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It can be readily understood why, sup-osing he had been guilty, it would have difficult to secure the conviction of an ing pastor of a church, where prayerful cientious adherents of that church | with writs for error in criminal cases. on the jury. The only thing the oution of "Hamlet" with the title role, in

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How Some Industrious but Sacrilegious
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Welton's resignation.

The most foolish thing that has been done by the friends of C. B. Welton and Or. Randall up to date, has been the circu-If the petitioners can get hold of that docu-ment and destroy it it will be well for them

The lawyers in the case, or at least some of them, say they know nothing about the petition and would have advised against it had they been consulted. They are of the pinion that the Honorable Benjamin Lesopinion that the Honoranic results that the Peters has considered the case on its merits, and that any attempt to influence him one way or the other will be useless. Had he a less judicial mind, their course might be reactionary, but it is probable that, under the circumstances, it will be simply viewed as imprudent.

The lawyers are not relying on sympathy

and sentiment. They are after law, and they have delved so deep to find it that they have done what was never done be-fore, so far as living memory goes, in the listory of this province. They have ap-plied for a writ of error.

of New York, a writ of error is as common, almost, as a city court summons in St.

John. It is, however, a purely British inastone and Tidd grow so enthusiastic its history and possibilities that they value and Tidd grow so enthusiastic orse its history and possibilities that they have little space to say anything about its practical application. It is a new thing in New Brunswick. In that carefully collated when of post-prandial philosophy known

The Welfon brothers are the chief objects interest to the St. John people. Dr. application for a fat on which the writ may sell as they know the welfons, but they do not, and he stands ther in the background when St. John cople talk about the affair. If every granted, and that step like been taken. If the attorney general finds probable cause for the issuance of the writ, it is granted, and then the matter is argued. ody knew the truth, or if PROGRESS felt at before the judges of the supreme court. ty to say just what it thinks, Dr. Ran- In old times, it was laid down that arguinstead of hovering on the outside there must be from the record, and that there must be manifest error on points of law alone. The evidence had nothing to either of the Weltons, and there is a do with the case. How far what was ral belief that he did not know it was the dictum in the cribbed, cabined Rev. Sidney Welton may be so free from to in our breezy and more expansive to in our breezy and more expansive cannot the in the matter that posterity will perpare the memory, as a martyr, in monutal brass—if he leaves enough of that all around the country after he departs ce. He has had plenty of it on hand to date. By the salemp, path-hound to date. By the salemp are salempted to them at country remains to be seen. There is a day's work. Saturday came along the salemp are country remains to be seen. There is a day's work.

In the meantime, Cephus B. and Dr. side public cannot understand is why Cephas B. Welton and Dr. Randall are taking their confinement in jail as philosophically as might be expected. They get their food from outside, and have disting of the large large public properties. callers who are ready to stand by them to the person of the saintly Sidney, omitted.
Why they should be guilty and he innocent large as it was, but this is not an indication ot a falling off in sympathy. Dr. Randall's court, the jury and the lawyers, but is a yet understandable to the people.

STEALING IN A CHURCH.

should be told in discussing the case of pr. Randall and the Weltons. The essence church with them and left in the pews while the idea may be summed up in the state- they have gone to consult with the clergy ment that if Rev. Sidney Welton is not guilty, Cephas B. Welton and Dr. Randsll, were a plebiscite taken, might be found to taken and the muff left. (In one occasion The Messenger and Visitor, which has a purse was stolen while the owner was at rea silent on the subject up to this week, the railing for the reception of the Holy cow calls for the action of the church in Communion. Such a shocking thing led egard to the Welton brothers. While to the matter being talked about a good ing its sympathy for the men and their | deal, and several losers of valuables began lamilies, it takes the ground that the church owes a duty to itself which is beyond is now a pretty definite suspicion as to the all minor and personal considerations. As loreshadowed by Progress, the Portland church has accepted the Rev. Sidney Welton's resignation.

Welton's resignation.

Dr. Randall up to date, has been the circulation of a petition to be handed to the judge, asking that a jail sentence may be given instead of a term in the penitentiary. If the petitioners can get hold of that document and destroy it it will be well for them a house by enquiring of any of the west side people whom he meets. That is why the residents see no reason why they should put numbers on their doors, and so incur a needless expense for a Union Act luxury that they do not desire. The city engineer has located all the numbers, but there seems no field for a canvasser to make a living by putting them on. The people have no use for them. They and their forefathers have got along without them since 1783, and they evidently do not propose to be in any hurry about the matter at this late day. That is all there is about it.

It is Almanac Time.

There was a time when everybody in the province telt the year's supplies incomplete without a New Brunswick almanac, and the firms who published editions found In the resources of civilization employed to defrand justice of its due in the big state of New York, a writ of arms. which are near enough correct to satisfy a good many, who do not wish to pay ten cents for a book when they can get one for mintion, and so ancient that such valuable nothing. Up to a year or two ago both and versatile writers as the late Messrs.

Blacksonia manacs but the latter firm now has the field

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The fifth year will be completed in May, and it is the intention to issue an anniversary number worthy of the rounded period. It is yet too early to announce the special features, but the general plan has been considered, and the edition will be in many respects the most interesting and in every way attractive of the special numbers issued in the paper's history.

The arrangements of PROGRESS for the

year now about to begin include a number of features that will be found both novel and popular. The engraver's chisel will be kept even more busy than in the past, and a special attraction will be found in illustrations of local interest.

World's Fair. Everybody will be interested in it, and PROGRESS has perfected arrangements by which everybody who reads wha is found in its columns will know almost as much about the Fair as if they were on the spot. The articles will be very fully and finely illustrated. Additions will be made both to the office

staff and contributors. One valued writer, Miss Campbell, who has seen the paper grow from the start, and has done much to brighten its columns by talks on live topics will come to the city next week to render even greater assistance in the office than she has been doing at her home in Moncton. It has been the experience of PROGRESS that the public appreciate enterprise, and that it pays to spend money on a paper in catering to the wants of the best classes of readers. From time to time in the past, as better. It is the carrying out of this idea that has given PROGRESS the largest circulation of any paper published in the mari-

perous one for PROGRESS. It had a mittee on ritual. phenomenal circulation in January last, but it has very materially increased in the twelve months since that time. There are two presses now where one sufficed to do the work a year ago, and both are kept busy

every week. Progress has every reason to feel confidence that the year to come will be marked by as great and rapid advances as has been the year that is past. And it hopes that its readers will enjoy, as it enjoys, A Happy New Year.

Mr. McLean's Good Luck.

Mr. H. H. McLean has suddenly sprung

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was the appearance of the woman, or her demeanor, for she was very handsome, and conducted herself in a ladylike manner, or where the juny shought the facts did not warrant 'a verdict of "guilty" they re-"not guilty." Upon hearing it, the judge turned to the prisoner, and in a short, cold, sentence, told her that she was discharged, llustrations of local interest.

The great event of the year will be the thanks to you, Mr. Judge Ritchie."

Rev. Godfrey Shore, who obtained leave of absence from the Carleton Presbyterian church, some time ago, has been heard from. He is in Ontario, and writes that his health is much improved. Some of his flock think that, as the climate of Ontario agrees with him so much better than the air of Carleton, he may decide to remain there. His letter was accompanied by a bill for a month's salary allowed on his vacation, but somebody hunted up a bill of \$25 for the expenses of bringing his lares and penates from St. Stephen when he came here, and an account stated has been forwarded to him. Mr. Jarvis Wilson's bill of \$65, which Mr. Shore claims the church should pay was not included, but it is understood that Mr. Wilson will hold the pastor accountable for the amount.

Royal Arch Masonry.

The G. H. P., T. Nisbet Robertson with officers of the Grand Chapter, will officially visit New Brunswick, Carleton and Union chapters at their regular convocations in January, and instal the officers for the ensuing year. All of the chapters time provinces. This circulation is steadily growing larger, and with every week, the field the paper covers, is growing larger. While it is strongly local in some of its features, it is yet much more than a local paper. It is read in every part of the civilized world.

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The year now closing has been a prosChapter and by the direction of the com

> A boy who is trying to earn a little pocket money by selling almanacs, called on a well-known and well to do citizen and can-

vassed him to purchase one. When the citizen was told that the price was 10 cents, he offered eight, saying that he got an almanac at that price in one of the stores last year. The boy retired without making

The City Is Healthy.

A well known physician tells Progress that he has been called to attend several cases of "Grippe" already this winter, but that it is of a much milder form than the



HIS HONOR JUDGE PALMER.

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the mill to the company. So he would be missed as the genius and spirit of the equity side of the supreme court of New Bruns-

Somebody might take his place, but the question is who that somebody would be. The men who think they know most about equity courts in St. John are on the wrong side of politics, but there are some on the right side, who have claims they might

prefer with some chance of success.

The candidate of Progress has always been Mr. Charles A. Palmer, who probably knows more about the equity court than any other lawyer in the province, because he is always retained on one side or the other in any important suit. It has already been pointed out that his elevation from the ranks would throw upon a large and lucrative sphere of practice to many aspiring lawyers who hitherto have had hardly any

Then, too, something must be done for Zeke McLeod. Mr. McLeod probably realizes that there is some doubt as to his Temperance, for an At Home on the same being returned at the next general election, afternoon, the day of its tenth anniversary and it is well understood he will be provided for before that day arrives. He has one qualification in common with Judge Palmer. He writes a shockingly bad hand. Our own and only Silas, and the amiable Alfred Augustus might take the equity judgeship, if either of them could get it, but they would have to wait awhile until they could pose as something more than they could pose as something more than reconstructed grits.

Several other lawyers, who are living in modest retirement, might be mentioned in this connection, and one of them at least has been heavily tramped on by the government when a judgeship was wanted. Now that Sir John Thompson is premier, his chances may be better than they were. The gentleman in question would probably accept the judgeship, if it were offered to

The friends of Mr. F. E. Whelpley of

Hampton who has been acting as inspector of schools for some time during the illness of Mr. D. P. Wetmore, are now inclined to make a fuss because upon the resignation of Mr. Wetmore Mr. Steeves of Woodstock has been appointed inspector of schools for that district, which includes the greater part of the counties of Kings and Queens. They seem, however, to forget Mr. H. H. McLean has suddenly sprung into prominence as a gentleman of very extraordinary business ability if one may take all Judge Palmer says about him for pure Gospel. The judge in his valeditory, when retiring from the management of the Parks Cotton Mill, took occasion to lift at this time of year.

Gases of "Grippe" already this winter, but the fact that although Mr. Whelpley has had two years in which to qualify himself for the position of inspector by taking out a Grammar School license he has not done healthy condition than he had ever seen it at this time of year.

Queens. They seem, however, to forget the fact that although Mr. Whelpley has had two years in which to qualify himself for the position of inspector by taking out a Grammar School license he has not done so, and that whatever may have been his qualifications, or however satisfactory he

It remained for Humphrey Price Webber

to beat the attendance record at the St. John Opera House. He and his Company made their first appearance in it Monday atternoon of this week, and in the matines and evening performances of that day more people saw the show in the Opera House than have ever gained entrance to it before in any two performances. This circumstance may have the effect of convincing the directors of the Opera House of severa facts which they have persistently ignored

Rumor has it that Attorney General Blair has located his law offices in the Walker Building on Canterbury street, and that he will settle down for work at the beginning of the New Year. If this is correct the offices selected are about as handsome and convenient, and without doubt more elegantly fitted up than any other in the city. Mr. Blair will be very centrally located, and so conveniently to his political friends and enemies, the Telegraph and Sun, that neither of them will find it very difficult to verity their facts.

Davenport School For Boys

much as it pleases, if it takes the notion, and Judge Palmer sometimes does take the notion. He went into the cottor mill affair with a clenched hand, and he did what was needed on the marks of the season. The result was the Christmas present of the season that was needed on the marks of the season that was needed on the marks of the season that was needed on the marks of the season that was needed on the marks of the season that was needed on the marks of the season that was needed on the marks of the season that the se The Davenport school enters on the new to the staff now made, will make the work of the institution still more complete. As will be seen by the advertisement, the Lent term will begin next Saturday.

His Qualifications Recognized.

Mr. Frank Risteen of Fredericton or rather of New Brunswick, for he spends about as much time in one part of the province as in another, received a mark of favor in being appointed as one of the five Canadian representatives to the World's Fair Stenographers Congress. It is no more than justice, for Mr. Risteen easily holds a foremost position among the stenographers of the maritime provinces.

The Artillery band has issued invitations for its third annual At Home on Monday afternoon, and those who attend will sure to enjoy themselves. A neat card of invitation has also beeh issued by Victoria Section, Juvenile Temple of Honor and

profit sharing, by T. S. Simms & Co., has shown enough to convince the firm that they are on the right track, and another trial is to be given the idea in the coming no little interest.

In reply to "A Subscriber," PROGRESS may state that Canadian newspapers, mailed from the office of publication, go free of postage to the subscribers and news agents in Canada and the United States, but postage must be paid when sent to foreign

For Diphtheria and Scarlet Foreign A lady sends PROGRESS a cure for diph-

theria, which she says "costs only five cents, and is as sure as the sun shine." consists of 40 grains of sulpho carbolate of soda, dissolved in half a wineglassful of cold water. Dose, one teaspoonful every hour.

It is Forty Years Old.

The Religious Intelligencer has completed 40 years of its existence, and to all appearance is good for 40 more. It is well edited and is an earnest advocate of the views and teaching of the denomination its represents.