

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

[FOR ADDITIONAL SOCIETY NEWS SEE FIFTH AND EIGHTH PAGES.]

IRIS TALKS ABOUT HALIFAX.

On Tuesday evening, March 17th, the Leicester-shire band gave their first concert at the Academy of music. They were greeted by a large audience, nearly all the musical people being present. The programme was long—commencing at 8 p.m., and not over until 11—but no one felt fatigued. This is certainly the finest band which has ever been in the garrison, surpassing in sweetness even the celebrated 101st; the selections, too, were happily chosen. Among the best pieces were "The Hunting chorus," and "The lost chorist," the music of the former being of that order known as the rollicking, mirthful, of the latter, a very poem in music, sad, solemn, and slow. This concert we understand is but the forerunner of a series to be given after Easter.

Society is triste, over the lack of losing for an in definite period one of its greatest favorites, Mrs. J. F. Kenney, who shortly leaves for an extended European tour. Col. and Mrs. H. B. Clarke also go about the same time to visit relatives in England.

Captain Jenkins, A. D. C., left on Monday last for New York. On the 14th, he may extend his trip to Mexico and California. However, the rooms, the captain will make many friends, and his absence will create a great gap in society during the amusements following Easter.

Notwithstanding that the fashionable people are (or at least are supposed to be) on their knees doing penance during these last days preceding Easter, there have been several little "recherché" "Five O'clocks"—most enjoyable, especially if understood, as they were not overworked, being rather "inner circle" sort of affairs. Mrs. Harvey gave one of these "Teas" at her residence the "Oaks" on Wednesday.

Mrs. Jack Stairs gave also an entertainment of this description on Thursday, many of the guests declaring this to have been the pleasantest "At home" which came off during the dull season of Lent. Several military men of the Leicestershire regiment were present, and were very much interested, that the greater number of the new officers are unmarried; add to this young and good looking, then will not admit that a brilliant season is in prospect for Halifax society.

I had almost forgotten to mention Mrs. Augustus West's—a charming gathering of the youth and beauty of our city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wyde have left the city for Bedford, taking up their residence at the Belvue hotel. Mrs. Wyde is a very nice looking woman, and she intends visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dixon.

Mrs. W. B. Reynolds, who a few days ago, went to visit friends in the upper provinces, has been suddenly and sadly recalled home by the death of her youngest child.

During the present week the churches of St. Luke and St. Paul are holding a sort of mission given in the presence of the clergy. Mid-day services for women will be held at St. Luke's on Wednesday. In St. Paul's the mission will be continued each evening during the week, the officiating clergyman being Rev. Dyson Hague and Rev. Laurence Skye.

Many fair maidens and gallant swains are looking forward with anticipation to a novel entertainment to be given on the 31st, or on the 1st of April, by Messrs. Gordon & Keith. This wealthy firm intend to celebrate the opening of their new buildings on Granville street on the 31st of March.

We understand about 500 invitations have been issued. On the afternoon of the above date there will be held an "at home" at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wyde. This is to be one of the grandest affairs of the kind ever given in the city, and we wish it every success.

The ladies of St. Stephen's congregation are to hold a bazaar in the church of England Institute on Wednesday, in Easter week. As some of our young ladies acquaintances have lately been devoting much of their free time to the making up of some charming articles of fancy work we would very much like to wish to purchase something new and pretty for the drawing room to come early and make their selections.

On dit, that a gripe is again in our midst; we trust that this is but a rumor sent abroad by some of those people who are always on the alert to circulate any report which savors of the sensational.

In St. Mary's R. C. cathedral 250 persons received confirmation on Sunday afternoon. The exercises of the mission closed in the evening with a benediction given by the very Rev. Father MacDonnell, S. J., preached the closing sermon on "perseverance," and the Archbishop gave benediction.

A few days ago Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harvey, Dartmouth, celebrated their wedding at their home, a large number of their friends being present to congratulate the happy pair, and wish them well for the future.

Mrs. Gilbert Shaw, at her residence, Matland street, very successfully entertained a large party of fine dames and cavaliers, on Thursday evening of last week. Characters of the most varied kind were close of the theatricals, after a sumptuous repast, the guests departed, having spent a most delightful evening. Among those present were Mrs. MacDonnell, Miss Laura Starr, Miss Shaffer, Miss Wm. O'Brien, Miss G. McLehane, Miss G. McLehane, Miss Coffin, Miss Harris, Miss Lily Sweet, Miss Lillian Dunn, Mrs. Rufus Sweet, the Misses Knowlton, Mrs. Crowe, Miss Lou MacPherson, Mr. Bell, Mr. Weatherly, Mr. Huestis, Mr. Fred DeWolf, Mr. Fred Harris, Mr. A. H. Smith, Mr. Edward Smith, Mr. Albert Johnston, Mr. Maurice Crowell, Mr. McPherson.

Among the pleasant social events of last week we must not omit the quadrille party given on Thursday by Mrs. F. J. P. Kenney. These quadrille parties have been carried on during the winter months at the residences of a number of prominent South end people. Among the young men were Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Clarke, Miss Bowes, Miss McNutt, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Leblond, Mr. and Mrs. Kelley and Mrs. Kelley. The Harvard provided the music. The previous week, Mr. and Mrs. Kelley similarly entertained a large number of guests.

His Lordship Bishop Courtney, wife and family, expect to be absent from the city for a year, his lordship's health necessitating a thorough rest and change of climate. His lady is expected to leave Bishopthorpe for a year, and early in May will move from the "Oaks." On dit, that Major and Mrs. Mansel, who are at present on their way out from England, have rented the "Oaks," where they intend residing during the summer.

A farewell concert is shortly to be given by Prof. S. Porter, at the Orpheus' hall. We are sure a large audience will assemble to bid adieu to the sweet musician.

A calico masquerade was given by Mr. W. S. Hutchinson, one day last week at his residence on Goring street. The affair was under the auspices of the young people's society of the church of the Redeemer. About 100 invitations had been issued. The "Harpers" discussed sweet music and although masks were doffed at 10 o'clock, dancing was continued until three o'clock in the morning. Many of the costumes were much admired for their taste and originality. Spruce only persons were mentioned, a few of those who were fortunate enough to have been present. Miss Florie Bowes, the Misses Fletcher, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. G. C. Kelley, Mrs. G. P. Frazier, Miss Kate Priest, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. J. Harris, Miss May Kelley, the Misses Johnson, and the Miss Somers.

Manager Clark has completed arrangements with the Goudouli's opera troupe and will open the season at the Academy of Music, commencing Easter Monday. Happy Halifax to possess once again a real opera.

Only a few more days and the solemn Lenten season will have passed away for another year. With the return of the joyful Easter-tide we will again resume our worldly pleasures. The ball room will be once more ablaze with light, and the ears will again fall the sound of the song and the dance. It is right that we should be mirthful and happy, for as birds rejoice at the approach of spring, so should we attain our hearts to the melody of reawakening nature. The cold winter is past, each day the sun shines out with increasing warmth and brightness. Why then should we not renew our gaiety and lightness of heart when the very atmosphere bespeaks the joyous advent of summer!

As we lift the sombre Lenten curtain and emerge into the bright world, the greeting we would fain utter is checked, for "What! Do not you know that it is not the breath of the Easter lilies? O joyful bells, and spotless flowers! They speak far more eloquently than any other language, and so, in silence, we join in the grand hallelujah.

DORCHESTER.

[Progress is for sale in Dorchester at George M. Fairweather's store.]

The season is a bad one for "society" churches, and last week I noticed that even our well beloved and new Cecil Gwynne seemed to share the general depression, and gave us only such a small letter from Moncton that something seemed to be missing from the "Progress." Don't do it again, please. What did last week I shall have to do this, for Dorchester society has done nothing very startling, or even very interesting, since last Wednesday, and one is a little diffident about recording what has never occurred, unless to be sure, in cases of extreme urgency. One, to make ready, two, to prepare; and three—

ST. STEPHEN.

[Progress is for sale in St. Stephen at the book stores of C. H. Smith & Co., and G. S. Wall & H. M. Webber.]

MARCH 25.—Every one was shocked on Monday morning to hear of the sudden death of Mr. Newton Worden. Mr. Worden has many friends here, who sympathize deeply with his wife and relatives in their sad loss and great sorrow. The funeral took place this afternoon, with Pythian ceremonies.

Mrs. A. E. Neill has returned from Clifton Springs, N. Y. Colonel Neill is still away. His many friends here are very glad to hear of his improved health.

Miss Emma Harris has returned from New York city, and is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Frank Todd.

Mrs. C. H. Eaton, of Lexington, Mass., is visiting friends in Milltown and Calais.

Miss Nellie Smith has returned home after a visit of three months among friends in Moncton and Halifax. Miss Smith is a general favorite here and her numerous friends gladly welcome her back.

Mr. C. W. Madden of Calais has gone to New York for a short visit.

Miss Gussie Britton returned from Boston on Monday.

Mrs. John D. Chipman and Miss Connie Chipman spent a few days in St. John last week.

Mr. F. W. Andrews left yesterday for a trip to Boston.

Mrs. T. J. Smith entertained a small party of friends with whist on Monday evening. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bradner, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jones, Dr. and Mrs. R. K. Ross, Miss B. A. H. Dicker, M. P., went to Ottawa last week, and returned this week.

Mrs. Ketchum left for New York on Friday last, to see Mr. Ketchum off. As he leaves this week for England.

Mrs. Holt Clarke spent Tuesday and Wednesday in town with her sister, Mrs. Dickey. She returned on Thursday to Halifax, accompanied by Miss Campbell, who intends to remain until after Easter.

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AMHERST.

[Progress is for sale at Amherst, by George Douglas, at the Western Union Telegraph office.]

MARCH 26.—The entertainment on Wednesday evening in aid of the Springhill fund, was even better than what was anticipated, and the performers were greeted with a crowded house. The tableaux vivants were superb. Prof. Curry, violinist of Mount Allison, very kindly lent his able assistance in the musical part. Mr. Moeckill, of Londonderry Mines, gave a song. A duet between Prof. Barnaby and Mr. Wood was beautifully rendered. The handsome sum of \$131, was after deducting expenses, realized.

Miss Helen Dunlop, of Truro, has been in town for some days the guest of her brother Mayor Dunlop.

Miss Nelson, of Truro, is in town visiting relatives.

Mrs. E. A. Tupper, of Moncton, is the guest of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Nathan Tupper.

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SAACKVILLE.

[Progress is for sale in Sackville at C. H. Moore's bookstore.]

MARCH 24.—Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Borden's drawing room was the scene of another gay and festive throng on Tuesday evening. This party was mostly composed of unmarried people, but they looked just as happy as if they were married. A new game was introduced at least I think it is new in this district called "Tidly-winks." It was well on to twelve o'clock before the party dispersed. Among the guests were Dr. and Mrs. Andrews, Prof. and Mrs. Hinton, Miss Truman, Miss Cogswell, Miss Minnie Cogswell, Miss Ogden, Miss Ayer, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, Miss Black, Miss Jennie Black, Miss King, Mr. and Mrs. Berton Black, Miss Leanders, Prof. and Mrs. Mack, Miss Mack, Miss Stewart, Miss Inch, Miss Vroom, Mr. and Mrs. F. Macdougall, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Beers, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Grunland, Mr. F. Black, Mr. C. Macdougall, Prof. Tweedie, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Foster. Mrs. Borden was attired in a dark dress and was assisting in receiving the guests by her charming young sister, Miss Bluck, who to use the expression of one of the fair sex did look sweet in a black lace dress with no ornaments.

Mrs. Andrews, a rose-colored silk with white lace.

Mrs. Ryan, a costly dress of green plush pale, blue trimmings.

Mrs. Macdougall, black lace.

Miss Cogswell, pale green with green trimmings.

Mrs. Mack, grey brocade satin with garnet, velvet trimmings.

Miss Ayer, black lace pale blue sash.

Miss Black, indescribable shade of grey satin very pretty.

Miss Minnie Cogswell, a becoming dress of bright red with velvet trimmings.

Miss Jennie Black, light green brocade with velvet sleeves the same shade.

Mrs. Truman, black velvet silver passementerie.

Miss King, a rick black silk with no ornaments but her beautiful brown hair.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Inch are giving a series of small parties which the young pronounce as awfully nice.

Mr. Moore, of Amherst, was in town on Tuesday.

Mr. J. McLaren, inspector of customs, spent a few days in the village last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Allison, Master Bev. Allison, spent Sunday in Dorchester.

Mr. Jarvis, inspector of the Merchants bank, spent four or five days in the village, last week.

Prof. Sterne was in town on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Allison and Capt. and Mrs. Moore took advantage of the good sleighing on Friday to drive to Amherst.

Mrs. Evanson, widow of the late Col. Evanson, is visiting Mrs. H. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fawcett have returned from their trip to the United States.

Mr. Murphy, of Cape Tormentine, was in town on Monday.

I regret to hear that the young son of Mr. Fred Ryan has a slight attack of scarlet fever. I believe Mr. Horace Fawcett's son is also a victim to this disease.

The music loving public are eagerly looking forward to the concert in the Conservatory of Music on Wednesday evening. Mr. Kingenfeld, Mr. and Mrs. Doering are the talented artists, assisted by Miss Mack.

The entertainment given by the Eclectic Society of the Ladies' College in the new conservatory in aid of the Springhill sufferers, last Friday evening, was a highly successful affair, the performers acquitting themselves very creditably. A neat little sum was realized, which was handed over to the committee who have charge of the subscriptions. Too much cannot be said of the generous way the colleges have responded both promptly and liberally to the call of the suffering.

Mrs. C. W. Harrison leaves this week for St. John to take part in a grand concert to be held in the Mechanics' Institute on Thursday evening.

Now that Spring is approaching after the long winter, Cupid seems to have been drawing his arrow with an unsteady hand, and no one is sure who will be the next victim. Oh! fie, Cupid, that you should be so fickle.—COPPERFIELD.

The sewing guild of the church of England is progressing rapidly under the skillful and neat fingers of the ladies of Sackville. As in all sewing guilds they are making fancy articles of all descriptions, besides an abundant supply of substantial goods to be sold at a "fancy sale" or bazaar. The proceeds go toward paying the church and rectory.

Mrs. Shewen spent Thursday in Amherst.

Rev. C. F. Wiggins officiated in St. Luke's church, Baie Verte, last Monday evening.

RICHIBUCTO.

[Progress is for sale in Richibucto at the store of A. E. Alexander, wholesale and retail dealer in dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, hardware, crockery, stationery, furniture, carriages and machinery.]

MARCH 24.—Mr. Wmott Brown, manager of the Kent Northern Ry., returned from St. Stephen last week. The citizens of our town and the public generally will be glad to learn that an effort is being made this week to have the road open for traffic.

Miss Janie Haines, who has been visiting her home for the past few weeks, returned to Moncton last Saturday.

Mrs. Alison, of Halifax, is in town, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. U. Bliss.

Miss Lizzie Walker left last week for Boston to receive medical treatment. Her friends hope to hear soon of an improvement in her health.

The Misses Thompson, of St. John, who have been spending the winter with friends here, returned home last week.

Mrs. Irene Black returned from 'Yeldford last week, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. H. Keith.

The Beaches hotel which was closed last summer will be opened this coming season, but not to the public. It will be the home of a number of Moncton families.

Our town has lost one of its most esteemed citizens in the person of Mr. E. E. Phair, who left on Monday for the west, where he expects to go into the hotel business. In the person of Mr. Phair, one of the Kent Northern Ry., a position which he filled for seven years; he was a great favorite with the business men. Socially, he will be missed by all. If the good wishes of the people of Richibucto are an omen of Mr. Phair's success in the west, his new sphere will be a bright one.

CAMPBELLTON.

[Progress is for sale in Campbellton at the store of A. E. Alexander, wholesale and retail dealer in dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, hardware, crockery, stationery, furniture, carriages and machinery.]

MARCH 23.—Campbellton has never been so dull in society circles. But we are living in hope of joyful Easter, with its load of social events. Chief among which will be the Oddfellows concert, which takes place on Easter Monday evening. We wish them a crowded house, as the play is for a very worthy object, namely, the Springhill sufferers. I will give full particulars next week.

Miss Marthy J. Dunville, of Escumacine, P. Q., was the guest of Mrs. Philip Appleton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry McIntyre are receiving congratulations. It's a bonny baby boy.

Rev. Mr. Fowler, of Escumacine, occupied the pulpit in St. Andrews church, Sunday evening.

Miss McNaughton, of Flat Lanes, spent Sunday in town, being the guest of Miss Mary McBeath.

Miss McKinnon, of Tide Head, was also in town Sunday, she was the guest of Miss J. McLaughlin.

Mr. Kilgour Shives is in St. John.

Mr. Geo. Moffat, ex-M. P., was in town yesterday.

Mr. J. Galt, of the general offices, Moncton, is in town.

Rev. Ruth Chandler, who had been visiting friends in Dalhousie, has returned home.

Mr. Thomas Windsor left by this morning's train for Marquette, Wis., where he has his demie some ten or twelve years. He came home to see his aged father about three months ago, and spent the winter with him.

We regret to learn of the illness of Master John McLellan, son of Conductor McLellan, of the H. R. He was attending St. Joseph's College, in Memramouc, when he fell ill, and was unable to attend school last week. He has somewhat improved under the kind care of his mother since he came home.

Messrs. A. E. Alexander, H. F. McLatchy and W. A. Mott were in Dalhousie yesterday attending court.

ST. ANDREWS.

MARCH 24.—In the first place I have to record the sudden death of Mr. T. T. Odell. Mr. Odell had been ill for a long time, but at the last his demise was quite unexpected. It will be hard to fill his place, and has held many positions of honor and trust. The funeral which took place yesterday was largely attended, all creeds and denominations joining in a last token of respect to an old and honored fellow townsman.

The cobweb party, which took place at Miss Sprague's on the evening of Tuesday last, was a decided success; so much so that it is in contemplation to hold another.

La gripe is