THEIR MOUTHS CLOSED.

This hasn't been a very joyous season for the Union Baptist seminary at St. Martins In fact, some of the ladies and gentlemen doubt if Christmas and New Years have

earth, good will to all men," was not in force within the seminary walls. The house is divided against itself. The faculty is

ago, when PROGRESS revealed some of the hidden secrets of the place, and told its readers what had taken place within the stately and commodious structure, which is and should be the pride of all good Bap-tists, many shook their heads and refused tists, many snook their neads and refused to believe that anything of the kind ever transpired. It was too bad to be true. The editor of the Messenger and Visitor nearly lost his base in his indignation, and said and wrote things about Progress which showed the disturbed state of his

ended. If rumors could be credited, the seminary could tell stories now that Pro-GRESS might hesitate to publish. It is a pity the truth cannot be told and give rumor a back seat. Despite the efforts of several newspaper men, the mouths of the faculty and the board of management are closed tight. Lock-jaw is about the only thing that would have a worse effect upon them. In fact, it is understood that while lighters and sworn silence, the pledge of secrecy has been taken, and anything worth

This much is known. The esteeme nembers of the faculty are at sword's Thomas, appears to have drawn upon her the wrath of three resident members of the faculty. The war has been raging for time, and a few weeks ago the under-ing was arrived at that the Christmas

vacation would put an end to the fight and perhaps to some of the faculty. It can well be understood, then, that the approach of the festive season was not hailed with any great joy. Students and teachers felt that a pall hung over them. doubt they were exaggerated; no doubt what has reached the public is colored. It reason for the investigation been set forth and stopped idle rumors.

them. It would take too much space and, besides, some of them are not appropriate for family reading.

When a student is expelled, the reasons

The semi-authorative statement has also aculty are against the preceptress in the into his basket and he was told to "git." He did so—to a retired corner on the to the preceptress. If she is on trial the wharf, and there in the sun he examined his themselves as ridiculous as they please be

not a happy one. If the burden is shared equally by all it should be light enough, as station. The bottle was empty and all the includes president Mont. McDonald; vice president, Wm. Peters; treasurer, John March; secretary A. A. Wilson; and ectors Hon. Geo E. Foster, E. McLeod, Q. C. Foster McFarlane, M. D. David Vaughn, R. C. Elkin, Thomas L. Hay, A. C. Smith, John McGinty, Wm. Peters, James Paterson and all the ordained ministers of the Baptist and Free Baptist

too much money have been expended upon the institution to have any calamity befall it now. The managing board has a great work before it. Sentiment can have no place in its countils if the best results are to had. The first need is a good head for the institution—a good principal. The man for the place must be above reproach in every particular: and more reproach in the place must be above reproach in the is after. If, as is alleged, he is the main representation of the place must be above reproach in the institution of the ins well known among those who will support well known among those who will support the institution. The implanting of a stranger was not a wase move. This has

MORE THAN THEY COULD STAND.

They were genial old men, known throughout "the tight little island" as fond of good was tun for all their hearers. Each had the peculiarity of telling a good story upon every occasion when an appreciative audience could be found. Their stories

Amid clouds of smoke and chaff Jones remarked: "Talking about ice reminds me of when I used to go to school in Summerside. I lived in Charlottetown at the time and though Summerside was about 70 miles away I never was late. I came pretty near being tardy one morning, though. I overslept myself and when I got my skates on opposite my knowe? I had just 20 minutes to get to that school latens, about 70 miles away. I got there just as 'Order' was called. Fast? Well, I guess I did go fast. There was a great gale after me and that was a great help. I had my pen behind my ear—we used quill pens then—and it fell to the ice and was off like a shot, propelled by the wind. I chased it 70 miles away I never was late. I came a shot, propelled by the wind. I chased it for all I was worth but I didn't catch it I would have, though, but for an accident. I went down an air hole when within three miles of my destination, and I tell you, boys, I was going so fast that when, as good luck would have it, I popped up opposite our school house, I wasn't a bit

wet. I'll never forget that skate."

The smoke was thicker, the silence somewhat oppressive. Smith broke it: "Brown, weren't you at that circus that

was here about 60 years ago—the one with the man and a ladder?" Brown murmured an affirmative and Smith continued: "That fellow did the greatest trick I ever saw, and yet it was simple. He had a ladder 388 feet long, and he stood it on end and climbed to the top. When he got there he stood on his head, and then descended safely, balancing himself and the ladder all the time."

The air was heavy with smoke, and many ninutes passed before the calm was dis-

"I don't think you were there, Smith, but the same fellow was back again. He had improved, and his ladder was longer. It was just 414 feet long. I remember the number from the two 4's. He balanced the ladder and climbed to the top-then he pulled it up after him."

Smith and Jones sprang to their feet and shouted, "Brown, that's a lie!"

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Mr. Paul, the Milicete philosopher, is a most persevering mendicant. No rebuffs deter him. For some time he was a daily committee is glad to escape without the commit for the expulsion are usually given out. It is stated that one of the young men in the institution was expelled. Why? has not been stated.

The deter nm. For some time he was a daily morning visitor in a city bank. His eyes would rest with an unsatisfied, longing expression upon the teller's bank notes. Mr. Paul's visits became monotone. whiskey label but contained nothing but try it again, and with similar results. water discolored with red ink, was thrust into his basket and he was told to "git." In the absence of a censorship of amuse-ments, there is nothing to prevent any nvestigation should be conducted without the publication of any such opinion.

The color was fine, and with a fore the public. Nor is there anything to deep sigh of satisfaction, Mr. Paul gave prevent their seeking notoriety by using evidence went to show that red ink and sham.

water were too much for Mr. Paul.

Mr. James Prince, father of the fair and interesting plaintiff who wants \$15,000 damages from a fascinating Nova Scotian for breach of promise was surprised, so those who know him say, to see the facts of the suit so soon before the St. John public. The people want to see the seminary grow and flourish. They want success to go and in hand with it. They want success to go home on Sewell street. Mr. Prince can be let alone as a man who knows what he is about. He doesn't have much to say as a general thing, but his sentences are always to the point. He is one of the well-known attaches of the chamberlain's office, and when he calls upon a citizen his visit

All That Was Good For Them.

The newsboys didn't stand on ceremony Inried by in to ne of their virtues. When ley departed they carried away all the tury and plum pudding that was good for em.

Score one for the much maligned Portland policeman. He put in "a timely appearance" the other night when a crowd of precious young villains stopped the wagon of the mail collector, with intent to assault and probably rob him. The valiant officer contented himself by "shooing" them away and made no arrests. The horrible threat is made that they will be preceded the is made that they will be prosecuted "the next time."

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SIR JOHN C. ALLE , K. C. M. G.

man in the provinces most deserved dis-

Whatever may be the opinions as to the desirability of having titles of knighthood in this country, all are agreed that Chief Justice Allen is entitled to all the honors country. His life and his acts have been Justice Allen is entitled to all the honors country. His life and his acts have been which his new dignity might lend him. beyond cavil. He has done his duty and detracted nothing from the lustre shed upon the bench by the able jurists who have pretinction of such a nature, it is morally ceded him. He has all the manly qualities certain that the Chief Justice would have which should distinguish the true knight. been selected by general consent. His life,
He has lived sans peur et sans reproche.
His new honors can add nothing to his has been a pure and noble one. He has been equally distinguished as a good citizen, an able lawyer, an exemplary Christian

IS THIS RANK TREASON? up a show to buy non-congealing oil to be

To Think Over—The Suggestions of a Correspondent, Who is Evidently Not in Sympathy With Past Efforts—Hints for Future

To the Editors of Progress:-The hearts of the good women of St. John are in the right place. Nobody doubts it. They are active in their efforts to do good. They are prodigal in the ex-penditure of their own time and energy. They want the people to second their efforts by being equally prodigal with their

ladies have an entertainment for the benefit of something. Sometimes the object of

the Public Library.
It is to be noted with pain that these entertainments are not usually remarkably successful, from either an artistic or financial point of view. Sometimes, after weeks have been spent in the elaborate preparacommittee is glad to escape without an have not been uncommon. The promoters of the enterprises have consoled th with the thought that they have had their fun and nobody has been hurt. Then they

number of well-meaning people making the name of the Public Library. It should,

ing institution, which merits more than it has got in the way of civic support, and it is unfair that the needed substantial grant

The result was that some hours were lost

There is good authority for saying that the majority of the Library committee has no sympathy with the misdirected efforts made in behalf of the institution. They would prefer to be let severely alone for the present. When they can affine the present. When they can affine the present is a severely alone for the present.

Either of these objects would give ambiti amateurs a chance to pose before the public, and either of them would be in much better taste than alleged benefits for the Public A PATRON.

[There is plenty] of room for co upon this somewhat sweeping contribution, but no time to make it this week.—EDS.]

thought he was getting a Christmas box, the other day, and was very much disap-pointed when he found out what was in it. He has a tenant who owes seven months' compliments of the season, handed over an envelope that felt as though there was mon-

"There it is, Mr. Blank," said the tenant, with the air of a man who was making himself square with the world. "I'm sorry I couldn't give it to you before." "Thank you! Thank you!" said the week.

landlord, effusively.
"Oh, don't mention it," the tenant re-

"It's your own property." he held. They didn't gladden. The sole contents of the envelope was a lonesome

works, Thursday, when the very terse announcement of a ten per cent. discount in the belle but it was impossible. She could the Gazette for, and that is it never however, be distinctly understood that the library committee is not a party to the wages for two months was made by Foreman McCallum. the bene but it was impossible. She could not help admiring the true American tact shown by Mrs. Murray and her daughter it, he says, to hurt your feelins. There is however, be distinctly understood that the library committee is not a party to the sham.

That good but rather impetuous work-

The Public Library is not an object of charity. It is not a professional beggar, standing, hat in hand, for people to drop their 25 cent pieces. It is a most deserving the proposed reduction was due to low contracts and the increased expenses of keep-

The result was that some hours were lost is prevented by a number of amiable and meddlesome people. It needs to be saved from its friends.

Why? Does not every dollar help? In this case, no. The amounts realized from time to time by these trumpery affairs are so utterly insignificant that they amount to nothing. But having the appearance of being something, they block the way for the greatly desired aid from the city. It is believed that an additional grant might

the present. When they can afford it they wil probably have less objection. At present they run too much risk of financial loss.

But the dear ladies need not lack for objects of charity. They can get up a benefit for the Bank of New Brunswick, which has just declared a semi-annual dividend of 6 per cent., and cannot possibly be injured by their zeal. Or they can get

THE CITY SOCIETY TALK.

FASHIONABLE EVENT AT MRS. CON-

ner at the best hotel in the city. There she met her old friend, Mrs. Gossip, who said that she felt quite sure that Cupid had been lurking around the corridors, everything had such a happy and joyous-appear few weeks. In return for this bit of confidence, Gossip felt it her duty to tell of use for her brother who will doubtless her place. After fully discussing these two items, the two friends found that they had come to the end of the menu, and retired to the parlor to talk over things in general. They touched on the gayeties, and wondered if this was going to be a dull ber of parties that were to be, and she boped it was true that three of these de-lightful gatherings were to be at the resi-dence of Judge King, Mr. J. H. Parks and Mr. H. D. Troop, for they were sure to be counted among the most enjoyable. Gossip agreed with her that it took an exto make a party of any kind a complete success. The dressing has a good deal to gathering, but then, St. John girls always did dress well, although their feet might not always meet with Ouida's appreciation

tion was interrupted by visitors who all sought to make the friends happy by con-

One told that Miss Maud Holman, from Prince Edward Island, would visit her would be here but a short time, as she is

on her way to Rochester, N. Y. Then they all chatted about the Old Folks' concert for Monday evening, and one described Mrs. Barton Gandy's dress that is over 150 years old. Yes, and Rumor heard that the tortoise-shell comb to be worn with it was quite 100 years old, the whole costume having been worn by Mrs. Gandy's tion to pay it. Christmas eve, however, he called on his landlord and tendering the on discussing other heirlooms, and Mrs. Gossip was sorry to leave, but she had yet downe rink, where she knew she would be highly entertained. So she bade Rumor an affectionate adieu, promising to see her long now that he's begun to get real again on Friday, when they would have a chance to talk over the social events of the Mr. Pitts is the editor of the Reporter.

> two busybodies, who were all excitement over the gayeties of Thursday.

from 4 o'clock until 7 in with such an entertaining host and hostess sauce is the best she ever tried. She says it is hard to realize when "time's up."

residence looked very brilliant, and all the Both Parties Were Reasonable.

There was some surprise in Harris's debutantes were looking most charming. It is debutanted were looking most charming. in making the young folks feel that they were having one of the pleasantest evenings in their life's history. Among the merry gathering she noticed the Misses E. Hall, he says, and has the ring of regular pious Agnes Warner, Josie Troop, Nina Keator, in 'em. But ma says the secretary must have B. Bostwick, Jeanne de Bury, Jack Hazen, fell from grace, cos he gets off the same old Carrie Seely, G. Cruikshanks, Edna Jones, prayer each time, and signs his name to it Gertie Dever, Lizzie Furlong, Mary Travers, Florence Snider, Carrie Fairweather, Jennie Hall, Bessie McLellan, Lollie Har-Jones, C. Troop, Jack Warner, Stewart Fairweather, W. Fairweather, H. Hazen, A. Hazen, Mortimer Robinson, H. Pudding-ton, G. Keator, H. Drury, Russel Sturdee, Gossip and Rumor were just beginning

to discuss some of the pretty dresses but they were actually rendered speechless for a few seconds by little Miss Report stating

Twenty-Rec hundred New Novels at McAr-thur's Bookstore, 80 King street.

dence of a gentleman in this city a few days ago. The owner was ont and the instructions the apathetic domestic received was to say that Mr. Duval, from Hull, called. When her master returned he was informed that during his absence Mr. Devil, from Hell, had been there.

The London House Retail has began its annual sale of cottons, Linear and Hamburg Embroidery.

FREDERICTON'S BAD BOY

Being's I didn't mention some things I seen round town in my last composition, now then I guess I'll just mention a tem

more things what ought to be wrote up.

There is five papers got out in Fredericton,—the Farmer, the Capital, the Gleaner the Reporter and the Royal Gazette. The editor of the Farmer is a very fat man. wont lay flat, but when he's writin' scathin he was a Anarchist. Sister says the girls all likes Mr. Macnutt and takes the Farmer for banga and bustles. Andy Lipsett is the war editor of the Farmer and it makes Captain Capiley mad when he sees Andy come ont with a column of infantry three days before he can fix banets in the Capital.

Captain Cropley is editor of the Ca He says the sword is mightier than the captin but pa says he thinks the proof is read by the Bishop and the coadjutor. They don't sell Capitals on the streets now because the captin says he cant print enough to meet the demand. If there is any fi

Jim Crockett runs the Gleaner which Mr. Gregory writes the articles, sayin' we was really in hopes Mr. Gregory could be prevailed upon to run for mayor. it was no use for Gregory to hope for Gregory, cos Gregory was too obstinit to give in to sech a man as Gregory. Gregory won't tackle Hazen. Pa says Gregory could beat the nigger footman, but ma says he'd better keep clear of the colored trash from this out altogether. Jim Crockett is one of our leadin' citizens. He is very popular with the boys. When Jim walks down front street with his hat shoved back his oosom heavin' out, and his thumbs under gutter till Jim gets past. Jim don't know days swearin' to sellin' more Gteamers in London than the London Times. (I guess as Progress says he never heard of what happened to Ananias.) Pa says the Gleaner reminds him of the story of Kernel Yes, says he. Then, says the coon, I'll printin', only when Jim pints the gun at the coon he just grins at him and don't come down. And he's been pintin' it so

Ma says Pitts is very funny, but he gets the passel of girls Pitts has got in that printin' place. Every girl, he says, takes two more girls to fix her mistakes. The Then he got out of the way and the land-lord, humming a tune to himself, set out to gladden his eyes with the \$60 he thought there ain't many temperance men so liberal

> The Royal Gazette is a good paper, too. It scoops in things the other ones miss so boastful like, as if his receipee for prayin' couldn't be tripped.

rison, and Messrs. H. Fairweather, Fred.
Jones, C. Troop, Jack Warner, Stewart
sick last Sunday so he couldn't preach, bein' things and ought to be adjusted to the J. Keator, Fred. Temple, L. Hall, Gorden
McLeod and H. Clinch.

environments of his being" right away. I
don't know what them long words mean but sister wrote 'em down for me and I just put 'em in for fun.

Pa says he feels bad about this hi feelin' goin' on so long twixt Nelson Cliff that Mr. Walter—Walter—oh! she forgot his other name—but any way he and the assessors. He says they never will be good friends. The assessors, he cays, the petite blonde were to be married about the 14th of this month.

TATTLER

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Tattler wards 'em. And now he's started for Florida again just as the assessors was goin' to start for him. It's handy to have a brother on the board, too; it helps the family out all around. Nelson is a long man, and I guess his head is too long for the poor assessors.

JIMAT SECTION.

Fredericton, Jan. 1.