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## A "JACK THE HUGGER."

### WHY WOMEN SHOULD NOT GO ON MONROE STREETS

After Jack without an escort—A Young Lady rescued by the Abbot on Christmas night by a Despicable Huggler—Where are the Police?

MONROE, Jan. 2.—London groaned for months under the shame of an undeciphered assassin called "Jack the Ripper" who committed a series of most brutal murders almost with impunity, under the very eyes of the most efficient and vigilant police force in the world who utterly failed to obtain the least clue to his identity, and who smarted under the undeserved censure not only of other nations but of the English people themselves. He pursued his terrible hobby—for such it seemed, until satisfied with laughter, or deterred by circumstances, and to this day his identity is merely a matter of conjecture; there had never been any certainty about it, and even his horrible crimes are being gradually forgotten. But ever since he won his title there have been feeble imitators rising up here and there in large cities, and we have constantly heard of "Jack the Kisser," "Jack the Hair Cutter," "Jack the Chaser," etc., men who have made a practice of terrifying women in some way or other! Monroe—not to be behind larger cities in the evidences of a high state of civilization—has recently become distinguished by the possession of a one, only, and original "Jack the Hugger" in the person of some human brute who amuses himself by frightening women and young girls at night.

It is far from being an enviable distinction and the fact that the nuisance has been permitted to continue for so long, is scarcely creditable to the authorities. For some months past items have appeared from time to time in the daily papers drawing attention to the fact that there was a man, or perhaps more than one man, who made a practice of lurking in unfrequented spots, especially unfinished buildings, and springing out at ladies who passed by, even chasing them for a considerable distance when they are unprotected. Last autumn I referred to the matter at some length myself and gave some instances of the special form of persecution adopted by the man; and now again I am obliged to speak on the same subject and remark that things seem to have grown worse, instead of better, in spite of the general attention which has been directed towards what is a disgrace to any well governed city as small as Monroe. In the last month complaints have grown far more frequent, and the fellow, whoever he may be, seems to have grown so bold that his capture ought to be a very simple matter if any organized effort was made to effect it.

Only two or three weeks ago this man sprang out from behind the shelter of a fence on Highfield street, one of the best lighted and most respectable streets in the city, as early as seven o'clock in the evening, and seized a young lady who was passing. A week later he rushed out from an unfinished building on Bonaccord street, and grasped another, seizing her before she even had time to turn and see him. Both of these ladies showed what is called "fight" in so decided a manner that the coward was terrified and fled, one of them assuring him with great spirit that if she thought there was any hope of meeting some one she knew she would chase him until she found out who he was and give him in charge of the first policeman she met.

The latest outrage occurred on Christmas evening. A young lady was walking up Church street, which is perhaps, next to Main, the most populous thoroughfare in town, and where a very short distance from Main street a man sprang out from a small unoccupied lot, almost the only dark spot on the street, and seized her by the armpits. Her shrieks of terror alarmed her assailant, who dashed across the lot, and disappeared in the shadow of the Methodist church.

Now Church street is so brilliantly lighted that one wonders how a man could find sufficient shadow to conceal himself in, and so thickly populated that it is scarcely possible to pass along without meeting a number of people, so the extraordinary boldness of the ruffian is the more to be wondered at. The electric lights from Main street are supplemented by the powerful arc light, on the corner of Church and Queen streets, and those in front of the churches, so that it is, as the saying goes, "almost light enough to read by" at any time of the night. I do not imagine the police are to blame for this state of affairs, as their different "beats" are probably appointed for them, but it seems rather a mistake that on the side streets, which are really the dangerous ones, meeting a policeman at night is almost unheard of, while Main street, the safest part of the town, is usually well guarded. Monroe is a great place for meetings of every description I think it has more societies in the square yard than any city of its size in the Dominion, and its ladies and young girls have always

## A SPLENDID SPECTACLE

### THE FUNERAL OF SIR JOHN THOMPSON—SON WAS MAGNIFICENT

All the Pomp and Dignity of Canada at Halifax. The Regiments and Processions. The Funeral Director had a Good Thing to Show. What the Cost Will Prove to Be.

HALIFAX, Jan. 3.—This has been an eventful week for Halifax. All the dignity and pomp that Imperial and Dominion authorities could impart was concentrated here in a series of great pageants. Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday were days long to be remembered by the residents of the city and by hundreds of guests from all quarters.

On Tuesday commenced the obsequies of the premier. On that day the fleetest of the port and many thousands saw the landing of the body and the military funeral from the Ordnance wharf to Province hall. It was a solemn and impressive sight. The chief object of interest was the caquet borne upon the grand carriage. To those who had never seen a military funeral before it was a spectacle that held them rapt. There was the grim emblem of war with the coffin strapped in the British flag. Then the four powerful gracing horses with three fully uniformed soldiers, one driving and the other on the horses' backs, was a striking sight. The slow steps of the guard of honor, with several guns and the stately music of the dead march, combined to deeply affect those who saw and heard. To add to the solemnity of this scene the air was full of rain and the streets were crowded with slush. Along the route of the procession there was a sea of umbrellas. The storm did not keep people out and among the crowd were seen many old people and delicate persons who endangered their lives by being present but could not stay away.

On Wednesday came the "lying in state" and many thousands flocked to the small chamber where the remains reposed. Here a scene of unexpressed magnificence awaited them. The natural beauties of the room had been refined and the trappings added to them and set them off. In rich silks, cashmeres and crepes the room had been hung and black, white, purple, silver and gold were blended in pleasing proportions. The effect was softened by the presence of a profusion of calla lilies, palms, and other green plants. The floral tributes were of the richest sort. From all parts of Canada and from England they came and many were massive and beautiful in design.

The crowd had been coming into the city for some days and the culmination appeared to be on Wednesday. On that day many trains arrived, carloads of regular, bringing dozens of carloads of people. One train had eighteen cars filled up. Then the question arose, where shall we stop? And here people found trouble. All available rooms at hotels had been taken long before and people had much difficulty to find a place to stop. Toward the Halifax hotel people seemed to converge and all day the scene was a busy one. Thousands of people were in that hotel during the day. The big tiled office was full of people sitting and standing gathered in groups talking politics and funeral, shaking hands, smoking, laughing and joking. It was interesting to watch the crowd. There were there the chief men of Canada, cabinet ministers, leading politicians, railway men, journalists, members of parliament, lawyers, judges, ministers. There were a great many Antigonish men about. In fact, I heard one man say that the whole county was in the city.

Perhaps the most sought man in the whole audience was Louis Coste, the man of the Dominion public works who had charge of the whole funeral. He had the distribution of the tickets for the cathedral service and he was all the time being buttonholed by people who desired tickets. But his ability to satisfy the wants of seekers was very limited. After the officials and visiting delegations were provided for there were only about five hundred seats left and about ten thousand people were after these. But he did the best he could, though thousands of people were left unassatisfied.

On Thursday there were two great events. There was the service at the cathedral and there was the funeral procession. The service was a beautiful one. The singing of the mass was most impressive and to many who had never heard it before it was most interesting. All classes and denominations were present and in many ways the service of a church known to be most exclusive was very cosmopolitan. The music was sublime and the oration of the Archbishop was masterly. The church was draped in delightful taste and night was wanting to the service.

The funeral was a magnificent pageant and nothing has probably ever surpassed it in America. It was conducted with all the dignity that the state could give it and was

## LORD ASSURER AT SEURON

### How He Went to an Episcopal Instead of a Presbyterian One.

HALIFAX, Jan. 3.—Halifax Scotchmen are an enthusiastic set. They are somewhat clamorous. Some of them are now talking in a way which would make Earl Aberdeen, if he heard what was said, think that he is not so popular 'down east' after all, and his excellent and popularly not distasteful. The Scotch presbyterians of

## COLUMBUS'S DOUBLE

### How Rev. W. W. Brewer Was Mistaken for the Discoverer of America.

There is no minister in the maritime provinces more thoroughly and favorably known than Rev. W. W. Brewer, who has been stationed in St. John, Fredericton, and many other parts of New Brunswick and the other maritime provinces. Mr. Brewer was recently in New York, assisting Rev. B. Fay Mills, the evangelist who created such a sensation in Halifax, some time ago. Mr. Brewer as will be remembered by St. John people, wears a slouch hat, which rests jauntily upon a magnificent head of coal black hair, which is as long as it is black. Mr. Brewer was passing down one of the great streets of New York lately when he saw something in a shop window which attracted his attention from things spiritual for a few minutes. Then it was that he found he himself was becoming a great centre of attraction as anything in the store windows. Even a larger and noisier crowd of newsboys than may be seen on Canterbury street any fine afternoon was looking at Mr. Brewer with deep interest and intense admiration. One of the newsboys ventured the remark, "That's Buffalo Bill."

## A New Year's Incident.

### A pathetic incident occurred on the Carleton ferry boat New Year's night. Two little girls, about 10 and 12 years of age, were looking for a church of England clergyman to administer communion to their dying grandmother. They had seen one minister, but he said it was against the rules for a minister of another parish to interfere, and he sent the girls to look after Rev. Mr. Street, who had been preaching in St. Luke's for a short time. The dying woman lived on Fort Howe and she sent for the nearest minister. The girls heard that Mr. Street lived in Carleton and they were hunting for him there in the fearful storm that reigned. How much better it would have been for the minister and for his church if they had not been able to repeat this tale to the crowd that gathered about them on the ferry boat.

## He Still Smoked the Cigar.

### An officer was walking towards the police station with a slightly inebriated prisoner on Thursday evening. The prisoner was placidly smoking a big cigar. The officer did not think it necessary to put bracelets upon the prisoner, but he saw his mistake when he got on Union street, and the drunken man made a break for liberty. He did not break very far, however, for the officer caught hold of his coat. The drunken man slipped and fell, carrying the officer with him, and they both rolled over and over, much to the amusement of a large crowd. But although the drunken man's face was sometimes against the cold, cold ground, sometimes towards heaven, he never relinquished the hold his mouth had on the cigar, which was kept brightly burning after he was put on his feet again. Then he calmly and steadily walked to the police station, a little ahead of the policeman, and nobbily meeting the pair would think that they had any connection with each other whatever. And he still smoked the cigar.

## Another Glorious Victory.

### A couple of our most burly finest captured a framer from a five-year-old toddler, a girl, at the lower end of Charlotte St. about half-past seven Sunday night. These peace-preservers were evidently going to turn over a new leaf and not be caught napping. It is to be hoped they will be as wide awake to everything.

## Letters from N. F.

### Next week PROGRESS will begin to print letters from N. F. Nainamy who has recently been on a visit to Honolulu and has written an account of the trip and his impressions of the islands for PROGRESS readers.

## It Was a Private Ball.

### At a social dance held on Wednesday evening in the Mariners' and Mechanics hall, St. James street, it was deemed necessary to put on the door a placard bearing the legend, "Spectators not Allowed."

## Not with "Progress."

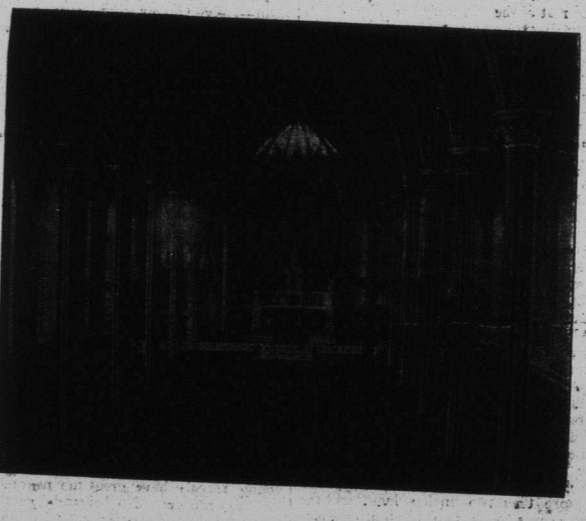
### Inquiries being made from time to time at this office for Mr. W. K. Reynolds it may be as well to state that he has not been connected with the staff of PROGRESS since May last.



ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, HALIFAX.

the initiative and the Ottawa government followed it up. The funeral must have cost many tens of thousands of dollars. There was the trip of the Blenheim across here just for the purpose. The decorations of the city made a big hole in a hundred thousand dollars. I heard that one firm expected for their work a cheque for \$10,000. The vault, the funeral car, the flowers, and countless other things have swelled the expense considerably and that there is that which cannot be counted in

Halifax are complaining that while the Governor-General is, like themselves, a Scotchman and a Presbyterian, and even an elder of the Kirk, that which he comes to Halifax he seems to put himself out of the way to ignore the church of the North country. He seeks St. Luke's cathedral where episcopalian fashion reigns. Sunday night he betook himself there where Anglicanism of the highest type is the rule. Earl Aberdeen would only have to continue this a little longer to lose some of the popularity



INTERIOR OF ST. MARY'S.

money the influence upon business, the loss of time to people, services given gratuitously, etc.

he has held with his co-churchman of the Presbyterian communion in this province. His excellency has a perfect right to go where he likes to church, and no one has the right to criticize him in this matter, but at the same time he possibly would have made more friends had he gone to Fort Massey or St. Matthew's,



WILLOW PARK, Sir John's Former Residence.

the ideal of the beautiful and good before seen, and this one by drawing attention to the life of Sir John Thompson especially brings a splendid model before people.

at St. Andrew's church, then by bearing the gospel preached at the church of England cathedral. Such may not be the case, but it is what some Scotch presbyterians here are saying.

A DESPOTIC MAJORITY.

HOW IT RULED IN THE HALIFAX TAX REFORM ROW.

It Was Exercising in the Way It Pushed the Mayor—The Attesting Aldermen—The Only Public Reference to the Mayor's Voting Record Five Hundred Dollars.

HALIFAX, Jan. 3.—It is possible for a majority to be as despotic as any autocratic ruler. This is what occurred to some people when they saw how the majority in the city council acted towards Mayor Keeffe in the conflict with him over tax reform, at Monday's meeting of the council. Not that the majority are not right and the mayor wrong in the matter. The reform majority in the council was unrelenting in the way it pushed his worship, and quite regardless of his feelings, or the feelings of his friends. They sat on him without mercy. Progress has already been made acquainted with the fact that a new and more equitable scheme of taxation was proposed and its principles adopted by the council. This was accomplished by over-ruling the major's decisions from the chair. The major at the time submitted, and told the council they had assumed the whole responsibility. The council adjourned to dream over its victory but in the meantime Mayor Keeffe professed to have got new light, and he cast a bombshell into the reformers' ranks by sending a "message" to the council that what they had done was illegal and that he refused to recognize it. The estimates were to have come up for consideration, but after a lively fight with his worship the council adjourned as a practical vote of censure on the mayor.

The council met again on Monday, and the mayor received "the ammunition" he said he expected. He did not receive it in person, however, for he absented himself from the meeting. But in the most cold-blooded manner Ald. Dennis, Redden, Wallace, Hamilton and Morrow attacked his position and without any order all the references of his worship to tax reform, especially "the message" vetoing it, to be erased from the minutes. They forced Recorder MacCoy, too, to say that the mayor's conduct was unconstitutional, and they voted down Ald. O'Donnell's motion to reconsider the reform scheme. The mayor and his supporters were "clean-bowled" and tax reform stood triumphant.

The only public reference to the mayor's taking of that \$500 from the board of works allowance, previous to Monday's meeting, was when Progress told the facts. On Monday it was spoken of with bated breath, and had it not been that the mayor was somewhat discredited after the tax reform battle, probably not an alderman would have dared speak of it then. Ald. Dennis was the man who at first summoned courage to refer to the matter, and it was only by close questioning that he got the city clerk to admit that the mayor had pocketed the money. When he had formally secured an admission that the money was gone he moved that the city clerk be instructed not to draw another such warrant for the mayor without the authority of the council. The resolution "went on the order paper." Mayor Keeffe would never have taken the \$500 were it not that he is in his third and last term, and he can afford to be careless what people think and say. That may be true. He can afford now to depise the civic voter, but then the mayor has his eye on a political nomination and he may hear of this little matter again. There is not much doubt it will be used against him, and with considerable force. In his worship would do those things "in the green tree what would be in the dry."

Ald. O'Donnell is a funny alderman. He is a strange mixture of sense and gross nonsense. This was made very apparent at the last council meeting. His references to opponents are about as amusing as one could wish. An instance of this was furnished when he stated that he had been in favor of a certain measure, but when he saw who the other aldermen were who advocated it, he at once concluded it must necessarily be bad. Nothing good could emanate from such a quarter he said, and he would oppose it. He was as good as his word and voted against the \$500 grant to the school of art and design.

Those who know the city council can imagine nothing stranger than the phenomenon of Ald. Hubley advocating an increased grant to anything. The wonderful occurrence was witnessed this week, when the doughty alderman was in a minority which voted for more aid to some service. The reason must be that Ald. Hubley knew he would be voted down.

City engineer Doane is to be congratulated on his increased salary. The mayor did not share that \$500 with him, which he drew on the quiet, so the council gave Mr. Doane an additional \$300 per year. The city engineer's salary is one of those within the city hall that is earned.

It would furnish an interesting letter for Progress to enumerate the civic salaries that are not earned, and to give some of the proofs for the statement. Such a communication, with all the names, would be timely.

A Solid Rock Castle.

In Bohemia, near the town of Haida, is the rock-castle of Burgwald. It is a perfect fortress, with chambers and chapel, stables and halls, all encased laboriously in the solid rock. The principal entrance to the castle is a V-shaped narrow

stairway, up which only one person at a time can descend, and this narrowness is not in other famous rock-castles throughout the world. The castle of Burgwald, Germany, is cut out of a rock, so is the "unparalleled" Fort of Dowlatabad, India. This rock is an insular mass of granite, rising to the height of about 500 ft. above the plain; for nearly one-third of the height the rock has been scraped like a wall, and presents all round a perpendicular cliff; above this it assumes a pyramidal form, or that of a compressed beehive. At Gibraltar, the ancient castle or stronghold is cut out of the solid rock. Vast sums of money, and an immense amount of labor, have been spent in fortifying this celebrated stronghold.

PAULINA IS A WONDER.

Nine Pounds of Girlhood Can Lift Twelve Pounds of Dumb-bell.

Titania in bloomers on a safety, or a Brownie in the regulation leopard skin Arcadian dress suit and distended biceps of the professional athlete would not seem more incongruous than does the new little midget, Princess Paulina now in New York with dumbbells and gymnastics. When the little nine pound young woman trips across the floor with her wicker chair in tow, or tags at dumbbells which weigh half as much again as herself, she reminds one of Church's sketch of a sparrow dragging a Brobdingsgarian roe.

Although but the size of a healthy baby of ten months, she is able to perform feats which many ordinary human beings find it impossible to accomplish in the whole course of their existence, what many young ladies of her age have never even attempted. Placing her tiny hands on the floor or the table, she flings up her little feet with the agility and unexpected rapidity of the traditional long eared lay figure of the comic papers.

The little woman was born in Holland nearly nineteen years ago, and weighs now eight and a half pounds. Her height is sixteen inches. She comes of a family of six brothers and two sisters, most of them above the average in size. The one brother who accompanies her is unusually large, and one of his shoes is large enough for the little mite to sit in.

She is usually good natured, and does not in the least object to being dandled by any scepter who cannot quite believe that a young lady old enough to "come out" can really be lifted as easily as a loaf of bread. Her brother, who assists her at her public entertainments, carries her easily upon his outstretched hand, and she is so elastic that when she is swung like a spider at the end of a filmy cable to the top of a table nearly twice her height from the floor she hops down again like a grasshopper to the floor with very apparent ease. Her eyes are grey and bright, and her aquiline nose quite prominent. Her whole face is full of intelligence and a certain character, which show that in years and thought she is a young woman, though her stature is so almost incomprehensibly small.

"I can speak Dutch, French, German and a little bit of English," she said. "I have been all over Europe in the last fourteen years, but this is my first visit to America. On the way across the ocean I was very sick the first few days, but enjoyed the rest of the trip very much." Referring to the jewelry which she wore, she named the various cities in which the rings and bracelets were given her, and added, with just a suspicion of girlish boastfulness, "They are all from my sweet-hearts, too. But they are all big"—with a little sigh of renunciation—"too big for me."

She did not know much, she said, about the woman suffrage question in America, or about the possibility of women in municipal administration of politics, but was heartily in favor of women voting and sharing equally the political advantages of men. Her diet, she says, is not restricted in any way, and she eats with relish anything her brother and sister eat. Her sister added that she also ate about as much, and insisted always upon having everything in a gastronomic line which pleased her fancy.

Her little dressing room at Proctor's is draped, walls and ceiling, with pink, over which is hung madras, and the little dressing table is decorated in the same way. The drawers of the dressing case are filled with a wardrobe which might easily fit some New York maiden's middle-sized doll. The tiny shoes, in satin and leather, are not more than two inches long, and the Dent gloves, with two big buttons, for street wear, would scarcely hold a kitten's paw. Miniature skirts, the length of a finger, with voluminous ruffles of lace, and dainty bits of undergarb that would delight the heart of any juvenile mamma, bubble out of these drawers, while the tiny pink silk dress, with its black lace ruffles and tulle, looks like nothing but a microscopic caricature of an evening dress.

THE AGE OF WOMAN.

How She Fought Her Way Into the Scotch Medical College.

The influence of women in matters of a public character has been exerted with unusual force and effect during the past few weeks, in various parts of the world. The great metropolis of London has perhaps only once before in its history been stirred up by a moral contest as it was last month by the fight between the London County Council and the Empire Music Hall over the question of a relicensing of that notorious institution. The lead against the Empire was taken by Mrs. Ormiston Chant, who boldly proved the scandalously disreputable character of the place. The County Council sustained her position by a vote of seventy-five to thirty-two. The Empire is an enormously rich establishment, which has been paying dividends of seventy per cent., and which has been backed by one or two of the greatest names of London. The contest meant a great deal, because the Empire was considered as the strongest representative of a class. The victory over that fashionable but immoral resort means a future policy

not narrowly practical, but wholly unselfishly good. The party in favor of the "unparalleled" Fort of Dowlatabad, India. This rock is an insular mass of granite, rising to the height of about 500 ft. above the plain; for nearly one-third of the height the rock has been scraped like a wall, and presents all round a perpendicular cliff; above this it assumes a pyramidal form, or that of a compressed beehive. At Gibraltar, the ancient castle or stronghold is cut out of the solid rock. Vast sums of money, and an immense amount of labor, have been spent in fortifying this celebrated stronghold.

WELLINGTON'S FUNERAL.

Compare It With the Funeral of Sir John Thompson.

In the funeral procession of the Duke of Wellington twelve horses drew the car; these were covered from eyes to fetlocks in housings of black velvet, with black ostrich plumes upon their heads. The Duke's funeral was modelled upon the precedent of that of John Monk, first Duke of Abermarle, the only change of trappings of the horses being that the animals were only plumed on the head, instead of carrying a second plume on the crupper, which, as the tail was hidden by the velvet clothing, had rather a ludicrous appearance. But in the funeral of the Duke of Abermarle led horses formed an important part of the procession.

"Mourning horses" as they are called, draped in black cloth and plumed, were distributed at intervals in the cortage. The "chief mourning horse" followed the Standard Bearer. The funeral car was also followed by a cream colored "horse of honor" with crimson caparisons, in the Duke of Wellington's funeral procession. The only led horse was his charger, not "Copenhagen," but the animal which he was in the habit of riding in his last years. Yet the riderless steed, pacing behind his master's bier, awakened the emotions of the gazing thousands with an appeal more potent and direct than that of all the accumulated pomp which preceded it.

She Knew She Was.

"I advertised a short time ago," said a comic opera manager, "for fifty pretty girls for a chorus in a big production. On the morning set aside for their reception I found a mob of about 500 women awaiting me. Some of them must have been verging on the sixties, and one or two of them gave me a good deal of trouble. I had them marshalled in upon the stage, and then I said to them: 'Let those who think themselves young and pretty step forward.' There was a rush, the aged ones came forward more enthusiastically than the others, but there was only one very young one—who remained behind. She was very nice looking, and my curiosity was piqued. 'Why,' I asked her, 'do you keep in the background?' 'Oh, you are right,' with a toss of her head, 'you addressed those who think themselves pretty. I don't think I am pretty, I know I am.' That young lady is now playing a leading role in a comic opera not far from New York."

The Flemish New Year's Eve.

The Flemish New Year's eve is called St. Sylvester's day. It is a memorable occasion for the children, for upon that festive night the "back-ground" or "stap" stamp plot and scheme to abduct and place under lock and key some male member of the family. The father of the house, the jolly uncle or big brother is successfully trapped, and once in custody the young rascals have great fun negotiating for his ransom. No brigands could be more astute. The parleying is conducted through the keyhole, one delegate usually negotiating the conditions of release on behalf of all. Finally each one is satisfied, and pretending to be seriously angry, and with the air of a man who has been put upon by robbers, the emancipated elder days up.

An Armenian New Year's Day.

In Armenia upon New Year's day the maidens make definite choices of their lovers in a somewhat original fashion. At day-break every "marriageable" kneads a cake of maize, and having donned her finest raiment she mounts the terrace of her home, where, after placing the cake well in sight, she watches and listens from behind the chimney. By and by along comes a jack-daw in search of food. As the bird swoops off with the cake in its beak the "American" girl emerges and follows its flight with anxious eyes. Upon whatever neighboring roof the jack-daw settles to enjoy its meal, in that house dwells the young man who is destined to make the maiden happy, but if the bird flies away beyond her sight she abandons all hope, at least for that year.

Too Strong To Worry.

Gentlemen who were urged to Sir John Thompson in his lifetime will not be overcome by remorse when they read absurd stories asserting that his death was hastened by pain and uneasiness caused through attacks directed against his change in the expression of his religious faith. Sir John Thompson was sensible and not sensitive. He was himself the hardest judge of his own actions. If he could please himself he was content, and the disapproval of his own conscience would draw the plaudits of a hundred of admiring voices. Narratives which credit Sir John Thompson with

going away to work when he was strictly forbidden to do so, and the fact that the "unparalleled" Fort of Dowlatabad, India. This rock is an insular mass of granite, rising to the height of about 500 ft. above the plain; for nearly one-third of the height the rock has been scraped like a wall, and presents all round a perpendicular cliff; above this it assumes a pyramidal form, or that of a compressed beehive. At Gibraltar, the ancient castle or stronghold is cut out of the solid rock. Vast sums of money, and an immense amount of labor, have been spent in fortifying this celebrated stronghold.

New Year's Gales.

In county Antrim in Ireland among the Scotch-Irish sites hamlets, with a hole in the wall, the "unparalleled" Fort of Dowlatabad, India. This rock is an insular mass of granite, rising to the height of about 500 ft. above the plain; for nearly one-third of the height the rock has been scraped like a wall, and presents all round a perpendicular cliff; above this it assumes a pyramidal form, or that of a compressed beehive. At Gibraltar, the ancient castle or stronghold is cut out of the solid rock. Vast sums of money, and an immense amount of labor, have been spent in fortifying this celebrated stronghold.

In the Isle of Man a curious belief and custom existed till the middle of this century. In each home the house-wife smoothed the ashes over the kitchen floor just before stepping into bed. If there were found in the morning on the surface of the ashes anything resembling the print that pointed towards the door, it indicated a death in the family within the year. But if the heel of the footprint were toward the door it was a sure proof that the family would be increased.

New Year's in Scotland.

North of the Tweed the most popular holiday is emphatically New Year's day. The religious history of Scotland is explanatory of the decline of Christmas festivities in the country. However, as it is said there are more Scotchmen in London than the whole population of Edinburgh numbers, they in some measure make up for the neglect of the world's greatest day in their native land. The early Scotch reformers were entirely successful in their declared intention of putting an end to the "heathenish" observance of Christmas day in common with several other days which their zeal frowned upon. Scotland is the most conspicuous example of the results of this movement, which was not confined to the Scotch reformer's alone. But, then, Scotchmen never do things by halves.

They Held On.

The first experience of riding in a railway train is undoubtedly very exciting to the person himself, and sometimes the novice affords amusement to his fellow passengers. A correspondent sends us the following anecdote:

I was on a western train when we stopped at a small station where two young fellows entered and took seats near me. They were unaccustomed to railway travel, and were constantly on watch for some accident. Every few minutes they would raise the window and look out. Presently, as the train came around a curve, one of them saw a fence which he seemed to suppose crossed the track. Jerking his head in, he said in a frightened tone loud enough to be heard by every one in the car: 'Hold on tight, Bill, she's goin' to jump a fence.'

The Cost of Cars.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

HALIFAX NEWS

Christmas decorations in the churches this year were as extensive as usual. In St. Mark's church they were especially well designed, and were not confined to the chancel but extended throughout the church.

At St. George's church the chancel was daintily trimmed with evergreen wreaths, and around the pulpit were appropriate Christmas lettering and texts. The font was surmounted with a profusion of white lilies.

The parlor concert given at the residence of Mrs. E. G. Smith, in aid of the Woman's Christian Association, was a great success.

There was a quiet wedding at the Grove presbyterian church on Monday afternoon, when Rev. J. F. Dunstan performed the ceremony which united Mr. Nelson H. Gardner and Miss Matt Munroe as man and wife.

The death of George H. Scriven occurred Wednesday morning at his home at an illness of three months. Deceased was the son of the late Mr. J. J. Scriven and a general favorite with all with whom he was connected either in business or friendly relations.

The boys of Halifax Institute school were not forgotten during the merry holiday season. On Thursday evening the boys were given a sumptuous dinner. Addresses were made by Rev. A. Gandler, Mr. E. G. Smith, Mr. G. E. Fulmer, Mr. McC. Grant, Mr. E. A. Fleming, and Mr. William Robertson.

Miss Jennie Mills, daughter of Mr. J. B. Mills, is visiting Mrs. W. B. F. remans, Coburg road. Colonel Leach left this week for a three months visit to England.

Least George and Mrs. Dewdney will be the guests of Judge Graham, South Park street, during their stay in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bay paid a flying visit to Halifax this week, and left for New York on Tuesday last.

Professor Fraser and Mrs. Fraser, of this city, spent last week in Charlottetown.

Dr. M. D. Harvey, who has been paying a visit to his parents in this city, has returned to Providence, R. I.

It is said that Surgeon-Captain and Mrs. Barrett will not return to Halifax this season, the captain being required to depart. Their many friends will regret their departure.

On Christmas morning Mrs. F. Gattward, organist of St. Luke's cathedral, was presented by the members of the choir with a handsome Russian leather dressing case in recognition of the excellent services rendered by her during the past year.

During Rev. Rural Dean Mellor's recent visit to this city he was presented by his friends here with a handsome fur coat and cap.

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Miss Zoe McKay, of Pictou, is visiting for a few days with her sister, Mrs. Howard Carvath. Mrs. Fallon, of Truro, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. Rennie, at Blinbonnie. Miss Eva Grant is entertaining Miss Alice Curry and Miss Jennie McConnell, of Montreal, this week.

An oyster supper was given by "the boys," Friday evening at the "handy kitchen," in honor of Mr. Frank McNeil. Although a very pleasant evening was enjoyed it was not unmarred by sadness as it was hard to forget that it was a farewell. In the course of the evening Mr. McNeil was presented with an elegant pipe with best wishes from the boys and a speech from Mr. George Patterson, L.L.B.

Miss Bella McKenzie, of Pictou, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Stella McKenzie, Archdeacon street. Dr. Wright returned from Amherst Wednesday, where he spent Christmas. Miss Bessie Graham, of Pictou, is spending a few days with her father, Capt. Peter Graham. Mr. and Mrs. A. McColl, who have been on a trip to Amherst, returned home Monday.

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Miss Carrie Fraser was "at home" to a few of her friends Thursday evening, the time was passed in the usual way, dancing, games, etc., which were very much enjoyed.

Miss Jennie Eastwood, who has been spending her vacation in Stewiacke, is expected home today. Mr. R. McDonald, of Halifax, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. K. McDonald.

Mr. Peter Moriarty, of Truro, spent New Year's at her home in New Glasgow. Cards played to be quite the rage this week. An other delightful game of progressive euchre was played by the guests of Miss Lillie Jemison, Monday evening.

A Christmas service was held in St. George's church Friday evening. The decorations were simply festive, as was also the tree on which were hung many of the little folk, while the larger members of the audience were presented with very delicious looking parcels and as their curiosity could wait till they arrived at home was not satisfied.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkinson are entertaining Mr. Harry Russell this week. A party social will be given in connection with the specialist church Tuesday evening; a splendid programme is being arranged, and the choir will sing.

Watch night services were held in the new St. Andrew and Methodist churches Monday night; they were both largely attended. The benefit concert tendered to Mr. M. B. McKay Tuesday evening by a number of his friends was a success in every way.

Miss Lawrence, of Yarmouth, is the guest of Miss Jennie Fraser, West side. Mr. Pickett, of Truro, was in town for Christmas. Miss Zoe McKay, of Pictou, is visiting for a few days with her sister, Mrs. Howard Carvath.

The following were Miss Zoe McKay's guests Tuesday evening from 7 to 10: Miss Marie Carmichael, Miss Grace Carmichael, Miss Flossie McGregor, Miss N. McNeil, Miss Bessie McNeil, Miss Myrtle Bailey, Miss Kathleen Grant, Miss Dalvin Miller, Miss Flora Miller, Miss Blanch McKinnon, Miss Annie McGregor, Miss Bessie Suberlin, Miss Clara Smith, Miss Katie McKinnon, Miss Jean Wilson, Miss Ella Fraser, Miss Sadie Fraser, Miss Pearl Fraser, Miss Mary Cameron.

John Underwood entertained a few friends with dinner New Year's day. Miss Bessie Carruthers entertained a large number of her friends Monday evening; those who were in attendance were Miss Harriet Graham, Miss Miles Wright, Miss Ella Wright, Miss Annie Fraser, Miss Gertrude Fraser, Miss Gladys Lord, (Charlottetown), Miss Jessie Douglas, Miss Dalvin Miller, Miss Grace Carmichael, Miss Flossie McGregor, Miss Laura Ross, Miss Carrie Fraser, Miss Laura Smith, Miss Z. E. McKay, (Pictou), Miss Bessie McGregor, Miss Pearl Kerr, Miss Daisy Bell, Miss Isabel McKay, Miss Jessie Douglas, Miss E. E. Poole, Miss Dorothy Poole, Miss Lucy Poole, (Charlottetown), James Douglas, Frank Sutherland, Harry Grant, Wendell Graham, George McKay, Albert McKay, Ernest McKay, Fred Rice, Charles Cassidy, Charles C. Fraser, Charles Thompson, and others.

Miss Gladys Lord, of Charlottetown, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Poole, Stellarton. New Year's this year was similar to Christmas in regard to weather; the wind howled dementally, the snow piled up in torrents and the three inches of ice that was on the ground did not melt but held on things in the least; despite all this the weather was turned out very well to make their calls.

Mr. Dennis spent Christmas day in Halifax. There are rumors of a fashionable wedding which is to take place about the middle of the month by which Windsor is to lose one of its most popular young ladies.

Mr. R. Douglas, of Toronto, is the guest of his brother in Halifax. Mr. Harry Smith, who has been for several months in South America, has returned to visit relatives in town and a right royal welcome is accorded him by his hosts of friends.

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