

MONCTON.

April 24.—First of all, let me offer my warmest congratulations to Progress on this first anniversary of its natal day, wishing the thriving child very many happy returns of the auspicious occasion. Seldom, I think, has a yearling yielded so much influence outside of its own family. Few children have learned to speak so soon, and cut all their teeth with so little trouble, being always ready to show them, too, when necessary; and, taken altogether, few have given their parents, sponsor, and friends generally, so much reason to be proud of them, and we all join most heartily in drinking the clever child's health, and wishing him a long and prosperous career.

Easter, was, as usual, a high feast day in the churches, but the glorious morning clouded over soon after dinner and the day finished up with a dreary rain, notwithstanding which the various churches were crowded with worshippers.

The decorations at St. Bernard's were scarcely up to the usual standard, owing to the changes which have been made in the interior to accommodate the convent school, which have cut up the church and made the work of decoration extremely difficult. The music, however, was fully equal to that of other years.

The decorations at St. Georges were on the simplest scale, being confined entirely to the altar, and consisting of red roses, tulips, red carnations, calla and Easter lilies. The red roses were divided into three panels by designs of purple grapes and wheat painted for the occasion by Mrs. George McSweeney. The psalms and canticles were sung to double chants, the Agnus Dei and Gloria in the communion service being also chanted. The anthem was "Christ our Passover."

The musical programme at the Methodist church was by far the most elaborate of all, amounting in effect to a sacred concert, and Mr. Wetmore and his choir are to be congratulated upon one of the finest choral services heard in Moncton for many years. It was literally a service of song. The programme, which is worth giving in full, was as follows:

MORNING SERVICE.

Chant, "Christ our Passover."
Anthem, "Why seek ye the living among the dead?"
Hymns 174, 172, 171. Subject of sermon, "Easter Facts."

EVENING—EASTER PRAISE SERVICE.

Easter Carol.
Invocation.
Male Quartette.
Prayer.
To Deum.
Scripture selections.
Responsive chant—pastor and choir.
Scripture selection.
Hymn 173.
Address.
Easter Anthem.
Offertory.
Anthem, "The Crown is on the Victor's Brow."
Hymn 175.
Benediction.

Sufficient praise can scarcely be given to Miss Maud Duffy for her delightful rendering of the difficult solo, "They have taken away my Lord and I know not where they have laid Him." She possesses a voice of unusual compass and rare sweetness, and is a pupil of whom Mr. Wetmore has reason to be very proud. Miss Robertson, the organist, played with even more than her usual taste and skill. This young musician reminds one of King Midas in one way. The afflicted king turned everything he touched into gold, and Miss Robertson turns each note she touches into silver.

The invitations for the Bachelors' and Benedicts' ball, which takes place this evening, were issued last Wednesday, and included all the *creme de la creme* of Moncton society, amongst whom Cecil Gwynne was proud to see his own name. Verily the dignity of the press growth and flourisheth. Next week he hopes to give a full account of the festivities.

THE ST. JOHN DRY GOODS HERALD

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can be had free of charge on application at their store, 97 King street.

The advertisement which follows is a translation from the Chinese, and offers a curious study for those who care to trace the influence of traditions and national character upon so simple a piece of writing, even as an advertisement. That human nature is the same, the world over, the tenor of this advertisement plainly shows:

"At the shop. 'Prosperous in the Extreme' (Tae-Shing), very good ink; fine! fine! Ancient shop; great grandfather, grandfather, father and self make this ink; fine and hard—very hard; picked with care, selected with attention. This ink is heavy, so is gold. The eye of the dragon glitters and dazzles, so does this ink. None makes like it—others make ink for the sake of heaping up base coin, and cheat; I make it only for a name. Plenty of gentlemen know my ink—my family never cheated; they have always borne a good name. I make ink for the Son of Heaven (the Emperor) and all the mandarins in the empire. As the roar of the tiger extends to every place, so does the fame of the Dragon's Jewel [the trademark name of the ink]."

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Our policy is not so much to sell what we have on hand as it is to sell what you may want. We never ask a person to buy what does not suit them. If what we have is not what you are looking for, we take it as a favor that at any rate you have called upon us—if we are not able to please you the fault is ours, not yours.

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The concert in aid of St. George's church rectory, which came off last evening at the opera house, was an unqualified success, and the music, if not quite equal to that of the Weber quartette, at least proved acceptable to a very large audience who thoroughly enjoyed it from first to last. The programme was long, but no one seemed to think it too long and the numbers were all rendered with taste and skill, as follows:

PART FIRST.

Overture—"Soldier's Farewell".....Parlor Orchestra
Quartette—"Three Black Crows".....Mrs. Miles
Mrs. Miles, Miss MacGowan, Messrs. Wetmore and Higman.
Song—"Sweet Heather Bell".....Mrs. Miles
Trio—"Nightingale".....Mrs. Miles, Miss MacGowan, Messrs. Sobieski and Higman.
Comic Song.....Mrs. Miles, Miss MacGowan, Miss Vocal Polka.....Mrs. Benedict
Piano Solo—"Negro Melody".....Miss Robertson
Song—"Queen of the Earth".....Mr. Wetmore

PART SECOND.

Waltz—"Daughter of Love".....Parlor Orchestra
Quartette—"Trust Her Not".....Mrs. Miles, Miss MacGowan, Messrs. Wetmore and Higman.
Song—"The Better Land".....Mr. Sobieski
Comic Trio—"Three Black Crows".....Mrs. Miles, Miss MacGowan, Messrs. Benedict, Lynch and Moss.
Vocal Waltz—"Gaily I Wander".....Miss Cunningham
Duet—"The Fisherman".....Mrs. Benedict and Mr. Sobieski.

Song—"A Warrior Bold".....Mr. Higman
Pantomime—"Skipped by the Light of the Moon".....Sextette
Sextette—"Good Night".....Mrs. Miles, Miss Cunningham, Miss MacGowan, Mrs. Benedict, Messrs. Wetmore and Higman.
Mrs. Benedict's beautiful voice was heard to great advantage in the Daisy song, "He loves me, loves me not," and Mrs. Miles, always a favorite with Moncton audiences, fully sustained her reputation, in "Sweet Heather Bell," sung in her own graceful and unaffected manner. Miss Cunningham and Miss MacGowan were each attractive in their several roles, the former lady making the most of a singularly light soprano voice. Perhaps the vocal gem of the evening was "Queen of the Earth," though I noticed that Mr. Wetmore's glorious voice was marred by a slight huskiness. Following next in the order of merit came "The Better Land," by Mr. Sobieski, whose flexible, highly cultivated voice was marvellously well suited to the beautiful song. The comic songs were well received, "Three Black Crows" being irresistibly funny, only, somehow or other, there were four crows, but perhaps one wandered in by mistake. The pantomime was laughable and well carried out, with one exception, which was that one of the characters, finding himself unequal to the task of keeping silence to the bitter end, vented his feelings in an impromptu speech, when of course it ceased to be a pantomime. Mr. Lynch, as a statue, was so very real as to give one a perceptible chill, he was so very marble like and rigid. As I said before, all did well; but, to my mind at least, the crowning charm of the concert was the exquisite rendering of the waltz, "Daughter of Love," by the parlor orchestra, which, for beauty of execution and charm of melody, stood alone, and certainly entitled the young performers to the warmest recede of praise. I have not yet heard what the receipts amounted to, but I trust that the shekels were many.

The Bishop Coadjutor spent yesterday and part of today in town and was present at the concert. His lordship was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Talbot, at the rectory.
Rev. J. Roy Campbell, of Dorchester, was also at the concert, and was the guest of Mr. George Taylor, of the I. C. R., during his stay in town.
Mr. C. F. Hanington, of the Central railway, met with a very painful accident last Wednesday while inspecting the line, and has been a prisoner to the house for some days in consequence. Mr. Hanington, in company with several of his staff, was thrown from a handcar by the breaking of a wheel, receiving a severe bruise on the hip and a general shaking up, but his friends were glad to see him out for a short drive yesterday, and hope he may soon be able to discard his crutches.

Mr. J. J. Fraser, of the Campbellton Pioneer, was in town on Thursday.

Miss Maggie Whitney and Mr. Will Harris, who are attending the Mount Allison institutions at Sackville, have been at home for their Easter holidays.
Mr. C. J. Butcher, manager of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax here, spent Easter Sunday and Monday in Halifax.

Mr. Thomson, of Newcastle, spent Easter Sunday in town, the guest of his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Staver.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hazen Chapman, of Dorchester, are in town visiting friends.
Mr. H. E. Arnold, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Moncton, spent Easter with his relatives in Sussex.

Mr. Thomas Murray, formerly of the St. John branch of the Halifax Banking company, has been promoted to the charge of the branch at Pettaudville.

Rev. Dr. Pickard, of Sackville, was in town yesterday.
Miss Jean Thomson, of Newcastle, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. J. Butcher.

Mr. Hawkins, of the Dorchester branch of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, spent his holidays in town. Mr. Hawkins very frequently does spend holidays in Moncton.

In fact an unusually large number of visitors spent Good Friday and Easter Sunday in Moncton. Amongst many others I noticed Mr. Edward Staver of the Bank of Nova Scotia in Halifax, who was visiting his brother, Mr. W. E. Staver, and Mr. Frank Ramsay, formerly of Moncton, but lately of the cable telegraph staff at Cape Breton. Mr. Ramsay was on his way to Bangor, where he has accepted a position, and his many friends wish him all possible prosperity in his new sphere of action.

Miss Haddow, of Dalhousie, and Miss Wright, of St. John, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Staver. It seems almost too good to be true that we have Miss Wright back again.

Mrs. Hickson, of Bathurst, spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. Talbot at the rectory.
I regret to say that Mr. Crossdale has been ill for some weeks past and is still confined to his room. Mr. Crossdale is well known in railway and engineering circles and his many friends will join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Howatt, of the Summerside Journal was in town on Friday, having crossed to Point du Chene, on Thursday, by the first steamer of the season.
Judge Oulton, of Dorchester, was in town on Wednesday.

Before I close my self-imposed task—now, alas! drawing to a close—of describing the fair daughters of Moncton, I must pause to ask leave to "amuse" an American lady for a short time and consider her a Canadian *pro tem*, in order that I may do justice to her many charms under the title of a "Moncton beauty." Need I say that I refer to Mrs. J. S. Benedict, who has been with us nearly a year, now? and has made so many friends that we are one and all anxious to adopt her. Whether she would be willing to be adopted is quite another matter.

Mrs. Benedict is a bright brunette, rather below the medium height, with dark hazel eyes and clear, bright complexion, and that vivacity of manner and marvellous energy in carrying out what she undertakes, which seems characteristic of our fair neighbors across the border. Mrs. Benedict is fascinating at all times, but when she sings she takes her listeners by storm, her voice is so charming and her manner of singing so delightfully unaffected. Already this charming stranger seems one of ourselves, and we are thinking of memorializing President Harrison to leave Mrs. Benedict with us permanently.

Another Moncton lady, who is ours only by "adoption and grace," Mrs. George McSweeney, crossed the raging main between Prince Edward Island and the mainland some two years ago and came to dwell in Moncton, not for the sake of the Moncton people—oh, dear, no—but to brighten the life of a Moncton bachelor, whose heart she had caught "in the silver meshes of her hair" some time before. But even though it was not entirely on our account she came, this Island maiden has proved a great acquisition to our society, and we would be both indeed to part with her now. Mrs.

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McSweeney is tall and graceful in figure, with fair hair and very dark blue eyes, a bright complexion, and a very sweet and winning manner. She is an accomplished artist, excelling even in the difficult art of painting on porcelain, and is one of the most delightful hostesses in the world. Altogether, Mr. McSweeney is a man to be envied.

But I must not allow the young matrons to have it all their own way, and therefore ere closing I must describe one very fair and sweet maiden, in fact I might almost describe two at once, for they are frequently to be met together, if one chances to be strolling up Botsford street on a fine afternoon. Somehow we seem to have an especial affinity for our opposites in personal appearance, and these two are no exception to the general rule, for one is dark and one fair. These two friends are Miss Thompson, daughter of Mr. C. D. Thompson, cashier of the I. C. R., and Miss Holstead, daughter of the late Charles Holstead, barrister. Miss Thompson is as fair as Urdine, with blue eyes and light brown hair, and a complexion of dazzling fairness. She is very tall and slight and a beautiful dancer. Miss Holstead is also tall, but larger and more stately than her friend, with black hair and lashes and dark eyes, and a clear, dark complexion. She is also a very stylish young lady; and taken together, these damsels form an excellent foil for each other—a Rebecca and Rowena, as it were.

A great many strangers are in town today. Probably the ball is the magnet, and I am sure it will prove a very attractive one.

Judge Botsford left town, on Saturday, for his shooting grounds, at the Kouchibouguac beaches.

Mrs. Joseph L. Harris, who has been spending the winter in Boston, returned last week, and was cordially welcomed by her friends.

Mayor McKenzie, who has been in poor health for some months past, was unable to attend Monday night's town council. This, I believe, the first regular meeting of the board at which the mayor has been present, and his friends hope for his speedy restoration to complete health.

Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Botsford, of Buctouche, are in town visiting Judge and Mrs. Botsford.

I am happy to say that Mrs. Judge Botsford is very much better, and will soon be about as usual.

NEWCASTLE.

APRIL 24.—The "Friday evening" was held at Mrs. Sinclair's, Bridgetown, on the 12th inst., and was a pleasant success. Several teams conveyed Newcastle's "fair women and brave men" to the scene of revelry. The principal team was driven by Mr. C. E. McLaggan, it being conceded that he was thoroughly conversant with the road to the bridge. The first thing he did, however, was to land his party high upon a monstrous rock in the middle of the road. The team driven by Mr. H. Williston broke down completely. Mr. Williston was equal to the occasion, and galloping back to town on horseback procured two teams and proceeded on his journey.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Morrison will remove to Chatham, about May 1, and reside in the Ledson house. They will be very much missed about Newcastle.

Mrs. James Yeoman gave a small party on Saturday evening. Another one was given at Hill-top on Monday. On Monday evening quite a number of young people assembled at the manse, and enjoyed a few hours tripping the light fantastic, and again on Friday evening another one of "the series" will be held. No large parties have, as yet, been announced.

Mr. J. S. Call has returned, after spending a pleasant Easter in St. John.

Mr. E. Lee Street and Mr. R. L. Malby are in St. John, attending the session of the Grand Lodge, F. and A. M.

Mr. Finley Russell leaves for Vancouver, B. C., on Thursday morning. Previous to his departure, he was presented with a well-filled purse by his fellow workmen, as a substantial token of their esteem.

Miss Lou Harley went to Moncton on Tuesday, to attend the ball.

Mr. Sam Thomson, Q. C., spent Sunday in Moncton.

I see Mr. John James Miller in town. We used to always be able to count on him for a party or ball, consequently he has been much missed since his departure some months ago, as society young men are scarce. He is now travelling in the United States.

WOODSTOCK.

APRIL 24.—The ball given by Pioneer division, Railway Telegraph operators, in the Opera house, Monday evening, was an unqualified success. One hundred and fifty couples participated in the enjoyment of the occasion. Not only the youth and beauty of Woodstock made up the list, but St. John, Fredericton, Houlton, St. Stephen and Presque Isle contributed to the number. The Opera house was most profusely and tastefully adorned, as well as appropriately fitted up for such a gathering. The Presque Isle orchestra furnished inspiring music. The supper was served at the Exchange hotel, which is but a few steps from the ball-room, and the bill of fare reflected credit on the genial host, Mr. I. W. Cluff. Much credit is due Mr. T. W. Murphy, of the staff in Superintendent Stewart's office, for the excellent manner in which everything was arranged.

The following were among the most noticeable dresses:

Mrs. John Stewart: Light brocade silk, lace trimmings and gold ornaments.
Miss Florrie Smith: White, pink silk sash, pink and cream roses; ornaments, gold.
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