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Poetry.

NEW YEAR'S BELLS.

Ring, bells, ring, with your mellow din,
Ring the old year out and the new year in!
Like the voices of birds from the old gray spire,
Let your silvery music rise higher and higher;
Floating abroad o'er the hillside bare
In billows of sound on the tremulous air,
Let it rise and fall with the fitful gale:
Tell over city and wood the tale;
Say that to-night the old year dies!
Bid the watchers look to the eastern skies,
For the beautiful halo that tells afar
Of the welcome rise of the new year's star!

Ring the old year out, with sighs and tears,
Its withering heart-aches and tiresome fears;
Away with its memories of doubt and wrong,
Its cold deceits and its envious strong,
All its pitiful shams and cold pretense.
We will heap them together and bind them fast
To the old man's head as he totters past.
The ill that he brought he may take again;
Keep we the joys, let him bury the pain!
Ring soft, oh bells, as he goes to rest
Far in the shades of the darkening west!

Ring, bells, ring, with a merry din!
The old year has gone with its care and sin!
Smiling and fair, at the eastern gates,
Clad in tinted light, the new year waits!
Welcome him in with the rosy band,
Who wait the wave of his beckoning hand:
Hope, with her wreaths of sweet spring flowers,
Joy for the summer's glowing hours,
Plenty and peace for the fruitful fall,
And love for all seasons—best of all.
Ring merrily, bells!—o'er the blushing skies
See the beautiful star of the new year rise!

—[FROM THE ALPINE for December.

LITERATURE.

FLORENCE'S CHRISTMAS.

BY ANNA MASON.

"Indeed, I'm thankful to be alone!" sighed Florence Arlington, as she shut her door and turned the key.

And yet she had been shuddering the sunshine of her smile on a merry party of friends and relatives all the evening. Graceful, impetuous, warm-hearted Florence! She it was who had led the children's dances; she who had told them many fanciful tales when little feet began to weary and tender eyelids began to droop; she who had finally coaxed them into nursery bounds when she had repeated in thrilling accents, "Twas the night before Christmas!" after which she had waited to see each little form tucked snugly and warmly into bed. Rejoicing the "grown-up folks" she had assisted in the filling of wee expectant stockings.

Once alone, Florence drew aside the curtain from a window, threw open the blinds, and gazed out on a night clear and beautiful.

"Only one little year ago," she murmured to herself, "and how different it was. Then I was engaged to Julian Clifford. God knows I was happy one year ago. Now—O now, I'm about Harry Ross. How has it all come about?"

Poor impetuous Florence. Well might she question her sad and wayward heart. She had deeply loved Julian, and losing him had been like losing the sunshine from her life.

One year ago this Christmas eve, she had sat by this window musing over his parting words; pressing the beautiful engagement ring he had just placed on her finger to her lips, eagerly anticipating the morrow which means reunion. Sorry days had followed.

Florence had trifled recklessly with her happiness, and for the mere pleasure and excitement of misunderstandings and reconciliations, had often tormented Julian most unmercifully.

At last she had heard, through some over-officious friend, of some action on Julian's part at which she had taken umbrage, and for which she called him to account with so many taunts and sneers, and provoking insinuations, that he too, had become angry, and refused to explain or apologise.

Not dreaming she was creating a breach, too wide to be readily bridged over, Florence had tossed him his ring, declaring they were better off apart.

He had turned to her for one moment, a pale, reproachful face, then without a word left the house.

Since that time she had neither met him nor heard from him.

While Florence was suffering keenly from the pangs of wounded pride and love, Harry Ross, a devoted admirer of other days, had renewed his suit and been accepted. To do Flo-

rence justice, she had told him honestly enough of her but recently conquered love for another.

Mr. Ross was wealthy, and of excellent social position, therefore Florence's parents did not disapprove the match; but, strictly honorable in their sentiments and feelings, they were annoyed by the apparent lightness and fickleness of her behaviour, and they had remonstrated with and questioned her earnestly.

Her style of response, had been reckless enough.

"Wasn't it just as well people should not say she had been jilted by Julian Clifford?" she never expected to be happy again herself, mightn't she as well make poor easily-satisfied Harry so if she could?"

So now she sat musing fitfully of the eventful past year.

"What miserable things our parting and our quarrel were," she muttered, half aloud. "Julian never loved me really, or he could not have given me up so easily. It's more than half a year since we parted, and I've not heard one word in all that time. I wish I could love Harry so if she could!"

She leaned her head upon her hands and sobbed hopelessly.

"If I'd never given my promise to Harry I'd write to Julian and ask him to forgive me."

Would, *even now*. He used to say a woman should be the first to yield in a dispute—he used to say it half in fun, and to see me grow indignant, but it was true. I'm sure pride ever was and ever will be, a stronger passion with him than love. O Julian! do you love me still? Shall I ever know? But this is wicked of me, wicked and weak."

"Florence," interrupted Rita's voice at the door, "a package has just arrived for you. Mother says come down to the library and open it."

"I will soon, dear," replied Florence, quietly resolved none of her friends should suspect the grief she was indulging.

She arose, lighted the gas, smoothed her hair, and bathed her eyes in cologne water. Then she ran hastily down the stairs.

"This package just came for you, Flo," said her mother. "Open it. We're all of us anxious to see its contents."

Mechanically Florence untied the string and took off the wrapper.

Every eye was on the jewel-box she held, and when a sparkling necklace, bracelets and earrings were displayed, there were cries of admiration and delight.

"The Ross diamonds!" exclaimed Rita. "Harry's wedding gift. O Florence, you lucky girl!"

But Florence's face had suddenly become wan and weary. Her nervous hands seemed little disposed to toy with the brilliant jewels. Rita, less scrupulous, caught them from out their nest of satin, and trying them on before the mirror wasted no end of breath in exclamations of delight and murmurs of ecstasy.

"I'm very tired, and will bid you all good-night," said Florence, softly.

She had taken a book from the case, saying to herself, "I should be haunted—a prey to restless thought, if I went to bed now; so I'll read myself sleepy."

Once more in her own room she loosened her long hair, exchanged shoes for slippers, and throwing herself into an easy-chair, prepared to read.

The book she had selected does not seem to chain her attention. She eyes it wearily, turns its leaves with a listless air.

But suddenly indifference ceases! She starts up with a suppressed shriek to fall back pale and faint.

From between the leaves of the book she had dropped a letter, a sealed letter addressed to her in a handwriting she well knew.

In an instant the mystery is solved to her mind. Charles Herbert—her schoolboy brother—must have been sitting in the library when the servant brought up the letter, and taken charge of it. In his usual thoughtless fashion he had left it in the pages of his book and forgotten all about it.

Her solution was correct.

"Why should I open it?" she asked herself bitterly. "It's too late! too late!"

When at last she read it, it was in a whirl of mingled emotions in which she could not tell whether pleasure or pain predominated.

"Love has conquered pride," began the letter.

"Come back to me, Florence, darling! I do not doubt your love, and judge from the agony in my own heart that you must suffer; I have never done you the least wrong, sweetheart, and could easily have explained the trifling error you so harshly misjudged. Because I do love you I am the first to say forgive my haste and my anger. Spare me further humiliation and bid me return to happiness and to you."

"Spare you humiliation, Julian?" cried Florence, with. "I will, even if I humble myself to the dust!"

Without pausing for reflection, she opened her writing desk and wrote:

"JULIAN.—It's forever too late for me to bid you to return to me, yet I must write you a few words of explanation. You must have thought me heartless and cruel indeed to have passed over in silence your note of last June. But I never received it till this Christmas—it is Christmas now, the bells are ringing mid-night."

"It has been lost; but to-night it dropped at my feet from between the leaves of a book. I thought you had left me forever, without one word of regret, and taking counsel with pride I persuaded myself I was listening to the voice of generosity, when I promised my hand to another. No doubt you have heard of my engagement. I make my humiliating confession, even at this late hour, because I cannot bear you should believe I could have scorned your apology, or thought lightly of your love. Forgive me, as I can never forgive myself, and forget poor unhappy

"FLORENCE."

She sealed and addressed this letter ready for its destination in the morning. The night was a sleepless one, but from its troubled thoughts and silent sufferings Florence evolved a resolution.

Come what would of it, she would never marry Harry Ross. To-morrow she would tell him, distinctly, in such a manner as would compel him to accept her decision as final. If, for a moment, a faint hope came with this resolution that Julian might return, she put the thought from her as dishonorable.

"I should think of no one but poor Harry now. It cannot be my duty to marry him simply because he loves me, when I cannot return him love for love. It would be unjust. Some day he, too, would see it so and reproach me for it!"

Christmas day dawned bright and clear. Mr. Ross accompanied the family to morning service and returned with her to Christmas dinner. To every one but poor uneasy Florence, the meal was, perhaps, a festive one enough.

She treated Harry with a gentle consideration which was a marked change from the impatient and irritable manner which usually characterized her conduct towards her lover. He may have felt gratified thereby, but at the same time he was puzzled and uneasy.

"Harry," began Florence, abruptly, the moment they found themselves alone in the library, "I do not love you as you deserve to be loved—not well enough to marry you."

"My dear Florence, you have said that a hundred times. I love you well enough to wait and strive to deserve and win your love," replied Harry, biting his lip indignantly.

But Florence resumed, with quiet determination.

"Did I not once tell you, Harry, that I had loved Julian Clifford and had been engaged to him?"

"Certainly you told me all that, Florence, and I begged you never to speak to me of it again, but to endeavor to forget it, as I shall do."

"But, Harry, I cannot forget," went on Florence, speaking rapidly, for her present task was painful in the extreme to her. "I loved him most truly, and for a time I was almost wild with the thought that he had given me up for a little quarrel, without an effort at reconciliation. I've just learned that he wrote and asked pardon of me who was most to blame."

"And you would recall him, Florence; is it not so?" demanded Harry, in a choking voice, his ruddy complexion becoming pale.

Her troubled eyes were bent persistently downward.

"He does not think me free," she murmured, in a voice so low as to be scarcely audible. "It's not likely we'll ever meet again. But I cannot marry you, Harry, nor any one else. It is impossible."

"Say no more, Florence. God knows my heart is sad enough! but I must give you up—I cannot keep you to the mere letter of your promise. You never loved me as I could have wished, and now that all hope is over of ever winning your love, I release you."

Florence was weeping.

"I return to you your jewels, Harry. I pray they may be worn by a more loving far wistful bride than ever I could have been."

"Thank you, Florence. I believe you are sincere in your kind wishes. Thank you—lost and forever. I wish you only happiness; but at present I cannot bear to see you—Tomorrow I shall leave the city. You must explain matters to your people and pardon my abrupt departure."

Before Florence Arlington could realize it, Harry Ross had gone out from her life forever.

She broke the news of his departure and its cause to her parents somewhat abruptly.

"It was all my fault," she added, earnestly. "Mr. Ross acted nobly and generously throughout."

"O Florence!" sighed her mother, "You will make yourself talked about everywhere. Two engagements broken within one year—it's disgraceful!"

Throughout the remaining festivities of the day Florence could see she had cast a cloud over her parents' enjoyment, although they were too truly unselfish to let it shadow the enjoyment of others. She felt like one moving in a dream.

Mirth was at its height, the Christmas tree lighted and revealed to the eager little ones, while Mr. Arlington, enacting the beneficent Santa Clause was distributing its treasures, when a servant announced a gentleman in the reception-room to see Miss Florence.

"It's very cold there; why didn't you ask him in here?" questioned Mrs. Arlington.

"I did, ma'am," replied the servant, as Florence without a word of comment swept from the room. "He said he only wished to see the young lady."

Florence trembled violently as she opened the door of the reception-room.

There, by the mantel, stood Julian Clifford, pale and still beneath the glare of gas-light. He turned as she entered, gazed at her with a searching look, then extended his arms towards her.

With an eager cry of joy she sprang to him and was folded in his embrace.

"Is this another man's promised bride that I hold in my arms?" he asked, bitterly.

"No, Julian! No!"

"Then I claim you, my love, now and forever. We have long ago given our hearts to each other, Florence, and that should make us forbearing and ready to forgive. Perhaps we needed the painful discipline we have received."

"O Julian, generous as ever! I, only, have been to blame. Can you, indeed, forgive me? What a happy Christmas this is for me, which gives me back my dearest treasure—your love!"

There were many questions to ask and many things to explain on both sides. The happy lovers took no heed of time.

The family began to wonder. They wondered still more when Julian Clifford stood once again in their midst.

He explained matters in a manly, straightforward way, and added:

"Forgive her, as I do—as Mr. Ross, the most deeply injured of all, does. For the rest, forget what is past."

Florence's engagement to me is the only true one—I never released her."

"I am sorry to cast blame on my daughter," responded Mr. Arlington, angrily; "but I cannot consider her conduct honorable. I am mortified beyond the power of words to explain, at her fickleness, heartlessness, meanness!"

[From the Aroostook Pioneer.]

SHORT CUT TO THE WEST.

Any new railway scheme by which the interior of our State is to be brought into closer connection with large business centres is always in order. Maine, although far behind many younger States in railway enterprise, is rapidly coming to the front, and lastening the time when its vast resources can be profitably developed. But more particularly for the purpose of opening a shorter and more direct route for eastern travel to the west, is attracting attention. We refer to the MEGANTIC RAILWAY, thirty miles of which are soon to be opened for traffic.

The line begins at Sherbrooke, on Grand Trunk above Island Pond, and runs about 60 miles to the Maine boundary; thence to Greenville, at the foot of Moose Head Lake a distance of 55 miles; thence to a point on the E. & N. A. Railway, at or near Lincoln, a distance of 35 miles; thence to Princeton, a distance of 45 miles; thence along a line of Railway, now built, a distance of about 8 miles; thence to a point on the N. B. & C. Railroad (touching at St. Stephen) a distance of 10 miles; thence to St. Andrews, a distance of 15 miles, making in all, from Sherbrooke to St. Andrews, 247 miles, or about 350 miles from Montreal to St. Andrews.

We are unable to give the exact difference in distance between this route and the one now travelled via Maine Central to Danville Junction, but think it cannot be less than one hundred and fifty miles. Besides the shortening of distance between the east and west, the time and expense saved in travelling, the through traffic on the line from the west will be largely reduced—a matter of no small importance to us who have not yet learned to raise our own bread.

In the article of flour alone, it is estimated that on the completion of this new road not less than 200,000 barrels will be annually brought over it for consumption in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. This is only one of the many advantages resulting from the completion of Megantic Railway. All Canadian importations during the winter from Europe for the upper portion of the Dominion, will be landed at St. Andrews, (a port always open to navigation,) and sent by rail to their destination. The English mail would no doubt be sent by the same route, as the shortest, quickest and most certain route in winter. The great change in the condition of St. Andrews which will be brought about upon completion of the road, few can estimate. Its old dilapidated, tumble-down rattletraps would give place to stately blocks filled with costly merchandise, and its beautiful bay and harbor be crowded with the sails of every nation. Ocean steamers, to and from Liverpool, would touch at St. Andrews, landing and shipping passengers and mails for and from the upper Provinces. Those who think St. Andrews beyond the power of reconstruction, had better suspend judgment till after the completion of the Megantic Railway.

INGENUITY OF A SPIDER.—A correspondent writes to *Nature* that a spider constructed its web in an angle of his garden, the sides of which were attached to shrubs by long threads at the height of nearly three feet from the gravel path beneath. Being much exposed to the wind, the equinoctial gales of this autumn destroyed the web several times.

The ingenious spider now adopted a new contrivance. It secured a conical fragment of gravel, with its larger end upwards, by two cords, one attached to each of its opposite sides, to the apex of its wedge-shaped web, and left it suspended as a movable weight to be opposed to the effect of such gusts of air as had destroyed the webs previously occupying the same situation.

The spider must have descended to the gravel path for this special object, and, having attached threads to a stone suited to its purpose, must have afterwards raised this by fixing itself upon the web, and pulling the weight up to a height of more than two feet from the ground, where it hung suspended by elastic cords.

History came very near repeating itself in Duluth the other day, and another mischievous story narrowly escaped publication in the newspapers. A boy there got into a Saratoga trunk just for fun, when the lid suddenly came down and the spring lock clicked. The search for a dress by a girl, half an hour later, was very successful.

Old Dr. T— was noted for his ready wit and sure-fire replies. While taking a walk one day he was met by two young men, who thought to play a practical joke on the old gentleman. Said one of them, "Good morning, Doctor; have you heard the sad news, this morning?" "Well, no," said the Doctor, "I have not." "Is it anything very serious?" "Oh, yes, Doctor, said the other, "The Devil is dead!" The old gentleman looked at them for a moment in silence, and slowly raising his hands above his head, exclaimed: "May the Lord have mercy on his two fatherless hairs."

A Mississippi boatman with immense feet, stopping at a public house on the levee, asked the porter for a box jack to pull off his boots. The colored gentleman, after examining the stranger's feet, broke out as follows:—"No jack here big nuff for dem feet. Jackass couldn't pull 'em off, massa, widout fracturing de leg. Yess better go back about tree miles to de forks in dereal an' pull 'em off dar."

The saddest man in the city, lately, was the one who had been told that the first snow of the season was the proper thing to which to break in his new boots. He says, if he can find the walking encyclopaedia who dispensed such gratuitous information, he will show him a whinkle in the boot-breaking business which, though having no claim to novelty, has always been attended by a large amount of satisfaction to the wearer.

An English girl laughs at the idea that a woman cannot live comfortably with her mother-in-law, and advertises for some good looking young fellow to give her a chance to try the experiment.

A man in Boston, in his hurry to assist a fainting lady, got a bottle of murexage instead of ammonia, and bathed her face with it. She was a good deal stuck up with his attention.

Recent experiments with cats have proved that a full developed tabby can successfully evade the rapid approach of two boot-jacks, a bar of castile soap, a pair of No. 1 boots, a gold watch, a blinding brush, and a fierce pistol.

Telegraphic News.

BATHURST, Dec. 21.
A serious row occurred at a public house here, called the Malakoff, early yesterday morning.

Several rowdies broke open the door, demolishing the furniture, and threatening the lives of the inmates.

One man who offered resistance was knocked down and tied, and a woman was badly injured.

A seizure was made to day in George Smith's store for non-payment of taxes. Other seizures will soon be made.

LONDON, Dec. 21.
The iron works of the Great Western Railway Company at Reading, England, were burned on Saturday. Four hundred men were thrown out of employment.

The Sultan of Zanzibar is stated will visit England next spring.

Steamer "Abbotsford" injured by collision has been repaired, and sailed for New York, to-day.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.
A collision on the East Tennessee Railway on Saturday, killed two and wounded five persons, smashing two engines and several cars.

122 passengers and crew of steamship "Japan" have arrived at Hong Kong. Four passengers, several of the crew, and 400 Chinese are on board, and boats not yet heard from.

Gold 111 1/2.

Sad Case of Poisoning at Sea.

In an action at the instance of a seaman at the Greenock sheriff court, on the 22nd Nov., a melancholy case of poisoning at sea was described. Capt. James Parsons, of the barque Nevada, of London, which arrived at Greenock from Australia, stated that during the voyage he and his family had been wilfully poisoned. A half-caste West Indian was employed on board as cook and steward and seems to have taken some unaccountable umbrage at the master and vessel. He is supposed to have obtained possession of a quantity of arsenic or other poison, and to have used it in an attempt to destroy the life of the master, and those with him in the cabin. After he had partaken of a quantity of rum one day, Captain Parsons became violently ill, and for a time he was affected immediately after food. The captain's wife and two children were on board, and they also became ill, and exhibited symptoms of poisoning. Mrs. Parsons died after an illness of two days. On arrival at a port in Java medical assistance was obtained, and the Government doctor gave it as his opinion that the captain and his family had been badly poisoned. The steward was called to account for his crime, but, there being no sufficient evidence against him, he was allowed to go. In relating the occurrence, Captain Parsons became much affected, the Sheriff, Smith expressed sympathy with him in the bereavement he had sustained.—*Glasgow Herald.*

COUNTRY PAPERS.

We find in one of our exchanges the following truthful observations concerning country papers, and the duty of giving them a wholesome support: "The local paper is an absolute necessity to the country and community where it is published. All the city papers cannot supply the place of the home paper. That should be the first love of every man and woman, for with the paper is the locality identified. The paper gives the country and town where printed much of their importance in the world and gives in detail the local news which cannot be gained by any other source. Every issue of the paper is so much local history, and the rise growth and development of the town and county can be measured and recorded only by the local newspaper that constantly is gathering its items. People do not properly appreciate their newspapers. They measure the value of a newspaper too much by the number of columns it contains. The home paper at any price is the cheapest paper one can take, for in it is found the information to be obtained from no other source.

Another thing to be taken into consideration. Every county has one or more newspapers. Hence, the circulation of each paper must be limited. There is therefore the greatest need of activity and interest on the part of the people to give their own good paper, vigorous and substantial support.

A TEST OF MAN'S HUMAN NATURE.—One day two men in Xenia, Ohio, were engaged in a discussion as to Heaven's guilt or innocence. From this our debaters branched off upon the subject of human nature in general, its foibles, weaknesses and instability under crucial tests; and, growing earnest, one offered to bet that there was not a dozen men in that city which would stand a certain test which he specified. The wager was accepted, twelve representatives male citizens designated, and to each a dainty note, written in a feminine hand, couched in seductive yet polished forms, was sent as coming from a lady. The mistress said that the writer had seen the gentleman addressed, been impressed by his bearing and appearance, and was most anxious, etc., according to the usual style. The writer would be happy to meet Mr. Vanity at such and such a point at such a time. The notes were duly sent, and the conspirators anxiously awaited the result of the affair. Much to the chagrin of the gentleman who accepted the wager, and the triumph of the other, every one of the men to whom the notes were sent, married and single, old and young, appeared at the

proper point at the time specified.—*Washington (Pa) Reporter.*

CHRISTMAS DAY.

One of the brightest days of the year falls in one of the dreariest months. All December is lit up with the radiance of the coming Christmas. A winter without Christmas? What a blank it would present! How chill and dreary would be the outlook? Strike out Christmas from the year, and at this time of joyous anticipation what better emblem could we have of a life without Christ, a soul without hope? Thank God for Christmas! Thank God that our light has come—that the glory of the Lord has arisen upon us! Yes, young men and maidens, old men and children, join the song of praise, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven rejoice for unto you is born this day a SAVIOUR who is Christ the Lord.

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SAINT ANDREWS, DEC. 23, 1874.

CHRISTMAS.

That happiest and brightest season of the year is at hand, reminding us of that most important of all events, celebrated by the Angels—the Birth of a Saviour. Let all then with true and grateful hearts rejoice. We tender to our friends one and all the compliments of the season, hoping that they may enjoy a "Merry Christmas."

Short cut to the West.

Well it is a short cut in reality—the new Railway from Sherbrooke, in Quebec, to the Maine boundary, known as the "Mégantic Railway." On our outside page we have copied a short article from the "Acrook Pioneer," on this important line, which is destined to be the most direct and best commercial railway in the Dominion—offering a splendid seaport at St. Andrews, open at all seasons, and easy of access from the ocean. The saving in time and expense of travel, and the large reduction which will follow in the tariff of bulky articles, points to this railway as the great connecting link between the far West and the ocean. We are aware that efforts are being made to induce its promoters to change a portion of the location in Maine, for a purpose, but we understand that the most direct line has been decided upon, and that no local or sectional interest will prevail to alter the present location. More anon.

SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

The half yearly examinations of the Public Schools commenced on Monday. We regret to state, that parents generally do not seem to take that interest which they should, in the education of their children. It is in these schools that the foundation is laid for that education which is to fit them for the battle of life, and it must be discouraging to the teachers and pupils to witness this lack of interest on the part of those who are most interested.

Mr. Vroom's, advanced department, was the first examined in the following subjects: geography, arithmetic, grammar, reading, history and writing. The class in geography acquitted themselves with much credit; the reading, grammar, and history classes showed careful training and study; and the copy books were especially good. The visitors were Rev. T. W. Crawley, J. R. Bradford, Esq., Mr. Bridges, the Female Teachers, Mr. Covey, master of the Grammar School, and the Trustees. At the close of the examination the pupils were addressed by Rev. Mr. Crawley, the Editor of this paper, Mr. Bradford, and the Senior Trustee, Mr. Hatheway, complimenting them on the progress which they had made, and inciting them to further diligence after the holidays, and wishing them all "a merry Christmas."

The following remarks are copied from the Register:—"The general progress made during the past six months in all branches is highly creditable to the pupils, and the ability and devotion of the Preceptor to his duties."

[We have very great pleasure in giving the above brief report of the examination of Mr. Vroom's School, which to our view (and it is borne out by the remarks of the examiners), is highly creditable to him as a most attentive, pains-taking and successful teacher. He possesses the rare faculty of gaining the affection of his pupils, while at the same time he has the gift of imparting instruction.]

The Primary Department, under Mrs. Rogers was examined by the Trustees and others, and the progress made was commendable.

In the afternoon, Advanced School, Miss Dixon, teacher, was examined in presence of the Trustees and visitors in the usual English branches. The following remarks from the register speak for themselves: "In comparison with some of the best schools in the United States, this school is not far behind any of them." Another says:—"Having attended the examination of Miss Dixon's school, we find that great progress has been made—especially in reading, grammar, history and spelling, reflecting much credit on the teacher."

On Tuesday morning the Grammar School, of which Mr. Jas. F. Covey, is master, was examined by Rev. Dr. Ketchum. There was a large number of visitors present, among whom we noticed Rev. Mr. Crawley, J. R. Bradford, J. S. Magee, Esq's, the Trustees, and several

ladies. The following is copied from the register:—

Dictation,	very good.
History,	"fair."
Arithmetic,	excellent.
French,	very fair.
Greek,	good.
Euclid,	very fair.
Reading and parsing,	very good.

The Primary School taught by Miss Barbara Morrison was also examined by the Trustees, who report an improvement.

At 2 p. m., the School taught by Miss Algar, was examined by Messrs. Vroom and Covey, in presence of a large number of visitors, in reading, spelling, definition of words, grammar, geography, arithmetic and singing. The progress during the past half year was so satisfactory, as to call forth the remarks on the register:—"There is a marked progress in the school, evincing assiduity and attention on the part of the pupils, and unwearied effort of the teacher."

On the whole, we can safely congratulate the Trustees and the public generally on the efficiency of the Public Schools, and the great progress made by the pupils. The school tax bears no comparison to the great amount of good sound education which has been imparted. If tax-payers would attend the examinations, it is probable that they would consent to be rated even a little higher than at present.

The Schools are to be re-opened on Wednesday, January 6, 1875.

MORRISON'S HOTEL.—During the fall the proprietor of this hotel has made many additions and improvements both inside and outside his premises. A large, well finished, and commodious stable has been erected, which we learn is well patronized by travellers and country friends. There is also a smaller stable in rear which is as warm and convenient as some houses. Such enterprise should merit a liberal patronage.

The New Engine House with tower is finished, and the Bell recently imported has been running for the past few days at the usual hours. In common with many others we believe the bell to be too small. Some persons living in the town have not even heard it, and those who have, think the sound a dull one. Certainly it is neither loud or musical, nor has it the sharp and clear sound of the one formerly used.

We are pleased to notice that Mr. J. M. Hanson has been for the past few weeks, turning out some very fine work from his Boot & Shoe Manufactory, in a variety of styles. This fact must be gratifying to our people who desire to see such work prosper, as well as to Mr. Hanson himself. Persons requiring Boots, Shoes, Over-shoes, Rubbers, &c., would do well to call at the Manufactory.

A GOOD LIVERY STABLE.—The Barn recently destroyed in rear of the "Central Exchange" Hotel, has been replaced by a large and better adapted stable, with entrance of sufficient width to admit of double sleighs being driven under cover. On the lower floor a large space is left for carriages and sleighs, with a harness and robe room, and bins for oats and corn; in rear are the stalls for horses. The upper story is filled with hay and straw, and a careful and obliging hostler is always in attendance. The proprietor, Mr. Adams, has several horses, sleighs, &c., to hire, and also has a comfortable double sleigh for the conveyance of passengers to and from the Railway and Steamer. With good horses, new and well appointed sleighs, those requiring a nice turn out can have one by applying at the "Exchange" Livery Stable.

The weather for the past three or four days, was cold and blustery, with a light fall of snow. The travelling is now good, and the farmers will have an opportunity of coming to town with a supply of geese, turkeys, chickens, &c., for Xmas and New Year.

Our Scottish fyles state that the Rev. GEORGE J. CAIE, recently of St. John, has received a call to be Assistant Minister of Forfar Parish, in Scotland. Mr. Caie's many friends in New Brunswick will be happy to hear this.

The Barque "Hesperus," which was undergoing repairs, sailed this morning for Georgia. Capt. Adams has a crew of St. Andrews men, and upon leaving the wharf was greeted with rousing cheers, which were responded to by the crew. We wish the master and crew a pleasant and rapid passage, and prosperous voyage.

The market is well supplied with turkeys, geese, and other fowl, which realize good prices. One veteran turkey only 23lbs, others from 8lb to 14lbs. The chickens and ducks were also of good size.

About the middle of last month the Duchess of Edinburgh was presented with a Bible, at Buckingham Palace, by a deputation of ladies headed by the Hon. Mrs. Kinnaird. The address, which was read by Miss Nugent, set forth that it was the custom of the maidens of Great Britain to present the Princesses of the Royal Family, on their marriage, with a copy of the Word of God; that the value set upon the Bible was closely linked with the history of the country since Alfred the Great first laid its treasures open to his subjects; that of her own Imperial house, the name of the uncle of her Royal Highness had been associated among the British with a love of the Bible; and that the desire of her father to diffuse its light among

the inhabitants of his vast empire had enlisted the sympathy of the people of Great Britain. The address concluded by offering the copy of the Bible to her Royal Highness as another daughter of the Queen, and earnestly praying that her Royal Highness and the Prince, her husband, may ever have their hope fixed upon the unchangeable Word, until the day they are received into the Kingdom that shall not pass away. The Duchess replied that she accepted with sincere gratification the copy of the Holy Scriptures presented in the name of the maidens of Great Britain, and prized both the gift and the kind words which accompanied it. About 7,572 ladies had subscribed for the Bible, and the ceremony of the presentation was simple and touching.

INTERESTING STATISTICS.—An interesting series of tables has just been published, showing the temperature, for four years, of various places in Canada, and that of cities in Europe, with which a comparison can fairly be instituted. The result will surprise those who are in the habit of raising objections to Canada as a place of settlement for emigrants, on the ground of the extremes of heat and cold. At no time during the period mentioned did the thermometer at Toronto, Ontario, stand above 92° 2°; but in Paris it registered 104° 4°. Again, as to cold, while in Toronto the lowest temperature was -25° 5°, in Dresden it was -23° 8°, and in Moscow -47° 0°. Lastly, taking the mean temperature for summer, winter, and the whole year, we find for Toronto 61° 5°, 16° 8°, and 44° 2°, and for Greenwich, England, 60° 4°, 37° 1°, and 51° 3°. These figures form an eloquent and conclusive refutation of the disparaging allegations made regarding the sultry summers and dreadful winters of the Dominion. But the physical vigor of the population there, and the success with which agriculture and allied industries are prosecuted, ought to have been sufficient for the emigrant to show that the climate could be no obstacle to his prosperity if he should choose a home in Canada.

A good idea of the magnitude of the business of working coal, fire clay, ironstone, and oil shale in Great Britain may be obtained from the fact stated in the reports of the inspector of mines for 1873, just published, that it affords employment to no fewer than 512,000 persons. Last year the coal mines yielded not less than 128,000,000 tons; from which, apart from other known data, an extraordinary activity in manufactures might be inferred. Considering the vast number employed in mining and otherwise treating the materials above stated, and the dangers to which the operatives are necessarily exposed, even when the utmost precautions are employed, it is scarcely to be wondered at that accidents occasioned the death of 1,029 persons; but under the combined effect of legislation, scientific appliances, and the growing caution and intelligence of the men, the casualties in this great army of industry will year by year present a less ratio to the entire body actively engaged.

THE ALDINE.

THE ALDINE for January, 1875, is duly at hand, and certainly entitled to the credit of being the very best number yet issued of that beautiful publication. In both pictures and literary matter, this month, there is an infinite variety and corresponding excellence. Pictorially, the leading attractions are "A Daughter of Cleopatra," after Verne-Lecompte, by John S. Davis—an admirable work of art, and supplying one of the highest types of the dusky Oriental beauty; three magnificent views of the mountains of the "Delaware Water-Gap," illustrating that picturesque region to fine advantage; an attractive full-page, also by Davis, "Fisherman's Luck;" "Love's Offices," by Siegfert, and "The Appointment," by Otto Erdmann, two admirable companion pictures, telling their stories with life and vigor; a very striking "Silver Full-Moonlight," wonderfully attractive; a fine view of the new "Western Union Telegraph Building," New York; and an elaborately executed portrait of Miss Margaretta B. Moore, the popular elocutionist. Such an array of pictorial charm is not often given in one number, even by *The Aldine*.

The literary contents embrace the following rare collection: An instructive and very enjoyable paper on "Christmas in London," by Henry Morford; one of the most charmingly mischievous short stories of the period, by another of the new names which the *Aldine* is introducing to the public—evidently a Norwegian, Edna Sjerne-Jarlsen; an excessively amusing sketch of "Student Life Abroad," by Fenno Douglas; a valuable peep at the growth of "The Mistletoe," continuation of the popular serial, "Lost Lillian Bracy," a most touching story of primitive New England life, in "One Little Paritan," by Annette L. Noble; a pleasant translation, in the "Birthplace of Mozart's Zauberkloster," by Miss E. C. Gildemeister; incisive articles on Literature, Music, the Drama, etc. In addition, there are no less than four poems of merit; "A New Year's Wish," "Dead Days," "Abreast with the Storm," and "Songs of the Months." This makes, we repeat, a rare issue of excellence and variety, and evidences the fact that under the new editorial management, while nothing is to be lost in high artistic reputation, the literary merit of the publication is to be kept abreast with it. The *Aldine* Company, publishers, No. 58 Maiden Lane, N. Y. City.

It is rumored that C. J. Brydges is appointed general manager of the Great West-

ern railway, and that he will retain the general superintendence of the Intercolonial railway.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE for January is fresh, bright and seasonable. Peculiarly rich in the variety of its contents and the profusion of its illustrations, it opens a new year under the most prominent auspices.

Mrs. Buckington's poem, "The Children's Night," which opens the Number, is a novel conception, grouping in a brilliant galaxy the impersonations of familiar to children from "Mother Goose's Melodies" and fairy-lore. The third installment of "The First Century of the Republic" continues the review of Mechanical Progress, tracing the improvements in iron-working, engineering, and wood-working, and is accompanied with twenty-four illustrations. The papers on Mechanical Progress, of which there will be two more, are contributed by Edward H. Knight.

Not only in the opening of this number are the children remembered, but there is also for little folks a reproduction, with characteristic illustrations, of Robt. Southey's "Story of the Three Bears." Mr. Curtis, in the *Easy Chair*, presents a lucid statement of the English question concerning ritualism, gives us a taste of Mr. Northolme's new and important work on Communion Societies, and pays graceful tributes to the late Dr. Wyman and to William Cullen Bryant.

The Editor's *Literary Record* devotes much space to notices of recent holiday books. The *Scientific Record*—the only complete monthly record of Scientific Progress published in this country—is very full and interesting; and the other editorial departments maintain their usual excellence, the *Drafter* for this month being especially lively and amusing.

The Maine ice dealers now realize fully the great blunder they made last year, in giving into the business so largely. They cut about 800,000 tons, not more than half of which has been sold. There was a perfect fever for ice-cutting, early in the season, owing to the failure of the crop in New York State, and the business was carried on not only on the great rivers, but on the ponds and little streams. Dealers who at first asked \$1 a ton would have been glad to get \$1.50 later in the season, and now they can get nothing.

This is rattlesnake season in Texas. A letter from there says: "Twenty-one rattlesnakes were caught and caged at Elgin during the last cold spell. Two sink holes were attached and thirteen taken from one and eight from the other. They measured from eight to five feet, and some of them had as many as nine rattles."

The general manager of the Grand Trunk Railroad telegraph has a denial of the charge made by a Washington correspondent to the effect that the Grand Trunk Railway was hastening to pay duties on the car loads of merchandise which had been switched off to quiet places, and unloaded without the aid of custom house officers. In fact there has been no omission on the part of the company to pay duties on the merchandise, nor has there been any complaint lodged against the company by the revenue department of the United States of any such omission.

The nine railroad leading out of Boston show a falling off in their receipts from \$23,257,732 to \$21,699,978, and a slight increase in expenses, so that the net income falls from \$5,438,731 to \$4,727,248.

The villains who abducted the little Ross child in Philadelphia a few months ago have certainly met with a deserved retribution, having been shot while in the act of robbing a house. It is to be hoped that the detectives, who now profess to have suspected these men of the crime all along, will be able to ascertain the whereabouts of the lost boy.

A compulsory education law is enforced in England. There is now a novel difficulty in London in the way of exacting compliance with its provisions. The holiday pantomimes and spectacles at the theatres employ hundreds of children, and the pay is six shillings a week. As the fine for parents who do not send their children to school is usually but a shilling they pay it when brought into court, as they are about once a week, and keep on breaking the law. Higher penalties are proposed.

TWO SCHOONERS WRECKED.—On Monday morning the 14th inst., the schooner *John Taylor* went ashore on the northern side of the Eastern Wolf, and went to pieces. Part of the cargo was washed ashore and is piled on the beach. About the same time the schooner *Alison*, from Moncton for Pembroke, went ashore on the south side of the Eastern Wolf, and went to pieces, the crew narrowly escaping with their lives.

Ship News

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS

ARRIVED.

Dec. 18, Juniata, Holt, Eastport, 140 bbls. apples.

19, Linda, Evans, Eastport, ballast.

21, Freedom, Hiltz, Gloucester, ballast.

CLEARED.

Dec. 19, Linda, Evans, St. John, scrap iron.

22, Bq. Hesperus, Adams, Germantown, Georgia, ballast.

New Books.

JUST RECEIVED:—
A HERO and a Martyr—by Chas. Hoad, 15c.
The King of No Land—by B. L. Farjon, 25c.
The Treasure Hunter—by Geo. Penn, 40c.
The Treasure Hunter—by B. L. Farjon, 50c.
Jack's Story—75c.
She Loves that Land—by Miss Elliott, 75c.



GIFT BOOKS.
BALLADS OF BEAUTY.
MRS. FOLLIN'S
LITTLE SONGS.
DORCAS CLUB.
For sale by
H. R. SMITH,
14 King St., St. John.

CHRISTMAS!

CHRISTMAS TOYS

IN GREAT VARIETY:
WRITING DESKS, WORK BOXES,
Dolls, Games,
Fancy Note Papers and Envelopes,
with numerous other articles suitable for

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

AT THE
St. Andrews Drug Store.
Dec. 16, 1874. E. LEE STREET.

Bridge Contract

TENDERS will be received at the Office of Public Works, Fredericton, until THURSDAY, 24th day of December next, at noon, for the erection of a new Bridge over the Miramichi River, at the Town of Woodville, according to plan and specification to be seen at said office and at the store of H. W. Linsley, at Woodville. Each tender to be marked "Tender for Woodville Bridge," and to give the names of two responsible persons willing to become sureties for the faithful performance of the contract. The Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.
WM. M. KELLY,
Chief Commissioner.
Department of Public Works,
Fredericton, Nov. 25, 1874.

MAMMOTH VINEGAR WORKS.

Nov. 27th, 1874.

JUST RECEIVED:

9 Bbls Cider and White Wine Vinegar.
Which will be sold low.
JAMES W. STREET & CO.
St. Andrews, Dec. 2, 1874.



THE ONLY RELIABLE GIFT DISTRIBUTION IN THE COUNTRY!

L. D. SINE'S

GRAND

Annual Distribution.

To be Drawn Friday, January 1st, 1875.

\$200,000.00

IN VALUABLE GIFTS!

GRAND CAPITAL PRIZE,

\$200,000.00 IN CASH!

ONE GRAND PRIZE.

\$10,000.00 IN CASH!

ONE PRIZE OF

\$5,000.00 IN CASH!

Each in Cash.

One Prize \$5,000.00

Six Prizes \$1,000.00

Ten Prizes \$500.00

2500 Gold and Silver Lever Hunting

Watches, (in all,) worth from \$20 to \$500.

Ladies' and Gents' Fine Gold Watch Chains, Solid

and Double-plated Silver-ware, Jewelry, &c.

Whole Number Gifts \$5,000! Tickets limited to

100,000!

AGENTS WANTED TO SELL TICKETS TO WHOM

LIBERAL PREMIUMS WILL BE PAID.

Single Tickets \$2; Six Tickets

\$10; Twelve Tickets \$20;

Twenty-Five \$40.

Circulars containing a full list of prizes, a description of the manner of drawing, and other information in reference to the Distribution, will be sent to any one ordering them. All letters must be addressed to

L. D. SINE,
Office, Excelsior Building, Box 432, Cincinnati,
Cor. Race and Longworth, Nov. 17, Ohio

Boots & Shoes.

LADIES, MISSES AND GENTLEMEN'S

Boots and Shoes,

in a variety of styles, at the

BOOT & SHOE MANUFACTORY.

ALSO—A supply of imported Stock, consisting

Ladies and Misses Boots, Arctic Overshoes,

and Rubbers,

which will be sold at the lowest terms.

J. M. HANSON.

St. Andrews, Dec. 9, 1874.

Logs for Sale.

Notice is hereby given that there will be

sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, on

TUESDAY, the twenty-ninth day of December next, at twelve o'clock,

noon, at Chubb's Corner, (so called) in

Prince William Street, in the City of Saint

John, in the Province of New Brunswick:

ALL THE LOGS lying in the Ma-

galloway River, in Charlotte County,

in the said Province, which were lately

in the possession of Messrs. Miller Brothers,

Cutler & Co., of Boston, (and supposed

to contain 300,000 superficial feet or there-

abouts) as well as any sawn lumber lately

in their possession at St. George, in Charlotte

County aforesaid.

The above sale will be made under and

by virtue of the provisions contained in a

certain bill of sale of the said logs, bearing

date the twenty-fourth day of October, A.

D. 1873, made and given by the said Miller

Brothers, Cutler & Co., to the undersigned

James D. Lewis and Charles McNab, and

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GRAND GIFT ENTERPRISE

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ST. ANDREWS HOTEL.

Fifty per cent to be given in Prizes.

THREE THOUSAND TICKETS.

\$5 Gold, or \$5.50 AM. CURRENCY, EACH.

LIST OF PRIZES.

1 Prize of \$1000.

2 Prizes of \$500.

10 do of \$100.

100 do of \$20.

200 do of \$5.

250 do of \$1 share each hotel stock

Total,

The Ticket Holders to appoint a Committee to

superintend the drawing of the Prizes.

Each ticket will admit one person to the Grand

Bazaar and Ball to be held in the Hotel at the

opening.

The money as received from the sale of Tickets

will be deposited in the St. Stephen Bank as

security to the ticket holders until all the prizes are

paid.

The Drawing will take place in St. Andrews as

soon as the full number of tickets are sold.

The Committee guarantee to all purchasers that

should the three thousand tickets not be sold by

the 31st day of December next, they will return

to each purchaser the face value of the tickets.

B. R. STEVENSON,

ROBT. ROBINSON,

H. H. HATCH,

HENRY OSBURN,

Committee.

St. Andrews, Sept. 22, 1874.

MORRISON'S HOTEL.

Corner Water and Edward Sts.,

St. Andrews.

THE Subscriber thankful for the support which

he has received, respectfully announces to

his friends and the public generally, that he has

removed to his large HOUSE, corner of Water

and Edward Streets, for the reception of

Travellers & Permanent Boarders.

The table will be supplied with the best

good style, warm, and well ventilated.

Particular attention given to getting up DINNER

and SUPPER.

He also keeps on hand, the best Wines, Bran-

die, Whiskies, &c.

Connected with the House is a large and well

arranged Stable, with an abundance of Hay,

Orts, &c.

WM. MORRISON.

St. Andrews, Jan. 14, 1874.

CENTRAL EXCHANGE.

WATER STREET.

St. Andrews, N. B.

"THE BRADFORD HOTEL"

has been refitted and refurnished, has been

opened under the above name, and will be kept as

a FIRST-CLASS HOUSE. The Table will be

furnished with the best in the Market, and the

Subscriber hopes that by strict attention to busi-

ness, he will receive a share of Public Patronage.

TERMS LOW.

FREE TRANSIT FROM BOATS AND TRAINS.

Livery Stable in connection with the Hotel.

ROBERT ADAMS,

Proprietor.

St. Andrews, July 16, 1874.

WATSON HOUSE.

OPPOSITE THE RAILROAD DEPOT.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B.

THE SUBSCRIBER having leased the above

commodious Hotel, and thoroughly refitted it,

conducting it as a first-class house.

EVERY ATTENTION PAID TO GUESTS.

Transient and permanent boarders accommodated

on liberal terms.

D. W. MCCORMICK,

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Sept. 29, 1874.

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SEPT. 30, 1874.—3m.

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That commodious Cottage corner of Queen and

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Apply to or J. R. BRAFORD

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Work for all.

At home, male or female; \$35 per

week, day or evening. No Capital

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Goods by mail free. Address with ten

cent return stamp, St. John N. B.,

Greenwich, St. N. Y.

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Fredericton, Sept. 10, 1874.

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SEPTEMBER, 1874.

NEW FALL GOODS.

Received per Steamships "Parina," "Batavia," and "Samaria,"

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DRESSES, VELVETS,

SHAWLS, MANTLES, FRILLINGS, GLOVES,

Hats, Flowers, Feathers, Frillings, Gloves,

Hosiery, Carpets, Cloths, Blankets, Flannels,

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All personally selected in the best European Markets, and for sale

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All the Standard English and American

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NEW BRUNSWICK SERIES OF SCHOOL

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Fancy Goods—consisting of

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Sunday Schools supplied with Libraries and

other Sunday School requisites at the very lowest

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St. John, Aug. 25, 1874.

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Ottawa, August 31st, 1874.

AUTHORIZED discount on AMERICAN IM-

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R. S. M. BOUCHETTE,

Commissioner of Customs.

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Premises situate on South-east side of Market

Square, at present occupied by E. Lorimer. Pos-

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25 Hds. Prime Quality

Cienfuegos Molasses.

8 Hds. Barbados and Porto

Rico Sugar,

very bright.

For sale low.

A Representative and Champion of American
Art Taste.
PROSPECTUS FOR 1874—EIGHTH YEAR.

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THE ART JOURNAL OF AMERICA,
ISSUED MONTHLY.

"A MAGNIFICENT CONCEPTION, WONDER-
FULLY CARRIED OUT."

The necessity of a popular medium for the representation of the productions of our great artists, has always been recognized, and many attempts have been made to meet the want. The successive failures which so invariably followed each attempt in this country to establish an art journal, did not prove the indifference of the people of America to the claims of high art. So soon as a proper appreciation of the want and an ability to meet it were shown, the public at once rallied with enthusiasm to its support, and the result was a great artistic and commercial triumph—THE ALDINE.

THE ALDINE, while issued with all the regularity, has none of the temporary or timely interest characteristic of ordinary periodicals. It is an elegant miscellany of pure, light, and graceful literature; and a collection of pictures, the rarest specimens of artistic skill, in black and white. Although each succeeding number affords a fresh pleasure to its friends, the real value and beauty of THE ALDINE will be most appreciated after it is bound up at the end of the year. While other publications may claim superior cheapness, as compared with rivals of a similar class THE ALDINE is a unique and original conception—alone and unapproached—absolutely without competition in price or character. The possessor of a complete volume can not duplicate the quantity of fine paper and engravings in any other shape or number of volumes for ten times its cost; and then, there is the chrome, besides!

The national feature of THE ALDINE must be taken in to narrow sense. True art is cosmopolitan. While THE ALDINE is distinctly American in its origin, it is not confined to the reproduction of native art. Its mission is to cultivate a broad and appreciative art taste, one that will discriminate only on grounds of intrinsic merit. Thus, while placing before the patrons of THE ALDINE, as a leading characteristic, the productions of the most noted American artists, attention will always be given to specimens from foreign masters.

The artistic illustration of American scenery, original with THE ALDINE, is an important feature, and its magnificent plates are of a size more appropriate to the satisfactory treatment of details than can be afforded by any inferior page. The judicious interpretation of landscape, marine, figure, and animal subjects, sustain an unabated interest, impose where the scope of the work confines the artist too closely to a single style of subject. The literature of THE ALDINE is a light and graceful accompaniment, worthy of the artistic features, with only such technical disquisitions as do not interfere with the popular interest of the work.

PREMIUM FOR 1875.
Every subscriber for 1875 will receive a beautiful portrait, in all colors, of the same noble dog whose picture in a former issue attracted so much attention.

"MAN'S UNSELFISH FRIEND"
will be welcome in every home. Everybody loves such a dog, and the portrait is executed so true to the life, that it seems the veritable presence of the animal itself.

Besides the chrome, every advance subscriber to THE ALDINE for 1875 is constituted a member, and entitled to all the privileges of THE ALDINE ART UNION.

The Union owns the originals of all THE ALDINE pictures, which, with other paintings and engravings, are to be distributed among the members. To every series of 500 subscribers, 100 different pictures, valued at over \$2,500 are distributed as soon as the series is full, and the awards of each series as made are to be published in the next succeeding issue of THE ALDINE. This feature only applies to subscribers who pay for one year in advance. Full particulars in circular sent on application enclosing a stamp.

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ONE SUBSCRIPTION ENTITLING TO THE ALDINE ONE YEAR, THE CHROME AND THE ART UNION,
\$6 per annum in advance.
(No charge for postage.)

SPECIMEN COPIES OF THE ALDINE, 50 CENTS.
THE ALDINE will, hereafter, be obtainable by subscription. There will be no reduced or club rates; each for subscriptions must be sent to the publishers direct, or handed to the local canvasser, without responsibility to the publishers, except in cases where the certificate is given, bearing the fac simile signature of James Sutton, President.

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Any person wishing to act permanently at a local canvasser will receive full and prompt information by applying to
THE ALDINE COMPANY,
53 Maiden Lane, New York.

REMOVAL.

JAMES STOOP, MERCHANT TAILOR, begs to intimate to his friends and the public generally, that he has removed his establishment to the building lately occupied by W. D. Hart, next door to J. R. Stewart's, where he will be happy to see his customers, and by promptness and efforts to please, to receive a continuance of the patronage hitherto afforded him.
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VISITING & BUSINESS CARDS
NEATLY PRINTED AT THE
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POLISHED
COLUMNS AND PILASTERS,
Tombs and Monuments,
Mausoleums, Vaults, etc.

Estimates made for Building work Granite supplied to dimensions. Designs furnished to order.

The Polishing Works and Quarries of the Bay of Fundy Company are now in full operation and the Company are prepared to fill orders with despatch. Further particulars and price list on application to the Secretary at St. George, N. B., St. George, N. B., March 18, 1874.

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HENRY JACK,
General Agent.
W. B. MORRIS, Agent for St. Andrews and vicinity.
Aug. 9.

STREET & STEVENSON,

**Baristers and Attorneys at Law,
Solicitors &c.**

OFFICES—WATER STREET,
ST. ANDREWS.

REMOVAL.

W. H. WILLIAMSON, ever grateful for the kind support and patronage he has hitherto received, begs to inform his friends and the public generally, that he has removed his establishment to the store formerly occupied by Miss Irwin, corner of Water and Edward streets; where he will keep as usual.

**DRUGS, CHEMICALS,
Patent Medicines, Perfumery,
Toilet Articles, Groceries,**

Paints, Glass, Putty, and all the other necessities usually found in a Drug Store.
St. Andrews.

G. F. STICKNEY,

WATCH MAKER & JEWELLER.

Has received a further supply of

**GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES,
Chains, Rings, Brooches,
Lockets, Studs, Solitaires, Keys, &c.**

Electroplated Britannia Metal and British Plate Wares.

Paper Machie, Parian, Spa, Wedgwood and Bohemian Goods.

JET AND RUBBER GOODS.

CUTLERY, HARDWARE, FIDELITY TOOLS.

TOYS, FANCY SOAP AND PERFUMERY.

Together with a general assortment of

House Furnishing & Fancy Goods.

WEDDING RINGS made to order.
July 19.

REMOVAL.

H. O'NEIL & SONS respectfully inform their friends generally, that in consequence of their late Market having been destroyed by fire, they have removed for the present to the building adjoining the store of Messrs. Robinson & Glenn, where they will be happy to supply the wants of their numerous customers, and beg to return thanks for the patronage heretofore received, and trust by efforts to please, to merit a continuance of their custom.
H. O'NEIL & SONS,
St. Andrews, Aug. 20, 1874.

GEO. STEWART, JR.,

**WHOLESALE & RETAIL
CHEMIST & DRUGGIST,**

DEALER IN
DRUGS, MEDICINES, PATENT MEDICINES,
DYE WOODS AND STEEPS, SURGICAL
INSTRUMENTS.

Toilet Requisites, Perfumery, Brushes, &c.,
24 King Street, Saint John, N. B.

Orders from the Country promptly executed.

Ships' Medicine Chests Filled and Re-filled

Particular attention given to the Preparation of Physicians' Prescriptions.

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BAY RUM

19 Gallons, good Hay Rum, for sale at the

St. Andrews Duty Shop.

Nov. 5. E. LEE STREET.

ST. ANDREWS FOUNDRY.

THE SUBSCRIBERS respectfully announce that they are prepared to execute orders for

Foundry Work,

with promptness and despatch. STOVES of approved patterns, MILL and SHIPS CASTINGS, and other foundry business attended to. Particular attention paid to

Blacksmith Work

of every description, and satisfaction guaranteed. By punctuality and a desire to please, they hope to merit public patronage.

A LAMB & CO.
St. Andrews, Oct. 22, 1873. oc22 ly

FOR SALE.

THAT valuable and eligibly situated

HOUSE AND PREMISES

belonging to the Estate late L. D. McNeil, Esq.,

fronting on King's Palace of Wales, Carleton and

Wm. Henry Streets, and at present in the occupation of Mrs. Mary Jane Kyle.

For price and terms apply to
W. H. MACNAV,
133 Prince Wm. Street,
St. John.

May 13—rm

REWARD.

AN attempt having been made on Monday

night last, 6th inst., to rob the bank, adjoining

the residence of Mrs. Parker, in this town;

NOTICE is hereby given that a reward of

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS

will be paid to any one giving such information as

will lead to the conviction of the offender.

NEVILLE G. D. PARKER,
St. Andrews, Sept. 9, 1874.

NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to the late Mr. James

McNeil, of Waverley, Parish of St. Patrick,

will please call and settle their accounts with the

subscriber within thirty days from this date, and

all persons having any legal demands against said

Estate, will please present them for settlement

within thirty days.

MARY ANN McNEIL,
Scale Laxentia,
Waverley,
Co. of Charlotte, Oct. 14, 1874. 21

RING LOST.

LOST on Saturday morning last, 1st instant,

a **Gold Ring**, set with

brilliant in shape of a Maltese Cross, with an

Emerald in the centre. It being a family me-

morial, the finder will not only receive the thanks

of the owner, but likewise a liberal reward, on

leaving it at the

August 4.

Standard Office.

ROYAL HOTEL

(FORMERLY STUBBS.)

Opposite Custom House and Public Offices,
PRINCE WILLIAM ST., ST. JOHN, N. B.

During the past winter this house has been

thoroughly renovated and refurnished. It will be

re-opened on 1st May next.

Having secured the services of Mr. Charles

Watts as Manager, the proprietor trusts that their

united efforts for the comfort of their guests will

give entire satisfaction.

Terms \$2.00 per day.

June 12

THOMAS F. RAYMOND,
Proprietor.

Debentures for Sale.

THE TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS, ST. AN-

DEW'S, District No. One, offer for sale

DEBENTURES in sums of from \$100 to \$500,

secured on the credit of the District.

Jan. 21, 1874.

TEACHER WANTED.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES,
St. Andrews, April 8, 1874.

WANTED—A Female Teacher, First Class, to

take charge of an Advanced School for girls.

Apply to

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CHAS. O'NEIL, Secy.

Tea Tea

Ex "Lady Darling" from London via St. John.

40 C

40 C

30 Half Chests Breakfast Souchong do.

For sale by

J. W. STREET & CO.
St. Andrews, Nov. 19, 1873. 41

For sale or to let.

Two story Dwelling HOUSE and Lot

corner King and Fair streets. The property

is pleasantly situated, and with slight repairs

would make a pleasant residence. Possession

given immediately. Apply at the

STANDARD OFFICE

Aug. 6.

SEWING MACHINES

WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD HAVE

One of the original **Weed Sewing**

Machines.

These celebrated Machines are now on show

at the subscriber's, where the public are invited to

examine and test for themselves.

JAMES STOOP,

Agent.

Jan 16.

Copartnership.

The Subscribers have this day entered into

Professional Copartnership, under the style

and firm of

Street & Stevenson.

GEO. D. STREET.

B. R. STEVENSON.

St. Andrews, June 1, 1872.

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\$2 50 per Annum—if paid in advance.

\$3 00 if not paid till the end of the year.

ADVERTISEMENTS

inserted according to written order or continued

until forbidden if no other directions.

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1 inch \$1 00 1 50 2 00 2 50 3 50 4 50

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4 " 2 50 3 50 4 50 6 50 8 00 11 00

Advertising by the year as may be agreed on.

All letters addressed to this office must be

post paid.

Goods remaining in store

March 1st, 1874.

31 Casks } Fine Congo & TEA.

20 " } Best Scotch & Irish Tea

6 " } Oolong do

LIQUORS.

8 Hhds. } Cognac BRANDY.

10 Qr Casks } do do

200 Cases } do do

10 " } pt. B. & S. do do

20 Hhds. } Best Pale GENEVA.

250 Cases } CLARET.

15 " } CHAMPAGNE.

2 Hhds. } Best Scotch & Irish

25 Qr Casks } WHISKY.

51 Cases } do

50 " } pt. B. & S.

PAINTS & OILS.

2 Tons Brandy Bros. best white Paint,

do do do do do do

8 Casks Boiled and Raw Oil

J. W. STREET & CO.

GIN, WINE, TEA, &c.

Ex "Choice" from London.

40 Hhds. } Best Pale Geneva.

30 Qr Casks } do do

20 Hhds. } Congou Tea.

30 Chests } do do

10 Bbls Refined Crushed Sugar

20 Casks "Bridges & Son's" best Stout

Porter.

30 cases "Guinness" Dublin Porter, quarts

and pints.

5 do London Brown Stout & Pale Ale.

20 Qr Casks } Pale Sherry.

73 Hhds. } do do

31 Tons "Brandy Bros" Best White Lead

4 Hhds. } do Boiled and Raw

4 Qr Casks } Lined Oil.

J. W. STREET.

Government House, Ottawa.

Thursday, 23rd day of April, 1874.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

IN COUNCIL.

On the recommendation of the Hon. the Minis-

ter of Marine and Fisheries, and under the pre-

sidence of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, His

Excellency has been pleased to make the fol-

lowing regulations:—

"In the Provinces of Quebec, Nova Scotia and

New Brunswick no person shall, during the

months of July and August, fish for, catch, kill,

buy, sell or have in possession any soft-shelled

crustaceans or mollusks with eggs attached, nor

shall lobsters of a less size than nine inches in

length, measured from head to tail, exclusive of

claws or legs, be at any time fished for, caught,

killed, bought, sold or had in possession, but when

caught by accident in nets or other fishing appa-

rat, lawfully used for other fish, lobsters with eggs

attached, soft-shelled and young lobsters of a less

size than nine inches shall be liberated alive, at the

risk and loss of the owner of the net or appa-

rat, or by the occupier of the fishery, on whom in

every case shall devolve the proof of such actual

liberation.

His Excellency has been pleased to cancel the