

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

YARMOUTH.

[Progress is for sale in Yarmouth at the stores of E. I. Vickery and Harris & Horsfall.]

Dec. 22.—The Boston Marine music hall was the scene of a very attractive entertainment on the evening of Thursday last, arranged and carried out by a number of musical young ladies of Milton, who, under the leadership of Mrs. Kaine, have for the past few months been practicing for their first appearance before the public. The efforts were very much to the advantage of the audience, who were pleased to see the young ladies dressed in the latest fashions, and the instruments being decorated with white ribbon, the whole adding very much to the attractive appearance of the stage, which was very artistically arranged. Mrs. Kaine wore a pale pink silk trimmed with white. The following named are the members of the young ladies' orchestra who took part in the evening's entertainment: Violins, Mrs. Kaine (leader), Miss Eva Johnson and Miss F. L. Allen; Viola, Miss Nettie Crowell; Violoncello, Miss Annie Robertson and Miss Catherine Christie; Bass Viol, Miss Jessie Burdell; Cornets, Miss George Gardner and Miss Kate Burdell; Flutes, Miss Belle Webster; Trombone, Miss Mary Johnson; Clarinet, Miss Lydia Kilham; Pianist, Miss Mary Davis. The members collectively and individually played their parts well. The members of the orchestra were aided by Mrs. T. Flint, Mrs. A. W. Masters, of St. John, and Miss Eva Peterson. A number of young girls acted as singers, and proved themselves quite capable of performing their duties without a falter. Miss Eva Johnson's selection on the piano was loudly applauded; at her second appearance she was accompanied by Mrs. Kaine. Mrs. Flint, as usual, delighted the audience with her solos, and the latter, "Spinning Song" being especially enjoyable. The piano solo, by Miss E. Peterson and trombone solo, by Miss M. Johnson, were well executed. A "quintette" consisting of Mrs. Kaine, Miss Crowell, Miss Allen, Miss Christie and Miss Johnson, played a very pretty "dream song" on the stringed instruments. The showers of handsome bouquets at the close of the performance quite expressed the approval of the audience, and no doubt encouraged the performers.

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The Enterpriser orchestra will no doubt be sorry to lose the service of their leader, Mrs. Kaine, who will probably leave for Toronto at the end of this month. Our young people have returned for the Christmas holidays—the girls from Windsor and Wolfville, and the young boys from Worcester and Horton Landing. Yarmouth is beginning to appear livelier, now that they are home again.

Miss Helen Rowley, who has been visiting her brothers in Upper Canada, is home again, after a very pleasant trip.

Mr. Maurice Doane, who for the past two or three years has been engaged in business "out west," is home on a visit to his friends and relatives in Yarmouth.

Miss Mary Kelley has returned from a few weeks' visit in Massachusetts.

Hon. J. E. Baker went to Boston last week.

Mr. Frank Stuart, former assistant teacher in the Yarmouth academy, is visiting friends in this town.

Mr. Stuart is at present teaching in Sidney.

Mr. Osburn Plunkett passed through Yarmouth on Saturday last on his way to Massachusetts.

Mr. George Trefry, of Boston, is visiting his parents in town for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. A. Viets is home for the holidays.

Mr. K. Sutherland spent a few days in town last week.

Capt. Thomas Perry is absent on a short trip to Boston.

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days is Mr. H. Munro, who has been attending Dalhousie.

There are to be Carol services in the different churches of this town on Sunday next.

Mr. Walter Rankin, of St. John, made a short visit to Yarmouth, combining business with pleasure.

Mayor Lovitt, who has been quite ill for some time, is about again.

PICTOU, N. S.

[Progress is for sale in Pictou by Jas. McLean.]

Dec. 22.—A very pretty wedding took place on Wednesday morning last, when Mr. Russell Johnson and Miss Margaret Hudson were united in matrimony, by the Rev. H. A. Harley. The bride, who looked charming, wore a gown of white silk, trimmed with orange blossoms, and a handsome tulle veil. The bridesmaid was Miss Katie Hudson, who wore a cream serge dress, and cream bonnet; both she and the bride carried beautiful bouquets of lilies and roses, the gift of the groom. The best man was Mr. Charles Fergie, manager of Drummond mines, Westville. The bride entered the church with her father, who was singing "The voice that breathed of Eden." The guests, relations of the bride and groom were very quietly dressed, owing to both ladies being in mourning. After the ceremony a reception was held at Denon street, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Hudson, parents of the bride, and later in the afternoon the happy pair left for St. John on a short honeymoon trip. The bride's travelling dress was of brown serge. The presents were very numerous and included:

A silver tea service, from the father of the bride.

A set of fish knives and handsome water color, from her mother.

Biscuit jar, Mrs. Bartlett, Charlottetown.

Pearl-handled dessert knives and forks, Mr. and Mrs. Inglis, Jonestown, New Glasgow.

Oxidized silver and gold fruit basket, Mr. Charles Fergie.

Silver cup and saucer, Mrs. Sterling, Charlotte-town.

Silver bonbonniere, Harry Sterling, Boston.

Piano drape, Mrs. Brownfield, New York.

Fish slice and fork, Mrs. J. Taylor.

Candle sticks, Hudson Taylor.

Half-dozen silver knives, Jack Hudson.

Half-dozen silver forks, Tom Hudson.

Berry spoon, Mrs. Alex. Brown, Charlottetown.

Silver salver, Mr. and Mrs. Yorston.

Silver photo frame, Mr. and Mrs. C. Davies.

Berry spoon, Mrs. John Davies.

Oxidized silver table, Mr. and Mrs. Starr, Montreal.

Tortoise shell and gold hairpin, Miss Anna McDonald, Montreal.

And other handsome and beautiful presents too numerous to mention.

Prof. students' concert on Thursday night was very good. The management under Miss McDonald and Mr. McKee was excellent, the students doing their numerous parts creditably.

The Model Housekeepers entertained quite a number of guests at the Masonic hall on Friday evening. Each booth represented the workings of a "model house" in business for the week.

Among the most attractive was Monday, the fair washerwoman carrying out the idea even down to the cash boxes, which were small boxes.

C. Primrose presided with her usual grace at the tea table, "Thursday" being the reception-day of the "housekeepers." Music was furnished by the Pictou band, which has greatly improved since Mr. Henderson became director.

DARTMOUTH.

Dec. 23.—We have looked in vain for a fall of the "beautiful," hoping against hope each day, for without snow or cold weather one cannot quite enter into the spirit of the season. However, the Dartmouth lakes are in fine condition for skating, and as we could not have outdoor skating and snow on the ground at the same time, the former will make up to a good many for the lack of sleighing. The city has been quite lively for Halifax, and it was quite refreshing to watch the crowds on Hollis and Cavendish streets during the past few days.

Notwithstanding the Christmas decorations, shopping, etc., there have been several small parties in town last week, the most notable being the one given by Mrs. J. C. C. Cutler on Tuesday the 23rd.

Miss Annie Brown of Wolfville, spent last week with Mrs. J. W. Allison. Rumor says that she is en route to Dartmouth where she will change her name and abode.

Mrs. W. R. Foster, who has been indisposed for the past week or so, is now convalescing and leading her valuable aid to Christ Church decorations.

MARIS.

GREENWICH.

Dec. 22.—A large party gotten up by Messrs. Richards and Whelpley at the residence of Capt. Barner, Oak Point, proved quite a success. Dancing was indulged in till 12 o'clock, when a sumptuous supper was served. After doing justice to the many good things provided, dancing was resumed and kept up till the "free song" hour.

Among those present were Mrs. J. Richards, Mrs. LeB. Lacy, Mrs. D. Bogle, Miss Vanwart, Miss Zola Richards, Miss Annie Jones, Miss Ada Walton, Miss Daisy Hanson, Miss Daisy Belyea, Miss Belyea, and Messrs. J. Richards, J. Whelpley, Dr. J. Gilchrist, Messrs. E. and E. Walton, A. Belya, Dom Richards, M. Belyea, D. Bogle, Messrs. Vanwart and others.

Miss D. Hanson left for her home in Gibson on Saturday; she will not be returned by Mr. Fred Fleckett.

Quite a large number, including the choir of St. James church, met at the residence of Capt. Peatman on Thursday evening, after practising Christmas music. Quite a pleasant evening was spent in music and conversation.

The friends of Mrs. John Smith will be glad to hear that she is slowly recovering from her recent illness.

Miss Jennie Holder is home for her vacation. Her many friends are glad to see her face among her old friends.

She will return to Normal school after the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien Flewelling are receiving congratulations. The little stranger is a girl.

It is rumored that a dance will be held in Greenwich hall between Christmas and New Years.

Mrs. Duval Whelpley went to St. John on Saturday and returned today.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Belyea intend spending their Christmas in Clifton.

The wedding of Miss Helen Belyea, of Westfield, is to take place in Westfield church on Wednesday, Dec. 23. As she is quite popular in this place her many friends wish her all happiness.

The young people of the parish are busily engaged this week greening the different churches.

BURR.

CAMPELLTON.

[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, school books, stationery, furniture, carriages and machinery.]

Dec. 22.—Mr. Walter Richards, who has been in Fredericton for some time, is now in town visiting some friends.

Miss Maggie McKenzie, Miss Eliza Asker, Miss Janie Jardine and Miss J. Duncan have returned from the Normal school to spend their Christmas holidays with their parents and friends.

Mr. Samuel Burns, of the G. N. W. Tel. Co., has returned from his visit, and is again at his post.

Miss M. J. LeBlanc, of Carleton, P. Q., was the guest of her friend, Mrs. H. McAlister, yesterday.

Miss Bessie Stewart, of Dalhousie, is in town visiting her aunt, Mrs. Mott.

For the past week we have somewhat been exchanging visitors with Dalhousie. Among those from the latter place I may mention Mrs. T. O'Regan, Mrs. C. H. LaBrosse, Miss Murphy, Miss Devereaux, and Messrs. Geo. Moffat, ex-M.P., Wm. McIntyre, S. McGregor, and James Stewart; whilst from Campbellton Dalhousie has had Mrs. Justice Mott, who with her niece, Miss Bertie Stewart, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart.

Miss Katie Kane is spending her Christmas holidays with her friends home.

I regret to record that we are about losing one of our popular young clerks, Mr. Herbert Alexander, of the Normal school, who is about to leave for Wiscous, where he has accepted a lucrative position. Preparations are now being made by his many friends to give him a grand send off prior to his departure.

SUGAR LOAF.

SACKVILLE.

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

Dec. 22.—The "beautiful snow" of last week disappointed all anticipations, and having "put in an appearance" did not come to stay after all, but in a few hours slowly melted away, as did all our bright hopes of sleigh drives, snow shoe tramps and tobogganing. But the superb weather of the last week has made up to us for the disappointed hopes of these winter amusements! One would indeed be a cynic of the deepest dye to find fault with the good things the clerk of the weather has been providing for us the last few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. McDougall deserve the thanks of their friends for providing so many nice little parties that come off from time to time at their hospitable home. Last week one that was especially successful was given—which was enjoyed, and was followed by a dance, in which the most distinguished guests, even among some of our most gifted and graceful devotees of Terpsichore, after which an especially dainty and delicious supper was served. Among the ladies present were Mrs. S. Estabrooks, Mrs. Fred Ryan, Mrs. Foster, Miss Estabrooks, Miss Knapp, and Mrs. Black. The ladies were becomingly dressed, but why so many black silks? Most of them wore, or something dark, except I believe Mrs. Ryan, who wore a light shade, the latter a charming waist of grey silk. I hope our belles will not be so "snowed out" of their winter mood, and adorn their pretty selves in more cheerful and brilliant colors than is usual at evening parties. Among the gentlemen were Messrs. Foster, Calkins, Peterson, Black, Murray and Henderson.

We understand a number of our society people are included in the invitations sent out by the Bachelors of Amherst for their ball that comes off shortly.

Mrs. Foster, of Dorchester, and her friend passed a short time in Sackville last week with Mrs. H. A. Powell.

I regret to hear that Miss Hattie Stewart is quite ill of the grippe. Colds are very prevalent just now. Among the victims are Prof. Mack, of Mt. Allison, and Mr. H. Bette Allison.

Mrs. Tupper, of Halifax, paid a short visit to her sister, Mrs. S. Estabrooks, on her way to St. John and Sussex, where she visits "snowed out" of her winter mood.

The ladies of the Baptist society held a very successful tea meeting on Wednesday and Thursday last; a very large number partook of the excellent refreshments. The proceeds are for church purposes.

The halls, drawing-rooms and reception room at Mount Allison Ladies' college were brilliantly lighted with the electric light and gay with the bright youthful faces and costumes of almost dazzling hues. The occasion was the reception that is always held at the close of the term, and the beginning of the Christmas holidays. On Saturday evening last it was particularly social and enjoyable. The students were full of pleasant and happy memories of the past year, and at the coming of the festive of Christmas, and it seemed to me that their happiness was reflected on the faces of all present. The musical part of the programme took place in the conservatory, to which all repaired after promenading for awhile, and the guests had been received by Mr. and Mrs. Borden.

The performance of the young ladies on the piano and also the solos of the pupils in vocal music, as well as the recitations by pupils of the elocution class, were all of a high order of excellence. The ladies of the college were all of a high order of excellence. The ladies of the college were all of a high order of excellence.

Miss Landers is taking her holidays in Nova Scotia, but I believe most of the teachers remain at Mount Allison.

Prof. Grant, formerly professor of music at Mount Allison, is now in Virginia, where he holds a lucrative position in Danville Ladies' college there. Mrs. Grant, who is in Sackville will regret to hear, is still in delicate health.

Mr. T. S. Kirkpatrick has returned from a trip to P. E. Island.

DORCHESTER.

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

Dec. 23.—I agree with Cecil Gynne that something should be done to celebrate the weather we have had all through November and December, and think that the clerk of the aforesaid weather should at least be presented with an address. But—there is always a but—he might have given us something a little more suitable for Christmas. It does not seem quite the thing to go wading through vast wastes of mud while shopping for the festive day, and I should suggest that he get a move on, and freeze things up, with a slight covering of snow, just for appearance sake.

There is not much to inspire the pen of a society correspondent. Every woman is immersed in preparations for Friday, and only emerge from the pantry to issue orders for more materials, abstraction in her eye, and on her nose a large dash of flour. Can any one tell us who is responsible for Christmas being made a time of universal eating? Why must we manifest our good will towards men in that peculiar manner? I think the greater part of humanity must appreciate good will shown in some other form, in this land of inefficient servants, or to servants at all. But Klaus, it is fate, and we must submit to it.

The gathering in of the absent friends is a part that no one will object to, at any rate, and it is a pleasant sight to see the familiar young faces around their homes again.

Miss Sadie Forster and Miss Mande Hamilton returned from Windsor on Friday accompanied by Mr. B. W. Hamilton, from Halifax.

Miss Peters came on Saturday, to spend a few weeks with Mrs. Hamilton.

Miss Lottie Wallace arrived from Sackville on Monday, to spend the vacation.

Miss Geo. Swayne and her little son came from Point de Bute yesterday to be the guests of the Misses Backhouse.

Dorchester is extremely fortunate in being comparatively free from serious illness, notwithstanding the very mild weather, but in some places Christmas may be a sorrowful time. The many friends of the Misses Gilchrist will regret to know that the death has visited their home in Chatham and taken away a bright little girl, the youngest child of Mrs. Gilchrist, who died on Friday morning.

Quite a large number of people were gathered to hear to hear when others are rejoicing in re-united families. I think; but "unto each life some rain must fall, some days be dark and dreary."

The public school closed on Friday morning with very interesting exercises. The rooms were crowded with onlookers, friends of teachers and children.

We certainly are fortunate in having a most efficient staff of teachers, and it seems to me, an unusually bright lot of children. Their answers were very good, the examinations, and that part finished, they treated the audience to some music, recitations and dialogues that reflected great credit upon teachers and pupils alike.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hamilton are spending the week at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, of Malinco, N. S., were in town on Saturday and Sunday, the guests of Mr. Shreve.

Quite a number of invitations have been sent here for the "Fifteen Ball" in Amherst, which is to be given on the 30th. I fancy a number of our young people will avail themselves of the opportunity to attend a real ball, it is so long since there has been anything of the sort here.

Mrs. Albert Henchman spent Monday in Moncton with her sister, Mrs. Church. Miss F. S. Chandler is there today.

SUSSEX.

[Progress is for sale in Sussex by R. D. Boal and S. H. White & Co.]

Dec. 23.—During the past week it has been unusually dull in social circles, but it is only the calm before the storm, as I hear of a number of family reunions, Christmas trees, etc., which are to take place during the holidays.

There is considerable stir in the village, but nothing like what we would see at this season a few years ago. And the throngs of country people who take their perhaps annual outing to "the valley" seem year by year growing less. Of course the want of snow this year is one great drawback. Nature seems very perverse and refuses to put on her snowy mantle, but I hope she will put it on before Christmas, as sleighing is our great amusement on that day, and without it we miss the long line of fliers speeding up and down the level stretch between the upper and lower corner.

On Friday those interested in educational matters attended the public examinations in the schools, which were very creditable both to teachers and pupils. In the school at Upper Corner, after the exercises were closed, tea was served to the children, which was a very pleasant and interesting in doing justice to the good things provided. In the evening the house was packed with visitors, who enjoyed the admirable concert, consisting of music and recitations, given by the scholars, under the capable management of their teacher, Miss Julia Smith.

There will be a change in the staff of teachers in the grammar school, at the beginning of the term. Miss Murray who held the second highest grade has resigned her position, and will take charge of the primary branch, which is to open after the holidays, in the McKinnon building.

The community was shocked and saddened on Sunday, by hearing of the death of Mrs. J. H. Wilson, widow of the late Dr. Wilson, of Springfield, who had lived here but a few months, having previously resided in Springfield. Her husband died but a short time ago, and much sympathy is left for the family in their sad bereavement. The remains were taken to Springfield today for interment.

Dr. Johnson spent Friday in St. John.

Miss Susan Wilson, who has been attending the Normal school at Fredericton, is at home for the holidays.

Master Charles Hillecoat is spending a short time in Amherst.

Miss Nellie Ryan went to Petitedoie on Saturday and spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. B. A. Taylor. She returned home today.

A quiet wedding took place today at the residence of Rev. James Gray, in which the contracting parties were Mr. Robert Scott and Miss Maggie Hunter, of Markhamville.

Mr. Stanley Brown, of the Western Union Telegraph office, goes to Macao to be present at one of these interesting events tomorrow, in which he will be one of the principals. The lady is Miss Hattie Higgins, of that place. Miss Hattie Brown is now visiting her sister, and will act as bridesmaid on the occasion.