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BRIDGETOWN, N. S. Poetry.

There's a storm abroad on land and sea,
The stars are veiled, and in ecstacy
The white snow whirls in cruel glee.
One breath from the north cuts icily!

Ah, the glowing grate is good to see, The silken curtains drawn cozily, The shaded lights—a faint perfume Comes from the rarest plants in bloom.

In this "snowy dove cote" my babies fair, Warmly cuddled 'neath laces rare, Strong-limbed and rosy, weary with play, Are sweetly sleeping the night away. As in rapture of love I gaze on them there, My heart stands still with a fearful care; Is the sign on my lintel—the bloodstain there— Will the angel of death heed the sign and

Peace foolish heart!—sleep my doves.
Safe in your snowy cots—sleep my loves.

The storm is sobbing and shuddering round,
The snow lies deep on the icy ground,
My book is unread, my mind distrait,
In a sad unrest doth my soul abound,
I draw my chair to the fire bright—
Are all the little ones housed to-night?
WINNIE BECKWITH COSSITT. "Oh, that weren't nothin' to it. They

Select Biterature.

The Mystery of Sarah Brice.

BY FLORENCE HALLOWELL HOYT CHAPTER I

It was a bitterly cold afternoon, the day before Christmas. A black frost had gripped the earth for the last two weeks-a frost which following immediately a succession of heavy snow storms, seized on the soft, accumulated mass as it lay like a thick white mantle on the hills and heaped in the valleys, and forthwith turned it into stone.

Sarah Brice shivered and coughed as she stood outside her little front gate and waited for Reuben Turner to measure out a peck of turnips for her. Reuben was in a covered wagon on runners, and had on a thick, shaggy vercoat, a knit tippet and heavy woolen gloves. He didn't feel the cold as Sarah did. n her thin cotton dress with only a rusty old black shawl over her head and shoulders "Fine Christmas weather," Reuben said, as he emptied the measure of turnips into the basket she held up for them. "Bluebird Hill was black with young folks a-coastin' as I come along. Wonder half on 'em don't

get smashed to pieces or crippled for life. But 'tain't no use warnin' em. You expectin' Jim home for Christmas?" A little spasm contracted Sarah's face. She compressed her lips and stooped to pick up a turnip that had fallen from the measure and rolled under a lilac bush close to the

gate. "Not this year," she said. "Gettin' too fine, Jim is, I guess, to care about Rockford much," said Reuben, gathering up the reins. "Well, it is dull here, way," with fine sarcasm. "Folks won't recognize him when he does come. How'd

and as Reuben started his horse she nodded a good-bye and walked up the little path iskly, carrying the basket in both arms. Her coarse shoes made a crushing sound on the frozen snow. She had shoveled that path herself when the snow had stopped falling. She had grown used to hard work during the last nine years. Before thatwell, she never let herself think of what was before that if she could help it.

She went around to the kitchen door and held the basket against it with one hand, while with the other she turned the knob. But the door wouldn't open. She knocked, and there was the sound o

slow, shuffling feet moving across the floor, and an uncertain hand drew the inside bolt. It seemed to Sarah, waiting their in the cold. that the door would never open. "Why'de you lock the door, father?" she asked, as she pushed into the kitchen, a

whiff of icy air coming in with her. "You knew I was comin' right back." The old man, shuffling back to his seat the old wooden rocker by the window, gave a little chuckle. His sunken mouth was

curved into a sly smile, the wrinkles around his eyes deepened. "I didn't mean no harm," he said. Then

he looked at the turnips. "Didn't ye get no apples?" he asked querulously.
"Not to day," Sarah rejoined, as she went into the little pantry. "Apples next time, perhaps, father."

Old Ezra, with a frown between his brows, ook a needle with a long thread from a cushion on the window seat. The cushion was stuck full of threaded needles. There was a pile of narrow strips of cloth and flannel on a wooden chair beside him, and on the floor was a big ball of the strips which he had

Sarah made braided rugs for the whole neighborhood. She utilized any old clothes her customers could spare. She was never idle, summer or winter; she was always ready for any sort of work. She had cleaned use, washed and ironed, weeded and hoed and dug; she had chopped wood and raked hay, and picked apples and cherries. She gether she earned a good deal. Mrs. Shaw, who lived across the way, often remarked with all the money she earned. She never heard of her spending any of it. But the geraniums.

"Mis' Brice, I'll make you acquainted with plants, most of them geraniums.

"Mis' Brice, I'll make you acquainted with plants, most of them geranium. that she didn't know what Sarah Brice did very old and worn during the past nine years.

Mrs. Shaw's house was a white frame with green blinds. It stood with one side toward coom commanded a view of Sarah's humble lling. Mrs. Shaw sat by one of these she took a peculiar interest in everything that went on over the way. She saw some things that excited her curiosity, and for which she found it impossible to find an explanation. She thought about it a great deal. Her sister, Ann Starr, lived with her, and it vexed her that Ann never cared to talk much about old Sarah. Everybody liked Ann Starr, though she was not con- all alone, you know."

sidered very social.

Mrs. Shaw was tall and straight, with a dark, leathery face and thin lips. Her eyes him. I've often wondered, though, how you were light blue, and her pale brown hair was drawn back straight from her high forehead into a knot at the back of her head. She

old man on turnips," she said. "He looks

Ann Starr was cutting out a pattern from a newspaper. Her scissors squeaked a little "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" as she cut. She did not even look around as her sister spoke.

By the stove, warming her feet comfort-

Eliza Lucas, and she lived in the city. She had come to Rockford to spend Christmas

"I seen an old man settin' by the winder as I come along," she said. "Looked like he had on er apron 'n' was a-sewin'."
"He does sew," said Matilda; "he sews rug rags. He ain't right in his mind. I guess it's all Sarah Brice wants to do to

manage him sometimes. When they was livin' up to the old place, 'fore Brice failed, they had a man to see to him. They was afraid he'd set the house afire or something." "They muster had money to throw away," said Mrs. Lucas, who was fat and florid. She had turned up the front of her dress skirt, showing a black quilted petticoat.

> had a nurse for Jim till he was goin' on nine years old, 'n' kep' a cook besides. Joseph Brice had about the hull of the grocery trade here, 'n' was called rich. Folks wouldn't hardly believe when he died so sudden that he hadn't left nothin'. Jim, he was about twenty then, 'n' he went to the city 'n' got a place in a store."

> "Do you know where the store was? What street was it on?" Mrs. Lucas asked, as she pushed her rocker away from the stove and drew down the skirt of her dress.

"I do' know's as I ever heard. Anyway, ne ain't ever been back here. Sarah, she had old Ezra on her hands, 'n' she just took that house 'n' has lived there ever since. She don't get no help from Jim, I guess. If he's got up in the world he'd hardly know her now if he was to come back. She ain't got a really decent dress to her name. And she used to-Ann, do you mind that dress real lace on the neck and bead trimmin' black cape edge with fur, too, and a bonnet trimmed with black feathers. The dressmakers here didn't do for her then. She had everything made in the city. And now look thing to wear since Joseph died."
"Her son had ought to be seen about it.

Why don't her minister 'tend to it?" "He don't never go there, now. wouldn't have nothin' to say to him if he did. She's closer'n wax for keepin' things to herself. I'll tell you something mighty curious, and if you c'n make head or tail of it, why, it's more'n I can. Once every-"

"Now, Matilda," said Ann, speaking for the first time, "you better keep quiet. There ain't no use 'n tellin' Mis' Lucas that." "Oh, yes, do tell me." Mrs. Lucas's face betrayed the most eager curiosity. "I won't breathe it to a soul if you don't want me to." "I don't see why I shouldn't tell it," said mewhere 'n' stays all day.

"For the land's sake! Where does she go?" "I wish you'd tell me. She starts off in gayly to her companion time for the seven-thirty train, 'n' she allers carries a big bundle along."
"A bundle! Sells somethin', I guess."

Mrs. Shaw shook her head. "No, she don't. I thought that at first. myself. But she allers brings the bundle back again. I wouldn't think nothin' of it if she didn't go every two months to the

"How long's she been doin' this way?" "Oh, years 'n' years. Ann there makes out she don't see nothin' curious 'bout it, but there's times I go 'most crazy thinkin' on it."

"Ain't ye never ast her 'bout it?" "Land, ves! But she won't tell nothin': he-there, sister, you've dropped your scissors 'n' they've stuck point down. That's a sign comp'ny's comin'. Maybe it's Sam Bos-

Ann gave her shoulders a little jerk as if annoyed, but said nothing.
"You didn't tell me you'd got a beau, Ann," said Mrs. Lucas. "I haven't; that's just some of Matilda's

"Don't you believe her, Eliza Lucas; she

A knock at the outer door which opened lirectly into the sitting-room, made them all start. They were all three plain, unimaginative women, but for some reason a thrill of superstitious expectation ran through them. No one arose. They were all silent for a moment, listening and looking at each other. Then the knock came again.

"You go to the door, Ann," said Mrs. Ann Starr rose at once and went and open ed the door. Sarah Brice stood on the ston step with a very small bottle in one hand. Her cape bonnet was one sided, and her old black shawl was askew. She drew back

timidly when she saw Mrs. Lucas. "I didn't know you had comp'ny," she said. "Never mind, it's only Mis' Lucas; you come right in," said Ann.

Sarah came in reluctantly. She sat gently down in the proferred chair, smiling faintly. The sitting-room was warm, and comfortable with its ordinary furnishings such as are common in villages-its ingrain carpet, its big chest of mahogany drawers, which was a fine tailorese, too, and made overalls had stood in the same spot thirty years; the for the farmers and their hired men. Altomelodeon, on which Ann played by ear, the melodeon, on which Ann played by ear, the tall old clock with the moon face, and the

> Mis' Lucas," Matilda Shaw said promptly, and both women bowed, while Mrs. Lucas said affably that she was pleased to meet any friend of Mis' Shaw's. "I didn't come to stop," said Sarah, depre catingly, "only to see if you had a little benzine you wouldn't mind sparin'. I don't want more'n a tablespoonful." "No, we ain't got a drop," answered Mrs.

used it all up cleaning the carpet in the fore-Now, surely, you ain't goin', Miss Brice? Why, you ain't set a minute hardly." "I know, but I've got to go back; father's

darst to go off 'n' stay all day every two months. Seems like it'd be a big risk, with Sarah Brice's soft withered face flushed.

She looked steadily at the red and green carpet, and coughed a little.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1896. "Yes, it is a risk," she said, in a low voice. found the little ditch on the other side of the "Jim ain't a-comin' down for Christmas,

I s'pose""
"Not this year," answered Sarah, just as she had answered Reuben Turner.
"Seems like 'most everybody in Rockford's got comp'ny this Christmas," Ann ably, sat a woman who had dropped in to make a call on Mrs. Shaw. Her name was down to Curd's store this mornin' that Mrs. Corey's got the Governor's wife stayin' with her. Seems that they used to go to school

together. Geoffrey Corey's home, too." "The Governor's wife!" The words came in a strained, hoarse whisper from Sarah cooked," he said. met several people who spoke to her, but she looked at them with vacant eyes and made leaned back in her chair. Her eyes were half shut and her teeth showed. She looked no response.

Mr. Corey's house stood alone, almost at

ghastly all at once.
"What ails you?" asked Ann, kindly. "Nothin'. I'm just a little tired, that's

"I guess you've got heart disease," said Matilda Shaw bluntly. "You look just the way Reney Ford did. She was allers puttin" her hand to her side jest that same way, and a little, showing an onyx table with shining brass legs. There was a big pale blue bowl you remember how sudden she went off? She was settin' at the table a talkin', Mis' Lucas, 'n' all to oncet she stopped 'n' shet her eyes. When they got to her she was

Mrs. Lucas looked properly shocked. "We'd all ought to be prepared," she said,

sententiously. A faint, forced smile moved Sarah's lips. "Oh, I guess I ain't got heart disease, she said, as she rose and went toward th

There was a dazed, bewildered expression on her face as she went out. She moved like one in a trance. Her eves had that fixed and glassy stare which sees nothing that is near. Mrs. Shaw called after her that if she was sick she must let them know; but she

Outside, she paused at the gate, trembling A sled, loaded with Christmas greens and drawn by two lean gray horses went creaking down the street. Sarah waited for it to pass, but she did not look at it. The man who was driving stared at her, turning his 'round the bottom o' the basque. She had a head after the sled had passed the gate. He was stout and his shaggy coat made him look like a giant. His face was purple with the cold, and he had his hands in his pockets. He was the Sam Boswick of whom Mrs at her! It's my belief she ain't bought a Shaw had spoken, and he was taking the

greens to Curd's store. When Sarah had crossed the road she stopped again. A sleigh drawn by two spirited black horses was approaching swiftly from the same direction as that from which Sam Boswick's sled had come. The main street of the village was long and straight with a gradual slope for a mile. One standing where Sarah did had an uninterrupted

view of the street for a long distance The sleigh came on with a great jingling of bells. The negro driver wore a big black fur cape and a silk hat, and the two ladies on the back seat had fur lap robes tucked in around them. One of them was Mrs. Corey, the wife of a lawyer who had retired from Matilda, defiantly. "I ain't paid to keep active practice on account of ill health, and my mouth shut, be I? It's only this, Mis' made his home in Rockford the greater part Lucas," her voice sinking to a confidential of the year; and the other was a slender whisper, "every two months, as reg'lar as gray haired woman of about fifty years of the time comes 'round, Sarah Brice goes off age, with a remarkably sweet face. There was a pink tinge in her cheeks from the keen

air, and her dark eyes sparkled as she talked Old Sarah made a little, impulsive move ment forward as the sleigh drew near; it seemed as if she would have called out something; but there was only a hoarse murmu in her throat which ended in a fit of coughing, and the sleigh had passed before the at-

tack was over.
Old Ezra was still sewing his rug rags by the window when his daughter came in. He was a small, frail old man, and stooped weakly over his work, his thin white hair falling on his shoulders.

"If you expect me to sew your durned old arpet rags, you've got to keep needles 'N' I ain't goin' to sew all night, either. You jest light the lamp if you want me to finish this ball." Sarah said nothing. She laid aside her old shawl and sat down in a rocker by the

stove. She leaned her head back and closed her eyes; her breath came in slow gasps. Suddenly she broke into a fit of loud weep ing. She held her hands over her face and rocked herself back and forth in her chair. Her old father stopped sewing and stared t her; then he began to whimper. "Ain't you goin' to give me no supper?" he asked, shrilly. "I didn't mean nothin',

Sarah. I'll keep on sewin' all night." Sarah started up, wiping her eyes with the corner of her apron. The storm had ceased as suddenly as it had begun.
"Don't you mind me, father," she said, in a broken voice, "and don't you sew any

more. You've done 'nough for to-day.

Come over here by the stove and warm yourself; it's cold over by that winder. I'm goin' to get supper." She knelt down by the stove and began poking the fire. Then she went about get ting tea ready. It was a frugal meal, bread and butter and weak tea, but she made little porridge for the old man. He laughed

when he saw her sifting the meal into the hot water, and smacked his lips. "We'll have the turnips for our Christmas dinner to-morrow, father," Sarah said. She led him to his chair at the table and tied a towel about his neck, as if he had been a little child. He smiled up at her and chuckled when she handed him the bowl of sugar. He was always very proud when

allowed to sweeten his porridge himself.
Sarah sat down at the table opposite him,

at she could eat nothing, though she tried She drank two cupfuls of the weak tea, though she didn't use any sugar. She had rned long ago to drink her tea without it. A strange excitement seemed to possess her as she moved about putting away the upper dishes when the old man had finished. She seemed to be thinking of something that ompletely absorbed her. When she put the saltbox into the kettle closet instead of

on the shelf over the table, she didn't notice it until her father called her attention to it.

He knew as well as she did where every-

thing belonged.

After she had got the old man off to bed she blew out the lamp and sat down by one of the front windows. It was dark outside and she could see nothing, though she could hear people pass. She sat there all night, like a poor, little old ghost, a red and blue thing she wanted to think about, and was afraid that if she went to bed she might fall

CHAPTER II.

The weather moderated very much during the night. In the morning it was clear, and the open fields with their hard glitter of ice shone and flashed in the sun. But by noon the ground was covered with melting snow. When Sarah Bruce started out of doors, she Jas. J. Ritchie, Q.C., BARRSITER

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"She can't be dead!" he said, with a sort of groan. "If she is, I will never forgive myself. Somebody bring the brandy. Maria, stop that screaming and call mother; she'll know what to do."

Sarah Brice became conscious of movement about her, of the sound of voices, of being rubbed; of having some hot liquid forced in quavering voice. She stopped and looked to her mouth. She heard someone say: swered: "I told you she wasn't dead."

When she regained full consciousness she discovered that she was lying on a soft bed the end of the street. It was built of red pink satin quilt, and a white cloth worked brick and was large and substantial There was a wide porch in front, a conservatory on one side, and stables in the rear. There in pink flowers covered the little stand ha

She felt dazed and bewildered: she didn't remember what had happened until her eyes fell upon a crayon portrait which hung just opposite the bed. It was that of the young man with the dark blue eyes. Then Sarah and one pair in the parlor were drawn back knew where she was, and started up weakly, frightened at the thought of all the trouble

she must have given. "Ah, so you are awake," said the girl forward from a seat by the window "You're feeling all right now, ain't you?" "I guess so," answered Sarah, turning down with a reverent hand the pretty pini quilt. "I hope I sin't worried you much.

with heliotrope and orlander, and the sound "We all thought you was dead," she rejoined. "I guess it was only being hungry The servant was an airy creature from the made you fall over." city; she had blue ribbons on her cap and "How long 've I been to sleep?" her white lawn apron was trimmed with "About two hours. It's five o'clock."

visitors were rare indeed at Mrs. Corey's. "I want to see the Governor's wife," said Sarah, wringing her hands together under "The Governor's wife repeated the girl in want to see the Governor's wife.' the cap. Then she paused a moment to re-"Oh, she's gone," said Maria, cheerfully. cover from her surprise. "She's at

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board sidewalk was full to overflowing. She

held up her skirts and stepped along through

the slush. The snow penetrated her worn, broken shoes; she had no rubbers but she

kept on. She looked badly; her soft eye

glittered; there was a scarlet spot on eithe

The window where old Ezra sat opened,

"You get back in time to get my turnips

Sarah nodded and went on again. She

were lace curtains at all the front windows.

where, but the brick walk from the front

house, at which Sarah looked a moment;

then she went up the steps to the front door

She stood there several minutes before she ventured to pull the bell. When the door

of soft music from a rear room.

with Mrs. Corey," she added.

and she heard him call to her in a shrill,

Sarah sighed heavily, her lips quivered; she half turned away, hesitated, and then looked with an air of timid appeal at the "I thought they'd be back by this time," she said. "I put off comin' till now a-

purpose. Can—can I wait for her?" "Well, I don't know; I'll see." The girl walked back to the door of the room from which the music came. "Mr. Geoffrey," she said, "here's an old

voman says she wants to see the Governor's "Do you feel able to walk? I fear you are wife. Shall I let her wait?" not in very good health." The music stopped with a final bang on the piano keys, and a tall young fellow of about twenty years of age came out into the about twenty years of age came out into the hall. He had soft yellow hair inclined to care handsome dark blue eyes and a pleas.

"You haven't given me the least trouble curl, handsome dark blue eyes and a pleasin the world," Mrs. Corey interrupted. ant expression. He was Geoffrey Corey, home from college to spend the holidays. Sarah's face changed as she looked at him, and her eyes filled with sudden tears. He reminded her of Jim. Jim's hair curled in just that way, and he, too, had dark blue

waiting so long; no wonder you felt faint.

You must let me give you a cup of tea and

"Why, of course you can wait if you wan to," the young fellow said, in the cordial, kindly way that had won him so many friends. "Here, go into the library," open ing a door on his left. "When the Governor's wife comes in I'll let her know you are here, unless," and he smiled a little, "I can Would you like me when I'm writing to attend to what you want."

Sarah shook her head. "You couldn't," she said, "but I'm obliged to you all the same."

The library was warm and pleasant, against the four walls were well-filled bookcases, and there were busts on pedestals and high brackets. The furniture was of leather. Sarah walked gingerly to a chair by the register, anxious to dry her wet shoes. She kept looking back to see if she made any tracks on the rich carpet. She felt relieved to see none. But her shoes were very wet. She held her feet over the register; the warm air which came rushing up seemed to make started at the least sound. Once she leaned her head against the back of her chair and moaned a little. But she straightened herself and tried to alter her expression to one of cheerfulness as she heard the sound of voices outside and the opening and closing

of the hall door. She shook from head to foot when someone brushed against the door of the library. Was it the Governor's wife coming in? Would she have courage to tell her why she had called to see her? And would it do any

She sat there watching the door, the poor thin face sharp and pallid with anxiety. But the moments passed and no one came. Presently came the sound of voices and footsteps in the adjoining room; chairs were moved, there was a clatter of china, the rattle of knives and forks. Evidently the Coreys and their guests had begun their Christmas dinner.

Son.

"You have a good heart, Geoffrey," she said, tenderly. "Not many young men would take an interest in a foriorn old woman with an imbecile father."

Christmas dinner.
"She don't want to see me, I guess," thought the poor old woman waiting in the library, "or else she thinks it don't matter how long I'm kept here."

How long I'm kept here."

How they all laughed and talked! How happy they all were! And she—she who had once known Christmas joys too, sat there alone, hungry, uhhappy, forgotten!

It seemed a long time to Sarah before the meal was over, but at last she heard those who had partaken of it leaving the diningroom, then merry voices in the hall.

She waited, still no one came into the library; still the talking went on in the hall.

She stood it as long as she could. Then in a

The lady with the sweet face and gray hair was standing at the foot of the stairway talking to the young man with the dark blue eyes. They both looked around as they heard the door open. Geoffrey said: "By George! I meant to tell you—" Then stopped suddenly, for the wild appeal in that haggard old face, the dumb agony of those fixed and staring eyes, appalled him.

He stepped forward, but too late; old Sarah threw her hands out before her as if fighting against some strange darkness which

to the floor like a stone. The girl with the blue ribbons if her cap ran out from the dining-room, shrieked and threw her apron over her face; Mr. Corey came hastily from his little study next the conservatory, and he and Geoffrey knelt down beside the prostrate figure. "She's dead!" said Mr. Corey. "Poor soul? Who was she? And how did she come

sed her-the next moment she fell

CHAPTER III

Then came silence, oblivion.

The great, square front yard was full of smooth snow. There was not a track anyporch to the gate had been cleared. There was another walk leading to the back of the

opened, there came a rush of warm air, sweet

lace. She looked with perceptible scorn at the shabby gown and old black shawl. Such "Five o'clock!" "Yes. I guess you'd better have some was to let her know, too, when you waked "No. I don't want to see Mrs. Corey: !

> 'She had to take the four-o'clock train Mr. Geoffrey drove her down; he's just got back," and then, as she saw how ashen and haggard the old face grew in an instant, she added: "Won't Mrs. Corey do just as well?" Sarah shook her head; she couldn't trust herself to speak just then. She had slipped

off the bed and was pinning around her the rusty old shawl. She had already put on When she descended to the lower hall she met Mrs. Corey.
"Are you going?" asked the lawyer's wife.

"I'm so's to be about, generally, ma'am. blame. He forgot entirely that you were in the library. It was a shame to keep you

"It don't matter, ma'am. I'm obliged to you all the same, but I'm in a hurry to get me. I've left my father there all ald 'n' he frets when I'm long away. I ain't had mas -for nine years; I won't miss it."

"No'm. It ain't anything I'd want see down in writin'; I'm obliged to you, though."

a poor, drooping, shabby little figure. She walked weakly; once she staggered a little, but she went on. "I believe the poor old creature is half starved," Mrs. Corey said to Geoffrey, who had come behind her and was looking over

watched her as she walked to the front gate,

"Why didn't you make her eat something "She wouldn't." "I wonder what she wanted. Did she "No. and I didn't like to press her confi-

dence. Poor old soul! there is something

about her that commands respect; she must have seen better days."

"She has, I asked about her at Curd's store on my way home from the depot just now. Curd says she lives in a little house at the other end of Main Street, with an old father who is childish. Her husband used to be well off, but died suddenly nine years ago, and it was found that he was insolvent. She has had to support herself and the old man by working at anything she could get. Curd says she has a son who is doing well in the city, but he never even writes to her. Of course he doesn't help her. It's an everlasting shame!"

Mrs. Corey smiled up at her handsome son. have seen better days."

To be continued.

An Universal Need Supplied.

influenza and like affiections. It removes hoarseness at once, and is therefore a greaty boon to public speakers and singers. Children love it and many an anxious mother halls it as a priceless gift when the little ones are racked with a distressing cough. Hawker's balsam of tolu and wild cherry is sold by all druggists and dealers at 25 and 50 cent bottles, and is manufactured only by the Hawker Medicine Co. (Ltd.), St. John, N. B., and New York City. She stood it as long as she could. Then in a sort of desparation she crossed the room and almost flung open the door leading into

A New Hamburg Citizen Released From

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 Inder 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.

In wishing you and yours the convoluence of

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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 characteristics 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.

The government also met with a great disappointment in the Jacques Cartier election on Mr. James Marshall, Clarence, which had only been occupied by himself and family a day of two previously. Friends and relatives assembled at the premises shortly after seven o'clock, and after congratulating the host and hostess upon their new house and its modern improvements, entered into a series of amusements and social gathering at the splendid new dwelling, houself and family a day of two previously. Friends and relatives assembled at the premises shortly after seven o'clock, and after congratulating the host and hostess upon their new house and its modern improvements, entered into a series of amusements and social gathering at the splendid new dwelling, houself and family a day of two previously. Friends and relatives assembled at the premises shortly after seven o'clock, and after congratulating the host and hostess upon their new house and its modern improvements, entered into a series of amusements and social gathering at the splendid new dwelling, with each or two relations, and after congratulating the host and hostess upon their new

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.

BANKS—BANKS.

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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.

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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.

Mr. Herbert Hicks arrived home on Wednesday last from a successful business trip in New Brunswick.

Mr. Harry Fowler, of Kentville, spent Xmas at the old homestead with his parents.

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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.
Mrs. Geo. Willett, of Granville, was unexpectedly called to Boston last week, owing to the serious illness of her daughter, Mrs.

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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.

Mr. A. S. Curry returned from Halifax on Saturday, after an absence of several was here.

Mr. A. S. Curry returned from Halifax on Saturday, after an absence of several weeks, accompanied by Mrs. Curry and Master Lawrence, who have been enjoying a visit to the city of some ten days.

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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before returning. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey returned on Saturday. Mrs. and Miss Taylor on Monday.

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.

Rev. John D. Pickles, Boston.

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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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Bridgetown, January 1st, 1896.

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 noon, 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.

CARDS OF THANKS.

In wishing our numerous triends and customers a prosperous and Happy New Year, it gives us pleasure to thank them for their 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, 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 to their best interests rather than our own, believing that in the end we will reap a fair and just reward.

Again wishing you one and all a Happy New Year, we remain with much respect,

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

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

OFFERS THE BALANCE OF HER

Bridgetown, January 1st, 1896.

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."

LOWEST MARKET PRICES.

"KENT MILLS," and

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. GROCERIES.

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.

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,

INLADIES Dress and Faney Goods 'twill pay to give us a call.

Our Winter Stock is nearly complete

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'.

Pastor Kinley baptized two on Sunday. Several car loads of apples were sent from this station for the English market. A meeting was convened on Monday even-ing to consider the matter of buying a burial ground

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Saunders, of Paralast week.
Mr. Atthur T. Morse took a wife on Xmas day and on Saturday evening Regina Division reelected him as a Worthy Patriarch for the

reelected him as a Worthy Patriarch for the ensuing quarter.

Good-bye old year, with all its sorrows, losses and perplexities, and wishing one and all a happy and prosperous New Year let us enter it full of hope and trust.

Several among us have had the pleasure of entertaining their friends aside from the usual family gatherings, during the holiday season. Mrs. Ruggles has had her sister, Mrs. Porter, from Yarmouth, Mrs. Forsyth, Miss Kinsman from Cornwallis; Mrs. Jefferson and two children from Lawrencetown

Our school teacher, Miss Abbie Parker, is enjoying a well carned vacation
Capt. Eaton Chute, Henry Chute, and Frank Messenger, are home from sea.
The pie social on the 23rd ult. was a grand success, the goodly sum of \$18.20 being realized.

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Mrs. Ellen Vidito, of Bloomington, is visiting friends here. Mrs. Edward Vidito, of Nictaux Falls, is visiting her grandparents

and other friends.

At the opening of the new temperance hall last Saturday evening, a large and appreciative audience was present, the representation from North and Ocean Spray divisions and persons from Granville greatly adding to the local attendance. The evenance introduced by the song ert Chue. These sting dialogues, recitations, temperance sches, interspersed with vocal and instrutal music, all of which were heartily applications. The audience, Miss Luella ted by the audience. Miss Luella-presided at the organ, and Mr. John ook charge of the stage appointments, e all performed their parts so exceeding. It, it will not do for your correspondent particularize. Suffice to say that the bening exercises of the new temperance hall t Hampton afforded an evening of unusual pleasure, and one that will long be remembered by all present.

Belleisle.

Miss Eliza Wade is visiting friends at difax. Mrs. Stephen Wade is visiting relatives at Albany.
Miss Starke, of St. John, N. B., is visiting relatives here.
Miss Jessie Elliott, of Mount Hanley, was Miss Jessie Elliott, of Mount Hanley, was visiting friends here last week.

Mrs. N. K. Clements, of Yarmouth, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Eliza Wade.

Capt. W. R. Covert has gone to visit his sister, Mrs. J. R. Longmire, at Karsdale.

Mr. Bartlett Goodwin, who has been visiting his brothers at Weymouth, Mass., is home again.

tizens intend building a new packet for the John and River trade this winter. Mrs. Seth L. Gesner, who has been visit-ing her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hard-wick, of Annapolis, returned home last Fri-

day.

The weather here during the past week has been truly delightful, not cold enough to freeze the ground at night, while the days have been as warm and sunny as April.

Miss Lillian Troop, of New York, and Mr. Stanley Troop, of Marlboro, Mass., are at present home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Troop. They were present at their sister's wedding which took place on Thursday last. Thursday last.

Port Lorne.

Mrs. Maurice Dalton is quite poorly.
Mr. Samuel Rhodes is able to be out again.
Mr. Aaron Charlton shows no improvement. Dr. S. Primrose attends him.
Capt. Samuel Beardsley, junr., has left the hospital in St. John and is now home.
Mr. Arthur Charlton is home from Lynn,
Mass., but intends returning in one week.
The Xmas tree at the Hall came of nicely, and realized something over fifteen dollars.
Mrs. Israel Hall and her two younger children have gone to the States for the winter.

winter.

Mrs. Freeman Brinton and her daughter,
Delma, went to Halifax on Monday last for the winter.

A number of friends gathered at the parsonage last Friday evening and not only enjoyed a bountiful supper, but a very pleasant evening, with our Pastor and his good lady. When they left the pastor found he was about twenty-seven dollars better off.

Miss Etta Elliott will be W. P. of Clarence

Springfield Sprinkles.

Several weddings take place this week in our vicinity.

Miss Evelyn Bowles, of Digby, is visiting Miss Lizzie Feltus.

Mr. J. A. Clark is spending the holidays with his mother here.

Hon. J. W. Longley spent a few hours in town on Thuraday last.

Miss May Roop was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Stoddart during the holidays. Miss Britta Stoddart, of Torbrook Mines, and Mrs. Jacob Stoddart.

Miss Bas been dear the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Stoddart.

The young people held a pie sale on the 27th. The proceeds will go toward making a payment on their new organ.

Mr. and Mrs. Titus Ramey, of Bridgewater, were for Sunday, Jan. 5th: Baptist 11; Episcopal 3; Methodist 7.

Mr. Chas. Sweeney, of Yarmouth, was the guest of John Hall, Esq., last week.

Mrs. L. C. Wheelock has been spending a few days with Mrs. Dodge at Middleton.

Capt. Israel Letteney, of Granville Ferry, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Daniels.

District Division meets with Nelson Division, Jan. 14th. A grand rally is expected.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bent, of Bridgewater, were guests of Mrs. S. Bent on Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Coffin delivered his lecture on "dancing" on Friday evening, to a fair audience.

Mrs. W. Balcom and daughter, of Har-

Rev. Mr. Coffin delivered his lecture on dancing" on Friday evening, to a fair and selective on Sunday evening, 29th. A fall and interesting programme was very ably rendered.

Mrs. W. Balcom and daughter, of Harborville, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. Balcom.

Mr. R. O. Armstrong, a student at Mt. Allison, preached for Rev. J. H. Toole last Sunday evening.

Mr. Rosengreen spent Christmas with his family here, and Mr. Israel Daniels passed the day at Bedford.

Mr. J. R. Elliott has placed a telephone in his store, making a total of five in town. More are to follow.

The teachers and scholars of the Episcopal church held a Christmas tree in Temperance hall last Monday evening.

The many Lawrencetown friends of the late Capt. J. H. Chute extend their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

The Mission Concert in the Baptist church on Sunday evening was well rendered and afforded much pleasure to all who attended.

The special service in the Fipiscopal church on Christmas evening was one of much interest. The trimmings were neat and tastify arranged, and the sermon, preached by Rev. J. E. Warner, was appropriate te the day.

The following is a list of the officers of Nelson Division, No. 95, for ensuing quarter W. P., Robert Longley; W. A., Mrs. McLeod; R. S., Maud Rosengreen; A. R. S., C. Hall; F. S., Bessie Betts; Treas. W. B. McKeown; Chap., Rev. J. H. Toole; Com., Chas. Roach; A. C., Elva Jefferson; I. S., J. N. Morgan; O. S., A. Brown; P. W. P., E. C. Durling.

Pastor Kinley baptized two on Sunday. Several car loads of apples were sent from this station for the English market.

A meeting was convened on Monday evening to consider the matter of buying a burial thank their many friends for playing upon them such a practical joke.

New Albany. We are sorry to hear that Mr. Charles Fairn has lost his fine cow. Miss Minnie Parker and Miss Flora Wal-ters of Nictaux were here on the 26th. They were the guests of Miss Annie Fairn. were the guests of Miss Annie Fairn.

Two very promising college boys are home spending their vacation. They are, Mr. Ingram Oakes of Dalhousie college, and Mr. Arthur H. Whitman of Acadia University.

Mr. Norman Whitman, (lic.,) passed through this place on the 27th, on his way to New Germany, his former field of labor. He spent the evening at Mr. Phineas Whitman's.

entertaining their friends aside from the usual family gatherings, during the holiday season. Mrs. Ruggles has had her sister, Mrs. Porter, from Yarmouth; Mrs. Forsyth, Miss Kinsman from Cornwallis; Mrs. Jefferson and two children from Lawrencetown spent Sunday at Mr. Jackson's, also Miss Ethel Buckler and Miss Eliza Gillis of Dalhousie have spent their holidays with them; Mr. E. Burke, of Port Maitland, has had his visit with his mother and his family, and Mr. E. Scott, of Yarmouth, spent Christmas with his aunt, Mrs. Marshall; Charles M. Tupper, of Digby, spent several days very pleasantly with Mr. and Mrs. Brooks and family.

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He spent the evening at Mr. Phineas Whittman as a large number of friends assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Kniffen the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Kniffen to the 26th. After a very pleasant evening's entertainment, Mr. Phineas Whitman, in behalf of the good people of Albany, presented to their pastor, Rev. J. Webb, quite a large donation of cash and useful articles. The young people held an entertainment at the North Hall on the evening of the 26th. The programme was excellently rendered. At the conclusion Mr. Daniel Whitman, in behalf of the friends present, presented to Miss Flora Whitman a handsome fur collar as a small token of their appreciation of her services as organist. After refreshments were served, and some more violin music by Mr. Almon H. Oakes, the friends left for their homes feeling highly satisfied with the evening's entertainment, when the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Kniffen to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Kniffen to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Kniffen to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Kniffen to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Kniffen to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Kniffen to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Kniffen to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Kniffen to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Kniffen to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Kni

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Mr. T. A. Wilson went to Aylesford on the 24th and returned on the 28th.

Mr. Elijah Charlton and daughter Gertrade were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilson.

Miss Annis Saunders and Mr. Kenny Beck spent the 29th at Falkland Ridge. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Roop.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Saunders spent Christmas day at Falkland Ridge. They were the guests of Mrs. Saunders' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Roop.

The young people are talking up a bean supper for the near future. The proceeds are to go toward another payment on the organ belonging to the Baptist church.

For the benefit of the young ladies of Dalhousie we beg to announce that the very young gentleman who made his first appearance at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Saunders, without a first name, on the 12th day of October, in the year of our Lord 1895, will be known henceforth and forever as Mr. Harry Caroll Saunders.

St. Croix Clippings.

Norman B. Hall is spending his holidays t Williamston.
The heart of Mrs. Ann Hall was made

Capt. Eber Brinton is home, and intends Capt. Eber Brinton is home, and intends spending the winter by his own fireside. Ingram Sabean is also home from sea.

Miss Mand Pool is spending her holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Poole, after which she intends to return to Tremont.

Miss L. Phinney gave a Christmas treat to her scholars at the close of her school on Friday, Dec. 20th, which was very much enjoyed. She is now spending her holidays at her home in Brickton. er home in Brickton. her home in Brickton.

Quite a number of our residents enjoyed
the pic social on Monday evening 23rd, and
also the entertainment given by Flashlight
Division on Saturday evening last, in the
new Temperance hall at Hampton.

American Railroad Securities.

GERMAN FINANCERS CONFIDENT OF HEALING GERMAN FINANCERS CONFIDENT OF HEALING CONDITION OF AMERICAN FINANCE.

Berlin, Dec. 29. —The reaction toward confidence in the future of American finances, especially as affecting international monetary relations, has been surprisingly rapid within the last tow days. Berlin and Frankford took the lead of London in speculative buying of American stocks and operators have on the whole benefitted by the selling done in London. At no time during the Wall street panic have German bourses been so much influenced as was the English market. Buying set in earlier here; even investors took their chance in securing stocks at low values. The bourse closed notably firm on Saturday, after considerable buying of American railroad securities. The course of operations here gives evidence of the decreasing influence of London upon matters of finance in which German financiers or investors are interested. Financiers are no longer inclined to accept the tendencies of the London market as a good guide in important monetary enterprises at the present moment. It is not forgotten how Germany absorbed American loans at low values during the war of the American rebellion, when bonds were almost unsalable in London. So now when English financial houses seem to hesitate over the reception of the new bond issue, the Washington government, if it is desirous of CONDITION OF AMERICAN FINANCE. English financial houses seem to hesitate over the reception of the new bond issue, the Washington government, if it is desirous of having foreign markets take part in the loan, might find German firms prepared to negotiate. The belief here in the permanence of peace between the United States and Great Britan is absolute. The general conviction in the recovery of a healthy condition of American finance is unshaken.

Miss Etta Elliott will be W. P. of Clarence
Division next quarter.

The drama "Dot, the Miner's Daughter,"
will be performed at the Hall on Friday
evening. See ad.

Petitions are being circulated requesting
the Municipal Council to instruct the Inspector to prosecute offenders against the
Scott Act more vigorously.

The annual donation party for Pastor
Kinley was held at the residence of Wm.
Bishop last week. Notwithstanding the bad
roads it was quite a success.

Nictaux.

The Missionary Aid Society gave a concert
in the Nictaux Baptist meeting-house on
Stormy evening, Dec. 29th, to a large
audience. The selections were mostly of a
missionary character and were rendered in a
pleasing manner. Mrs. J. W. Brown read a
short sketch of the Telugu mission and Rev.
J. W. Brown described the mission field, its
extent and present needs, pointing out on a
colored map the mission stations and naming
the missionaries.

—Scrofula lurks in the blood of nearly
every one, but Hood's Sarsaparilla drives it
from the system and makes pure blood.

Annual Report of the Minister of Finance for the Past Fiscal Year.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—The annual report of the Minister of Finance known as the Public Accounts for the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1895, is published.

The operations of the year resulted in an increase of \$6,891,897, in the net public debt, which on June 30, stood at \$253,074,927.

The receipt from ordinary sources failed to meet the ordinary expenditure by \$4,153, 875. This showing is even worse than appeared by the statement of the year's finances published in the Canada Gazette in October, both the net debt and the deficit being larger than the amounts contained in that statement.

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The withdrawals from the savings banks amounted to \$11,280,000, and the deposits to \$11,224,000. There was thus \$55,845 more

\$11,224,000. There was thus \$55,845 more withdrawn during the year than was deposited. The accrued interest on the various accounts amounted to \$1,470,332.

The actual debt is even larger than \$253,000,000, because no account is taken of the three million dollars to which the Dominion is indebted to the Province of Quebec, and for which we became liable under a statute passed recently. It is a direct liability which the Minister of Finance apparently repudiates. the Minister of Finance apparently repudi-ates.

The total expenditure on account of con-solidated fund was \$38,132,005 and the total receipts \$33,978,129, showing a deficit of \$4,152,875. The deficits since Mr. Mackenzie left office have been as follows:—

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creased by \$300,000. Administration of justice was increased \$10,000 and civil government \$20,000. The expenditure on immigration decreased by \$7,000.

The expenditure on capital amounted to \$3,031,000, distributed chiefly among four items, as follows:—St. Lawrence river, and canals, \$1,737,592; Sault Ste. Marie canal, \$466,151; Intercolonial Railway, \$327,034; Lachine canal, \$189,944. In addition the railway subsidies charged to capital account and paid during the year aggregated \$1,310,549.

The management of Dominion lands \$600.

and paid during the year aggregated \$1,310,-549.

The management of Dominion lands, \$99,-842, is charged to capital account. The receipts from these lands amounted to \$167,-1869. In addition to this the sum of \$129,727 was paid out on account of consolidated fund making a total expenditure on account of Dominion Lands of \$229,000, while the total receipts amounted to \$167,869.

The liabilities of the Dominion which were a year ago \$308,000,000, are set down now \$318,000,000.

Among the miscellaneous expenditure for 1895 appear the following items, expenses for Alaska boundary commission \$44,565; contribution to the Lady Thompson fund, \$25,000; additional payment for Colonial Conference, \$4,505; funeral expenses of the late Sir John Thompson, \$23,831; plant for printing bureau, \$4,929; preparations of returns to parliament, \$1,243; further payment to Royal Commission on the liquor traffic, \$12,857.

The Revenue of the Post-Office Department amounted to \$2,792,789 and the expenditure to \$3,593,647, a deficit of \$820,000. The post-office revenue was \$17,000 less than the vear before and the expenditure \$76,000.

to \$3,593,647, a deficit of \$820,000. The post-office revenue was \$17,000 less than the year before and the expenditure \$76,000 more. The expenditure for the post-office was larger than in any previous year since confederation. The same is true in the Militia Department. The same is also true as applied to the Government of the North West and the penitentiaries.

In 1890 it cost \$873,000 to collect about \$24,000,000 of Costoms revenue, and in 1895, it cost \$917,000 to collect \$17,640,000.

A statement is appended to the report showing by departments the number of officials employed in the inside and outside service coming under the superannuation act, and their salaries. The total number is 4,202, whole salaries aggregate \$3,609,113. The number credited to the Customs Department is 954, to the Post-Office Department,

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CARDINAL GIBBONS. New York, December 26 .- The Prince of Wales, in reply to the request of a local paper for an expression of opinion, sent the following:

following:

Sandringham, December 24, 1895.

Sir Francis Knollys is desired by the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York to thank Mr. Pulitzer for his cablegram. They earnestly trust, and cannot but believe, the present crisis will be arranged in a manner satisfactory to both countries, and will be succeeded by the same warm feeling of friendship which has existed between them for so many years. for so many years.

New York, December 26.—In reply to a message sent by the World, Cardinal Gibbons sends the following despatch from Bal-

bons sends the following despatch from Baltimore:

"In reply to telegram, I have to say that war between England and America would be a calamity to the world and to Christian civilization. There is no ground for apprehension of war. I regard the strictures on Mr. Cleveland's message by some American and English papers as unjust and unwarranted, since he has always shown himself a man of peace and conservative principles during both administrations. Warlike interpretation put on his message is forced. The panic was occasioned by an oversensitive money market.

"The dispute will be honorably settled, not by the sword, but by the mightier weapon—the pen. "Cardinal Gibbons."

HOW BOSTON REGARDS THE SITUATION. The Boston correspondent of the St. John Sun thus expresses his own views and those of prominent Bostonians:

The war talk is growing less and less, and will die out in a very short time, unless revived by Mr. Cleveland or the jingoes. If the situation should ever become serious enough to cause a war, Boston would suffer, but Bostonians have consolation in knowing beforeband that if the city had to be rebuilt, the breadth of the new streets and sidewalks would help to compensate for any loss. Among the many ministers last Sunday who discussed President Cleveland's famous message from the pulpit was Rev. John D. Pickles, pastor of the Tremont street M. E. church, formerly of St. John, who created a small sensation by demanding that the president be impeached and that a new congress be elected by the people. The prominent men of the country ss a whole continue to discourage all war talk. The business men of Boston are far from pleased with Mr. Cleveland, and are glad to know that he has only fifteen months more to serve. Hon. Nathan Matthews, jr., ex-mayor of the city, and one of the democratic leaders in this state, said in a speech delivered last night:

"It is pleasant for some of us, perhaps, to append a many speech served to conquer this country; but, as a matter of fact, she would attempt nothing of the sort. No land war between this country and a foreign power is possible. If a war should break out, there can be no doubt that with the inadequate navy which we possess the principal seat of war would be the cities along the coast. I believe that the sentiment of the people is for peace, and that there is here at least little or no sympathy with the thoughtless jingoism that would set one branch of the English race to fight the other, and thus bring on the greatest and most disastrous war of modern times."

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Correspondence.

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As was expected some have refused to sign the petitions for fear of the expense it was likely to add to the county. With your permission, Mr. Editor, I would like to ask these gentlemen to consider the expense of the traffic as it now is. Who are the inmates of our poor house? Are they not mostly persons of intemperate habits who have wasted their health, strength and surplus cash in strong drink? and those helpless ones dependent on them? Is it not the same story in our prison and orimnal courts? If the drink traffic in this county were completely wiped out would not the county taxes be reduced at least one-third?

Beside the loss to the municipality there is the loss to individuals. To make a very moderate estimate we have fifteen establishments in this county where liquors are sold in defiance of the law, and these establishments have an avarage income of \$500 each, or \$7,500 a year. Most of this money comes from people who deny themselves and their families of many of the comforts and even the necessaries of life, or run long bills at the flour dealers, the grocer's, the tailors, and dry goods stores, that the rumseller may have his cash and for what? What does he give in return? Headaches, heartaches, black eyes, red noses, broken hearts, etc. You can picture the rest. None of us need to go far to find illustrations of the truth of this, even in this temperance county of Annapolis. Suppose these fifteen establishments were closed up and those now engaged in this unlawful trade would become farmers, shoemakers, blacksmiths, carpenters or merchants, and thus add to the wealth and happiness of the county, and the \$7,500 now worse than wasted were spent in buying flour, sugar, boots and shoes, clothing, etc. Everybody would be benefitted and nobody injured.

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We trust your readers will consider this We trust your readers will consider this side of the subject, and those who have not already done so sign the petitions without delay. If any community has not seen the petition yet, and any person interested in it will send immediately to the Petition Committee, he will be supplied with a petition. All who have received petitions will please get then signed without delay, (don't pass any voter by), and return to Petition Com., Middleton, as the time is getting short.

In behalf of committee,

C. F. Armstrong.

TAKE NOTICE.

During the year the space devoted to advertising MINARD'S LINIMENT will contain expressions of no uncertain sound fro people who speak from personal experien as to the merits of this best of Househol Remedies.

Births.

ROWN.—At Lawrencetown, Dec. 28th, 1895, to Mr. and Mrs. Israel Brown, a son. OHNS.—On Dec. 24th, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johns, Torbrook, a daughter. offman.—At Bloomington, Dec. 20th, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Hoffman, a son. BENT.—At Nictaux Falls, Dec. 11th, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bent, a son. MCHERSON.—At Clarence, Dec. 6th, to Mr. and Mrs, J. A. McPherson, a daughter.
PEARSON.—At South Farmington, Dec. 27th, to Mr. and Mrs, T. A. Pearson, a daughter.

Marriages.

MILLER—HALL.—At the home of the bride's parents, Lawrencetown, Dec. 31st, 1895, by the Rev. J. H. Toole, Ernest E. Miller, of Clar-ence West, to Mary E., youngest daughter of John Hall, Esq. TRUNCHILL-DODGE.—At Hantsport, Dec. 18th, 1885, by the Rev. W. E. Hatt, Geo. W. Church-ill, Esq., senior surviving partner of the firm of E. Churchill & Son, to Miss Augusta J. Dodge, formerly of Middleton, lately of Wolfville. RAMSEY-TURNER.—At the Parsonage, Middle ton, Dec. 21st, by Rev. Joseph Gaetz, Michae Ramsey to Winnie Turner, all of Torbroo Mines. Mines.

BAKER-BAUCKMAN.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Dec. 24th, by the Rev. L. J. Tingley, Ellery Albern Baker, of Boston, Mass., to Mildred E, Bauckman, of Melvern

Square.

COLLINE - FRASER.—At Granville Centre, on Dec. 18th, by the Rev. R. S. Whidden, Clayton Wiswell Collins, of Westport, Diply Co., to Christina E., youngest daughter of the late James Fraser, Esq., of Granville Centre.

JONES—SPURR.—At Deep Brook, on Dec. 24th, by Rev. J. T. Eaton, assisted by Rev. E. N. Archibald, of Lunenburg, Fred A. Jones, of Newtonville, Mass., to Ida May, daughter of Capt. W. Spurr, of Annapolis County, PIERCE—BALCOM.—At Clementsport, on Dec. 22nd, by Rev. J. T. Eaton, Charles A. Pierce, of Aylesford, to Mrs. Lavinia C. Balcom, of Clementsport. Ciementsport.

MORSE—HEALY.—At Aylesford Dec. 24th, by
the Rev. E. O. Read, Mr. Arthur T. Morse, of
Faradise West, and Mrs. Ruth E. Healy, of
Laterville, daughter of the late Robert
Lyons, Esq.

DANIELS—BAKER.—At the Baptist Parsonage.
Lawrencetown, on the 25th of Dec., by the
Rev. J. Harry King, Charles M. Daniels, of
Inglisville, to Ella L. Baker, of Burlington,
Kings county.

Kings county.

PHINNEY—BACON.—At Brighton, Dec. 24th, by
Rev. C. Tyler, Leonard N. Phinney, of Upper
Granville, to Miss Emma J. Bacon.

TROOP—FOSTER.—At the hame of the bride's
father. W. O. Foster. Esq. Granville, on
Tuesday evening. Dec. 24th, 1836, by the Rev.
J. B. Giles, Miss A. Dec. 24th, 1836, by the Rev.
A. Troop, of Belleisle. ANCTON—TROOP.—At the home of the bride's father, Obadiah Troop. Esq., Bellcisle. on Thursday, Dec. 20th, 1895, by the Rev. J. B. Giles, Miss Jennie Troop to Mr. J. Herbert Sancton of Bridgetown.

Deaths.

BENT.—At Young's Cove, on Dec. 30th, after a short illness, Robert Bent, Esq., aged 85 years. Funeral on Thursday, at 2 o'clock, from Belleisle church. EYERSON.—At Annapolis, on Dec. 22nd, Susan F., relict of the late Edwin Ryerson, aged 74 WILLIAMS.—At Mochelle, Dec. 24th, of con-sumption, Minnie Williams, aged 30 years. Brown.—At East Margaretville, Dec. 19th, John Brown, aged 81 years. John Brown, aged 81 years.

TILLEY.—At Melvern Square, Dec. 21st, of cancer, Mrs. Herbert Tilley, aged 41 years. The deceased was a member of the Upper Wilmot Baptist church. She leaves a husband, two sons, and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss.

CHUTE.—At Colorado Springs, Dec. 20th, of consumption. Captain Joseph H. Chute, recently of Middleton, aged 41 years.

Church Services, Sunday, January 5th. CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—Rev. F. P. Greatorex, Rector. In St. James', Bridgetown: Service with celebration of Holy Communion at 11; Evening Prayer and Sermon at 7. Sewing Circle Monday evening. Communicants class Friday at 7. In St. Mary's, Belleisle: Service at 2.30. Seats free in both churches.

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Baptist Church.—Rev. F. M. Young, Pastor.

Bridgetown: Bible Class and Sabbath-school.

10 a.m.; Preaching Service at 11 a.m.; Evangelistic service at 7 pm. B.Y.P.U. Tuesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. General social service Friday evening at 7.30, Service at Granville Centre Sabbath afternoon.

Provinence Merhonist Church. — Preaching at Bridgetown at 11 a.m. and 7 pm., Sabbath-school 9.45 a.m., Prayer and Praise service every Wednesday evening at 7.30, Epworth League every Friday evening at 7.30, Granville: Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a.m. and 3 pm., alternately. Bentville: Preaching every Sabbath at 3 pm. and 7.30, m., alternately. Bentville: Preaching fortnightly, Durling's Lake at 10.30 a.m., H'll at 2 pm. Rev. J. R. Gilles, pastor. J. P. Anthony, Assistant Pastor.

GORDON MEMORIAL CHURCH. — Rev. R. S. Anthony, Assistant Pastor.

GORDON MEMORIAL CHURCH.— Rev. R. S. Whidden, Pastor. Service at 3.15 o'clock. Bible-class and Sunday-school at 2 p.m. Meeting Tuesday at 7.39 p.m. Service at Annapolisat II a.m.; Bible-class and Sabbath-school at 2 p.m. General prayer-meeting at 7.30. Seats free in both churches. All are cordially invited.

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ROUND Hitz.—G. J. Coulter White, pastor.

Preaching service on the 1st Sunday of the
month at It a.m., and on other Sundays at 7
p.m. Prayer-meeting Tuesday evening at
7.30 o'clock. Sunday-school after morning
service, other Sundays at 2.30 p.m. PARADISE CIRCUIT.

BAPTIST CHURCH, PARADISE,—Rev. R. B. Kinley, Pastor. Bible class and Sunday-school
at 10 a.m., preaching service at 11 a.m., Evanday at 2.30 p.m., at Paradise. Bible class and
Sunday at 3 p.m. at West Paradise. Clarence: Bible-class and Sunday-school at 2 p.m.,
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LAWRENCETOWN METHODIST CHURCH.

REV. J. H. TOOLE, Pastor. Port George,
a.m.; Brooklyn, 3 p.m.; Lawrencetown, 7 p.r.

Sabbath-school at 10 a.m. Social service.

Wednesday evening at 7. All are cordial invited to attend these services. LAWRENCETOWN BAPTIST CHURCH.
REV. J. H. KING. Pastor. Lawrencetown, and 7. Inglisville, 3. Social service The day evening at 7. SPRINGFIELD CIRCUIT.
REV. J. WEBB, S.T.B., Pastor. Preachi
vices at New Albany in the mornin
afternoon, and South school-house

Catholics will March in Full Fighting Regalis.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 25.—Yesterday's Canadian Freeman concludes an article on the Venezuelan question as follows: "However if there should be war, but we earnestly hope there will not, Canadian Catholics will be found in the front ranks defending our Dominion from invasion by Yankees. Catholics are not continually shouting about loyalty, but if the time comes for action they will be always ready to march to battle in full fighting regalia in defence of their country."



In Advanced Years The strength and pure blood necessary to resist the effects of cold seasons are given by Hood's Sarsaparilla. "I have for the last 25 years of my life been complaining of a weakness of the lungs and colds in the head, especially in the winter. Last fall I was again attacked Reading of Hood's Sarsaparilla I was led to try it. I am now taking the fifth bottle with good results. I can positively say that I have not spent a winter as free from coughs or pains and difficult breathing spells for the last 25 years as was last winter. I can lie down and sleep all night without any annoyance from cough or pain in the lungs or asthmatic difficulty." E. M. CHAMBERS, J. P., Cornhill, N. B.

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New Departure.

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Bridgetown, Dec. 2nd. 1895. NOTICE!

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Separate tenders for supplying the Alms
House and Annapolis County Insane Asylum
with Fresh Beef, to be delivered at said institutions. Tenders to state price per lb., and also
price per lb. per side, price per lb. per side.

Separate Tenders for Printing, to include all the printing required for the Municipality of the County of Annapolis during the year 1896, including necessary paper therefor and binding. Separate Tenders for supplying the Alms House and Annapolis County Insane Asylum with 80 cords of Merchantable Hard Wood, to be delivered at said institutions. Separate Tenders for the services of a Physician for the Alms House and Annapolis County Instanc Asylum, said tenders to specify the price and the services for a visit to said institutions, and also to amend amount for services for one year. The committee do not bind themselves to ccept the lowest or any tender.

TURKEYS. Geese, Ducks, Chickens,

OYSTERS, SAUSAGE. BEEF, MUTTON, LAMB, PORK, HAMS, FISH, Etc. For the Holiday trade our stock in the above lines will be the best in the country, and will satisfy both in quality and price.

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I would just say to anyone who is on the lookout for such goods that they will do well make their selections now while the stock is full in style and sizes.

OVERSHOES of all kinds, for Men, Wo Aiso Rubbers in all Crades and Half Sizes.

22 Don't forget and examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere. Prices you will find right at the Bridgetown Shoe Store. GRANVILLE STREET. E. A. COCHRAN

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We don't know whether to call it a bird or a mouse. There are business houses in this county much the same. You don't know whether they are a grocery store, curiosity shop, or a clothing store.

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Sells men's wear only Doesn't it seem to you that such a place is THE BEST PLACE TO BUY CLOTHING. We

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DECEMBER, 1895

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By order of Committee on Tenders and Public Property. JAMES P. ROOP, Chairman. Dated Bridgetown, Dec. 16th, 1895. 38 3i T. G: BISHOP.

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C. H. SHAFFNER'S Was the remark made by a young lady of good taste, and endorsed by all who have seen the display of Xmas Giffts and Toys in endless variety, now ready for Santa Claus. Latest Designs in Lamps, Tea Setts, Vases, etc. Novelties in Silver-ware, Mirrors and Fancy Goods, Also a complete line of Dolls in Holi-day attire.

FINEST GROCERIES cluding Raisins in "Black Baskets," "In perial Cabinets," "London Layer," "Valen cia Layer," "Fine Off-stalk," and best wash ed Currants, etc. 20 p.c. Discount for Cash on Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Hats, Caps, etc.

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Stoves or Doctors.

Once more we are reminded Winter days are drawing near, That autumn days are passing, Soon will end another year. And you sit and try to figure

Which would be the cheaper thing, It to buy a stove for comfort, Or to shiver on to spring. And run your chance of illness,

Suffer colds and many chills.

Then at last send for the doctor, With his plasters and his pills. When spring comes, if you're living, As you figure up the cost, You'll find you haven't saved much, And perhaps you'll find you've lost. So you'd better, then, be cautious, Ship the doctor, pass him by; Come and see our line of heaters, You can't beat them if you try.

We remain, Very respectfully yours, Bridgetown Foundry Co.

Do You Want Dates and Figs.

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SHIPLEY'S. Xmas Goods! Xmas Goods!

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advantage of by us, and as a consequence we have secured a large quantity of goods at much closer prices than they could be bought for to-day. We intend to give our customers the benefit of our fortunate purchases, and consequently we are offering better values than can be found elsewhere. We buy right, and consequently we can afford to sell right.

These prices will apply particularly to our Holiday trade, and include the following choice staple lines in Groceries:

pure), Raisins, Currants, Preserved Citron, Orange and Lemon Peel. ALL FRESH AND NEW. Oranges, Lemons, Grapes, Choice Lines of Biscuits,

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Confectionery, Nuts, Our stock of CROCKERY is larger than ever, and embraces many pleasing designs suitable for Holiday Presents.

We are too well known as leaders in Staple Lines to need any comment, further than to say we are stocked to the fullest capacity and offer the public as close bargains, if not closer, than can be obtained elsewhere in town.

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NOVEMBER 27, 1895.

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Stockinette; Unbleached and Colored Table Grey Flannel. **Will open very soon a fine line of XMAS GOODS. Ask to see Marked Down Goods when in this store,

Produce and Poultry wanted. Fresh

Our Birthdays.

Life's milestones-for we've gained the hilltop now, And turned our faces to the setting sun— Are passes in the symphony of years;
Are rests in journeying ere the day be done;
Are but oases 'neath the waving palms;
Are records "read at night" from Mem-

ory's scroll; Are sheaves of wheat grown heavy for our care, While far behind our fields are reaped and

But see the lesson in these speaking things!
For sunset makes another world—a day.
Our music fades, but mounts on heavenly wings: lessed wave their palms in realms of The records of our love rejoice His sight;
And for the sheaves of wheat our toil hath

won, We meet His hand, we hear His voice,

The Migratory Instinct in Geese.

A farmer named Bidwell, living eleven miles from Minneapolis beyond the Minnesota bottoms, tells a remarkable story about

the beginning of the past summer her health
has been feeble, and at times we despaired of his property. Mr. Bidwell was in Minneapo-lis with a load of poultry, and when the while engaged in household work she would

brother, Fred Roach, came up from Florida she was dying. There was a continual feelto visit me. Among the things he brought ing of numbness in her limbs, and almost along was a setting of ten Canadian goose eggs. He wanted to find out how the birds would do in captivity, and I was a little interested in the problem, too. I set the eggs under a big old tame goose and she hatched out eight of them. Two got killed one way and another before they were very old, but the other six reached maturity. Last spring, when the flight of geese was going north I noticed that my gray fellows seemed a good deal interested in them. One day I saw the lot rise up and circle several times when a flock of wild birds was going over, so I clipped all their wings and made sure of then or the time being. I meant to clip them again this autumn, but somehow in the hur ry of the Fall work I overlooked it. Be ides, the geese seemed to have got over all

haystack that had been blown over when she did not obtain more than a few hours I noticed a big flock of wild geese coming sleep. About the end of 1894 we had given gives the following points: from the north. They were away up in the up all hopes of her recovery, and the neight Oze point must always be kept prominer air and going at a terrific rate. A flock of about sixty of my geese were feeding a short reduced to almost a skeleton, and could milk is produced, but we do know that it distance from where I was at work. I did not notice the big flock going south after grown so weak that she could not walk dairy cow must be able and willing to eat, giving one glance at them, until, hearing their cries close at hand, I saw that they had often heard and read of the great cures A large abdomen is important, as an indicahad decoyed to my tame flock and were cir- effected by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and at tion of health, vigor, vitality. This sug cling about over them. They had made this stage, when all else had failed, I urged gests the danger of going to extremes in inabout two big sweeps, filling the air with sharp calls, when my domesticated Canadians a dozen boxes. After using them for about a good animal first, that is, she must have let go an answering cry and rose straight up three weeks she could walk across the bed- ability to well perform all the functions in the air. Two of the tame geese went with them, and the others, after a lumbering attempt at flight, settled down to earth again. day to day. She continued taking the Pink ture may be carried too far. Another com-

It will be interesting to see whether Mr. Spring. Bogardus, in his book on shooting,

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to ask for it. He therefore wired to New Orleans and asked the receiver there to tell his partner to hand him a "chew." In less than a minute the plug came over the glass gallery to see the paintings, ma," said the partition which separated the two operators.

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TOO WEAK TO WALK,

Friends Had Given up Hope of Recovery

THE TROUBLE BEGAN WITH A COUGH WHICH SETTLED ON THE LUNGS-SUB-JECT TO FAINTING SPELLS, AND AT LAST FORCED TO TAKE TO BED-RE-STORED BY DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS WHEN ALL OTHER MEDICINES HAD

From L'Impartial, Tignish, P. E. I. Mr. Dominick P. Chiasson, who lives on the Harper Road, about two miles from the town of Tignish, P. E. I., personally took the trouble to bring before the notice of the editor of L'Impartial, the particulars of the cure of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. A. D. sson, through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The case is certainly remarkable, and we cannot do better than give it in wife," said he "has been sick for some seven years past, but previous to that time was a A MINNESOTA FARMER SEES HIS FLOCK FLY strong healthy person. Just about seven years ago she took a severe cold, which attacked her lungs, and from that time up to some domesticated Canadian geese that are saving her life. It was not her disposition subject of goose shooting was broached he had a few very interesting remarks to make leave her so weak that she would be confined to her bed for several days in a semi-uncon "Two years ago," he said, "my wife's scious state. More than once we thought



Can now Walk to Church.

constant severe pains in her chest which idea of flying away, and 1 felt pretty secure were only eased by a stooping position.

Added to this she was troubled with a hack-"Just about a week ago I was fixing up a | ing cough, sometimes so severe at night that

Spring. Bogardus, in his book on shooting, refers to the easy domesticating of wild geese, and cites instances of their having gone south in the autumn only to return with the spring flight to the home of their youth.

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Be Merciful to Your Animals. Henry Ward Beecher believed man's religious faith was coloured largely by the condition of his health. He had said from the pulpit that no man could hold right views on religion when his stomach was out of order. It is quite certain that no preacher can preach with effect if his head is stuffed up with cold, or if he is a sufferer from catarrh. It is not surprising, therefore, that we find the leading elergymen of Canada speaking so highly of Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder, for cold in the head or catarrh. They know the necessity better than anyone else of being relieved of this trouble. Rev. S. Nicholls, of Olivet Congregational Church, Toronto, is one who has used this medicine, and over his own signature has borne testimony to its beneficial character.

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by practical use there is no doubt that glucinium will be used extensively for electrical purposes, the more so as its commercial value will amount to about \$20 a pound, or about 160 times less than the same volume and 10 times less than the same weight of platinum.

—An illustration of how space is annihilated by the telegraph was afforded a few days ago by two telegraph clerks sitting opposite each other in a Chicago office. One of them was sending a message from the same city. The sender wanted to borrow a plug of tobacce from his colleague, but it would have been a breach of the rules to ask for it. He therefore wired to New

"Mr. Welloph wants to take me to the

enough to go at all." -When one is very tired, after a journe or a shopping expedition, it is the word of a physical culturist that to throw one's self for a time in a large stuffed chair in what is usually known as a heap—that is, with every part of the body absolutely relaxed—is bene-ficial and restful.

-Oddly enough, English plum pudding and mince pies both owe their origin, or are supposed to, to an occurrence attendant upon the birth of Christ. The highly seasoned ingredients refer to the offerings of spices, frankincense and myrrh by the wise men of the east to the Christ child.

"No, Willie, dear," said mamma, "no cannot sleep on a full stomach?"
"Well," replied Willie, "I can sleep on my back."

"According to the late Dr. Brown-Sequence cakes to-night. Don't you know you cannot sleep on a full stomach?"

"Well," replied Willie, "I can sleep on my back."

Agricultural.

Cattle and Swine DUROC AND JERSEY SWINE

Original Duroc swine were very similar t Berkshires except that they were more uniform in color. Their features and characteristics were the same and the red colo was no stronger than in the Berkshire fam ily, hence many believe that the red hogs which make up the Duroc Jerseys were originally a family of Berkshires. Breeders of the Duroc hogs began a number of years ago to breed them pure and the moveme was shaped in Washington county, N. Y. Breeders united on a standard of character istics modeled after the old Berkshires and the original type of these hogs, the swine responding wonderfully. Jersey reds had been disseminated and breeders talked of an as-sociation and standard. An association was formed, the objects aimed at being to avoid conflicts between breeds of the same original blood and of similar characteristics and to lay a broader foundation for perpetuating atrength of blood and constitutional vigor. The standard of the Duroc breeders was adopted. The records of the herd books show conclusively that Duroc Jersey males are sought for to head other breeds, for crosses and to impart new vigor.

The breeders have aimed to make long, broad and straight or level backs, wellsprung ribs and very full hams. The old Jersey reds were narrow on the back, flat and deep sided and very long in the body with a very heavy, thick and lopped ear. The improved red hog has a thin and comparatively small ear which is set pendently but with a graceful curve at the end. These hogs have been bred to a medium standard rather than to a fine one. Care was exercised to preserve the tone and length so they could stand up in transit and at the termi nation fill both ends of a pork barrel. The Duroc Jersey is less liable to disease than most other breeds, especially skin diseases They are natural grazing hogs and will take to coarse food and graze with relish and profit. A dozen breeding sows were wintered on common flat turnips, two meals, with a little rye meal slop for the third. All had large and strong litters of pigs and not one had to be helped or died from weakness or sickness. The sows are kind, docile and most prolific breeders and plentiful milk

Prot. Morrow on Dairy Cows.

In selecting a dairy cow Prof. Morros tempt at flight, settled down to earth again.

The birds that had been hatched from wild eggs, with their two tame companions, after making a couple of little circles, went straight for the flock, and the entire lot headed south together. I ought to have clipped them again this Fall, but I didn't, and the birds have gone."

It will be interesting to see whether Mr.

day to day. She continued taking the Pink Pils ture may be carried too far. Another common complication in judging pure bred cows is the difficulty in properly apportioning the relative importance of breed characteristics. There is no reason to believe that color, or the size, shape or absence of horns, materially affect the ability to give milk, but such things are taken into account by the breeder. There must be a considerable modification of definition of terms in judging different breeds. It will be interesting to see whether Mr. Bidwell's birds return to the farm next there is absolutely no disease due to a vitiated condition of the blood or shattered nerves,

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Moncton, N. B., Sept. 21st, 1894. Dear Sirs.—I had been troubled with Indi-gestion, and tried quite a number of different medicines which I did not receive any benefit from until recommended by Mr. Thomas Groto Form the Mr. Thomas Groto RUP, who were the Instant relief, and up to this time I have not felt any of the old trouble. Yours truly, GEO, A. ROBERTSON. (Of the firm of Robertson & Givan, Hardwar

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The Household.

Mothers and sisters in the excitement of introducing Miss Bud to society, are apt to overlook the necessity of providing an attractive home for the young son and brother. a full-fledged young woman. He is rather gone up in an elevator to an office above. in the way when a coming-out tea has to be seeks pleasure. Not enough is thought of her. Mean his entry into the world.

Without the true love of home in his boy neart, the temptations and snares with which looking for her, and had gone upstairs. set and take hold of any young fellow. thrive on these, and will repay the sweet, his wife should join him. chivalrous devotion. I mean the average tired of the chase, sat down on the top floor boy will with a spark of manhood in his na- to wait for her husband. re. Expect the little courtesies at home that he is often willing to show outside, but the sisters are also to blame, but you may as before. be sure if the young man seems rude and

Do not remind him at least 16 times in a ters. It is the way of their sex and needs

Do not ply your boy with a multitude of sume the vain elevator chase, but would seless questions, asked in a fussy, irritating | calmly await the other's coming. manner peculiar to some women, who are good, kind, loving souls, but sadly deficient in that wonderful and rare virtue, tact.

A half-hour was spent in this weary waiting. Mrs. B.'s determination gave out first, and she was the first to call an elevator and This tactless, fussy manner irritating men start in pursuit of her husband. The elevaof all ages beyond endurance, causing testy | tor boy was heard to say, "Well, I hope words slamming, of street doors, and late | they'll meet above!"

ours away from home. But above all things cultivate in your boy a pride in his own snug quarters. Give him a sunny, pleasant room if possible, where he One day while standing at the door of a shop dual taste. Don't thrust curtains, tidies, lambrequins upon him, and take it quite as low his own sweet will in arranging the his attention old adage down. Each eccentricity in your eyes is merely a mark of boyish individuality, and after all the object is to please him and not

and give him the feminine help that is often required to make things complete, even ould it take a few moments away from an interesting book or some important work. A boy that has a room that is an expression of himself is pretty sure to love it and want to spend a large part of his time fooling around among his treasures. And last, do be a little sparing of the dust brush. As a rule the masculine sex rather likes a little turesque dirt here and there, and if you he is a little down-hearted at present. You can discover the golden means between know he owns a ranch out in Wyoming

amough of a housewife's duty to direct a proved a poor investment, and by the end greenhorn, if economy obliges to hire for simplest food in a wholesome appetizing fashion. Even boasted experience and large wages do not always insure tempting and well-cooked viands, but a wise mother and

housewife will superintend these matters and emember the old adage about the way to a And don't forget to be interested in the sports and amusements of the boy, not sysnatically subject him to a series of snub oing whenever he mentions base or football and other out-of-door games that we women often consider rough and uninteresting b ause we do not understand them.

Mothers and sisters should love to see son and brothers grow strong in both mind and body and thereby insuring health and strength to the brain as well as the limbs. Of course, I do not mean by this to cultivate aseless risks to both, but tempering strength

That for a perfectly cooked roast their even should be supplied with a gauge door, which admits enough air with a hot fire to keep the meat at an even temperature in all garded as a necessity rather than an extra drill to a company of men:

That forks should be placed on the table to

with wisdom.

uch to table setting.

be used for everything that it is possible, the oup spoon being the only ones really needed in an elaborate dinner, even when ices and sauce covered entrees are served. That thin unbleached muslin is the be naterial for a pudding, bag and clean white ape should be used with which to tie it. That the Popular Science Monthly ha

ultice of bread, wet with water, and powered with common soda. That the offensive odor of burned milk has to remedy, but may be checked by wiping with respeck—Mrs. B." the stove with a piece of paper as soon as th milk has been spilled and burning the paper. It is hoped that every woman heats he milk in a double boiler, so that it never has occasion to be burned otherwise than in the

That a loaf of bread or any pastry, which is cooked too quickly, is likely to sour. That small heel caps of waste leather will keep the holes from the heels of stockings. That a corn cob, dried and soaked in kerosene will kindle a fire as quickly as a fire brick.

That china has succeeded silver in its use on the dressing table.

Beef Jelly. This is an excellent food for invalids and valescents. Put a pound of lean beef, cut fine, into a porcelain-lined stew-pan with a pint of cold water. Let it stand half an our, and then put it on the stove, where it hour, and then put it on the stove, where it will heat gradually. While boiling hot skim carefully, and put it where it will simmer gently for half an hour. When this is cooking put a third of a box of gelatine in two tablespoonfuls of cold water. Salt the broth to taste and strain, boiling hot, over the gelatine. Stir till dissolved. Strain into some arms or models. Set any to so

Thomas Petry, Esq., Aylmer, Que.: "I ave been troubled for about five years with severe heart complaint. At times the pain was so severe that I was unable to attend to the control of the

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An Elevator Chase

It happened in New York lately that a met at a certain building at a certain time The lady, whom we may call Mrs. B., entered The brother, although possibly a year or two the young ladies' senior, is still looked upon as a mere boy, when the sister is considered by another door, caught sight of her; but before he could attract her attention, she had given, or the all-important subject of the other elevators and started up after her; but debutante's gown are discussed, and consequently is left to his own devices. Little is fice locked which she had sought, and was done to entertain or amuse, and therefore he just starting down. Mr. B. started after ground floor, was told by one

tor-boys that her husband had been there he is surrounded, particularly if he has She immediately started up again, and noney, good looks and winning ways, will reached the top floor just after Mr. B. had started down again. This chase up and First make home for your boys the jolliest | down continued for fully ten minutes, when and best place in all the world. Give them Mr. B. gave it up, and took a seat on a bench plenty of love, affection and sympathy; boys in the hall on the ground floor to wait until

inselfish ways of mother and sister with At the same moment Mrs. B., also grown

At last Mr. B., becoming impatient, rose, ummoned an elevator, and started up. At does not consider necessary to the women of the same time Mrs. B.'s patience had given his own family. This is all wrong, and nine out, and she had started downward. The cases out of 10 is the mother's fault, possibly | chase was therefore renewed, as hopelessly

Both quickly gave it up, however. Mr. liscourteous at home his mother failed of her B. said to himself, "My wife has been waiting for me on the top floor; I will wait for minute to be sure and mail your letter, al-though boys are sadly remiss in such mat-ground floor; I will wait for him there." So each took a seat again, but one was at areful treatment to cure before it becomes | the top and the other at the bottom. This

ime both resolved that they would not re-

A Poor Proverb.

may enjoy inviting his friends and have a in a small village, I noticed a tall respectable good time boy fashion. In the decorations looking old man go into the shop with a pail of his quarters leave every detail to his indiviin his hand, and ask to be supplied with two quarts of treacle. The pail was filled, and before he departed he put an ordinary crook a matter of course when he ornaments the walls with boat models, indian clubs, badly slung it over his shoulder. He reached the stuffed birds and snake skins. Let him fol- sidewalk, when a shining new pin arrested his attention. Suddenly remembering the

> "See a pin and pick it up, All next day you'll have good luck," he reached down for the pin, whereupon the treacle poured out in a flood on to his back. Straightening himself up, he remarked, amid the laughter of the bystanders, "Oi never did think mooch o' that 'ere proverb, and I think less on it neow than I ever did. -Last week I met friend C-no matter

what his name—on the G. T., and, after the usual exchange of courtesies, inquired after his brother, whom I had not seen for some "Oh, Sam is well," was the reply, "but somewhere, and last fall took it into his head assitive, your boy will be very grateful for to raise some blooded horses. He purchased fifteen to twenty good young fillies, shipped them out and turned them loose. But they

> of the winter his herd of horses was a thing "Why?" I asked. "What was the matter? Horse thieves?" "Oh, no," he answered, they died; they couldn't-here a thoughtful pause-they

Poor things! No wonder they died. His Natural Bent.

Fond Father-" If that boy of any particular bent, I can't find it. Philosopher - "What experime ou made to find out?" 'Very thorough ones. I gave him a rinting press, a steam engine, a box of paints, a chest of tools, and a lot of other hings carefully selected to find out whether

his tastes were literary, mechanical, artistic. ommercial, or what, and I know no m than I did before." "What did he do with them?" 'Smashed them all up."

"Ah, I see. He is to be a furniture

A Hard Proposition. The curious effect that may be produced by a very small transposition of words and deas is illustrated by this slightly "mixed" instruction, recently given by an officer at

"When I give the command "Halt!" you will bring the foot which is on the ground to the side of the one which is in the air, and -Harper's Bazar relates that a teacher in city school received the following note from the mother of a boy who had been absent for a day or two: "Dere Mam: please onched for an ivy poison remedy. It is a of pants an I kep him home to wash and eggscuse Willy. He didn't hav but one pare mend them, and Mrs. O'toole's goat come

and et them up off the line and that awt to be eggscuse ennff, goodness nose. Yours

Mrs. Hiram-" And have you not any re-Applicant-"No, mum. Oi tored'em up." Mrs. Hiram (in surprise)-" Tore them up? How foolish!" Applicant-" Ye wudn't think so, mum,

Chicago who had a very exalted opinion of his own city. He died, and, when he reached his eternal home, he looked about him with much surprise and said to the atendant who had opened the gate for him: Really, this does great credit to Chicago; expected some change in heaven." The attendant eyed the Chicagoan a second, and then observed: "This isn't heaven!"

-Willie (at the close of Christmas day)-Maw, didn't you say that Santa Claus only rought presents to good boys? Willie-Well, if Santa Claus thinks all of the fellers he brought presents for are good boys somebody has give him an awful steer.

-Jimmy-" You're afraid to fight, that's that it is."

Thomas—"No, I ain't; but if I fight my what it is.' nother'll know, and lick me."

Jimmy—"How will she find it out eh?"

-MINARD'S FAMILY PILLS are

Thomas—"She'll see the doctor going to our house." —Could anything be neater than the old darkey's reply to a beautiful young lady whom he offered to lift over the gutter, and who insisted that she was too heavy? "Oh missus," said he, "I'se used to lifting barrels of sugar,"

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