Mr. Edison, after working out his problem with reference to the application of the electric light to the ordinary uses ef life, to his own satisfaction, has obtained a patent for his invention, and the process by which he proposes to accomplish his purpose is now made public. The New York Herald gives the following description of the mode by which Mr. Edison expects to apply the electric light to domestic uses :-

The letters patent issued to Edison embrace two distinct points of the utmost importance in electrict illumination. These are first, a means of regulating automatically the electric current passing through an incandescent conductor, so as to prevent the temperature of the latter from rising to a melting or fus. ing point. Second, by causing the heat generated by the incandescence of the conductor to expand the air or fluid filling the chamber of the lamp and thus moves a diaphragm or other yielding material, which operates so as to limit the passages of the current through the conductor to a degree no more or less than will be sufficient to produce a given amount of light by the incandescence of the conductor. It will be readily seen that these two results are essential to a successful and economical employment of electricity for ordinary illumination. The first is obtained by the expansion of the conductor itself through the heat generated by the resistance it offers to the passage of the current, which causes it to lengthen and operate a lever that in turn completes a circuit which produces a diminution of the electric current and consequently a momentary reduction of the energy operating to produce incandescence. But as this diminution is so rapidly completed and followed by a renewal of the energetic flow, the eye cannot percive the changes that take place, and there is pratically no decrease of light. The second object is attained by a very ingenious system of diaphragms, which are as sensitive to the influence of atmospheric or fluid expansion by heat as those of the telephone are to the impact of the feeblest air waves. Contacts can be made so exact by almost micrometric adjustments of the contact point, that the slightest variation of temperature will close the circuits or open them as the case may be. It is clear, therefore, that of a given measure of electricity conducted | Margaret Lynn, all of St. John. to the first of a series of lights placed on one circuit only so much as will be absolutely necessary to produce the desired effect of incandescence can be expended. The surplus must go on by the main conductor until the series is supplied. So long as the supply of electricity necessary to secure a uniform effect on a given number of lights is maintained at the battery or electro-dynamic generator, so long will these lights give an illumination equal to that degree for which they are constructed. As by adjustments the measure of electricity to each lamp can be regulated exactly, so we can have a brilliant or low light as we desire. These are the main features of the Edison electric light.

CURIOUS COINCIDENCE IN AGE.-Dr. Irenæus Prime, in the New York "Observer," mentions the following coincidence in ages: At a funeral of a distinguished citizen of New York a large number of the clergy were present by special invitation. The late Rev. Dr. Spring, pastor of the Brick Church, was one who bore a part in the service. As we were leaving the house to enter the carriage in waiting, he took my arm, for his eyes were dim and his steps uncertain. I assisted him into the carriage, and Dr. DeWitt took a seat by his side. Dr. Vermilye entered also, and I was shutting the door when one of them bade me come in. I said, " No, my place is with the younger brethren." This was speedily overruled, and I was seated with these fathers of the church. As the procession moved Dr. Vermilye said to me: "You declined our company because of your youth; pray how old art thou?" "I am fifty-one; and you?" Dr. V. responded, "Sixty-one." We turned to Dr. DeWitt and begged to know his age, and he said, "I am seventyone." It was now the patriarch's turn to speak; we looked our desires to Dr. Spring, and he answered, "If I live until Febru ary next I shall be eighty-one." Perhaps a more extraordinary coincidence in ages was never ascertained; four men finding themselves in the same carriage, with a decade between the years of their birth; now all them beyond the half century, and ascending by tens to fourscore.

## TENDERS.

Tenders will be received by this Department at Tenders will be received by this Department at Ottawa, up to the 14th May next, for the construction of a Lighthorse Tower with Dwelling attached, and Outbuildings, on Saint Esprit Island County Richmond, Cape Breton, N.S.

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# MARRIED.

At New Haven, P.E.I., on the 10th inst., by the Rev H. P. Cowperthwaite, Mr. William Balls to Miss Jane, daughter of Charles Colwill,

At the Methodist Church, South Richmond, on the 22nd, by the Rev Wm. Harrison, Mr. Allieon Hall to Miss Ida Florence McKeen, both of Richmond, Carleton Co.

On the 24th April, by Rev. A. Alcorn, at the residence of the bride's father, Hugh Lambert to Jane Wilson, both of Spring Hill Mines.

At the Methodist Church, Andover, on the 17th inst., by the Rev. James Crisp. Miss Knapton, of England, to Rev. Samuel Thompson, of the Methodist Protestant Church, of Canaan, Wayne County, Penn,, U.S.

At the Methodist Church, Truro, N. S., on the 23rd April, by Rev. J. A. Rogers, Mr. George M. Jarvi, Chief Train Despatcher, Intercolonial Railway, Moncton, to Frances, daughter of J. B. McCully, Esq., of Truro.

At Williamstown, Carleton Co., April 16th, by Rev. J. J. Colter, Robert McCrea, M.D., formerly of Wickham, Queen's Co., to Sarah, second daughter of Mr. Thomas Lindsay.

By the same, April 23rd, near Centreville, parish of Wilmot, Mr. John D. Smith to Ida C. Hamilton.

At the Methodist Parsonage, Carleton, on April 15th, by the Rev. R. W. Weddall, Mr. Samuel McLean to Miss Margaret A. Smith, both of Blissville, Sunbury Co., N.B.

At the same place, by the same, on the evening of April 24th, Mr. John Cunningham to Miss On the 19th March, at Wallace, by Rev. Josep,

Hale, Mr. Harmon Horton to Miss Lydia Millar both of Wallace. On the 17th April, at Spring Hill Mines, by Rev. Joseph Hale, George, eldest son of William Hall, Manager of Spring Hill Mines, to Miss Mary Macdonald.

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