

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, Woodstock, Dorchester and Richibucto News.

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If the delightful weather and social pleasures of last Tuesday are but samples of what we are to enjoy during the year, then we shall surely be a happy people. There was a good deal of calling among the ladies during the morning—which was a bright idea—but the afternoon and evening found them in their cheerful parlors receiving their gentlemen friends, who arrayed themselves in their most "fetching" neckties and called in greater numbers than they have for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gilmor spent the New Year at Oranocoto. The tendency this season is toward hand some decorations for the table rather than of the house, and the caterer's taste and skill are called into prominent notice more frequently than last winter, when the refreshments were simply passed to the guests, and the floral garniture was expended upon the halls and parlors.

The most conclusive argument against tight-lacing is—mark it well, girls!—that it gives you a red nose! Now, is there any girl courageous enough to brave such an awful affliction? and in this instance an almost incurable one, for it becomes a kind of chronic, and then no cosmetics or washes will dispel the objectionable ruby glow.

Among Mrs. Cleveland's new toilettes for the season is a diaphanous gown of rose-pink crepe de chine, with a rich border of embroidered roses and leaves edged with silver. A belt of coral medallions will be worn with it, confining the full loose folds of the front skirt and a tight-fitting bodice of vegetable-green velvet will be finished at the throat with a pink coral collar of beads and with hair ornaments and bracelets of the same.

Two carriages were seen on Fourteenth street, yesterday, which were lined with rose-colored satin. It was learned that this is the latest fad among the upper ten ladies to add beauty to their complexion when seen out driving. It is said that no matter how sallow or rough a face may naturally be the rose-colored lining of the carriage reflects on it a beautiful flesh-colored tint.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Masters were passengers on Monday's steamer for Boston. They will visit Hartford and New York before they return to St. John.

Mr. Geo. Clarke of St. Stephen finds St. John a pleasant place to visit. His friends in this city had the pleasure of a recent hand shake with him.

The quadrille club, which is now composed of about 60 young people, met Thursday evening at the residence of Mr. F. Beverly, Garden street.

Mrs. Gossip's sister, who resides in Carleton, met Miss Report on the ferry boat, yesterday, and told her that Miss Ella McDuffee left on the 24th ult for Boston, with the intention of spending some time there, and that Dr. Pundy of Moncton spent a few days with friends in Carleton during Christmas week, and that Mr. J. Montgomery was home for the Christmas holidays. She wanted to know if the city people had heard that a band of distressed maidens hailing from Alaska intend invading New Brunswick sometime during the month, making their first descent on Rothesay. Miss Report had heard something of the kind but thought that these damsels were so erratic in their movements that it would be impossible to give any information about them until their arrival. Just here the wind took possession of Miss Report's hat and in her haste to recapture it she nearly collided with society's TATTLE.

MONCTON SOCIETY.

MONCTON, Jan. 2.—There was not a very large amount of calling done yesterday—at least in Moncton—though rather more than there was last year. The old custom, like many others, seems falling into disuse, but the day was so lovely that many of our golden youths who would have stayed at their clubs and smoked the idle hours away had the weather been less tempting, spent the afternoon far more profitably calling on their lady friends.

The following ladies received from 2 o'clock until 6: Mrs. Arthur Busby and Mrs. W. E. Stavert, of Highfield street; Mrs. Pottinger, Mrs. Weldon and Mrs. W. J. Weldon, Mrs. S. F. McKean and the Misses McKean, Mrs. George McSweeney, Mrs. P. S. Archibald, Mrs. Judge Botsford, Mrs. H. T. Stevens and Mrs. J. H. Beedone, of Main street; Mrs. J. L. Harris, Mrs. John McKenzie and Mrs. J. H. Talbot, of Queen street; Mrs. C. J. Butcher and Mrs. George Peters, of Alma street; Mrs. R. A. Borden and Mrs. Elliott, of Botsford street, and Mrs. C. P. Harris, of Steadman street.

After the receptions were over and society had refreshed itself with its tea, it was considered the correct thing by "everybody who was anybody" to finish the evening at the Opera house, listening to the sweet strains of the Wizard Oil company; but I regret to say that a great many of the aristocracy who had intended doing so were disappointed, and had to walk slowly and sadly home, for long before 8 o'clock the Opera house was filled literally to the ceiling.

So much for New Year's day. And now for some of the events which preceded it. I think I told you that we were going to lose Mr. Winfield, the popular pastor of St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal church. Last Thursday, in view of his approaching departure, the members of the Thesaurus club, of which he was president, entertained him at a farewell supper, and during the evening presented him with the complete works of Washington Irving and Ruskin. The books were in 20 volumes, and beautifully bound. Mr. Winfield, in thanking his friends for their kind remembrance, paid a very high tribute to the kindness and hospitality of the Moncton people, and said that the four years he had spent amongst them would always be among his brightest memories.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Harris gave a very large and brilliant party, last Friday evening, at their residence on Steadman street. The invitations numbered nearly 150, but so perfect was the management, that there was not the slightest approach to overcrowding, and among all "the roach-

bud garden of girls" there was not one wallflower. There were a great many new dresses, some of which were so lovely that I must try to describe them, for the benefit of your lady readers. To begin with the married ladies, as is right and proper: Mrs. J. R. Bruce wore a dress of bronze green brocade, daintily and quaintly trimmed with cream colored satin, and with her short curly hair, and piquant face, looked more than ever like one of the girls. Mrs. P. S. Archibald wore black watered silk, trimmed with steel embroidery, and looked stately and Juno-like as usual. Mrs. David Dickson wore, perhaps, the most beautiful dress in the room. It was of maize colored satin, with draperies of maize colored net; cut décolleté and with short sleeves, and it was truly a most charming gown, worn by a very charming lady. Miss Addie McKean was dressed in purest white, a skirt of white silk, with overdress of net or tarlatan, and low-cut bodice and a sash of white brocade. Miss Campbell wore a charming gown of black lace, the entire front, from the throat to the hem of the dress, being composed of jet embroidery, which flashed and glistened in the light like so many diamonds. Miss Weldon wore a dress which, to my untutored masculine eyes, was of pale blue tarlatan, but a lady friend assured me that it was green. However that may be, I know that it was very pretty, and that its wearer looked very pretty in it, which is by far the most important fact. Miss Whitney, who was the bud of the evening, was dressed, as befitted a debu-

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Miss Nellie Randolph left home this morning to return to her school. She was accompanied by Miss Nellie Blair and Miss Alice Perley, as far as Boston, where Miss Blair will remain for a few months to take lessons in painting. Mr. Frank Gregory will meet these young ladies at Portland tonight, and will go on to Mount Holyoke to see his cousin, Miss Mary Gregory. There is to be a very large party at the residence of Capt. Powys, Springhill, tomorrow evening.

Sir Leonard and Lady Tilley returned home on Saturday. They were accompanied by Miss Todd, of St. Stephen, who will spend a few weeks here, the guest of Lady Tilley. Mr. and Mrs. Howell, with their children, spent Christmas in this city, the guests of Mrs. Howell's sister, Mrs. Tibbits, on Queen street. They returned to their home in St. John on Friday last.

Miss Benson, who is a great favorite here, has returned to this city, after spending the holidays at her own home, on the North Shore. Miss Hanington and Miss Johnstone returned to Fredericton this evening, after spending the vacation at their homes, in St. John. The Normal school reopens tomorrow.

Mrs. Beek, wife of the late Henry S. Beek, a former resident of this city, died suddenly at Halifax, Monday.

Miss Clara E. Bridges, of this city, has been appointed teacher of the primary department in the King street school, at St. Stephen.

Mr. A. A. Bartlett, of Charlottetown, is in the city. At the Christmas examination at Harvard college, Rev. Walter A. Taylor, formerly an assistant clergyman in the Methodist church in this city, captured a scholarship worth \$300. Mr. Taylor is taking an advanced course in theology. STELLA.

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