. McEwen who was the attraction on the occasion astonished his audiences with his



DR. INCH, Pres. University.

wonderful powers. It would seem that when he left he did not take with him all his great hypnotism, at any rate he left enough behind him that when it came into connection with Svengali's forces at the Institute on Wednesday, when Trilby was presented, it was too much for the audience, for one of them at least. A specialty was introduced between the acts that had not been advertised. Mr. Edward Harrison, the well known cornetist was playing away with his usual good taste, and probably thought that he was doing all the blowing that was necessary, so it came as no little surprise to him when a well known citizen advanced to him and gave him a right hand blow from the shoulder. The instance caused so little sensation and it was some time before the mesmerized being could be brought to his senses. Whether it was the state hypnotism of Mr. McEwen, or the hypnotism of Svengali or the hypnotism of Mr. Harrison's musical cornet or the hypnotism from some other source that produced such startling results must remain a mystery. There is no doubt, however, some unknown force got in its work.

Boxing Exhibition Monday Night.

The Pastime Club will have another exhibition of pugilistic art on Monday evening. The principal bout is to be between Johnny Taylor of the north end and Creaghan of the south. Both of these men are well known as being scientific and eager for such test. The show will be conducted to the satisfaction of the authorities and with a view to please the audience. It will be under the direction of Messrs William Keefe and Jack Powers, who will not permit anything that will be displeasing to anybody.

TRUTH NOT FICTION.

Some Interesting Paragraphs That Appear This Week.

Readers of papers are often called upon to peruse some strange paragraphs; errors caused by the type setter or proof reader have produced not a few amusing instances. Sometimes a journal produces half a column of such items gathered from different sections that read so ridiculously funny that their genuineness is often questioned. The items which are here quoted need no assurance of their truthfulness, as they are all taken from St. John papers published

To the Wide Wide World.

The University Sends Graduates to Life's Battle—The Exercises

The closing proceedings of the University of New Brunswick on Thursday, completes the one hundred and first year of that Institution's career. Last summer this well known seat of learning celebrated its centennial under the most encouraging

university has turned out in the past years. The chancellor of the college, is himself a child of the institution and many others may be named, Dr. Bridges the superintendent of the St. John schools Dr. Parkin, principal of Upper Canada college, Dr. Pagsley, attorney general of the province, Mr. Hazen the leader of the opposition in the local house, the late Premier Mitchell, Geo E. Foster, ex finance minister, Prof. Duff, Murray, Ganong, Hatt and Raymond all occupying important chairs in distinguished universities, Dr. Barker judge of the Supreme Court, Chas. Roberts and Bliss Carman, men who have made a name for Canadian literature and poetry, besides scores of others. This list is a grand one and reflects credit on the old University of New Brunswick.

The proceedings on Thursday were of the usual interesting character. During the afternoon Chancellor and Mrs. Harrison held a reception which was largely attended and later in the day the visitors were shown through the new Engineering building. This by no means was the least interesting part of the day's proceedings. Everyone was delighted with the new order of things. In the evening what is known as the Eccenical exercises took place. Prof. Dixon delivered a most interesting address on behalf of the faculty in praise of the founders of the College and the Rev G. C. Heine, of Montreal, to whose honor fell the duty of speaking on behalf of the Alumni Society, acquitted himself in a manner to leave nothing wanted. Mr. Heine's oration was a scholarly effort and the Alumni Society kept its record in the selection of good men.

Mr. Kelly to whose lot fell the delivery of the valedictory on behalf of graduating class, filled his part well. The conferring of degrees, the awarding of prizes and diplomas, always an interesting part of the programme was no exception to the rule. St. John obtained its full share of honors, one of its sons being the winner of the fine gold Douglas medal. Thus another year has closed and another will open in October. That the good work will continue is the hope of all graduates and friends of the university.

In New Quarters.

Mr. Arthur Brown who for sometime so capably conducted the tonsorial establishment, formerly owned by Mr. McGinley in the Victoria hotel, has changed his quarters and now superintends that part of the Dufferin hotel establishment which gives the people so far as the face and head are concerned, a very neat and respectable look. Mr. Brown is a real artist in this line, is popular with those who patronized him, and no doubt will give first class satisfaction to those who have been in the habit of going to the Dufferin for this purpose.

this week and no doubt will be remembered by many.

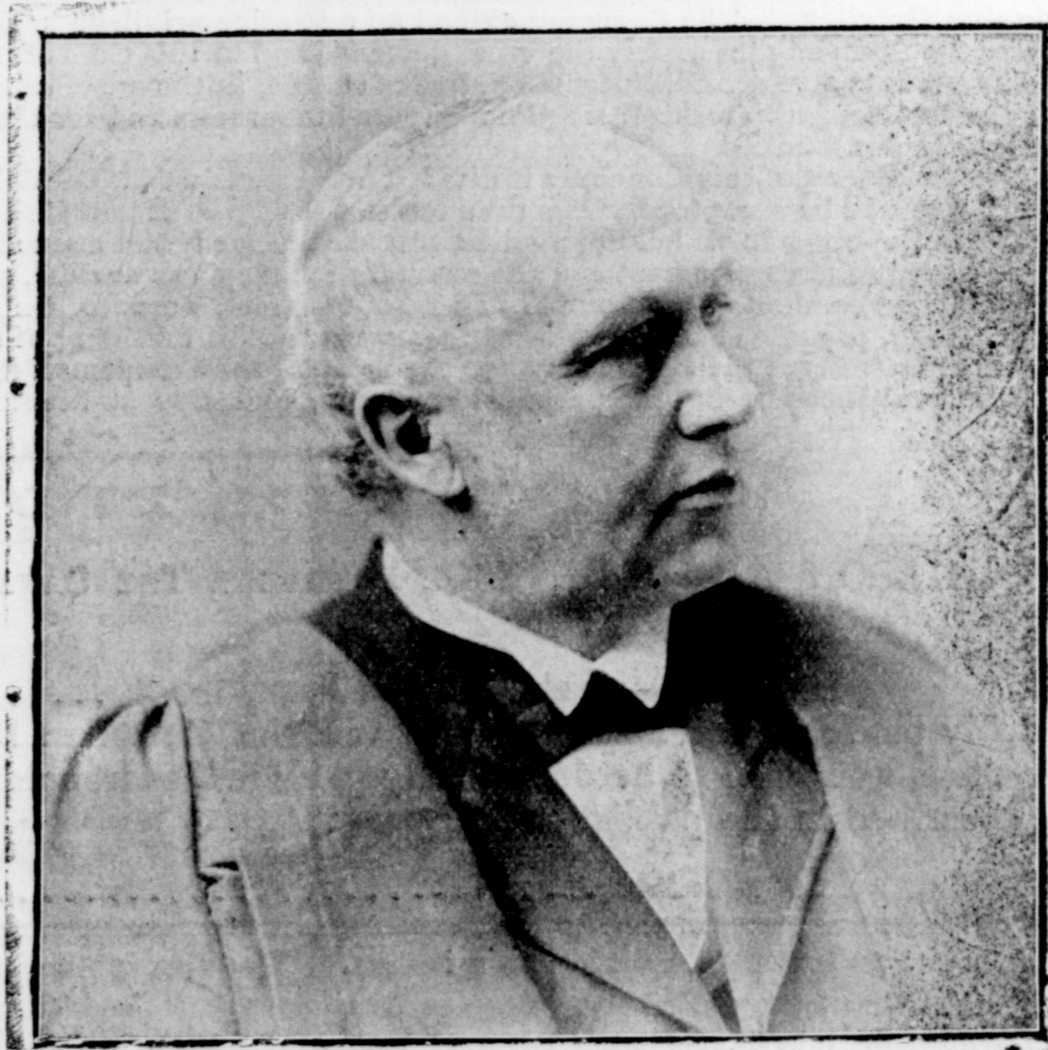
The first of the week the young ladies of Trinity church held what was called 'A Violet Tea,' and a very excellent affair it was. One of the City's enterprising journals devoted much space to a description of the entertainment and spoke in the highest terms of its success. It rather distracted from its article, however, by ending up with the following paragraph:

The young ladies to whose efforts the pretty effect is due deserve much credit for the distaste displayed and the success of the tea, even though the weather is adverse cannot but be assured.

The following paragraph taken from the paper speaks for itself. It says:—"Mrs Calhoun is quite seriously ill at the home of her mother Mrs. J. V. Ellis, Princess street. Her many friends are glad to hear this." The insertion of the words "are glad," for "will regret," gives quite a different meaning.

One of our leading physicians had a son married this week in the States. The event was a brilliant one and on the day of its occurrence The Globe told us in detail of the ceremony but concludes with this rather startling and confused ending—

circumstances. At the gathering on that occasion, were assembled representatives from all the distinguished universities of America and Great Britain, and all spoke in the highest praise of the work done by the Provincial University in years past, and prophesied a successful future. Since that time the college has proceeded along under the most favorable auspices. The seed that has been sown is already beginning to bear fruit and the new life instilled into her by her graduates and friends continues to flourish. During the winter the government, feeling the good work the University is doing and is trying to do, believed that it had so placed itself in the favour of the people that it was felt that the giving of further financial aid would be a wise and judicious move. According a bill was introduced into the legislature giving a grant of one thousand dollars per year for twelve years to the institution. The bill met with the unanimous approval of the house and became law. Thus in this respect the old university has been a great gainer in the past twelve months. Then with the past year the new engineering building has been constructed, fitted up and is now in thorough order. The great



CHANCELLOR HARRISON.

"Mr. and Mrs. Walker will live at West Somerville. Mr. Walker, who only left expense. They now feel they are on the responsible position in Boston."

Umbrellas Made, Re-covered, Repaired. Duxal 17 Waterloo.

value of this building to the old college cannot be estimated. It comes to fill a long felt want and it cannot but be a strong arm in the future to the university's success.

It would be impossible to give anything like a list of names of famous men the

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