

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK IN ST. JOHN AND HALIFAX

And the Happenings in Social Circles of Fredericton, St. Stephen, Woodstock, Sackville, Chatham, Newcastle and Richibucto.

The verification of the old adage, "All things come to those who wait," has been exemplified last week and the past few days, by the many festivities and long expected after-Christmas gaieties which most of our society seekers have been long on the lookout for.

On the evening of Thursday, the 10th, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Macdonald gave a small card party at their residence, King street east.

On the following evening, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Smith entertained a number of their friends at their handsome house on Union street to a "drive whist" party.

On Tuesday evening last, Mr. and Mrs. James DeWolfe Spurr gave a small but most enjoyable whist party at their residence, Horsfield street.

On Wednesday evening last, Judge and Mrs. Watters gave a large and brilliant ball on the occasion of their daughter, Miss Florence Watters, making her debut in society.

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On Friday evening last, Mrs. Temple is busily engaged in beating up recruits for some more tableaux to be given early next month for the benefit of the Free Public Library.

Among the guests were: Mrs. Arklay, Miss Bayard, The Misses Burpee, Miss Harrison, Miss Walker, Mr and Mrs A. Wishart, Mr and Mrs Mackay, Mr and Mrs A. Jardine, Mr and Mrs S. Snider, Dr and Mrs M. MacLaren, Mr and Mrs Morrison, Mr and Mrs J. Thorne, Mr and Mrs H. McCleod, Mr and Mrs G. M. Pugsley, Mr and Mrs Ellis, Miss Mary Starbuck, Miss J. Hatheway, Miss Katie Smith, Miss M. Turnbull, Miss Puddington, Miss Ritchie, Miss Travers, Miss Gilbert, Miss M. Travers, Miss Furlong, Miss M. Hall, The Misses DeVeber, The Misses Dever, The Misses Dever, The Misses Cruikshank, The Misses Robinson, The Misses Robertson, The Misses Parks (St. John), The Misses Jones, The Misses Seely, The Misses MacLaren, Mr C. Skinner, Mr E. P. Sturdee, Mr S. McMillan, Mr J. Warner, Mr A. DeMill, Mr G. W. Jones, Mr R. K. Jones, Dr. I. A. Jack, Mr Thorne, Mr H. Kincaid, Mr J. P. Vroom, Mr S. Murray, Mr W. Parks, Mr G. K. McCleod, Mr H. H. Goddard, Mr Donald, Mr G. Gilbert, Mr W. Lawton, Mr E. Turnbull, Mr C. J. Coster, Mr A. C. Fairweather, Mr Kirkwood, Mr Edwards, Mr Macrae, Mr Miller, Mr O. H. Sharp, Mr R. Sturdee, Mr F. W. Daniel, Mr Romans, Mr J. Hegan, Mr C. Troop, Mr B. Hamilton, Mr W. Fairweather, Mr Ellis, Mr S. Fairweather, Dr Steeves.

Dr and Mrs Alward, Mr and Mrs Busby, Miss A. Blair, Miss Katie Burpee, Miss Berkleit, Miss Waltham, Mr and Mrs Wilson, Mr and Mrs R. Jardine, Miss Mrs F. Harding, Dr and Mrs McAvaney, Mr and Mrs Shatford, Mr and Mrs G. F. Smith, Mr E. P. Winstow, Mr and Mrs G. M. Pugsley, Dr and Mrs Inches, Miss Emma Jones, Miss R. Crookshank, Miss F. King, Miss N. Troop, Miss Fairweather, Miss MacLaughlan, Miss G. Skinner, Miss M. Fairweather, Miss E. Lockhart, Miss McMillan, Miss Fennell, Miss McDermott, Miss Warner, The Misses Dunn, The Misses Cruikshank, The Misses Robinson, The Misses Robertson, The Misses Parks (St. John), The Misses Jones, The Misses Seely, The Misses MacLaren, Mr C. Skinner, Mr E. P. Sturdee, Mr S. McMillan, Mr J. Warner, Mr A. DeMill, Mr G. W. Jones, Mr R. K. Jones, Dr. I. A. Jack, Mr Thorne, Mr H. Kincaid, Mr J. P. Vroom, Mr S. Murray, Mr W. Parks, Mr G. K. McCleod, Mr H. H. Goddard, Mr Donald, Mr G. Gilbert, Mr W. Lawton, Mr E. Turnbull, Mr C. J. Coster, Mr A. C. Fairweather, Mr Kirkwood, Mr Edwards, Mr Macrae, Mr Miller, Mr O. H. Sharp, Mr R. Sturdee, Mr F. W. Daniel, Mr Romans, Mr J. Hegan, Mr C. Troop, Mr B. Hamilton, Mr W. Fairweather, Mr Ellis, Mr S. Fairweather, Dr Steeves.

A gentleman who made a number of calls, New Year's day, told me the other evening that he was offered wine at a number of houses, in fact, he named over a dozen ladies, whose refreshment for their visitors was cake and wine only. I am glad to hear this, as it shows the ladies can trust the men of St. John to behave like gentlemen.

Our gentlemen are blamed, in many cases for the faults of mere boys who go into society, and it one overreaches the limit, the onus has to be borne by "society," instead of the offender's being tabooed in future.

The scarlet fever epidemic, which has been so prevalent for the past few months, does not seem to have abated. I am sorry to learn that the young sons of Mr. Heber Arnold, Mr. C. E. L. Jarvis and Mr. James Ruel are laid up with it at present, also Mrs. S. R. Thomson's youngest daughter. I hear that Mrs. Carrite and Miss Hurd Campbell are rapidly improving.

The question that arises in my mind is, Are the doctors, collectively, as careful as they should be in the precautions they take against the spread of this dreadful disease? I know of several cases where the members of families in which the fever is raging are allowed to attend churches, theatres and other public places without using any disinfectants, or troubling themselves in any way to prevent infection.

Despite the mild weather, last week, the skating has been very good on Lily lake and on Saturday last a party of gentlemen from the Bank of Montreal had some most enjoyable ice-boating on the Kennebecasis, both ice and wind being perfect for the sport on that day.

At an early hour, last Tuesday morning, quite a congregation gathered in St. John's church to witness the marriage of Mr. Walter Purdy and Miss Bertha Mills, daughter of Mr. William Mills, of Portland. No one but the immediate relatives of the contracting parties were present as guests.

The newly married couple left by the 9.15 train for a short tour through the States. I am sorry to learn that Maj. J. J. Tucker has been confined to the house for a fortnight with rheumatism. I am sure many of the major's friends must have missed his bright and jovial face.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. King and Miss King leave, Monday, for Boston, where they intend remaining until April. Mr. and Mrs. F. T. C. Burpee and Miss Burpee have returned from New York, where they spent Christmas.

Colonel and Mrs. Mansselt and Captain Hemming were in town last week. I also saw Capt. James W. Sears, who is visiting his family previous to joining his regiment (the South Staffordshire) at Gibraltar.

Mrs. E. I. Simonds and family are boarding at Mrs. Gillespie's, Chipmans hill. Mrs. J. DeWolfe Macdonald from Picton, is visiting her mother, Mrs. William Beverley Robinson, Main street.

Mr. J. Smith, son of the late Albert Smith, spent a few days in town last week. Mr. George C. Coster, who has been in Halifax for the past few days, returns home this week.

My readers will be sorry to hear of the serious illness of Rev. Canon Walker, who resides with his son, Dr. Thos. Walker. Rev. Wm. Walker was in town last week, and preached Sunday morning last at St. Paul's church, Portland, and at the Mission chapel in the evening.

Mr. William Berton has been seriously ill for the past five weeks. On Thursday evening last Mrs. Howard Troop, Orange street, gave a large and brilliant dance for young people, which was most enjoyable.

Invitations have been issued for a dance to be given Thursday, Jan. 24, by Mrs. John H. Parks, Portland. Mrs. Temple is busily engaged in beating up recruits for some more tableaux to be given early next month for the benefit of the Free Public Library.

The scenes are to be taken from Scott's works, and I have heard whisperings of to whom the different parts have been assigned. Mary, Queen of Scots, is to be taken by Mrs. E. I. Simonds; Queen Elizabeth, by Mrs. Godard; The Lady of the Lake, by Mrs. George Coster; Rebecca, by Miss Mary Sturdee, and Rowena by Miss Tuck. Other principal parts will be personated by the Misses Dever, Miss Nellie Snider, Miss Lonie DeVeber, Miss King, Miss Ellis and Miss Troop.

As it is very difficult to hear all that is going on in the gay world, as well as arrivals in town, etc., I am going to ask the patrons of PROGRESS if they will send any items of society news addressed to me, care of PROGRESS, which will be treated as strictly confidential. TEMPSICORE.

Amidst the week's festivities, little folks were not forgotten and on Thursday Judge and Mrs. Watters helped their children to entertain a number of young friends, who passed such a delightful evening as only happy children can.

Master Boyer Smith also entertained his young friends at a jolly euchre party, Monday evening. The gentlemen have no idea of being outdone in the gay world, and a number of very recherche whist parties have already been enjoyed and others are anticipated.

Those who were fortunate enough to be present at Judge King's, last evening, pronounce it one of the pleasantest. Miss Nellie, daughter of the late Wm. Jack, left last Tuesday for Boston, where she will enter the training school for nurses at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Mrs. Frith, sister of Mr. Heber Arnold, is here from the North West. The Half Hour Reading club held their annual meeting last evening at the residence of Mrs. R. W. Crookshank. Miss Starr and Miss Nicholson read very instructive and pleasing essays.

The first rehearsal of the tableaux for the Free Public Library entertainment will take place this evening at the Institute. The Rothesay ladies are to have an entertainment next Tuesday evening for the benefit of their new hall. A special train is to be provided for those who go from the city, and, judging from the sale of tickets, there will be a good number.

Mrs. Carleton Allen, of Fredericton, was in the city this week, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Dr. Holden. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Adams, who were visiting in this city, have returned to their home in Boston. Quite a number of friends assembled at the station, bidding them farewell amid showers of rice.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Temple and family have moved from King street east to Miss Wheeler's, Waterloo street. Mrs. Thomas Temple, Miss Temple and Mrs. Hilyard, of Fredericton, spent a few days in the city this week. Miss Temple and Mrs. Hilyard were at Senator Dever's.

HALIFAX, N. S.

"Progress" is for sale in Halifax every Saturday noon, at Knowles' bookstore, corner George and Granville streets.

JANUARY 16.—The week has not been a very lively one in society in Halifax. There have been no balls or parties worth mentioning, and so PROGRESS must be content with some stray notes picked up by its representative.

The new term of the Presbyterian ladies' college has just opened. The "boys" have been anxiously scanning the "processions" for new and pretty faces. Miss Lawson, from Windsor, looked wonderfully well, the other day, when I met her on the street with her friend Miss L. McIntosh,

and I don't like to say it, considering there are so many other pretty faces in the line, but I will simply hint to PROGRESS that Miss Garvie still looks as handsome as ever in the front row of the gallery at St. Luke's on Sundays.

Miss McMillan, from Antigonish, has returned to the college. Her eldest sister, who has been visiting here for some time, has returned home. The picture of the latter, done in bromide, in Notman's window, is very much admired.

Capt. J. Bremner, late of the Infantry school at Fredericton, who is now in Halifax, will soon make a visit to Fredericton. Many will be pleased to see him in the Celestial city, especially members of the Lafontaine club. Capt. Bremner sustained some injury while the cavalry corps of Winnipeg, to which he belongs, was on duty for the purpose of suppressing the late anticipated riot in connection with the railway crossing case in Manitoba, and is now here on sick leave.

Mr. Hanbury, the only living honorary member of the Latontaine club, of Fredericton, was lately in Halifax, but has gone to the old country. Mr. Ashton, of Halifax, no doubt misses his friend.

I have not heard that any Halifaxians have been invited to Lady Tilley's ball at Fredericton on the 31st inst. Mr. Botsford, of the Merchants' bank, may, however, be able to attend.

The Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia leaves at once for the south (Florida). I have heard, for the benefit of his health. This looks like a damper thrown on any balls at government house this winter, and society has been expecting some gaieties there. Some prospective debutantes may

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not like the present outlook. The absence of His Honor may, however, not interfere with any contemplated festivities. Mrs. McLellan will prove a most enjoyable hostess under any circumstances.

Mr. Roberts, of the Law school, spent his vacation in St. John. Miss Cochran, niece of Mrs. Harry Johnson, will soon leave for the old country, there to be married to a Mr. Smith.

A certain young Halifax lawyer, a great ladies' man by the way, visits New Brunswick frequently, and seems to admire certain Fredericton ladies very much. I hope Cupid may soon score a triumph in his case.

Mr. G. Herbert Lee, of St. John, lectured before the Church of England institute in this city last evening. I hope to hear Mr. Lee again. His lecture was a treat.

It is announced that Prof. Seth's mother and sisters propose returning to Scotland, via New York, after the closing of Dalhousie college; a very large circle of friends will regret their departure. Mrs. Seth and the young ladies, by their true lady-like instincts have endeared themselves to everyone who has met them. I think I know of one or two at least whose regret will be poignant.

A number of walking parties have been indulged in at the south end lately. The magnificent evenings seem to be particularly adapted for such enjoyment.

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