

# SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A number of society letters which arrived too late for publication in last week's issue are printed below.

## HILLSBORO.

Nov. 11.—It is a pleasure to me to be once again writing my Wednesday evening letter to PROGRESS, but the pleasure is mingled with a strange feeling of loneliness as I date this letter from Hillsboro instead of Fredericton, as has been my custom ever since the paper's birth; still I trust that my position as society correspondent for this beautiful little village may prove as pleasant as when holding the same position for the celestial city, and I would here ask for the hearty co-operation of its inhabitants. I would be most grateful for any bits of social news that they may send me.

I often wonder if the people of Hillsboro realize what a pretty little village they have here so closely nestled among the hills. It is one continuation of hills and valleys, with the Shepody bay, with its terra cotta colored waters flowing in front, making it a most picturesque spot. Nature has been very lavish with her gifts here, and man has not been too far behind as the goodly number of large, handsome residences, with their neat fences and pretty flower gardens well testify. There are also a great number of very pretty neat cottages. The churches are also nice buildings, the baptists having two and the methodists one, and a very pretty little Episcopal church erected by Mr. T. C. Tompkins in memory of his first wife. The only occasion on which service was held in the church was the marriage of Mr. Tompkins' young daughter. The school buildings are good, and arrangements are now being made for the erection of a handsome hall which will be much to the appearance of the village as well as convenience. The principal industry is the manufacture of plaster, which is shipped in large quantities. The quarries are about three miles back of Hillsboro; the plaster is brought to the mills in its natural state by horse power. The Albert Railway passes through the village giving daily communication with the outer world, while a pleasant drive of twelve miles brings us to Moncton. Hillsboro is divided into three quite large villages, each extending about a mile, the first being divided by what is called the Lake, but by a system of drainage very good the lake remains very low, and the verticals are excellent marsh land. On this land is a very nice skating rink, where many happy hours are enjoyed, during winter months. I have tried to give you some little idea of Hillsboro, and its surroundings and hope in some future letters to tell you something of the inmates of these pleasant homes.

Last evening a very pleasant entertainment was held at Wedon, where temperance addresses were delivered, after which a baked bean supper was enjoyed. A number from Hillsboro took advantage of the beautiful moonlight night and drove out. This is the season of the year when the "hoppers" in this part of the country, and very enjoyable things they are. One of these pleasant affairs is being participated in this evening at Demoselle Creek. We are now enjoying our Indian summer, and the weather is simply perfect, warm and balmy as June.

The young friends of Miss Lillie Steeves, second daughter of Mr. J. M. Steeves, treated her to a surprise party Monday evening. There were about twenty present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Games of various kinds were indulged in, and light refreshments served. Mr. Steeves' handsome residence was well adapted for evening parties, as the rooms are both numerous and large. Miss Emma Wallace, who has been spending some weeks with friends in New York and Boston, returned to her home last week. Miss Lillie Steeves, who accompanied Miss Wallace still continues to enjoy the alluring charms of the great city, and will not return for another week.

Mrs. D. M. Reed has moved from Edget's land in Hillsboro to Fredericton, where she has taken up house-keeping in the pleasant home on Academy street, formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Somers.

Mr. Archie R. F. Randolph, of Fredericton, has taken a position in the drug store of Mr. J. A. Beattie, where he will learn the drug business. Mr. Powell, M. P. P., of Sackville, and Mr. W. W. Freeman, of Amherst, were in the village last Friday attending a meeting of the Albert Southern railway directors.

Mr. Bright Clark, of St. John, spent Sunday in the village. Rev. Mr. Welton, of St. John, is here for a few days. Rev. Mr. Camp preached at Dawson settlement on Sunday morning, having exchanged pulpits with the pastor of that church.

## CAMPBELLTON.

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

Nov. 17.—The Ladies Aid society held a Thanksgiving supper in the Temperance hall on Thursday evening. A large programme of songs, duets and choruses were prepared and well rendered by the Presbyterian choir, which is composed of Mrs. Firth, Misses M. Kerr, H. Henderson, Adelaide Duncan, B. Stewart, B. McKenzie and Messrs. Frank Matheson, D. F. Graham and James Johnson. The solo, "Where the wild flowers bloom," delivered by Miss Stewart, was well received by the audience. A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. Kerr's solo entitled "Silver Bells of Memory." Mr. James Johnson made a great hit by his fine delivery of the water cress cantata. The worthy object of this concert was well appreciated by our ever charitable community.

Conductor John Sprout, wife and son, of Sussex, were in town last week the guests of his brother, councillor James Sprout, of the Royal.

Mrs. G. A. Vye, of New Glasgow, N. S., who had been visiting Mrs. Williams, has returned home. Miss Lizzie Jardine has returned from Moncton, where she was visiting her friend Miss Johnston.

Miss Alice Mowat has returned from St. John Saturday, accompanied by little Miss Estey. Mr. James Stewart left by Saturday's train for P. E. Island, where he has accepted a position. Messrs. H. H. Bay, of the I. C. E., and "Jimie" Jardine, the popular clerk in W. Glover's establishment, paid Moncton a flying visit last week. Jim says he is going down again next year.

Hon. Messrs. W. Pugsley and L. J. Tweedie were in town the first part of last week. Mr. James Cook, who has made Portland, Oregon, his home for the last ten years, arrived here, the place of his birth, last Wednesday.

Mr. A. F. Pugsley spent Thanksgiving day at his home in New Glasgow, N. S.

Mr. Fred Fraser and bride, of Cross Point, P. Q., left by yesterday morning's train for St. John and New England cities.

## LEPREAUX.

Nov. 18.—Mrs. H. P. Reynolds, Miss Carrie Reynolds, and Miss Edith Morrell spent Thanksgiving day at St. Stephen.

Mr. C. A. Cobb and party, of Boston, have been spending some days here and vicinity shooting. Miss Thomas and Miss Beard, who have been visiting Mrs. G. H. Thomas, have returned to their home in St. John.

Mr. S. T. King and son, of St. John, spent last Thursday and Friday here.

Miss Nellie Reynolds, who has been spending some weeks with friends in St. John and Kings Co., returned home on Monday.

Mr. C. F. Clinch spent Tuesday here in the interest of the school election.

Miss Daisy Hanson has gone to St. John to enter the training school for nurses.

Miss McCoy has returned from a pleasant visit to St. John.

Messrs. McDonald and Harris, of Pictou, N. S., were here for a few days last week.

Mr. G. A. Barnhill was on his way to the club house on Saturday on his way to the club house on Saturday.

Miss Edith McCafferty, of St. John, West End, is expected here next week to give music lessons.

Mr. G. K. Hanson visited John last week.

## MUSQUASH.

Nov. 18.—Rev. Mr. Hughes, rector of St. Jude's church, Carleton Place, preached in St. Ann's church Monday evening.

Mr. Debedi has returned home after a short visit in the city.

Mr. C. F. Clinch visited Lepreaux Monday.

Mr. Jack Woodford, of St. John, spent Sunday here with friends.

Mr. Mount Carman spent Friday and Saturday of last week at the Willows.

Mr. George Higgins, of St. John, spent Sunday here.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Henderson and Miss Nellie Davidson, have returned to their home, "Menzie's Manor," after spending the summer at the Bay Shore, Carleton.

Mr. George Smith, of St. John, spent Thanksgiving at his home here.

Mr. D. N. Anderson is spending a few days in the city.

## FREDERICTON.

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

Nov. 18.—Thanksgiving day Fredericton was en fête; it was the loveliest day of a beautiful Indian Summer, which added much to the enjoyment of the many entertainments provided. Services were held in most of the churches in the morning. The football match between the university team and a picked team from St. John attracted hundreds to the athletic grounds in the afternoon. In the evening social dinners, oyster suppers and church socials seemed to be the attractions. The ladies of the F. C. Baptist church had an oyster supper in the vestry of the church, which was largely attended. In the Methodist church a similar entertainment was given, interspersed with a fine musical programme. Mrs. Wm. Lemont and her son Brunswick favored the audience with a duet, Miss Edith Porter sang a pretty selection, and Prof. Handley and the audience with several selections on the banjo and guitar.

A social was also held in the Baptist church.

A farmers' supper was also given by the church women's association in the Gibson church hall, at which they realized between \$40 and \$50.

A great many strangers were in town Thanksgiving day, among whom were Mrs. Chas. Polly and Mr. Harry Drury, of St. John.

Mr. Geo. Ellis spent Thanksgiving in the city.

Mr. Arthur Glasier, M. P. P., is on a trip to Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wetmore are here from the North-West visiting Mr. Wetmore's father, Judge Wetmore.

Mrs. Byron Winslow went to St. John this morning.

Mr. R. D. Wilnot is in the city.

Mr. Geo. Atherton, brother of Dr. Atherton, is moving his family to the city. They will occupy the house on George street, at present occupied by Mr. Thos. Smith, who with his family, is shortly to leave for California, there to reside permanently.

The many friends of Mrs. G. A. Morrison, Jr., will be sorry to hear she is quite seriously ill.

Mr. Louis Wilson returned to her home in St. John Monday last.

Mrs. E. S. Carter spent Thanksgiving in the city, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fowley, Linden Hall.

Miss Sibelle King is visiting her friend Miss Irene Woodbridge, at the Deaf and Dumb institution.

Mr. Louis Bliss is spending a few days in Woodstock.

Miss Carmen is spending a few days at Mauder's, the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Arnold Miles.

Miss Bessie Dunn of River View, is in the city visiting friends.

Mr. McLeod left on Thursday for Charlottetown, P. E. I., to enter the Scott academy.

The friends of Mrs. Edwin Watts will be pleased to hear that since her return to Boston she has quite recovered her health.

Mr. Stewart Fairweather, of Rothesay, spent Thanksgiving day among the celestials.

Mr. J. S. Murray went to St. John this morning.

Miss Estey is the guest of Miss Fannie Phair.

Mr. H. McLean spent Thursday in the city.

Mr. Will Stewart has been spending a few days in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Estey and Mrs. D. Hatt went to St. John on Saturday.

Mrs. Andrew Phair has gone to St. John for a couple of weeks.

Miss Burchell is spending a few days with Miss Cecil Phair.

Miss Burchell gave a very pleasant "piano recital" for her pupils at her residence last Saturday.

Miss Ingram, who has been teaching the Madras school, has been forced to resign through ill health. Miss Moffat will take her place.

Miss Lillie Estey entertained a few of her friends to a whist party last Monday evening, when a most enjoyable time was spent.

Mr. G. E. Powers, of the deaf and dumb institution, returned home Friday from a very successful trip to Prince Edward Island.

Miss Edith Hatt entertained a number of her friends to a dancing party Tuesday night. A most enjoyable time was spent in dancing till midnight, when a delicious supper was served. Among those present were: Miss May Blair, Miss Tibbitts, Miss B. Sherman, Miss Phair, Miss Estey (St. John), Miss H. H. Bay, of the I. C. E., and Charles Neil, R. Chestnut, Fowler, McKee, Baxter, Day and Eataugh.

The friends of Mr. Geo. Botsford were pleased to welcome him to the city last week for a short visit.

The young ladies' hospital aid society met at the residence of Mr. Geo. F. Gregory last night to practice Mrs. Farley's exercises.

The Metropolitan and Mrs. Medley entertained the members of Mrs. Medley's bible class to tea at the residence of Mrs. Medley on Thursday evening.

Capt. Kenney, of the I. S. corps, leaves for his home in Halifax today.

Mr. McDade, of the Mutual Life of N. Y., who has been in Halifax for the last few weeks, returned home to spend Thanksgiving in the city.

Mr. McD. Snowball, of Chatham, was in the city for Thanksgiving and over Sunday.

Mr. R. A. Lawlor, of Chatham, spent Sunday in the city.

Mr. Y. Paxton Baird, of Woodstock, registered at the Queen's Hotel.

Mr. W. W. Robinson, of the bank of N. S., spent Thanksgiving day at his home in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Boye, of Norfolk, England, are expected to spend the winter in Fredericton, and their brother Mr. W. H. Boye.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. H. Beckwith celebrated the 25th anniversary of their wedding day on Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lemont went to St. John this morning to attend the Oratorio society concert this evening.

Mrs. Robert Wiley has gone to St. John to visit her daughter Mrs. Chas. Lawson.

Mr. Geo. H. St. John, who had been visiting her cousin, Mr. McDade, has returned home.

Miss Joe McDonald returned home Saturday from quite a lengthy visit spent in St. John.

Mr. Fred Coleman of the Barker house, has gone to Toronto to consult a specialist on throat disease.

During the absence of Mrs. Thorne in Boston, her place in Charlotte street school is being supplied by Miss Maimie Ross.

Mr. Alf. Edgecombe returned home from St. John Saturday, where he had been spending some days on business.

Prof. Bristow left this morning for St. John to attend the Oratorio concert tonight.

Mrs. Geo. Davis and Mrs. W. Wilson returned from St. John Saturday.

Hon. P. Ryan and Mrs. Ryan spent Thanksgiving in the city.

Mr. Albert Palmer, M. P. P., also spent Thanksgiving in Fredericton.

Mrs. George H. St. Mary's, is spending a couple of weeks in St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. H. Beckwith were in St. John last week.

Mr. Norman Edgecombe spent Thanksgiving day in St. John.

The session of St. Paul's church has kindly granted the use of the "aud kirk" to the ladies of the hospital aid for practice of the tableaux.

Mr. G. F. Everett entertained the choir of St. Paul's church last Friday evening.

Prof. Stockley gave the second lecture of his free course in the chapel of the university on Saturday last, the subject: "Lycidas."

Miss Taber entertained a number of her friends at her home on Sunday street, Wednesday evening last.

Mr. L. Theriault, M. P. P., of Edmundston, spent Friday in the city.

Mr. Geo. Collier, M. P. P., returned from his trip to the Pacific coast last Saturday.

Mr. John O'Brien, M. P. P., was in town over Sunday, and on Monday he returned to his home in Northumberland, taking with him Mrs. O'Brien, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. McKee.

Mr. McKay, of St. John, was in the city last week.

Mr. N. A. Clift left here Saturday for Florida, via St. John, where he will spend the winter as usual.

Mr. Will Harrison spent Thursday in the city.

Nov. 18.—This week has been one of unusual gaiety. On Friday last a pleasant surprise party met at the hospitable residence of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Beckwith. The prime movers were the Misses Fisher and the Misses Allen. Among those present were: Mrs. Harry Beckwith, Miss Beckwith, Mr. G. F. Fisher, the Misses Fisher, Miss Dwellie, Miss Burnside, the Misses Bailey, Miss Florrie Powys, the Misses Allen, Miss Ruth, Miss Akerley, the Misses Babbitt, Mr. Harry Beckwith, Mr. Fred Fisher, Mr. Walter Fisher, Mr. Loring Bailey, Mr. Harry Chas. Beckwith, Mr. Harrison, Adjutant, Messrs. Carpenter, Mott, Bristowe, Yarrow, Mitchell, McCollough, Aitken, and Mr. Lewis Bliss.

Although a surprise party, some very pretty dresses were worn:

Mrs. H. Beckwith wore black silk, with tan color trimmings.

Mrs. Madeline Fisher wore a handsome prune dress.

Miss Minna Fisher, a lavender silk with steel trimmings.

Miss Dwellie looked exceedingly well in a dress of white herrietta cloth.

Miss Ida Allen, a dark skirt and pale green waist.

Miss Powys, a pretty black dress.

The Misses Seely wore cream dresses.

Miss Akerley, red silk.

Miss Mad Beckwith, black velvet skirt, cream silk waist, and Mrs. Allen, heliotrope silk, with pearl ornaments.

Early in the evening a delicious supper was served, and dancing was kept up with spirit until one o'clock, all vying the party a perfect success.

Miss Nellie Wetmore returned home last week after her lengthy visit to her sister, Mrs. Dr. Holden, of St. John.

## MONCTON.

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

Nov. 18.—The weather of the past week has been so misleading a description that no one feels quite sure whether it is spring, summer or autumn, or a combination of all three. We had winter three weeks ago then the snowed down, as it were, and gave us a plum pudding mixture, with rain for sauce. Not that I wish to complain, for we have had some days lovely enough for late summer, but one cannot help being haunted by the feeling that old winter has a rod in pickle for us somewhere, and shan't we catch it by and by?

The past week has been a very uneventful one in social circles in spite of Thanksgiving day, or perhaps in consequence of it. The great majority of people feeling unequal to the exertion of being more than moderately grateful for blessings which they had a sort of feeling that they had largely contributed towards earning for themselves, did not indulge in any extra activities, but ate their turkey in peace, and were thankful if it was not tough. A goodly number as usual spent the day out of town, and the rest went to the services, which were held in three of the churches, the central Methodist, the Presbyterian and the reformed Episcopal.

I am afraid this winter bids fair to be rather dull, so many changes are taking place in our small circle, and a number of our friends are leaving us, some for the winter and some, I am sorry to say, for an indefinite length of time.

Mrs. George McSweeney intends spending the winter at her mother's, Mrs. J. S. Borden, and as she has always been one of the most hospitable of Moncton's young matrons, she will be greatly missed.

Mrs. J. J. Taylor also intends leaving town soon, and I fear her departure will be a more permanent one, as she is breaking up housekeeping, and is going to join Mr. Taylor in a Cleveland, Ohio, before very long. Mrs. Taylor will accompany her mother, Mrs. Hudson, to Pictou and spend some weeks at her former home, before leaving Canada.

To proceed with the list, Miss Agnes McSweeney took a departure for New York, where she will spend a month, and then proceed to Colorado to spend a year with her sister, Mrs. Newhouse. Miss McSweeney, no doubt, will have a delightful visit, but meanwhile her Moncton friends will miss her terribly, as her bright wit, and charming manner have made her a universal favorite.

T. B. Blair, of St. John, who has been taking the place of manager of the Moncton branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia, during Mr. Daniel's illness, has just very short notice last Thursday for Minneapolis to replace the manager who is ill.

Mr. W. F. Hunt, of Halifax, takes Mr. Blair's place. Mr. Hunt is stationed in Moncton for some years, and the many friends he made during his stay are glad to welcome him back again.

Mr. Daniel says that he is spending a few days with his sister Mrs. L. W. Binney last week. Among the visitors to Moncton on Thanksgiving day was Mr. C. B. Robertson, of Daniel & Robertson, St. John, who spent the day with his mother, Mrs. W. L. Robertson, of Steadman street.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Sumner returned last week from their trip through the United States, having spent a most delightful holiday.

Miss John McSweeney, of Westmorland, spent a few days in town this week, visiting her sister-in-law, the Misses McSweeney.

It is rumored that Mr. Albert Murray of the Chief Superintendent's office, I. C. R., will shortly be appointed to the vacant position of station master at St. John.

Mrs. George W. Chandler, of Dorchester, who has been spending some weeks in Moncton, with her daughter, Mrs. H. W. Hewson, during the latter's illness, returned home on Wednesday accompanied by Miss Constance Chandler.

Regret is expressed that the cantata, *Under the Palms*, which was given in the opera house on Monday evening, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., was not at all the success which had been anticipated, and which it should have been considered the pains which had been taken in getting it up, and the object of which it was intended to be.

M. A. buildin. Great praise is due to the director, Mr. Farham, and it is much to be regretted that the entertainment was a failure, owing to the absence of Mr. Lutz, his became well known to many of our citizens, and had many warm friends here.

Miss Frankie Tibbitts, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Douglas Hazen, of St. John, is expected home this week.

Mr. Robert Wilnot, M. P., of Belmont, was in the city Wednesday.

The "bread and butter club" will meet at the residence of Mrs. Harry Beckwith, Sunday street, on Thursday evening.

The French class met at the residence of Mrs. Peake Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Hemming gave a pleasant little dinner party on Thursday last at the barracks. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Racey, Miss Winslow, and Adj. Kenney, of Halifax.

Herbert is expected here this week.

Rev. Dr. McLeod has arrived home from Charlottetown.

It is rumored that Mr. N. A. Clift, who has gone to spend the winter in Fredericton, as usual, will return in the spring to the Celestial city unaccompanied.

VERA.

ST. ANDREWS.

Nov. 16.—We have been having beautiful weather lately with lovely moonlight nights, and the "spooks" which used to have been seen by the weaker sex seem to have disappeared.

The great event of this week was the cob-web party at Miss Sprague's on Thursday evening, given by the young ladies of Greenock church for the purpose of raising money for that building. The house and grounds were prettily decorated with Chinese lanterns. The cobweb was an immense one, having nearly one hundred strings in it, and it was a pretty sight to see 30 or 40 people entangled in it. Another feature of the evening was a magic cake with which many of the young people tried their fortune. Afterward delicious cake and coffee were passed round. The sum realized was between \$20 and \$40.

The many friends of Dr. and Mrs. Osbourn are sorry to hear that they think of moving to St. John early in December. The former will be much missed as a physician.

The first meeting of Young Woman's Guild of All Saints held since August, was on Friday afternoon.

Mr. Charles Wallace, of Providence, is in town. The gentlemen's club met at Mr. Foster's on Thursday evening.

Mr. Vernon Clarke was in town on Thanksgiving day.

Mr. H. Ostura and family, who spent the greater part of the summer in St. Andrews, sailed from New York for their home in England last week.

Mr. George Mott has returned from his trip to Moncton and St. John much benefited by the change.

The Grammar School Debating society gave their usual pleasant entertainment on Friday afternoon. An amusing dialogue was given by Miss Mary Malone, Miss Collier, of Bathurst, and Miss B. Armstrong; several pretty songs were also sung.

Mr. Robt. Anderson, of Chatham, registered at Kennedy's hotel this week.

CONWAY.

HARCOURT.

[Progress is for sale at Mrs. S. J. Livingston's grocery store, Harcourt.]

Nov. 18.—Mrs. Flett, of Mortimore, who has been visiting her friends in Nelson, Northumberland Co., returned home yesterday.

Mrs. Horace W. Craigie, of Craigie Brook, spent Saturday at Mrs. James Miller's, Mortimore.

Mr. John W. Miller, of Millerton, was in town yesterday.

Mrs. Albert Wellwood (nee Minnie McDermott) is here visiting her mother.

Mr. Leslie J. Wathen and family have moved into B. S. Bailey's for the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McEllen, of Bathurst, was at the Bursale on Saturday, en route home.

Mr. David Johnson, who has been in Ontario for the past year, has returned home and will remain here during the winter.

Mr. Archibald Ferguson came from St. John on Monday.

Mr. Fred S. Sayre, late station agent at Coal Branch, passed through yesterday's delayed train—only two hours late—for Richibucto, to assume the duties of registrar of deeds, etc.

Mr. George K. McLeod and Ex-Councillor Harris Allen were at the Eureka last evening, and left this morning by private conveyance for Richibucto. There is talk of a large sized marriage at or near Mortimore in the