

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK IN CITY SOCIETY CIRCLES

And the Happenings Elsewhere in New Brunswick-Celestial Talk-Moncton Society-St. Stephen, Chatham and Richibucto News.

Mrs. H. Muirhead, of Chatham, is in the city and will remain with her father, Mr. Reid, during the winter.

Mrs. Temple, of Fredericton, has been visiting at Senator Dever's.

Miss Newcombe, who has charmed St. John with her lovely voice, returns to her home in Hantsport next week.

Miss Cullinan, of St. Stephen, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Furlong.

If the weather could only be depended on for a few days, we might hear of some jolly skating parties.

The Messrs. Skinner are expected home next week for their Christmas holiday; but Mr. C. Skinner, jr., will spend his holidays with some friends in Boston.

Some friends of Mr. Chipman Drury's family are expected home next week, and the many friends of Miss Blanche hope to see her among them.

Miss M. Kaye, of Sussex, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Dr. March, Portland.

Mrs. McPhalen left Wednesday evening for Nebraska. Her friends will rejoice to know that she anticipates returning to St. John next May to make her home with her sister, Mrs. Carvill.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wilson have taken rooms at Miss Beloff's, Germain street.

Mrs. Park, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Ferguson at Miss Prince's, returns to her home in Chicago, leaving next Monday.

Mount Pleasant assumed its old time gaiety last Thursday evening, when a very delightful party was given at the residence of Gen. Warner.

The house being so admirably adapted for entertaining and the excellent music, throng of merry young folks, and especially the kindly tact of the hospitable host and hostess all combined to make this one of the most enjoyable and memorable events of the season.

The Montreal carnival is being talked of by some St. John people. I hear of a party of seven who have already engaged their rooms.

Of course a certain amount of dressing will be needed. One of the young ladies is having a pretty tea-gown of the most delicate shade of pearl grey cashmere, a la princesse, with a plastron of alternate stripes of the material and salmon pink velvet.

The rolling collar and lining of the half open sleeve are of the velvet and a heavy pink cord is knotted round the waist.

Madame Gossip is in a flutter over the late engagement of a Frederictonian and one of St. John's widows and exceedingly popular daughters.

And now she hopes that another member of the Church of the Immaculate Conception will find her fiancée as agreeable a companion through life's voyage as he proved during their four months' travel together last summer.

Her mind is also in a state of excitement over the festivities she hears being talked of. Among them, she says, is an At Home, to be given at the residence of Mayor Chesley, next week, and a dinner party at Dr. Bayard's for Christmas evening.

She also thinks that base ball parties bid fair to become as popular here as they are in the states. Invitations will shortly be issued for two or three of these. Then she will be able to tell us how they are conducted, and what prizes are appropriate.

And still they come. On Monday morning last, at 6.30 o'clock, in St. George's church, Carleton, the marriage of Mr. Journey, of Weymouth, N. S., to Miss Annie Watters, of Carleton, was celebrated.

The bride wore a very neat costume of gobelin blue. Mr. and Mrs. Journey left by the Dorcas for their home in Nova Scotia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Milton, who came on to attend the funeral of the Mrs. F. Tilton, returned home last week.

Rev. D. Morrison has returned from Dakota, where he has been laboring for the last year. Mr. Morrison intends remaining home for some time.

Miss Stewart, daughter of Rev. W. Stewart, returned home last Tuesday after spending the summer in Halifax. She is accompanied by her aunt, Miss Stewart.

Mrs. Grindy and the Misses Gossip have decided that they are tired of literary evenings. After conscientiously performing their daily duties, balls and dancing parties are preferable, and they now offer a suggestion which is to the effect that they grate from these money evenings and indulge in a Dickens, Scott or Tennyson ball.

Being called away, I did not hear the result of their confabulation, but hope their friends and companions like the idea and will endeavor to carry it out.

A pretty home wedding took place last Wednesday at the residence of Mr. H. G. Hunt, whose daughter Katie was married to Mr. W. A. Cookson.

The bride wore a very becoming dress of blue silk with floral ornaments. After the ceremony the large number of friends present partook of refreshments, after which Mr. and Mrs. Cookson were driven to the station, where they took the train for Fredericton.

TATTLER.

CELESTIAL TALK.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 12.—The Celestial City has had plenty of weddings during the last two weeks.

The long talked of marriage between Mr. R. D. Wilson, of the Bank of British North America, St. John, and Miss Julia Manger, of this city, was solemnized at a very early hour yesterday morning.

There were no guests present outside Miss Manger's own family. As the clock chimed a quarter to six the bride entered the Cathedral, on the arm of her uncle, Mr. John Black, and accompanied by her bridesmaid, Miss Nellie Wetmore, youngest daughter of Judge Wetmore. She was dressed in a handsome and becoming travelling costume of metallic blue and carried an elegant bouquet of cream roses.

Miss Wetmore wore terra cotta and also carried a handsome bouquet.

Mr. W. D. Hamilton, of St. John, performed the duties of groomsmen. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Alexander, after which the bridal party repaired to the residence of Mrs. Black, where a wedding breakfast was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson took the early morning train for Boston and New York, followed by the best wishes of a large circle of friends in this city. The wedding presents were numerous.

There is another quiet wedding this evening at the residence of Mr. John Wiley, Brunswick street, the contracting parties being Miss Lou Wiley and Mr. E. A. McKay, a young lawyer of this city, who has just opened an office on Phoenix square. Mr. and Mrs. McKay will make their home on Northumberland street for the present.

Mrs. Harry Clark is receiving her friends this week, assisted by her friend, Miss Lemont. Mrs. Clark receives in a very pretty peacock-blue dress, trimmed with velvet of the same shade, gold ornaments, and very handsome bouquet of pale pink roses. Among her numerous presents is a very handsome silver tea service, presented to them by the members of the F. O. M. W. club.

The Boston Sunday Globe, of the 10th inst., has an extended and complimentary notice of a reception and musicale tendered her pupils, the previous evening, by Madame D'Angeli, a lady well known in Fredericton. "The charming little lady," says the Globe, "met her friends at the door, greeted them individually in an affable manner, making every one of her audience feel at ease, and then she busied herself in the agreeable task of arranging an attractive musical menu, and saying kind words of cheer to her timid but carefully trained pupils."

Among those who took part in the musicale was Miss Laura Wood, formerly of Fredericton, and of her singing the Globe says: "The vocal success of the evening was made by Miss Laura Wood, in

Leutze's Ave Maria, sung with a power and finish worthy of a professional artist. Miss Kelley, of Fall River, played a violin obligato to Miss Wood's Ave."

Mr. W. G. Gaunce was the lecturer at the University, last night. His subject was, "The development of patriotism in our institutions of learning," and Mr. Gaunce handled his subject in a masterly and eloquent way.

His worship Mayor Thorne, of St. John, and Mrs. Thorne, spent Sunday in Fredericton. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Johnstone, on George street.

Mr. and Mrs. Vanwart, from Missoula, are here visiting their friends. Mrs. Vanwart will spend the winter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Tibbits, York street.

Miss Coburn has gone to Sackville to spend the winter with her uncle, Mr. John Pickard.

Miss Yvonne expects to leave home next Saturday for Boston, where she will spend the Christmas holidays; she will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Southwick at the Warren.

Rev. and Mrs. De Soyres, of St. John, are in Fredericton for a short visit.

Hon. B. B. Stevenson, of St. Andrews was among the visitors in this city last week.

Mr. R. W. Hanington, of Dorchester, is spending and enjoying his holidays in this city.

Mr. James Watts, of the customs department at McAdam, registered at the Queen last night.

Miss Kelley, of Calais, is spending a few days with her friends in Fredericton.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Freeze deeply sympathize with them in the death of their little boy, by diphtheria.

Mr. A. H. Randolph was expected home from Boston yesterday. STELLA.

MONCTON SOCIETY.

MONCTON, Dec. 12.—Wiseacres are prophesying a "green Christmas" and it certainly looks like it just now. The little snow we had and were saving up so carefully, is rapidly disappearing beneath a pouring rain, and the bare, muddy roads are terribly against Christmas work of all kinds, keeping those who would fain be shopping prisoners in the house, and even preventing us from obtaining evergreens enough for the decorations which have been begun in all the churches.

There have been a great number of strangers in town during the past week.

Last Friday, Judge King and Judge Wedderburn were at the Brunswick.

On Thursday Mr. J. W. Allison, of the firm of Mott & Co., Halifax, was in town visiting friends.

Miss Hallett, of Sussex, who has been visiting Mrs. H. T. Stevens, returned to her home on Wednesday.

Mr. R. W. Leonard, C. E., of Spring Hill, spent Friday in town.

We have always been rather well provided with members of the medical fraternity, but lately we have received into our midst an addition to the number in the person of Dr. Brydges, a young physician, who has lately entered into partnership with Dr. Smith.

Miss Harley arrived from Newcastle on Thursday and is so deeply immersed in theatrical mysteries that her friends have scarcely had any opportunity of welcoming her as yet; but as I believe she intends remaining over Christmas, we will try to make up in heartiness what was lacking in promptness; but I fancy we shall not see much of our fair visitor until "after the opera is over."

Miss Clarke will also remain and spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Preator.

Mrs. McCardy, of Boston, spent Sunday in town, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robb. Mrs. McCardy was for many years a resident of Moncton, and was cordially welcomed back again by her many friends.

Mrs. Estey's health has improved so rapidly that she is now able to sit up for a short time each day.

Mrs. Charles Chandler and Mrs. Joseph Harris returned Friday from their long visit to Boston. Christmas is bringing all the wayfarers home by degrees. Even Miss Harris, whom we feared was lost to us forever, is expected home this week.

Mrs. W. E. Staver paid a short visit to St. John last week.

Mrs. C. P. Harris gladdened the hearts of a large number of very young people last Friday, with a children's party—the real hostess being Miss Jennie Harris, who thus celebrated her eleventh birthday; and it is needless to say that a very delightful evening was spent.

There were a number of ladies in town last Monday doing Christmas shopping, and judging by the number of parcels they carried, their friends are going to be very well remembered indeed. I noticed particularly Mrs. I. H. Schaeffer of Point du Chene, Mrs. Joshua Chandler of Dorchester and the Misses Fanny and Nellie Chandler, also of Dorchester.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfield will leave for their new home at Ottawa, New Year's eve, and until then they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Whitney at their home on Church street.

Mr. J. L. Harris has been quite ill for the past ten days, but under the skillful ministrations of Dr. A. H. Chandler, of Dorchester, he has so far recovered as to be able to be out again, Monday.

Mrs. H. A. Whitney's many friends will hear with regret that she has been suffering a great deal lately from an injury to her knee, received last summer. She has been unable to walk for some time, and last week she left for Boston to undergo a special course of treatment. She was accompanied by Mr. Whitney and one of her daughters.

Mr. D. Robb, of the I. C. R., returned this morning from his holiday trip to New York.

Mrs. A. J. Creswell, of Springfield, is in town, spending a few days with her father, Mr. George Taylor, of the I. C. R.

Mr. Seymour Milliken leaves tonight for New York, where he intends making his future home. I am sorry to say that too many of "our boys" are leaving us and making homes in the land of the free.

Mrs. George McSweeney went to St. John, today, on a shopping expedition, and also to meet her sister, Miss Lefurgey, who is returning from a visit to Philadelphia. Miss Leturgay will probably spend Christmas in Moncton.

Mr. Christian, formerly of the Bank of Nova Scotia, here, but now of Calgary, N. W. T., is in town, paying a brief visit to his friends, who are cordially glad to see him again, even for a short time. CECIL GWYNNE.

BORDER JOTTINGS.

ST. STEPHEN, Dec. 12.—Our hearts have been gladdened by the long looked for snow, and the merry jingle of sleigh bells carries assurance that Christmas is not far off. St. Nick will now be able to get about with ease and leave those little tokens which are or should be the expression of good will and good wishes. Of course that mysterious pack as usual will contain articles too numerous to mention, but to judge from a recent sale in town a rather curious surprise among the little things will be the much despised onion. It comes in all the bravery of crackling skin and green leaves, but concealed within lies the charm which converts the odious bulb into a most unique sachet breathing out odors of the spring violet or the subtle heliotrope. This was only one among the many unique and useful articles disposed of at the charity sale on Friday last at the residence of Mr. C. H. Clerk, and the pecuniary result of the sale was as gratifying to the managers as it doubtless will be to the recipients.

Mr. Edward Jack, of Fredericton, has been in town this week, the guest of Mr. Henry Todd.

Mr. Charles Gove, customs officer of St. Andrews and Mrs. Gove are the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Hazen Grimmer.

Mr. J. T. Whitlock left by Saturday night's train for St. John, returning on Tuesday.

Mrs. E. R. Machum, of St. John, is spending a few days in town, the guest of Mrs. Walter Inches.

Dr. White, jr., of Sussex, has decided to make his home in St. Stephen.

Mr. Page, formerly of the Glasgow house, was in town this week.

Mr. W. E. O. Jones, of St. John, is registered at the Queen today.

Miss Annie Thieckens, of St. George, spent a few days this week at Mr. J. P. Bixby's.

Rev. W. B. Thomas was in town on Monday last. Mr. McPherson is spending a week in St. John.

Mr. Frank Todd returned today from a brief trip to St. John.

The visit of Rev. B. B. Keefer, of Toronto, and Prof. H. F. Morgan and his little daughter, Fairy, was greatly enjoyed by the large audience who listened to the gifted lecturer and heard the fine musical programme presented by the professor and his little girl.

Mr. Robert Stevenson spent Sunday at his home in St. Stephen.

I am told that one of our most popular young lady teachers is soon to resign her charge and, with a change of vocation, also make a change of name.

From the West comes the announcement, this week, of the marriage of Miss Jeannette Stein, a St. Stephen young lady, to Mr. George Fletcher, of Rocky Bar.

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