The New Year.

We must write 1896 now. One more year has been added to the countless ages of the past, and to-day we enter upon a New Year. Whether we spent it well or ill, whether to us its record is one of success or of failure, it is gone, and all the gold of earth could not history is written down to the last line of the last page, and while we may look back at ory with feelings of pride or regret, according as it speaks to us of duty well done or of opportunities neglected, we can-

threatening and there is every hope that ere The prospect for a year of peace is but in-different; still, it is to be hoped that peace may prevail among the nations, and that to the people of our fair province the year upon which we are to-day entering may prove one of prosperity and happiness.

-A by election for the Canadian parliagovernment and opposition is a novel experience in Canadian politics; yet that is what occurred in Cardwell, Ontario, on the day before Christmas, when a follower of tion by the government and of a supporter in the House was, however, offset by the much severer defeat the liberal party sustained in that contest, as the candidate of that party did not get enough votes to save his deposit. But, in Montreal Centre, where another by-election took place last week, the candidate carrying the election by a majority of over 300 where at the last general election a supporter of the government was elected by over 1200 majority. This was a sweeping the successful candidate pledged himself to favor remedial legislation. These by-elections have helped greatly to complicate the school question, already sufficiently compligoes against the government in order to oppose remedial legislation, Catholic conservative Montreal Centre elects a liberal who favors remedial legislation, because that queswhen it is remembered that Mr. Angers left the government because the school question was not pushed through last session and that Clark Wallace has just resigned because it is to be dealt with this session, it will be seen that things are getting somewhat mixed. However, parliament is to meet during the present week and it will be interesting to watch developments.

Three Important Reforms.

SUPERINTENDENT MCKAY ASKS FOR CHANGE

(New York Index Dr. A. H. McKay, superintendent of education for Nova Scotia, is evidently a man who concerns himself about some things much more important than the usual small details of pedagogy. In a paper lately printed he discusses not the little reforms, but the three great reforms which public education requires. One of these is the reform of our weights and measures so as to bring them under the decimal system, and throw out of all our common schools the whole miserable, perplexing and time wasting mathematics of what are called the "com pound rules." The change to what is called the French or decimal system ought to be introduced as speedily as possible, and

IT WOULD BE A GREAT BOON TO THE WORLI and the English and American commerce to be in touch with that of the rest of the world. It is now thirty-one years since the metric system was legalized in Great Britain, twen ty-nine years since it was legalized in the United States, and nearly twenty-five years since it was legalized in Canada. The people have full liberty to use this new and simpler system. Trade congresses show a growing anxiety in reference to the matter. There ought to be a co-ordinate movement through the whole English speaking world to impress on our governments the advantage of a simultaneous change. Every scientific man believes in it. Meters and grams are more convenient than yards and ounces; and months of time would be saved to our boys and girls in schools and miles of figures to our clerks and merchants if the change could he would. There is nothing that stands in the properties of the day, which passed of pleasantly and soberly, all seeming to unite in observing the day with becoming respect. and the English and American commerce t lieves in it. Meters and grams are more convenient than yards and ounces; and months of time would be saved to our boys and girls in schools and miles of figures to our cierks and merchants if the change could be made. There is nothing that stands in the way except slow conservatism. A second and much more important reform, according to Dr. McKay, and we heartily agree with him, is that which would save at least two years of the elementary education of our children—the reform of English spelling. About the only objection to it is that its adoption would sweep away at once the peculiar accomplishment of the laboriously correct speller and put an end to his simple vanity. Here a radical correction is very difficult, for

IT WOULD REQUIRE THE ENTIRE RECON STRUCTION OF THE ALPHABET;
but a good deal could be done even on less radical lines. Dr. MacKay illustrates the shocking obliquity of our present spelling by telling us that the name of a principal city of Canada might be spelled, "Phthawelaughmthough" without going beyond the analogy of English spelling in the words phthisic, avec, colonel, aught, mnemonics, Thomes and though. During the first six years of a chitd's life in school one half of the time is devoted to the study of spelling, and this does not represent by any means the entire waste. The third great reform which Dr. McKay desires is closely allied to it and is instruction in phonographic writing. A legible system of shorthand writing should be taught, he believes, in the public schools from the first grade upward. The more a boy writes the uglier his writing usually becomes, until by the time he gets through college an Egyptologist nuay be incompetent to decipher his hieroglyphics. An immense amount of time would be saved by being able to write phonetically and rapidly. Every student knows what an advantage his companions have who are familiar with stenography, and the same advantage holds in inture life. All these are important reforms, and we hope they will be brought constantly before our educational associations.

Watch-Meeting Services. Midnight services were held last night in the Episcopal and Methodist churches, and the attendance at both places was unusually large. The remarks of the officiating clergymen were deeply impressive and appropriate. At the conclusion of the service in St. James church, the celebration of the Holy Communion was administered to a large number of those present, and as the congregation dispersed, the Rev. F. P. Greatorex met each individual at the door and with a hearty hand-shake extended the compliments of the season to all.

Elsewhere we record to-day the death of Captain J. H. Chute, for many years one of Middleton's best known and most highly respected citizens, which took place at Colorado Springs, Colorado, on the 20th ult. In his youth Captain Chute followed the sea, gaining a captain's position when but a mere boy. Afterwards he settled in Middleton and engaged in business, which he continued to conduct for nearly a score of years, and in which he met with a large measure of success. Endowed by nature with a genial and kindly disposition, he gained a wide circle of warm friends, while his strict integrity and honorable dealing with his fellowmen gained for him the confidence and respect of all those with whom he had business relations. As a son, husband and father he was dutiful, affectionate and tender, and in the various other relations of life he was worthy of the highest praise.

When he left Middleton in October '94, to take up his residence permanently at Colorado Syrings his many friends in the DEATH OF CAPT. J. H. CHUTE

done or of opportunities neglected, we cannot change it to the extent of a hair's breadth.

The New Year which begins to-day finds the affairs of men about as other New Year's have found them. The millennium is yet a long way off. Swords have not yet been beaten into pruning hooks, neither have men ceased to learn war any more. The chief storm centre of the world just now is at Constantinople, where the great powers are playing a deep game, each in its own interest, for the possession of that important key to eastern Asia. The situation there is as dangerous as a powder magazine. Whether this year will witness the explosion, or whether the present condition of things will be permitted to continue a little longer, time alone can tell. Happily the cloud which but a week ago hung over the English speaking world now looks far less dark and threatening and there is every hope that ere

We are called upon this week to chronicle the death of a well-known, aged and respected resident of Young's Cove, Robert Bent, Esq., which took place on Monday last, after a week's illness. The deceased had reached the ripe old age of 85 years, and during his long and useful life had been looked upon as one of the most exemplary and intelligent men living in that vicinity. About a year ago he was called upon to suffer the loss of his wife, who was a sister of Mr. John Hicks, a near resident of this town, and this, together with the many infirmities of old age, had a marked tendency in hastening his death. For many years Mr. Bent held the office of Justice of the Peace, and in all matters which were brought before him in that capacity he gave an impartial and honorable decision. A family of two sons, William D. and John R., and two daughters, Mrs. Herman Longmire, of Wadeville, and Mrs. Daniel Young, of Young's Cove, besides a large family connection, are left to mourn the loss of a kind father and relative. The funeral will take place from St. Mary's church, Bellesile, to-morrow afternoon, the Rev. F. P. Greatorex officiating at the burial service. ROBERT BENT PASSES AWAY.

Presentation and Address

Pastor Young was waited upon on Christmas eve and presented with the following address, from a number of the young men of his church and congregation.

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To Rev. F. M. Young, Pastor of the Bridgetown Baptist Church.

Dear Brothern.—It affords us great pleasure at this, the beginning of your seventh pastoral year in the Bridgetown Baptist Church, and on the eve of another Christmas, to remind you of our appreciation of your faithful labors among us as a minister of the Gospel. We are not unmindful of the success which has attended your efforts in the past, the friendly disposition you have ever shown in a social capacity, and the interest manifested for the promotion of harmony among the members of the Church, without which there can be but little spiritual progress.

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In wishing you and yours the compliments of the season, we ask you to accept of this as an indication of the esteem in which you are held by the Church and congregation; and be assured that you will ever receive our hearty coperation in the work in which we as a church are engaged. Our prayer is that you and your family may enjoy much of the presence of the Master, and that the "good tidings of great joy;" may influence all of our hearts and lives during the year upon which we are about to enter.

Accompanying the address were a beautiful pair of Persian Dog Gloves of the finest quality, to match a cost and cap already possessed. The pastor of the Bridgetown Baptier dynamics. tist church is now ready for winter.

To all who contributed to the above and for the sentiments expressed in that address, the rev. gentleman would have us say "thank you," and wish all a Happy New Year

Through the thoughtfulness of a number of our charitably-disposed citizens, the inmates of the County Alms House and Ineane Asylum, situated in the vicinity of our town, were bountifully cared for on Christmas day. On that day and the day previous, visitors, carrying baskets laden with all the good things appropriate to the festive occasion, might have been noticed wending their way towards the premises. The variety of articles was adapted to all ages, from the infant in arms to the gray-haired unfortunate, and afforded a feast which it is needless for us to say was fully appreciated by the recipients. or us to say was fully appreciated by the recipients. Such tokens of charity, on the part of our citizens, to the immates of these necessary institutions deserves the approbation of the county at large, and lend additional interest to those in whose keeping they are entrusted.

So far as weather was concerned Xmas day was exceptionally fine. Old Sol shone in all his wonted brilliancy, while scarcely a breath of air disturbed the screnity of the

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Master Donald Craig, son of W. A. Craig, manager of the Bridgetown Foundry Company, met with a painful accident on Monday afternoon, by falling through the scuttle of the warerooms while engaged in playing about the building. Dr. deBlois was called, and upon examination found that besides several bruises, the young lad had sustained a fracture of one of the bones of his left arm near the wrist.

Mr. Ralph Bent, of Bentville, is confined to his home owing to the fracture of one of his ribs. While endeavoring to turn his horse and waggon on Friday last, one side of the vehicle was forced so far into a ditch as to cause him to lose his balance, throwing him with such violence against the wheel as to cause the above result.

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Curry Bros. & Bent have received another contract in Halifax, for the construction of a large building on Gottingen street for John Hartlan, Esq. It consists of two stores below and four tenements above, is 42x65 feet, three storeys high, is fitted up with all the modern improvements and is to be finished by the middle of April. The firm are getting along well with their other work. They will finish up in Yarmouth this week for the winter, then Mr. Bent will go to Halifax to assist Mr. Curry there as all the work they have in that city has to be done by the middle of April.

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Local and Special News.

-Happy New Year. -The Christmas mail was a large one. -Did you find anything in your stocking?

The old year is passing away 'mid ireatening times.

-Bargains and clearance sales are now on at J. W. Beckwith & Son's. 40tf —The end of the year is the time when all outstanding accounts should be paid off.

—The Bridgetown Cheese and Butter Co. will ship seven tons of cheese to England by the Beaver line. —Do not fail to see F. G. Palfrey's assortment of Confectionery. Over seventy varieties. 38 tf -Schr. Jennie Parker, loaded with pota-toes from Kingsport, arrived at Havana, Dec. 23rd.

—J. W. Beckwith & Son are making great reductions in prices on all lines of Winter Goods, which must be closed out. 40tf —Dr. Montague has been selected by Premier McKenzie Bowell to be minister of Agriculture.

—John Lockett & Son are paying 25 cents per dozen for strictly fresh Eggs. Stale Eggs not taken at any price. 35 tf. —Capt. Flemming of the stmr. City of Monticello was given a gold-headed cane by the officers and crew of the steamer on Wed-

Lost.—In Bridgetown, on Christmas day, a small sum of money. Anyone finding the same and leaving it at this office will be

—Mrs. Keith, widow of the late Hon. Alexander Keith, died at Halifax on Friday. Her sickness was very short. She leaves a fortune of nearly a quarter of a million. -The friends of Rev. C. R. B. Dodge, Bellows Falls, Vermont, and Pastor J. Clark, of Turner's Falls, Mass., will be glad to know that they and their families were gen-erously remembered on Christmas Eve.

-The friends of Pastor Young in Granville Centre are to present him with a dona-tion to-morrow evening, at the home of Mr. Chas. Withers. We have no doubt but that it will be a largely attended and pleasant rethering.

—The chancel screen in St. James Church this Christmas is the work of Mr. Albert Wade, who has exhibited much taste and skill in the construction. It is made so that it can be taken to pieces and laid aside for -Notwithstanding that we are at the

—Big pigs are yet being slaughtered by the farmers of the county. A few days ago Mr. John E. Messenger, of Dalhousie West, killed a pig which he got when a month old last spring from Mr. Samuel Saun-ders of Round Hill, that weighed 370 lbs.

—Let every dawn of morning be to you set the beginning of life and every setting of the sun be to you as its close; then let every one of these short lives leave its record of some kindly thing done for others, some goodly strength of knowledge gained for yourself. —Hon. J. W. Longley, spoke at Kentville, last Thursday night, under the auspices of the Kentville Division, to a large crowd in Margeson's Hall. His subject 'Men I Have Met' was handled in his usual happy style, and was much enjoyed by most of those present.

-The Maritime Express Company, which handles goods in connection with the D. A. R. for the lower provinces, has found business so prosperous that it has decided to establish branch offices in several of the large towns throughout the state of Massachusetts.

-Rev. A. V. Dimock will conduct a fare - Key. A. V. Dimock will conduct a rare-well missionary service at Paradise on Sun-day evening next. Our brother's deep en-thusiasm in the cause of mission inspires all with whom he comes in contact. All are cordially invited to be present next Sunday

— The value of advertising is shown by the fact that one week after our notice for farms to advertise in England a number of properties were placed with us. Write or call on us if you want to advertise your property. No charge until property is sold. ERVIN & ALCORN, Bridgetown or Annapolis.

-Mr. and Mrs. Kinley wish to thank the mr. and Mrs. Kinley wish to thank the good people of Clarence for their many expressions of kindness and sympathy. Their sixth annual donation party was held on the evening of Monday, the 23rd of December, at Mr. William Bishop's. Many were present and the parsonage larder was abundantly replenished.

—John Brown, of Gaspereau, met with a fatal accident near Avonport Station, Monday morning, 23rd ult. In attempting to cross the track after a shunting train had passed, he was struck by a detached car following, and had his arm broken and was otherwise injured, which resulted in his death a few hours later. CALENDARS .- We have received pretty

CALENDARS.—We have received pretty calendars from Messrs. Kerr & Robertson, hardware merchants, St. John; Sheldon, Lewis & Co., grocery and provision dealers, Yarmouth, and a calendar with thermometer attached, from M. S. Brown & Co., wholesale and retail jewelers, Halifax. The latter is particularly neat and attractive and is something unusually novel and unique as an advertising medium.

NAVIGATION STILL OPEN .- It is an unu NAVIGATION STILL OPEN.—It is an unusual sight at this season of the year to witness a schooner at any point in the river this side of Annapolis; but the extremely mild weather at the present time is affording an opportunity for the sohr. Selma, owned by W. A. Piggott, of Granville Ferry, to take on board a cargo of apples at Gesner's Creek, for St. John, whence they will be forwarded to England via the Beaver Line.

—The Synod of the Church of England in Nova Scotia decided at its last meeting that the same rule should in future prevail in this diocese, as in the other dioceses in Canada, and the Christmas offertory be given in each parish to the rector. The Rev. F. P. Grea-torex thanks the congregations at Bridgetown torex thanks the congregations at Bridgetown and Belleisle for the handsome donation presented to him on Christmas Day, in accord ance with the above mentioned de

—The Governor General and the Countess of Aberdeen, have presented St. Mary's Cathedral, Halifax, with a beautiful and costly cope, bearing the inscription: "Presented to St. Mary's Cathedral, Halifax, by the Governor-General of Canada and the Countess of Aberdeen, in remembrance of the solemn services held there on the occasion of the funeral of the Right Honorable Sir John Thompson, Premier of Canada, January 8th, 1895."

—The many friends of Sheriff Morse will regret to learn that the holiday week has been spent by him upon a bed of sickness, and that at the present time he is still a great sufferer, though reports received this morning convey the pleasing information that a change for the better is manifest. Sheriff Morse was stricken down on Wednesday last with a severe cold which settled in his throat, and which suddenly revealed such serious symptoms as to necessitate the frequent attendance of Dr. Barnaby and his brother, Dr. L. R. Morse, of Lawrencetown.

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PRESENTED WITH A CANE.—A. J. Morrison, of Middleton, manager of The Valley Telephone Company, was another of the many who have of late been kindly remembered by those with whom he has business relations, as on New Year's eve he was presented with a handsome ebony gold-headed cane, donated as a token of respect and esteem by the operators of the different exchanges along the line. Accompanying the presentation was an appropriate address conveying to the popular manager the well-wishes of the donors.

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MILLER-HALL MILLER—HALL.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Hall,
Lawrencetown, was the scene of a very pretty wedding last night, when their youngest
daughter, Mary E., was united in marriage
to Ernest E. Miller, youngest son of Benj.
Miller, Esq., of Clarence. The ceremony
was performed by Rev. J. H. Toole, pastor
of the Methodist church at that place. At
6.30 the bride entered the room on the arm
of her father, attended by little Pauline Hall,
the niece of the bride, and the groom was
supported by Master Harry Marshall, nephew of the bride, and Samuel C. Hall, her
brother. The bride was attired in a dress
of pale blue crepon trimmed with ribbon to
match and her veil was draped with white
blossoms. The little bridesmaid was daintily dressed in white clover-leaf muslin trimmed with white brocade and satin ribbon,
her hair being prettily ornamented with
geranium blossoms and carried in her hand
a handsome bouquet of the same flowers.

After the ceremony was performed, the
guests, numbering about one hundred, were
invited to partake of a bountiful tea. The
bride is held in high esteem by a large circle
of friends, as was testified by the numerous
and costly presents. The happy couple intend residing at the home of the groom's
parents during the winter months. The
MONITOR expresses hearty congratulations
and wishes Mr. and Mrs. Miller a long and
happy life. The residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Hall,

Mr. Herbert Sancton, one of our popular young men, and Miss L. Jennie Troop, youngest daughter of Mr. O. B. Troop, were married at the home of her father, at Belieisle, on Thursday, Dec. 26th, at 10 a. m., in the presence of about forty guests, Rev. J. B. Giles, officiating.

The bride was prettily attired in a cream-colored suit, trimmed with ribbon and orange blossoms. She was attended by her sister, Miss L. R. Troop, as maid of honor. Mr. Henry Shaw, of Bridgetown, was the groomsman. After the ceremony a sumptuous breakfast was served.

The bride was the recipient of many handsome and valuable presents, both useful and ornamental.

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The happy couple left by the east-bound train en route for Halifax on a honeymoon trip, midst the congratulations and best wishes of a large circle of relatives and friends.

All unite in wishing the newly-wed a very pleasant and prosperous journey through life. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Sancton will take up their abode at the home of John E. Sancton, Esq., Granville street.

A very quiet and pretty wedding took place at "Bonny View," farm, Deep Brook, on Christmas Eve, when Miss Ida May Spurr, was married to Mr. Fred H. Jones, of Newton Centre, Mass. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. T. Eaton, of Clementsport, assisted by Rev. E. N. Archibald, of Lunenburg. Miss Blanch Spurr, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid and Mr. W. L. Archibald, of Rochester, N. Y., as groomsman. The bride was charmingly Mr. W. L. Archibald, of Rochester, N. Y., as groomsman. The bride was charmingly arrayed in a gown of cream cashmere with trimmings of Valenciennes lace. The bridesmaid was similarly attired. About sixty guests were invited, including relatives and immediate friends of the family. The bride was the recipient of many handsome and valuable presents. The happy couple started for their new home in Newton Centre, Mass., by Wednesday's train and S. S. Boston from Yarmouth, followed by the congratulations and best wishes of a host of friends.

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the scene of a very pretty wedding, when
her daughter, Effie Fay was united in marriage to Zenas L. Banks, of South Farmington.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. R.
E. Gullison, assisted by Rev. J. Gaetz. The
bride was prettily attired in soft light mateial trimmed with lace and old rose ribbon.

Invited guests to the number of fifty were
present. The gifts were numerous and valuable, and bespoke the high esteem in which
the young couple are held.

Miss Georgie Bath is spending the holidays with friends at Bridgewater. Mr. George Prat, of Wolfville, is the guest of his brother, Mr. Frank Prat.

with whom he comes in contact. All are cordially invited to be present next Sunday evening.

—Mr. A. F. Newcomb preached in the Baptist church on Sabbath morning last. His sermon was listened to with a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction. His subject was handled in an attractive way and could not but be helpful to all who heard him. We wish our young friend success.

—The value of advertising is shown by the fact that one week after our notice for farms to advertise in England a number of proposition was also and the subject was handled in the Baptist church on Sabbath morning last. His series of Fillows has been visiting her daughter Mrs. R. G. Munroe, Digby. Mrs. Sams Tupper spent Xmas at the home of her mother, at Round Hill. Miss Bessie Crowell, of Yarmouth, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. R. Miller. William Chesley, of Halifax, son of W. W. Chesley, was home for the holidays. Mr. Louis H. Morse, who is still pursuing studies at McGill University, is home on a vacation. vacation.
Councillor Vroom and family of Middleton,

Councillor Vroom and family of Middleton, spent Christmas with Mrs. Vroom's relatives at Berwick.

Rev. J. M. Fisher, of Canning, has received and accepted an invitation to Hantsport for next year.

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The Messrs. Delong and Arthur Burns, of Kingston, are the guests of Mrs. W. N. Stronach during the holidays.

R. McDormand, of Round Hill, and W. Y. Woodman, principal of the school at Weymouth, are guests of Mrs. J. H. Healy. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Stewart, of Digby, were guests at the home of her father, John McCormick, Eeq., from Saturday till Mon-

Mrs. H. S. Bath and Miss Jessie Beckwith have been spending the past few days at Windsor, guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Geldert.
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Mr. Wallace Hawkesworth, engaged in the hardware establishment of T. P. Calkin & Co., Kentville, spent his Xmas at the home of his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowler Forsyth are enjoying the company of Mrs. Forsyth's mother, Mrs. Enoch Hutchinson, of Kings county, during the holidays.

Mr. Ralph J. Messenger, of Centreville, who for the past few months has been pursuing a course of studies at the Pictou Academy, returned home last week.

Albert Oakes, Ecq., of Albany, and J. E. and W. H. Oakes, Ecq., of Albany, and J. E. and W. H. Oakes, Ecq., of Mictaux Falls, and wives, were guests of their brother, Principal Oakes, Wolfville, on Xmas day.

Rev. Fred Wightman and Mrs. Wightman returned to St. John, last Thursday, after enjoying a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whitman, Lawrencetown.

Milton Munroe, son of Capt. Milledge Munroe, after an absence of several years at sea on the ship Kings County, arrived home last week to spend the remaining winter months.

Mr. Angus McPhee, cutter in the tailor.

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Mr. Angus McPhee, cutter in the tailoring establishment of Mr. Edwin L. Fisher, Annapolis, was unexpectedly called to North Sydney last week, owing to the severe illness of his father.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Crowe return to Halifax to-day, accompanied by Miss Mary Quirk, who will remain with them several weeks before returning. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey returned on Saturday. Mrs. and Miss Taylor on Monday.

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Miss Mabel Saunders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Saunders, now engaged in teaching at Hantsport, is the guest of her friend, Miss Lavinia Bent, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Shaw, whereshe will remain till Friday.

S. N. Weare, proprietor of Medical Hall, took a run to Halifax on Thursday last, returning on Saturday. His sister, Miss Weare, of Yarmouth, spent the holidays with her mother, at present a guest of the Grand Central.

Mr. E. A. Read, of Kings county, passed his examination for Ph. D. at the University of Chicago on Dec. 14th. He won his degree with high honors taking the highest rank that has ever been taken at that institution. He has had a call from North St. Church, Halitax, which, however, he has refused having accepted a call to Pontiac, Ill.

J. Wilmot Angwin, D.D.S., of Truro, only son of Rev. J. G. Angwin, has been visiting his many friends in town for the past few days. During his stay he was the guest of intimate friends, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Dearness. Dr. Angwin is enjoying a large share of practice in the hustling town where he is now located and where it is his intention to remain for an indefinite period.

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In a sermon in Boston, Rev. John D. Pickles told why a war with England would be a folly. In the first place he said, the real facts are not known. It is also a folly because of the distorbed condition which the tale of war has produced. We are told by authorities in the financial world that the stock market is demoralized, and there is a panic in the mercaptile world. The message came at a time when confidence was being restored, but at once the pures strings were drawn tight. We are beginning to see the entire failure of the justification of our position. The effect on sceurities and business interests has been so apparent that the blunder justifies the impeachment of the president and his advisers.

The policy is furthermore a folly for the reason that we are not ready to go to war. England has 536 battleships, while, we have only 71. I am convinced that in a long struggle our nation would come off victorious, but only at a tremendous loss of life and property. Our seaports would be hombarded by warships and our business interests would suffer damage and loss.

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Continuing, he called attention to the time it would take to recover from such a conflict. The south, he said, has been 30 years recovering from her suffering. A war with England would set back the dial of progress 100 years.

The statement has been made that Canada would join with us, but I belonged to that country, and although America is the nation of my adoption, I know that the people of Canada are more loyal to the royal crown of England than those on the British isles.

We need to pray for wisdom. The press is feeling the reaction and coming to realize the embarrassment of the situation. I trust that strength and wisdom will be given us, and that we shall find a way out of the difficulty and that these two nations will be bound closer together and sent forth side by side to conquer the world for peace.

Allow me to acknowledge through your columns the presentation of a very nice Teachers' Bible by my class of nine young ladies, and in reply—though very much surprised—thanking them for their expression prised—thanking them for their expression of kindness and respect, would wish them a very happy and prosperous New Year, and that the glory of the Lord may so shine around them, as it did the Eastern shepherds, that they too may be guided to Bethlehem and an acceptance of that dear Saviour whese birth we so joyfully celebrate.

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Torbrook Mines, Dec. 28th, 1895. Presented With a Purse of Gold.

pleasing manner as operator in the exchange of The Valley Telephone Company's office at Middleton, has won for her the good-will of all business circles, was waited on by a few friends and patrons of that circuit on Christmas eve and presented with a purse contain ing \$60 in gold, as a token of the donors' ap preciation of her services.

Hood's is Wonderful. No less than wonderful are the cures acomplished by Hood's Sarsaparilla, even after other preparations and physicians' pre-scriptions have failed. The reason, how-ever, is simple. When the blood is enriched and purified, disease disappears and good health returns, and Hood's Sarsaparilla is the one true blood purifier.

Hood's Pills are prompt and efficient and lo not purge, pain or gripe. 25c.

IN THE DRUG BUSINESS. - A company has In the Drug Business.—A company has been organized to conduct the whole drug business in St. John, and have leased the Bupee building on Prince William street. There will be \$100,000 stock, of which \$60,000 is paid. Among the money men in the new company are Messrs. S. Hayward, W. H. Murray, James Kennedy and others. There ought to be a good field in the lower provinces for its operations.

New Advertisements.

Dressmaking.

The MISSES BARNES having returned from Boston with all the ladies of Bridgetown and sur rounding reighborhoods that they have opener rooms at MISS LOCKETT'S, on Queen Street where they will be pleased, to execute all order entrusted to them. Good fit. Moderate Chapter.

"DOT, the MINER'S DAUGHTER."

UPPER CLARENCE

Friday Evening, January 3rd. Should the evening prove stormy, he first fine evening following.

ADMISSION, 10c. and 15c. NOTICE!

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the under-signed and marked "Tender," will be re-ceived at the office of the undersigned up to moon, on Friday, the 10th day of Jan-uary, 1896, for the following services: Separate Tenders for a Keeper and Matron of the Annapolis County Insane Asylum at Bridgetown: tender to state salary wanted per year. Said Keeper to also work the poor farm olinity with the keeper of the Alms House. Separate Tender for a Keeper and Matron of the Alms House at Bridgetown; tender to state salary wanted per year. Said Keeper to also work the poor farm jointly with the keeper of the Annapolis County Insane Asylum. The committee do not bind themselves t

By order of Committee on Tenders and Public
Property.

JAMES P. ROOP, Chairman.

BARGAINS will be given accordingly.

Goods at Cost and less.

Crockery, Glass and Tinware, and Boots at immense discounts.

Toys, Dolls, Games, and all Fancy Goods almost given away for cash.

To Positively no credit will be given, but all kinds of produce will be taken on reasonable L. C. MARSHALL

Paradise Corner.

YOU WILL FIND AT H. E. REED'S. MIDDLETON,

A CHOICE SELECTION OF Christmas Groceries.

FRUIT. Confectionery, Raisins, Nuts, etc.

-ALSO-A VERY FINE DISPLAY OF Fancy Goods. China and Glassware,

Gift Cups, Lamps, etc.

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kind and largely increased patronage during the year just passed, and which has enlarged our busi= ness to a degree beyond our most sanguine expectations. We congratulate our many customers on the bountiful harvest

of 1895, and the satisfactory prices

obtained for the products of the soil,

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In wishing our numerous

pleasure to thank them for their

and trust that their labors in succeeding years may prove as profit= able as the past. We beg to remark that while we appreciate the kindly feeling exhibited by our patrons in the past, it will be our study to meet their requirements in the future as has always been our custom, with a view

we will reap a fair and just reward. Again wishing you one and all a Happy New Year, we remain with much respect,

to their best interests rather than

our own, believing that in the end

Yours sincerely,

J. W. BECKWITH & SON.

Previous to Stock-taking, Feb. 1st, we offer

BARGAINS IN ALL LINES OF WINTER GOODS.

6 (only) Ladies' Cloth Jackets, 2 Ladies' Greenland Seal Capes 1 Ladies' Dog Skin Cape, 4 Ladies' Seal Muffs, Gents' and Ladies' Fur Collars and Winter Gloves, 2 doz. Misses' Tams at half price.

Also Remnants of Dress Goods that MUST be sold and sold CHEAP. ANTED-Butter and Eggs at highest prices. The

JOHN LOCKETT & SON Bridgetown, January 1st, 1896.

> Wishing all my friends and customers a very Happy and Prosperous New Year, and with many thanks for your generous patronage during

the past year. I remain,

Yours respectfully, H. R. SHAW.

CARD OF THANKS!

The subscribers take this early opportunity in the New Year of 1896 of extending to their many patrons of the one just closed their sincerest thanks for the bountiful patronage bestowed upon them, and of asking a continuance of the same for the approaching seasons.

It will be their earnest effort during the year 1896 to carry one of the finest and most comprehensive lines of Dry Goods ever shown in this town, and with a continuance of the same liberal patronage, they feel assured that they can offer first-class articles at exceptionally close prices, either for cash or in exchange for the products of the farm and homestead.

With best possible wishes for a joyous and prosperous New Year, and again adding hearty thanks for past appre-

> Yours truly, STRONG & WHITMAN

MISS B. LOCKETT

Bridgetown, January 1st, 1896.

OFFERS THE BALANCE OF HER Hats, Bonnets, etc., TRIMMED AND UNTRIMMED BELOW COST.

Also THIRTY PER CENT REDUCTION on a few lines of CORSETS and HOSIERY and a few other goods, which will pay you to call and see,

XMAS PRESENTS AND FANCY GOODS NOW ON SALE

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Just arrived direct from Boston, 240 bags cornmeal. Give us a call if you want a

Flour, - Meal,

Temple Bar, 145 bbls. Cornmeal, and 100 bbls. Flour, of the following brands:—

"GOLDIE'S BEST." "GOLDIE'S CRESCENT "GOLDEN STAR," "ACADIAN."

"KENT MILLS," and LOWEST MARKET PRICES.

Christmas Goods

We are just opening our Special Lines for the Christmas trade. Call and see them before buying. JOSEPH 1. FOSTER.

GRANVILLE STREET. Bridgetown, Dec. 4th, 1895.

EMPORIUM DEPOT,

On Granville Street, At the Old Stand of A. D. CAMERON, IS THE PLACE TO BUY Staple and Fancy Goods. DRY GOODS.

HARDWARE. The place to buy is where you get most for the money. Call and be convinced that we do as we say. We do not advertise what we have not. We have a choice line of CONFECTIONERY.

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Our Porto Rico Molasses, Sugars and Teas are the finest. A trial will convince. Best American Kerosene Oil at lowest possible prices.

Lumbermen's Suitings! JUMPERS and OVERALLS. BEST MAKES OF

Boots, Shoes, Larrigans, Our Winter Stock is nearly complete

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e have a fine line of FRAMED PICTURES for Parlor that we are selling at a very small advance on the price of the glass. They are very pretty COME AND SEE. Anthing in our line at Rock Bottom Prices.

J. E. BURNS'.