

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK IN NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA.

And the Happenings in Social Circles of Fredericton, St. John, Woodstock, Dorchester, St. Stephen, Sussex, Amherst, Calais, Etc.

There is very little going on in the gay world just at present. Everyone, both young and old, has their hands full preparing for the Christmas season. While housekeepers are busy over their plum pudding, etc., the young people are too busily engaged with fancy work, shopping, and church decorations, to think of entertainments of any kind; but I hear of a ball to be given for a young debutante after Christmas, so anyone contemplating a new evening dress will very soon be able to make use of it.

The work of Christmas decorations for many of the churches has begun already. Meetings have been held at the different school houses, this week, and will continue, as usual, up to a late hour on Christmas eve.

Mr. Boies DeVeber, who has been stationed in Halifax for some months, is now in the city, filling a position in the Halifax Banking Co.

The young daughter of Mr. Thomas Stead, who has been dangerously ill with pneumonia, is, I am glad to hear, recovering.

At the sale last week, held at the residence of Mrs. George Matthew, for Home Missions, the nice little sum of \$80 was realized.

The following marriage notice will be of interest to St. John people, as the lady is so well known in society circles:

MARRIED.—On November the 19th, at Christ Church, Lancaster Gate, London, by the Rev. E. H. Molesworth, M. A., Stuart Alfred Smith, second son of the late Alfred Smith, Esq., of The Gleamings, Rochester, to Emily Shortland, second daughter of the late Edwin Bayard, Esq., of St. John, N. B.

Though the marriage took place far away from Miss Bayard's native place, a great number of her near relatives were present at the ceremony, including her mother, Mrs. Bayard, her sister, Mrs. L. L. Bevan, and several aunts and cousins, who formally lived in St. John. The wedding dinner, took place at the palatial residence of her aunt, Mrs. Frederick Wiggins, and two of her cousins acted as bridesmaids. I understand the wedding gifts were most numerous and costly, including a great number from her old friends in St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, after their wedding tour, will reside in London for the winter months.

Another event of interest took place at Winnipeg on the 10th inst., when Miss Clara Maud Underhill was united in marriage with Mr. C. O. Wickenden, formerly of this city, but now residing at Vancouver, B. C. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath. Miss Underhill will be missed by many friends, especially those connected with her in Sunday-school works in St. Paul's, Valley church, who, with others, wish her every happiness in her new home.

I am sorry to see the house of Mr. Vaughan, Mecklenburg street, placarded for scarlet fever. Several cases are reported this week.

Mr. H. J. A. Godard is at present in the city. He has been residing at Portland, Me., for the last few months.

Miss Smith, Shediac, is the guest of Mrs. Charles Macdonald, King street E.

Miss Julia Kelley, Calais, was in the city this week.

Mrs. Thomas Patton is confined to her house (Elliott row) through illness.

A very successful fancy sale, in connection with St. Paul's (Valley) church, took place at the residence of Mrs. Wm. DeVeber, Carleton street, on Wednesday. Despite the disagreeable weather, a number were present who made large purchases, and afterwards enjoyed 5 o'clock tea.

Mr. Arthur Trueman went to New York early this week.

Late English letters give the intelligence of the ill health of Mr. James I. Fellows, who has been ordered by his medical attendant to leave England for change of air. Mr. Fellows' numerous friends in St. John will hope his ailment is not very serious.

Mrs. and Mrs. Joseph H. Scammell have left their residence, Lancaster, for the winter months, and have taken apartments at the Victoria Hotel.

Mr. A. A. Bartlett, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., was in the city this week.

Mrs. J. R. Smith spent a few days in Dorchester this week, where she went to attend the funeral of her relative, Mrs. Chandler.

Miss Lilian and Miss Ethel Hazen left by the C. P. R. on Tuesday last for Montreal, where they will spend the winter.

Mr. Robert Humphrey and bride, Halifax, spent a few days in this city this week.

Mr. Forbes Torrance, of Montreal, was in St. John this week.

Mrs. John March is quite ill with an attack of slow fever. Her friends hope that she may have a speedy recovery.

St. John—North End.

The art of painting on china has almost attained perfection in the hands of some of our fair sex. Several beautiful pieces have been prepared by a few ladies for Christmas presents, which are real masterpieces. The lucky ones may congratulate themselves.

A card party was held last week at the residence of Mrs. Devitt, where an enjoyable evening was spent.

The same party met Thursday at the residence of Mrs. L. Keltie. The usual number was present.

Last week, the ladies of the sewing circle of the Baptist church held high tea in the vestry adjoining the church. The large number that attended exceeded all expectations. The tables were presided over by Mrs. D. V. Roberts, Mrs. S. Bonnell, Mrs. J. Watson, Mrs. Chesley and many others.

Excellent music is being prepared in some of the churches for Christmas day.

A whist party worthy special mention is that held weekly, under the direction of Mrs. James Holly and Mrs. David McLellan. Last week the party assembled at Mrs. Geo. Barnhill's residence. A goodly number were present, and the evening passed delightfully, amid pleasure and refreshments. The party met previously at the residences of Mrs. J. Holly and Mrs. Dan Tapley.

Donkey parties are becoming popular and afford great amusement for young and old. A large picnic of a donkey—minus the tail—is placed on a sheet and the whole is placed up against the wall; each member of the company draws a number, then, according to the number take their places directly in front of the donkey, ten or twelve feet away, where being blindfolded and turned three times and with a pin between the fingers of the right hand to which pin a tail is attached (each member is thus provided) they are left to place the tail on the donkey. Whoever places the tail in, or nearest to, the position it should occupy receives the donkey prize, which may be as valuable as one cares to have it, and the one farthest away from the proper position gets the booby prize. The direction in which one should create considerable amusement.

Mrs. Samuel Vaughan opened a fancy sale at her residence, last week. Many beautiful articles were on exhibition and well received. The sale was interrupted this week, owing to the death of a relative—Miss Veitch.

The sudden death of little Hazel March has made sad the home of Dr. and Mrs. March. The child appeared to be in good health up to within a short time of its death.

Miss McCuskey, who was called to Boston, owing to the illness of her sister who has since died, is daily expected here.

St. John—West End.

Miss Minnie Noble left West End for Calais, on Tuesday. She goes to visit her aunt, who is very ill.

I hear that in January another West End lady will leave us. She intends spending the winter in Boston.

Mr. E. J. Sheldrick, who has been in Boston for several weeks, returned home on Thursday.

Miss Quinton is spending a few days with Mrs. C. Olive, King street.

The musical folk are talking of organizing a music and literary club this winter.

The directors of the open-air skating rink have decided to have the rink opened this winter. It is hoped they will have a band at least twice a week. Something to tempt us to take that long walk.

I hear of one large party that will take place in January.

HALIFAX.

Dec. 12.—Mr. Robert Humphrey, head clerk of the Canada-Atlantic Steamship Co., was married last Thursday morning to Miss Francis G. Elliott, eldest daughter of Mr. F. C. Elliott, of Dartmouth. The marriage took place at Christ church, Dartmouth. The bride looked very charming in a travelling costume of navy blue cloth, with hat to correspond. Her sister, Miss Agnes Elliott, who attended her as bridesmaid, wore a pretty brown costume. Mr. Humphrey's best man was Mr. Harry Chipman. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. C. Mellor, rector of Christ church. The young couple have gone for a short tour, and on their return will board for the winter at Mrs. Isaac Wyllie's, on Hollis street. The gifts received were very elegant, and included an enyx-topped table from the Rev. W. H. Humphrey; a French marble clock and statuette, from the officers of Company D, Princess Louise Fusiliers; a silver tea service, from the Red Cap Sashwone club, and a substantial gift from Chipman Bros., agents of the C. & A. Steamship Co.

Mrs. G. Anderson has returned from visiting her sister at Woodstock, N. B.

Hon. S. E. Barker and wife were at the Halifax for a few days last week.

Capt. Lawson and his sister leave for England on Saturday next. The captain will be much missed. He is one of the most kindly and popular men in the garrison, and always ready to lend his aid at the various church entertainments and conversations.

Capt. and Mrs. Boileau have returned from their wedding tour, which extended over a period of six months. They will be warmly welcomed back to Halifax.

His Lordship Bishop Jones has arrived from Newfoundland, en route for Bermuda, where he, with his wife and children, will spend the winter. Canon Brock, of Kentville, N. S., is to preach in St. Luke's cathedral on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Zebley, of New York, are registered at the Halifax. Mr. Zebley is one of the many wealthy Americans who take a deep interest in the advancement and consequent growth of the maritime provinces.

Everyone is charmed to hear that Mrs. McDowell (Fanny Reeves) is coming to town. She will be here before Christmas and owing to her appearance the company will stay much longer than was originally intended. Miss Arthur is to have a benefit on Saturday night, the play to be *Moths*, which took so well a couple of weeks ago. Several ladies are interesting themselves on Miss Arthur's behalf and doubtless will be successful. The general public has been very kind to Mrs. McDowell, and she attracts chiefly on account of its thorough naturalness.

Mrs. G. C. Wiggins, of Windsor, has been in town staying at the Waverly.

Mr. and Mrs. David McKeen, of Sydney, C. B., are also staying at the Waverly.

Mrs. McKeen, with her little child, intends spending the winter in Pictou.

Mrs. and Miss Crerar intend to go to Aiwood in a short time, and will probably spend the winter in Lunenburg.

Lieut. and Mrs. Ackworth, with Miss Booth, are at present the guests of His Lordship the Bishop at the Waverly.

Canon Brock will visit Bishopsthorpe during his stay in town.

The event of the week was the sale of work at the Church of England Institute on Tuesday, in aid of

FREDERICTON.

[Progress is for sale in Fredericton at the bookstore of W. T. H. Penney and by James H. Hawthorne.

Dec. 11.—The church hall was well filled this evening with an appreciative audience, to witness the exceedingly attractive tableaux presented by the Girl's Mission band, under the capable management of Mrs. John Black. These were undoubtedly the finest tableaux shown here since the memorable ones from Lalla Rooke, two years ago. There were about 25 who took part, and among these were some of Fredericton's very prettiest young girls and handsome gentlemen, and beautiful little children, each and all doing their part to perfection.

I should like to give a full description of each tableau, but I will content myself by picking out a few, which I thought the most striking. "Angels' Whispers" was represented by three beautiful angels, in the persons of Miss Harrison, Miss Botsford and Miss Whelpley, watching over a little bed where two beautiful children were sleeping.

"The Reaper and the Flowers" made two very touching pictures. The first showed a young widow with a sweet little child saying its evening prayer at her knee, and a second little one asleep in a crib, while at the background was the form of an angel with arms outstretched towards the child. The second scene showed the angel ascending with the two children, while the stricken mother is on her knees, with her clasped hands outstretched towards the departing children. Miss Bessie Hunt made a very attractive looking young widow, while Miss Harrison looked beautiful, as the angel.

"Progress of Music," "The Roman Girls at the shrine of St. Agnes," and "Faith Peace and Glory" were exceedingly pretty pictures.

This week is rich in public entertainments. Tomorrow evening the Brass Band, assisted by a number of musical ladies and gentlemen, is to give one of its popular concerts in the City Hall. The band will play several attractive selections. Mrs. Blake, Miss Stanger and Miss Shenton will sing; Miss O'Malley will give a recitation; Miss Bailey a violin solo; Mr. W. A. Cardie will play the harp; and Mr. Robert Ross will whistle, making a very attractive programme, which no doubt will attract a large audience.

The members of Dr. McLeod's church intend having an envelope social tomorrow evening in the vestry of their church.

On Monday evening there was a very pleasant euchre party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. David Hat, King street.

Senator and Mrs. Wark held a reception for Dr. Angier last Thursday afternoon, at their residence at Salamanca.

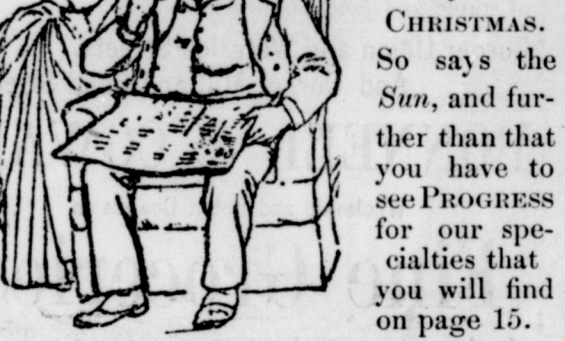
The Chautauques had a very pleasant meeting last evening, at the residence of Mrs. William Fowler, Regent street.

I have shown you the bright pictures of our social life for the week, now I must show you one or two dark ones.

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Rev. D. C. Moore, of Stellarton, is in the city, attending a meeting of the Grand lodge, F. & A. M. CUVARS.

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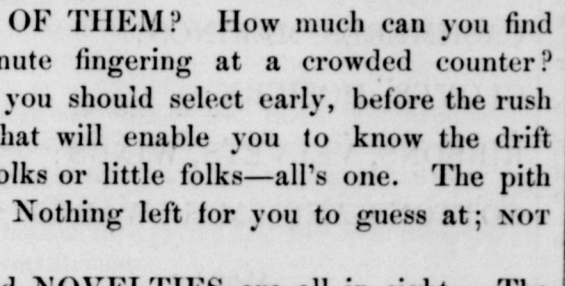
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