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HALIFAX NOTES.

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MARCH 15.—By request of the directors of the Academy of Music the Amateur Dramatic club gave School on Monday evening, the proceeds of which were as before, devoted to the improvements lately made in the building. The places left vacant in the cast by the absence of Miss Stairs and Miss Uniaque were very kindly filled at short notice by Mrs. Arthur Moore and Miss Binney of Yarmouth, both of whom are particularly youthful in manner and looks. Among the school boys indeed, the latter shared with Miss H. Albro the honors of the evening.

There was a very well filled house and the performance was even better than before. Mrs. Tobin looked particularly well and her bright and pleasant singing received the applause due to it. To be hypercritical, "Bell" might have played up with a little more spirit to Lord Beaufort's matrimonial advances, but she looked so very well and so strikingly handsome that it would have covered a multitude of more heinous sins.

The performance realized about \$200 which will pay for new scenery. The Academy of Music has not been a paying speculation for its shareholders, and it is to the public spirit of our amateurs that we are indebted for the new drop scene and other renovations. There was some talk of a supper to be given after the performance by the officers of the R. A. and E. L. E. but it was thought better to have such an entertainment in Lent. We have had so many sermons lately on the advisability of giving up our small pleasures, that it is almost surprising that a billiard, that ancient dropping really seems to be having an effect on that thing of stone, the public conscience.

Sir John Ross had a small dinner on Monday evening, adjourning afterwards with his guests to the academy of music.

The engagement is announced of Miss Edith Hensley, daughter of Mr. A. Hensley, to Mr. Guy Stanger of this city.

The marriage arranged between Miss Sutherland, Sydney Mines, C. B., and Mr. W. Gossip, of the Merchants' bank, will not take place. Mr. Gossip is a Halifax man, and comes of a well known family here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Baker, of Yarmouth, are in Halifax, where they will remain during the sitting of the local houses of parliament.

Mr. George Ritchie, son of the late Judge Ritchie, left on Monday for the West Indies via St. John. Mr. Ritchie goes for the benefit of his health, which is not at all good.

I heard that an unexpected letter had been received from Captain Stairs, the African explorer, giving a most satisfactory account of the progress of his journey and the state of his own health. In his exception of a slight attack of fever, Captain Stairs had not suffered at all from the climate, or the extreme scarcity of water. When he wrote he had arrived at a small village on the shore of Lake Tanganyika, where there is a small mission conducted by French priests; and was about to start with his men in canoes on the great lake. He expected to take about five or six days in crossing to the further shore, where his exploration of "Darkest Africa" will really begin.

Mr. Stairs has over 300 men with him for whose care he is responsible. Halifax, which was proud of him before, it is to be hoped, will still provide for her adventurous son on his return from this expedition, of which he is, de facto, the leader. One of his canoes, by the way, I understand, has been christened "The Bluebird."

The marriage of Capt. Whitehead, for so long stationed here in the 101st regiment, took place lately in England. The bride was a Miss Wallis, daughter of Surgeon-Major Wallis, A. M. D. I hear that though not especially good looking, she is very charming, and not by any means "richless lace." Her wedding dress was very handsome, oyster white satin, trimmed with valuable lace; and her going-down gown was pure colored velvet, both of which sound rather magnificent. A great many old friends of Halifax people were at the wedding, among whom may be mentioned Lieut.-Colonel David Johnston, Captain Moore, and Captain and Mrs. Drutt.

The committee appointed by the Wanderers' to organize a dramatic performance in aid of the funds of the club met this week, and have put the responsibility of the proposed theatricals on the shoulders of Mr. W. A. Henry and Mr. Fuller, two as capable individuals as could be found.

The play to be chosen is not decided upon, but the cast is to comprise besides Mr. Fuller and Mr. Henry, Captain Burns, Mrs. Tobin and Mrs. Geoffrey Morrow, the latter of whom I hear is to be leading lady.

The bazaar to be held by the club is being slowly organized by the committee by the aid of a thoroughness which is eminently satisfactory to the ladies forming the auxiliary committee.

The cold wave of this week gave a great impetus to the skating at the rink, which had been in a precarious condition. But on Tuesday afternoon it was said that the funds remaining would not allow of the Leicestershire band being engaged on the afternoon. The Artillery band has nobly come to the rescue, and gives its services for the small sum of eight dollars.

While the ice is in such excellent condition it seems hard that the Leicestershire band is denied us. But it is, I hear, so very much more expensive than any other band which has been in the habit of playing at the rink, that the subscription is already exhausted. The Artillery band is not an ambitious organization, but in the cap it has stepped in to fill no one will be unkind enough to criticize it.

There will be another small exodus by the Labrador on the 26th inst. Passages have been taken by Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Kenny, who will probably meet Mrs. Clerk on her return to England from France; Miss Norton-Taylor, Miss Nagle, Mrs. Trowbridge, who goes to join her husband; and Major and Mrs. Reader, who go home to care, and, I understand, desirous of letting their house on Spring Garden road.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Archibald, of Cape Breton, are making a short stay in Halifax. Mrs. Archibald who is so well known for her work in the field of temperance, may possibly speak as on her last visit here, for the W. C. T. U.

Mr. Poole, of Stellarton, is in Halifax for a few days on business connected with the royalty on coal.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, of Bridgewater, are at the Queen hotel. Mrs. Waite will spend some time with friends here before her return to Bridgewater.

A few ladies looked on at the curling competition between two and Halifax risks on Thursday; and, except in one instance, beheld the defeat of the home risks by the visitors.

The promoters of the Church Hospital held their adjourned meeting on Tuesday, and got through a satisfactory amount of business. There is no doubt as to the expediency of the work of the institution, but it will be still more efficient when it is put under the charge of the Church of England sisters who will come from Boston for that purpose. The situation of the Church Hospital is a great advantage, and the sea view from the patients' rooms is wide and beautiful.

The cold weather of this week has put an end to the salmon fishing which had opened very well. Mr. McGowan, R. A., killed a large fish last week, and so did Mr. S. Donaldson Ritchie.

Miss Robertson of St. John, whose engagement to Dr. Curry was announced some time ago, is making a short visit to Halifax.

Among other music to be given by the Orpheus club at their next concert is Mendelssohn's Wald-purgis Night, a composition which we cannot too often have an opportunity of hearing.

An old favorite of Halifax audiences, Alexander Salvini, who spent the best part of a summer here some two years ago and who went such a kind of a trip to his hostman the following Christmas, is fallen into a friendship with no less a luminary than Adeline Patti. The *Diez* has asked him to stay at Craig-Nos Castle in the coming summer, and take part in a performance of *Castellia Rusticana*, in which she will play the part of Santuzza to his Turidotta. It is to be supposed that young Salvini has a voice and can sing; though all Italians can do the latter to a certain degree, many of them have anything but pleasing voices.

There has been a cessation of the wave of tea, this week. I have only heard of three, two of which come off this afternoon. Sir John Ross is as on the last two Saturdays, "at home" at Bellevue.

On Wednesday evening, the 6th Princess Louise Fusiliers gave the first of the series of monthly mess dinners in the institution of which they have

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followed the example lately shown by the Halifax Garrison Artillery. There were a good many guests, and the band played during dinner very well indeed; a pleasant addition to a very enjoyable entertainment.

News has been received from Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Corbett, who are now staying in Nice, which is at this season at its best in point of climate. Mr. Corbett who went abroad principally for his health, was very well, and both he and Mrs. Corbett had much enjoyed a meeting with their old friends, Captain and Mrs. P. A. Scott. Captain Scott was in wonderful health and in the late spring will return to England to visit his daughters, Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. Nicolis. MORRIS GRANVILLE.

SPRINGHILL. [Progress is on sale at J. S. McDonald's book store.]

MARCH 16.—Mrs. Fred Loasby is in Parrsboro, called thence by the serious illness of her mother.

Mrs. Fuller returned from Montreal on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Cowans, who was detained in Montreal from a severe attack of grippe, has returned to town.

Misses Kate and Lily Leahy, of Halifax, are in town to sing at a concert here on St. Patrick's night.

Mrs. D. J. Leahy, Misses Kate and Lily Leahy, of Halifax, are the guests of Mrs. Fuller.

Miss Gaetz, Miss Maude Tighe, and Prof. Barnaby, of Amherst, are to take part in the concert on the 17th.

The photographic concert under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. in Fraser's hall on Tuesday night, was well attended. The Y. M. C. A. is a great success here and it is hoped the citizens will always give it their warmest support.

The club had an oyster supper in their rooms on Tuesday evening.

Rev. P. Egan has been suffering from an attack of grippe.

Mrs. Dr. Cove is visiting friends in Amherst.

Miss Meehan who spent the last week with Mrs. Loasby has returned to Moncton. MARCH 17.

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BRIDGETOWN. MARCH 16.—For the past five or six weeks special meetings have been held by the Rev. F. M. Young, pastor of the Baptist church. On Sunday night, as the result of these revival meetings, four candidates were baptized.

The many friends of Dr. J. W. Crook will be sorry to learn that he is confined to the house from a severe attack of the gonorrhoea.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Connel on the arrival of a little son.

Rev. Mr. Cain of Annapolis, spent a few days last week at the Baptist parsonage.

Rev. Mr. De Biols of Round Hill, paid us a flying visit last week.

Mr. Grettex, rector of Granville, and the Rev. Mr. Cunningham exchanged services on Sunday last.

Dr. Howard Bath, a late graduate of Philadelphia Dental College, spent a few days last week with us.

Mr. L. D. Shaffer returned on Saturday from a business trip to Boston.

Mr. Bowles of Canning spent Sunday with Mr. W. W. Cleary.

Mr. O. T. Daniels and Mr. Thomas Quirk have gone on a trip to Halifax. C. C.

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MARCH 15.—A very enjoyable evening was spent at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Millen, by a large number of their friends one evening last week, cards being the chief amusement. The manner in which whist tables were allotted was something new, and was probably invented for the leap year; tally being kept by the ladies. The prizes were very handsome, the first lady's being a delicate fairy lamp, won by Mrs. Mollison of St. John, and the gentlemen's first, a gold tooth pick, won by Mr. Hibbert.

Mr. Hamilton Byres, who has been doing business in the West for a number of years, is visiting his parents at Milton for a few weeks.

Mr. E. K. Kilian returned from Europe on Wednesday morning. In the evening the band serenaded him at his residence on Main street, under the leadership of their master Prof. Metcalf, late of Windsor, N. S.

Miss Mary Taylor returned from a six months visit to St. John this week. Her sister Miss Isa Taylor is still in that place.

Mr. Chas. Dadds arrived home on Wednesday from a trip in upper Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Knney entertained a number of their friends at cards last week. The winners of the prizes were announced about twelve, and after a very dainty supper, the evening was spent by the players being Mrs. Enos Parker and Mr. H. E. Chute.

Miss Lydia Killam is home after a very pleasant visit to friends in St. John.

Miss Julia Moody is in New York enjoying the musical season.

Among our young ladies who have been enjoying the winter elsewhere is Miss Agnes Dadds who returned to Yarmouth last week, having spent a very pleasant winter in Montreal. Her friend Miss Dora Murray, who has also been visiting at the same place, did not return with Miss Dadds, but intends taking a trip west before coming home.

Mr. H. Kilian is spending a short time at home.

Mr. Bennett, of St. John is spending a few days here.

The ladies of Wesleyan Methodist church advertised a very novel entertainment for Thursday next, called a "whip social."

The friends of Miss Carrie Killam, of Milton, were very pleasantly entertained at her home on Thursday evening. There was no dancing, but cards and other amusements passed away the hours between eight and one. Among those present were: Miss Jessie Burrill, Miss Carrie Dexter, Miss Belle Webster, Miss Annie Robertson, Miss Kate Christie, Miss Minnie Burrill, Miss Fannie Potter, Miss Nellie Crowell, Miss Kate Burrill, Miss Sadie Byerson, Mr. Arthur Stonehouse, Mr. Walter Dadds, Mr. Harry Munroe, Mr. William Rogers, Mr. Chas. Munroe, Mr. Wm. Wetmore, Mr. Inglis Hatfield, and Prof. J. B. Hooley. Some of the dresses worn by the ladies were very pretty, although not full evening costume. On account of other engagements the number of those invited were unable to attend, which, however, did not lessen the enjoyment of those who were fortunate enough to be present.

Miss Florrie Hardwick, of Bear River, who has been visiting the Misses Cann, at Milton, is at present staying with her aunt, Mrs. O. S. Davison, in town.

Miss Winnie Longhurst, from Lockport, has been visiting at the Rev. J. H. Longue's, in Yarmouth.

Mr. Walter Rankin, of St. John, is at present in Yarmouth.

There is to be a wedding at the home of one of our popular young ladies on Wednesday evening.

Mr. W. A. Chase made a short trip to Halifax last week.

Mr. W. T. Starrett is absent on business in Boston.

Miss Potter of Canning spent a few days with her friend, Miss May Davis of Milton, before leaving for a longer visit to friends in Boston and New York.

Hearty sympathy has been extended to the pastor and members of the Baptist church in the loss of their beautiful church by fire on Friday morning. Letters containing offers of assistance in providing temporary accommodations for the congregation have been sent to the pastor, the Rev. Mr. McIntosh by the different churches of this town. It is understood that the services are to be conducted in one of our halls until further arrangements can be made.

Mr. J. D. Dennis arrived home from England on Saturday.

Mr. P. Edwards passed through here on his way to Annapolis last week.

DARTMOUTH. MARCH 15.—There has been very little going on in social circles since lent came in—church-going being the order of the day; among the Episcopalians and others who do not observe the penitential season, are doubtless devising some ravishing costumes with which to dazzle the eye on Easter day.

Mrs. Stewart and a number of St. James' congregation gave a very enjoyable entertainment—consisting of music, readings, and recitations—on Friday evening last, and their efforts to shed some light into the darkened lives of the unhappy patients met with much appreciation.

Mr. Frank McKie has been removed to the People's bank at Windsor; his many friends here hope only temporarily, but the continued presence in any one place of a bank official can never be relied upon.

Mr. Alexander, who during his short stay in connection with the Woods sugar refinery, made many friends, has gone to Montreal to reside.

Miss Allison, of Windsor, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Grant, at "Heathstone."

Mrs. J. Walter Allison is visiting friends in Sackville, N. B.

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