

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK IN NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA.

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

Whether all the gay doings of St. John are being reserved until after Christmas, or that society people have in a measure lost their ardor for gaiety, I do not know, but it seems to me that there has never been such a dull season in St. John as the present.

I understand a few ladies and gentlemen, in order to have something to relieve the monotony, have formed themselves into a whist club, the first meeting of which took place on Friday of last week, at the residence of Mrs. James Stratton, Hazen street, when five tables were formed, and play kept up with much interest the whole evening, with the exception of a short break, in which to partake of refreshments provided by the hostess.

Invitations to the club have been issued by Mrs. Murray MacLaren and Mrs. Douglas Hazen for the next two meetings, after which each lady will take her turn, throughout the winter, in entertaining the club, meeting fortnightly.

Some of the young ladies have instituted a Sewing Bee, principally for the purpose of doing fancy work for Christmas. The first meeting was held one afternoon last week, at the residence of the Misses Nicholson, Mecklenburg street. Five o'clock tea was included in the afternoon's entertainment.

Yesterday afternoon the same party met at the residence of Mrs. Busby, Mount Pleasant, when a great deal of pretty work was got through with, as well as any amount of pleasant conversation over the usual, never-failing cup of tea, which has become so fashionable of late, and which is much appreciated by the ladies, although much tabooed by the sterner sex.

Mr. B. C. Boyd is, I am glad to see, able to be out again. On his return to the Bank of New Brunswick, he will, I understand, fill the position of accountant, all the other officials in the institution having had a like rise.

On Tuesday next, the congregation of the Mission Chapel will tender a welcome to their pastor, Rev. J. M. Davenport, on his return from England, by holding a conversation in the school house.

I hear rumors that the opera Dorothy will be got up after Christmas by our leading amateurs. If it proves as successful as those given in former years, the St. John public have a treat in store for them in the future.

Master Robert Brigstocke has been seriously ill at Lennoxville, where he is attending school. Mrs. Brigstocke left for that place last week to attend him. By the last account he is doing well.

Mrs. Alfred Street, (Fredericton), who has been visiting her father, Sir Leonard Tilley, returned home the first of the week.

Miss Maggie McLaren has returned home from a few weeks visit to Bathurst.

Mrs. F. B. Hazen left by steamer Servia for England on Wednesday last, where she intends spending the winter.

The bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. DeVeber, were in the city for a few days last week, en route to their home in Woodstock. While in St. John they were the guests of Rev. Mr. Mathers.

Miss Millie Gordon, who has spent the last two months in the city, returned to her home in Picton last week, accompanied by her brother.

Dr. John Berryman was confined to the house through illness for a few days this week, but is now able to go among his patients again.

Mr. R. F. Quigley returned home on Wednesday last, from a trip to Baltimore and Washington.

Mr. Henry Ketchum, (Amherst), was registered at the Royal this week; he leaves on Monday for England.

Mr. G. Young, Liverpool, England, is in the city, the guest of his relative, Dr. Harding, having come for the benefit of his health. He will remain for some time.

Miss Fannie Pickman spent a few days here last week, the guest of Mrs. W. Vroom.

Mr. W. A. Macaulay has sufficiently recovered from his late illness to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Troop are visiting New York.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Flood arrived home this week from their bridal tour. Mrs. Flood will receive next week, at their residence Princess St. East.

Mr. Joseph Allison, of the firm of Manchester, Robertson and Allison, has presented to the Free Bible Library, a complete set of "Appleton's Annual Cyclopaedia and Register of Important Events" from 1870 to the present time. Mr. Allison has been most generous towards the library, having on its formation presented a sum of money, and a year or two ago, a fine edition of "Chamber's Encyclopedia."

It is a long time since the public of St. John have been treated to such a good amateur concert as that given in connection with the C. of E. Institute, in Trinity school-room, on Monday evening last. The programme, on the whole, was a good one, and both choruses and solos were well received, as they deserved, by the large audience present. It is some time since Mrs. Carter (nee McInnis) has favored us, and this alone was a treat. In the "Nightingale's Trill" her fine voice and finished singing delighted everyone. Mr. Lindsay's solo, "Abide with Me," was finely sung, as was also the song, "I Love Jack," by Mr. F. H. J. Ruel. Miss Nealie Robinson gave a reading which showed her powers as an elocutionist to be all that one could desire. A quartette by Mrs. Macdonald, Miss Smith, Mr. Lindsay and Mr. Fred Smith was well sung, their voices blending admirably. Mr. Daniel's fine bass voice was heard with good effect in his song. This concert was the opening of a course of lectures, to be given in the same room throughout the winter; and it is hoped such good audiences will greet the talented lecturers as on this occasion. Prof. Bailey, of the University of New Brunswick will occupy the platform next Monday.

On Wednesday evening last a very pleasant euchre party was given by the Misses Bayard, Germain street, for their young friends. Between 30 and 40 guests were present and much interest was manifested in the game throughout the evening. Prizes were awarded, the first being won by Miss Troop. Supper was served before the party dispersed. Among those present were: Miss Nicholson, Miss Adams, Mr. Arthur Adams, Major Drury (Kingston) Miss Drury, Mr. Kirkwood, Miss Warner, Miss Hazen, Mr. W. H. Thorne, Miss Jarvis, Mr. G. Young, (Liverpool, Eng.), Miss Suder, Mr. G. McLeod, Miss King, Miss Burpee, Mr. R. Ritchie, Mr. Finlay, Miss Robertson, Miss Smith, Mr. C. Coster, Miss Florie King, Mr. J. McMillan, Mr. J. Warner.

Miss Bessie Bostwick gave a small but pleasant party on Thursday evening to a few of her friends at her father's residence, Carmarthen street. It was given principally for the members of a young ladies sewing club, who, after spending the first part of the evening doing needle work, enjoyed other amusements, assisted by their young gentlemen friends for the remainder.

Mrs. Carvell, wife of the governor of P. E. I., and daughter of Mr. Thomas Hanford, of this city, spent a few days in St. John last week, and returned to her home on Tuesday last.

TERPSICHOE.

[FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.] The numerous friends of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Butcher surprised them a few evenings ago by their very kindly remembrances of their china wedding. Pleasant memories gain much by such accompaniments upon their anniversary, and the elegant and choice china gifts will not fail to frequently remind Mr. and Mrs. Butcher of the fifteenth year of their marriage.

Mr. Warwick W. Street is residing at 45 Elliott row.

St. John—North End.

Mr. F. Rowan returned home with his bride on Monday evening. Mr. Charles Drury and Miss Mary Shaw, who supported the happy couple, left for Sussex Monday morning, accompanied by Mrs. March, sister of the bride. They returned home the same evening.

Mention was made a few evenings ago of the popularity of whist parties the coming winter. Already several sets have been formed. The first of a series began at the residence of Mrs. William Christie, where a very enjoyable evening was spent and many were present. The prize was won by Mrs. Bruce, and the booby prize by Mrs. R. Humphrey.

Miss McCluskey was obliged to leave her school on Wednesday, being called to Boston by the illness of her sister.

Many of the young people spent a pleasant evening, on Wednesday, at a party and dance given by the Misses Tapley, at the residence of Mr. Archibald Tapley, on Holly street.

St. John—West End.

Col. and Mrs. Baird, of Woodstock, who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Marshall, at the Methodist parsonage, have returned home.

Dame Rumor has whispered to me that a popular young newspaper man is contemplating matrimony with the eldest daughter of one of our late clergymen, and that in early spring a bijou of a house is to be erected on one of those vacant lots on Lancaster Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Dunn, who have been spending some weeks with their daughter, Mrs. Jewett, in Boston, have returned to their residence, on Lancaster Heights.

The Ladies' Aid association of St. Jude's church held a very enjoyable high tea and sale last Thursday evening. The attendance was large, and the amount realized far exceeded the expectations of the most sanguine. The tea was excellent and of the most recherche description. Many pretty and useful articles were disposed of, the purchasers, no doubt, having Christmas gifts in view. The ladies who so ably assisted in the various departments were: Mrs. J. O. Crisp, Mrs. A. Coster, Mrs. Geo. Harding, Miss Annie Tilton, Miss Edith Peters, Miss Annie Ellis, Mrs. E. J. Wetmore and Miss McDuffee. The church, which has been closed during the three last months, undergoing extensive improvements and alterations, will be reopened this Sunday.

Oh, dit, that of our most charming young ladies is thinking of leaving us for a few weeks' visit to Moncton. We hope she will not follow in the steps of one of our late young ladies, and be persuaded to make it her home. PETIT MORS.

MONCTON.

[Progress is for sale in Moncton at the book stores of W. W. Black and W. H. Murray, Main street.]

Nov. 27.—This has been another quiet week. I suppose everything goes in waves, and one must accept the thick with the thin, and vice versa, besides people are beginning to think about their Christmas presents, their mince meat and their plum cake.

Mrs. David Dickson, however, enlivened last week with a very enjoyable little dance on Thursday evening. It was a "small and early," and the guests were almost exclusively young people. Speaking of dances reminds me that I hear rumors of yet another club being formed in our enterprising town. Verily! If this sort of thing goes on we shall be like Artimus Ward's ideal regiment which was composed altogether of colonels, for we shall all be members of some club. This last and most perfect work of art is to be the "East End Bread and Butter Club." Do make it doughnuts, young ladies! As I have already remarked, bread and butter is no material, and we have plenty of it at home, while the succulent doughnut is really aesthetic and poetical.

By the way, it strikes me that we are hearing a great deal about East End and West End lately. Where is this struggle for supremacy going to end? Are we to set an example of civil war to Europe, and be engaged in all the horrors of an internal conflict? Really it begins to look like it.

Dr. J. R. Inch, of Sackville, paid a short visit to Moncton last Wednesday.

The many friends of Mr. George McEwen, of the freight department I. C. R. will be glad to hear that he is able to be out again after his recent severe illness. Mr. McEwen is one of the many victims of typhoid fever, which has been prevalent in Moncton this autumn.

Mr. H. C. Hanington, of Dorchester, has decided to cast in his lot with the growing town of Moncton, and has come among us to remain. He has entered the firm of Hanington, Teed & Hewson, which will in future be known as Hanington, Teed, Hewson & Hanington, a title sufficiently imposing to make one think of the High Court in Chancery.

Mr. Hanington will be a great addition to our social circle, and we are all delighted to welcome young lawyers to our town. They are just the right men in the right place, and we still have room for a few more.

Congratulations are in order to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Evans. It is a son and heir, and a remarkably fine one.

Mrs. Smith, of Salisbury, spent some days, last week, with her daughter, Mrs. Thompson Taylor, of Main street.

Judge Botsford returned on Saturday from his long trip in connection with the revision of the Dominion electoral lists.

Mrs. John Campbell's large circle of friends will be with regret that was lost her sister, Miss Stone, who died at her residence in St. Andrews last week. Miss Stone was quite an aged lady, having completed her 80th year, and, as she has been a hopeless invalid for more than a year, her passing is really a happy release from suffering.

The intelligence of the serious illness of Mrs. Chandler, of "Rocky," Dorchester, widow of the late Lieut. Governor of New Brunswick, has been received in Moncton with universal regret. To many of the older residents here Mrs. Chandler has been a lifelong friend, and there are few who have not partaken at some time of her generous hospitality. Should her illness terminate fatally, as

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FREDERICTON.

[Progress is for sale in Fredericton at the book store of W. T. H. Fenety and by James H. Hawt thorne.]

Nov. 27.—The quiet repose which has been over our city for the last few weeks will once again be broken by a large party, to be given next Wednesday evening by Dr. and Mrs. Harrison, at the University. As parties are rare as with us this season, this one is being looked forward to with keen delight.

Miss Maud Beckwith had a small party of young people at her home last evening.

Mr. Henry Chestnut and family are moving into their handsome new residence on Waterloo Row this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carleisle will move into the house just vacated by Mr. Chesnut, on Charlotte street.

Hon. A. F. Randolph returned home from Digby Tuesday evening, where he has been visiting his brother, Mr. R. S. Randolph, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. C. Ketchum, of Amherst, N. S., have been here. They registered at the Barker House on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vanwart left on Monday for their trip to the West Indies.

Mrs. A. G. Beckwith left Tuesday morning for New York, to visit her mother, Mrs. Mackswald.

Mr. M. B. Edwards, of St. John, spent Sunday with his parents in this city.

There is a rumor floating round that one of our rising M. D.'s is seriously thinking of joining the grand army of benedicts in the near future.

Miss Fanny Lemont and Mr. Walter Fisher left for New York Tuesday morning, to visit Mrs. Ward, of that city.

Rev. William Tippet is in the city, formerly pastor of the Methodist church here.

Rev. Mr. Dobson was here from Woodstock on Monday and Tuesday.

seems probable, her loss will be almost a public calamity.

Dr. C. T. Purdy and his bride arrived home last evening from their bridal trip to New York and Boston.

Mrs. W. G. Lawton, of Shediac, has been spending a week with her friend, Mrs. David Dickson, of Steadman street.

The Methodist congregation of Moncton decided, last week, to confer upon their popular pastor, the Rev. George M. Campbell, that very doubtful benefit, a donation party; and last Wednesday being the tenth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell's wedding, they selected that day for the auspicious event, and thereby hangs a joke quite worthy of the pages of Progress.

The rev. gentleman was absent from his home on Wednesday evening, soon after the wedding, on the bonds two kindred souls, and he was accompanied by Mrs. Campbell, so the paragon was vacant, and between eighty and one hundred of the zealous flock took possession of it, lighted the kitchen fire and prepared a sumptuous repast. When the pastor returned he was naturally inclined to think that his house was on fire, and the neighbors had gathered to extinguish the flames. He was speedily reassured and presented with a very handsome dogskin coat, as a slight token of the affectionate esteem in which he was held by his congregation.

Nor was Mrs. Campbell forgotten, for her gift there was a beautiful bronze clock, from the ladies of the congregation, a very sensible and useful thing, quite naturally, after an entertainment like this, there was a goodly number of fragments left. How could it be otherwise? Mr. Campbell is possessed of a very keen sense of humor, so that when Saturday's Times came out, and the title of Mr. Campbell's Sunday evening sermon was announced to be "A dish of fragments," his parishioners smiled audibly; and they have not yet decided whether it was a mere coincidence or whether their pastor was enjoying a quiet joke at their expense. CECIL GWYNNE.

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL.

[Progress is for sale at Annapolis Royal at Fred S. Symonds & Co.]

Nov. 27.—Our little town has been very quiet lately, but I hope before winter sets in that it will improve. There was a time when we had a whist club here. Why not form a whist and chess club now? It would afford amusement for some of the long winter evenings, and I am sure some of the members of the old club would take a deep interest in it.

How about the penny readings? I hope they are not to be given up just as they were becoming so popular.

The members of the A. A. A. & C. club repeated the entertainment, given here on Thanksgiving, at Bear River, last week. They had a jolly time, but their success financially did not meet their expectations.

Capt. and Mrs. A. G. Potter are occupying pleasant rooms at the Cowling house. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gray have also taken rooms there.

Dr. James Fennimore, of Bridgetown, has opened dental rooms here. The question at present agitating the minds of the curious public is who lost the letter containing comments on Progress correspondence. JONES.

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