

"Fairly" Was Missing.
 an Gordon, who was the first man
 the church in Jamaica Plain, about
 1771, was a Scotchman, very
 and arbitrary in his manners, and
 and exactly in his own habits.
 following anecdote of him is recorded
 daily journal of one of his old
 sons.

Sunday while preaching he began
 develop his theme with the usual
 and got through that and "second"
 then turning the leaves of his
 trips he said: Thirdly, a second
 thirdly, and again in great
 excitement, "Thirdly!"
 then a little girl in one of the front
 pews up and said:
 "Yes, sir, thirdly flew out of the
 same time ago."

Exquisite Blood.
 in Cincinnati there is an Irishman
 to many other good Irishmen, is
 his loyalty to his native land.
 morning not long ago he was at
 near the top of a telephone pole,
 it a bright green, when the pot of
 tipped and splashed on the sidewalk.
 minutes later another Irishman
 long. He looked at the paint, then
 countryman on the ladder, coming
 the pole and inquired, with anxiety
 one:
 "Doherty, how're ha a himorr-"

on-Smith—I thought you had
 this young woman.

on Jones—So I thought; but she
 in reply to my proposal, that she
 ever trust her life's happiness with
 who puts postage stamps on upside

"Friend Charles," asked a Quaker, "why
 does then use thy buffalo robe with the
 hair side out?"
 "That is the way the buffalo wore it,"
 was the reply.
 "But," rejoined the Quaker, "the buffalo
 wore it with the hair side toward us."

Nell—What a delightful conversation-
 alist he is.
 Bette—What did he talk about?
 Nell—us.
 Mrs. Church—They say your husband
 squashes his employees.
 Mrs. G. Ham—Well, do you know, I've
 had my suspicions of these two blonde
 typewriters of his!

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The past week has been one of special gaiety. Many dances and at home were given and thoroughly enjoyed by those present. One of the pleasantest being the dance given by Mrs. Keltie Jones. The ball room was converted into a perfect bower of flowers, long festoons of smilax adorning the walls, while the mantels were banked with ferns, palms, roses and carnations. The dining room, library, reception room and parlours were also beautifully decorated. A large number were present and many handsome costumes were worn. A long programme of dances were gone through for which Harrison's orchestra furnished music.

That St. John theatre-goers were glad to have the Baker Stock company with them was well shown by the crowded houses which were given them every night this week. The company will stay with us next week and many little private theatrical parties have been planned for.

The absence of snow has caused many a disappointed heart this week. The sleighing parties and coasting parties which were to take place having all been postponed.

The many friends of Mrs. Robert Crawford will be glad to hear she is recovering from her recent illness.

Our young people who enjoyed themselves so thoroughly at the Neptune Bowling Club carnival are looking forward to the Haymarket Square Polymorphous Club carnival which is to take place in the Victoria rink on February 7.

Miss J. Seely left on Tuesday evening for a visit to Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of Moncton are among the city visitors.

Mr. Robert Macaulay intends to leave shortly for the west where he will continue his studies.

The ladies of St. Matthew's Presbyterian church held a Turkey supper on Thursday evening. The room was prettily decorated for the occasion and tables were waited on by a number of young ladies.

Mr. George Mabee who has been on a trip to Jamaica returned home on Wednesday.

The grand concert given in Carlton on Wednesday night, by Miss J. H. Tarbox, Miss Florence Rogers, Prof. Tins, and G. S. Mayes was a complete success in every way. Miss Rogers' readings were excellent and well rendered. Miss Tarbox sang "May Morning" and "Villanelle" and was recalled both times. The solos by Messrs Mayes and Tins were received with much applause. The vocalists were ably supported by their accompanist, Mrs. Mayes. The concert was one of the best ever given in the west and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Mr. I. G. Morris of New York is among the visitors in town.

A pleasant little function of the week was the tea given by the Women's Art Association on Wednesday afternoon. Miss Mary Smith delivered a lecture to members and their friends which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who had the pleasure to hear it. The following committee of ladies had charge of the arrangements:—

Mrs. Geo. Murray, Mrs. Silas Alward,
 Mrs. Charles de Forest, Mrs. Geo. McAvity,
 Mrs. S. H. Field, Mrs. Herbert Tilley,
 Miss McGivern, Miss Jones,
 Mrs. Charles Taylor, Miss Carman,
 Miss Constance Smith, Miss Stewart,
 Miss Mary McKean.

Mr. William Murray who has been spending some time in Montreal has returned home.

The many friends of Miss Tong of this city will be pleased to hear that she is progressing rapidly in her musical studies. She is at present in Boston and in March will sing at a recital to be given by her teacher.

Judge Wells of Moncton was in the city this week.

Mrs. and Miss Envy of West End have returned from a very pleasant trip to Boston.

Mr. J. T. Knight and Misses Alice and Margaret Knight left on Tuesday evening for Washington. The Misses Knight expect to spend the winter in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard O'Leary of Richibucto who were spending a few days in town returned home the first of the week.

Mrs. Smith of this city is visiting her sister Mrs. C. J. Willis of Amherst.

Mrs. Chas. Gibson received her friends on Thursday and Friday at her home on Main street.

Mr. George Hastings of Winnipeg who has been visiting his brother has returned home.

Miss Maude French of Amherst who has been visiting friends here has returned home.

Very Rev. Dean Partridge passed through the city on Wednesday en route to Glasgow.

Mr. Stephen Ayer of Sackville is spending a few days in town.

The home department of Portland Methodist church held an "at home" in the school room for their members on Tuesday evening. The following programme was rendered. Address by Rev. J. D. Freeman and Rev. George West, vocal solo by Mr. Hood and Miss Helen Brown, readings by Miss Armstrong and Miss Bertha Maxwell, piano solo by Mrs. M. L. Savage and a selection by the quartette. During the evening refreshments were served by some of the members of the department.

Mr. W. E. Truman left this week for Fredericton.

Mrs. A. W. Baird who is in poor health left on Tuesday for Boston where she will undergo an operation.

Mr. W. J. Shannon of Annapolis spent part of the week in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Osborne who have been visiting Montreal returned home this week.

Mr. Chas. Synolphe of Fredericton spent part of the week in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fowler of Sussex spent the first part of the week in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson of Halifax passed through the city on Wednesday en route home.

Mr. John B. Mathers of Halifax who has been visiting here has returned home.

The death occurred at her home on Esplanade street on Friday morning of Miss Ellen Fyfe. The deceased was a bright and lovely young lady and her early demise will be heard with sincere regret.

The Ontario University held a reception for its

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scholars and friends on Friday night. The chief entertainment of the evening was dancing which was enjoyed by mostly all present. Cards and other games were also provided for those who did not dance. About midnight the happy crowd dispersed.

Mrs. A. Jardine left on the C. P. R. for Shediac on Thursday.

The Bachelor's Degree.

The least sensational and most important topic discussed by Pres. Eliot of Harvard University, in his annual report, is the new rule that only college graduates can be admitted to the law, medical and theological departments.

The meaning of that new rule is immense. It is very new, having been brought into complete enforcement only within the past year. It means the longest stride which has been toward the general advancement of culture in this country since Harvard also led the way in the adoption of the system of elective studies. All the other great colleges and universities will, sooner or later, follow suit in this movement, as they have done in that one. Where Harvard sets the pace, her would-be rivals must hasten to keep step.

How great the change is, and will be, by which a full course of college education is required for entrance into professional schools, can be seen by examining the catalogues of the most prominent law, medical and theological institutions of learning for the past 25 years. It will be found, indeed, that there has been a gradual improvement in this respect; but that, nevertheless, a considerable proportion of their students had no college degrees. We think that most people would be absolutely amazed at discovering the truth. It is the common idea that "the learned professions" are filled almost altogether by liberally educated men. They are filled with such to a very important extent; but if that can be said to be the rule, the exceptions are exceedingly numerous.

In New England the largest proportion of professional students having bachelor's degrees, will be found in theological seminaries the next largest in law schools, and the lowest in schools of medicine.

But it is to be said, in justice to the medical profession, that within recent years the most vigorous movement for raising the standard of general, as well as of professional, scholarship within the ranks of "the learned professions," has come from physicians.

Pres. Eliot points out that the requirements at Harvard for the degree of A. B. are not so burdensome but that capable and diligent students can graduate in three years. The privilege of doing so is a great innovation; and there is reason to think that an increasing number of students will avail themselves of it, being spurred on in many cases by the lengthening of the course required in post-graduate departments. It ought not need to be said, that the privilege of earning the A. B. degree in three years has not been provided by any letting down, whatsoever, of the standard of scholarship, either in quantity or in quality.

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