

### Awards to Spinsters.

A quaint custom has been observed in connection with Holsworthy fair, which closed recently, in the awarding of a money prize to a young woman "generally esteemed as the most deserving, most hardworking and most noted for her quietness and attendance at church."

Miss Rosa Basset was selected for the honor of fulfilling all these requirements, and became the possessor of £2 10, in accordance with a singular bequest of a former rector.

Under the same will the sum of five shillings is annually given to the spinster over 60 years of age who "is noted for the like virtues, and is not in receipt of parish pay." This gift was presented to Miss Ohing.

It is three years since any award was made of this money, spinsters being very scarce at Holsworthy.

### No Fiction.

It was a clerk in a Detroit bookstore of whom a prim matron demanded a book for her son. "No fiction, please," she explained, "but absolute, literal truth, without unnecessary verbiage or absurdly fanciful pictures."

"Well, madam"—The bookseller paused, his eye running over his shelves; then, with a flash of inspiration, he took down a volume. "I should think this might meet your requirements," he said, and he handed her a popular geometry.

### The Foolish Boss.

The office boy never can understand why the head of the institution is afraid things might not go on just the same if he took a vacation.—Chicago Record-Herald.

## NEW BRUNSWICK PROTESTS.

### Geo. W. Fowler Cause of all the Trouble. Tories after him with a Sharp Stick.

As already announced in these columns election protests were filed on Saturday afternoon against Mr. O. S. Crockett, in York, Dr. Daniel in St. John city, Hon. Dr. Pugsley in St. John city and county, and Dr. McAllister in Kings-Albert. There would have been no protests filed but for Mr. George W. Fowler, who resisted the pressure put upon him by Premier Hazen, Mr. W. H. Thorne, Dr. Daniel, Mr. Crockett and others, and positively refused his consent to a saw-off. It is needless to say that the Tory leaders are raging mad at Fowler for his stubbornness, and declare that they will have nothing more to do with him in a political sense.

New Brunswick now has two Tory members of parliament, and it is the general opinion of those who can read the signs of the times, that if the protests are fought out and new elections held the province will have a solid Liberal delegation at Ottawa.

The protest against Dr. McAllister was filed at four minutes to four o'clock by Mr. W. B. Jonah, who is Mr. Fowler's law partner and handy man. He arrived in the city by the morning train with the papers and was prevented from filing them earlier in the day by Messrs. Daniel and Crockett. Three gentlemen, along with Mr. A. B. Wilmot, Mr. R. B. Hanson and a few others assembled in Mr. Crockett's law office, and spent the day wrangling and fighting like tom-cats. They appealed to Fowler over the telephone, and when he refused to consent to a saw-off, he was called down by Daniel and Crockett in all the moods and tenses. The only cause for surprise is that the telephone wires were able to withstand the strain put upon them.

Failing to whip Mr. Fowler into line, Premier Hazen and Boss Thorne were appealed to, and they made a special train to Sussex to find Fowler in his den. When one o'clock came and no favorable word had been received from Sussex, the Fredericton caucus adjourned to meet again after luncheon. The re-assembled at two o'clock to await a report from Messrs. Hazen and Thorne. Several reports came to hand during the afternoon, but they were not of the right kind, and were summarily rejected. It is said that the language used by the disappointed ones almost raised the roof from the building, and they could find no color too black to paint the Sussex land speculator black enough. The last bulletin came in at 3.50 o'clock, and announced that Fowler was still standing to his guns. When this message came to hand, Lawyer Jonah arose from his seat, placed a firm hand upon his breast pocket, grabbed his dice and bolted out of the door before a hand could be raised to check him. He dashed down Queen street to the office of the Clerk of the Pleas closely followed by Mr. R. B. Hanson, Mr. J. H. Crockett and a reporter for the Gleaner. As he entered the office of Mr. Allen he was heard to mutter the words, "Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war."

Seated in the office of the Clerk of the Pleas calmly awaiting the decision were Mr. C. F. Sanford of St. John, and Mr. Peter J. Hughes of this city, with petitions against the return of Dr. Daniel and Mr. O. S. Crockett, in their possession. The crisis came when Jonah blew into the room, and after he had handed a petition to the clerk they promptly followed his example.

The fact that no protest was entered against the return of Col. McLean, M. P. for Sunbury-Queens, caused a surprise. It is known that a protest had been prepared by a St. John lawyer, and placed in the hands of Mr. A. B. Wilmot. The latter was here on Saturday with the protest and the necessary cash, and promised to make trouble for the Tory members who were so anxious for a saw-off. It was not until they had succeeded in suppressing him that Fowler's man appeared on the scene, and made more trouble.

All four protests allege bribery and corruption on the part of the respondents and their agents.

### GOL. McLEAN INTERVIEWED

Tells of Tory Hustle to Call Fowler Off.

Col. McLean, who returned to St. John on Saturday evening, in an interview with a Telegraph reporter

yesterday, gave a graphic account of the exciting incidents which accompanied the filing of the petitions. "When Mr. Jonah appeared on the scene on Saturday morning with a protest against Dr. McAllister," said Col. McLean, "it was like a bolt from blue for the Conservatives. It had been practically agreed among all parties that there should be no protests, and Mr. Fowler was understood to have been one of those who consented. The greatest consternation prevailed in the Conservative camp, and the wires to Sussex were kept hot in a continuous effort to induce Mr. Fowler to come into line. Every prominent Conservative in the province who could be reached was pressed into the service. Mr. Hazen and W. H. Thorne among others were called in to assist.

Bets were offered freely that the efforts to induce Mr. Fowler to withdraw would prove successful. As 4 o'clock approached, the legal representatives of the members interested, with the exception of Mr. Jonah, took their seats around the clerk's table, and sat watching each other, the Liberals ready to file a protest in response to any such move on the part of the Conservatives. When the hands of the office clock pointed to 4, there was a general request to Mr. Allen to close up, and his announcement that it was five minutes past, and that he would take the time by his own watch only, served to add to the excitement. A scout arrived with the news that no one was in sight, and everyone was congratulating everybody else that there would be no protests, when word was brought in that Mr. Jonah, pursued by several Conservative politicians in hot argument, had been seen hurrying down the street.

"Mr. Jonah dashed in exactly at four minutes to four and placed his petition and \$1,000 in bills, in the clerk's hands. Then everybody else became busy, and the other three protests were filed. I understand," added Col. McLean, "that Mr. Jonah's watch was wrong, and he thought he had twenty minutes to spare." It was very exciting.

### CONSERVATIVES ANGRY OVER IT.

"The Conservative friends of Dr. Daniel and Mr. Crockett," remarked Col. McLean, laughing, "are very angry with Mr. Fowler. James H. Crockett, Orwald Crockett and Dr. Daniel came down from Fredericton Saturday night, and I am informed, went through to Sussex to spend Sunday with him in earnest exhortation and to show him the error of his ways."

Speaking of the petition which had been filed against Dr. Pugsley's election, Col. McLean said an offer was made to Dr. Pugsley on Friday, not to protest his election if no petitions were filed against Dr. Daniel, but that he would not agree to the proposal. Dr. Pugsley took the ground that as leader of the party, he must protect his supporters and that if any petitions were filed against a Liberal member in New Brunswick, protests against the return of Dr. Daniel and Mr. Crockett should be proceeded with. He insisted that his own convenience must not be consulted in a way that would sacrifice the interests of Dr. McAllister or any other Liberal member.

The election petitions against Hon. William Pugsley alleges among other things that he used his position as a minister of the Crown to promise contracts, with a view of influencing votes and also that he extorted money from contractors to be used in corrupting the electorate.

The Judges selected to try the York petition are Chief Justice Barker and Judge Gregory. For the two St. John petitions the judges named are Judges White and Hanington, and the Kings-Albert petition will be tried by Judges Landry and McLeod.

### DOMESTIC EVENTS

Mr. Charlet H. Weddall of John J. Weddall & son is being heartily congratulated to-day over the arrival of twin girls at his home yesterday.

### SKATING.

The season's skating will begin, with band, at Arctic rink tonight. Ice in good condition.—Dec. 6, 1914.

### NEW RAISINS

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## PLEASED WITH PASTOR.

### Rev. Dr. Smith of St. Paul's Created a most favorable impression in his opening Sermons--Outline of Morning Discourse.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith, the new pastor of St. Paul's church, preached his introductory sermons yesterday to large congregations and it is no exaggeration to say that he made a splendid impression. His discourses were appropriate and well considered, his language was simple yet convincing, and he had no difficulty in holding the closest attention of the congregation and sustaining his reputation as an eloquent, scholarly and earnest preacher. He is undoubtedly the right man to unite and inspire the congregation of old St. Paul's church.

At the morning service Rev. Dr. Smith chose for his text Paul's Epistle to the Colossians, 1-28; "Whom ye preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom that we may present every man perfect in Jesus Christ." He went on to speak of the greatness of Paul as a preacher, declaring that no man except the Saviour himself had done more to shape the thought of the world. He thought it might be well for him to go back two thousand years to the time of that great man in order to properly present to the congregation an outline as to what the functions of a minister should be at the beginning of the twentieth century. In the old days the pulpit was used as a medium of announcing tidings of God, but today conditions are different. A great many things are listened to from the pulpit, and the church may have overlooked its mission to hold Jesus Christ before the world as the Saviour and friend of the people. He went on to say that when a man was sick he did not want to hear the theory of medicine discussed, but he wanted treatment that he might regain his health. It seemed to him that the mission of the church was not to tell the people that Jesus lived in the world two thousand years ago, but it should be impressed upon them that he is today our Saviour and ready to fill our souls with joy.

The pastor referring to Paul's work as a preacher pointed out that he always moved among men and did not preach Christ in a limited narrow sense, but cited facts that his own experience in pointing Him out as the Divine Saviour. The business of the preacher today is to preach Jesus Christ and make the world see His relation to history, science and philosophy. By Christ all things were created and all things exist. He is the living working power in human life today and it is the duty of the Christian preacher to keep him before the world so that people can see Him in all His power and glory.

In regard to methods Dr. Smith considered it the duty of the preacher to warn every man and get down deep enough into the matter that he might know where the danger existed. There are a great many temptations in the world, but they come to us robed in garments of white. Many fine intellects have been dragged down by these seductive influences. If men could only see sin at the beginning as they see it at the end they would never allow themselves to be dragged into it. It is therefore the duty of the preacher to warn the people against sin. Sometimes the danger touches personal character, sometime it touches our civic life and political life, and it is the duty of the preacher to warn people against it. Some people think that a minister takes delight in unfolding the sins of the society, but they make a mistake in order if they think that. It is no delight to a surgeon to cause pain, but in order to heal the patient he must do it. It is the same with the minister, in order to destroy those among

things that blight the soul he must point out the danger. Continuing, the preacher said that after the people had been warned of danger, they must, according to the method of Paul, be taught in all wisdom. He thought there was a marvelous universality about this gospel and it is marvelous to think that it is for everybody. It was the duty of the minister to preach the wisdom, and knowledge that come from God, and he saw in this a strong argument in favor of Bible study. If every man and woman could be made to believe in the love of God it would be the greatest transforming power the world ever knew.

Another line of religious teaching, the preacher pointed out, is along moral lines, and it is important that the message of God should be applied to the everyday problems of life. The danger signal must be raised when evil is in the way, so that men may walk in liberty. He declared that the real aim of preaching was not to secure a big church, a big congregation and a big subscription list, although he believed in these things, but to develop human character, and make men and women like Jesus Christ. The perfection of human character he considered the grandest work of today. He admired the work of the philosopher and the scientist, but the crowning glory of all is to be able to take a stand without fault before the Lord Jesus Christ. No other work can compare with the work of perfecting the human spirit, and all can take part in it. He urged the people to keep their minds open before Christ, and to keep their dispositions sweet and pure, so that they could love what He loved and hate what He hated.

In conclusion he remarked that he and the people of St. Paul's were beginning their work together. His work was God's work and they were co-workers with him. It would be his privilege to reap from the work accomplished by those who had preceded him, as he hoped others in the future would be able to reap from his work. All he wanted was the people to work with him. He did not claim that his work or his sermons were perfect, but he would labor faithfully among them and if they would cooperate with him he had not the slightest doubt that the reward would come.

At the evening service the church was again crowded, and the pastor's able discourse was followed with the keenest interest. The musical portion of the service included a vocal solo admirably rendered by Miss Margaret Kelly.

### THE STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—(Special)—Opening prices of stocks disclosed some wide changes in prices from last week both ways, but these were in the minor securities. The general list moved irregularly but within a narrow range.

Amalgam Copper	83 1/2
Atchafalpa	98 1/2
Can. Pac.	177
Erie	34 1/2
Great Northern Pfd	143 1/2
Missouri Pacific	65 1/2
New York Central	117 1/2
Reading	140 1/2
Penna.	129 1/2
Southern Pacific	117 1/2
Northern Pacific	142 1/2
Union Pacific	181 1/2
U. S. Steel	55

Mr. C. N. Skinner, K. C. of St. John is among the guests at the Baker.

Dr. Thomas Walker of St. John is among the guests at the Queen.

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