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On Saturday the R. A. and R. E. gave a skating party on Williams' lake; a very informal affair, for the few written invitations only set forth that there would be tea at four for all comers, and the majority of people only received a verbal message. The skating was on one of the prettiest coves of the lake, but also on one of the most distant, a fact which kept a few faint-hearted people, ladies especially, at home. The afternoon was the perfection of a mild winter's day. The sun shone through a filmy frosty mist, there was not a breath of wind, and the sunset was something to be remembered. The lake was sprinkled with people, not by any means covered, though a hockey match was in progress as well as dancing; and though there were few bright dresses to be seen, there were plenty of brilliant hats; and best of all, any number of fresh faces and lovely complexions. At the northern end of the cove was the band, which played lustily and very well, unless one was hypocritically disposed; the fire; and the tea table; and near by on a convenient range of dry rocks, sat or stood the chaperones and a small contingent of non-skating people. There was no very earnest dancing, for too many men were playing hockey; and the ice might have been smoother had the day been less ideal in point of warmth. There was some croaking among elderly people even, regarding its safety; and they were not exactly triumphant, but wore something the demeanor of successful minor prophets, when Major MacDonnell managed to get into a hole and was thoroughly soaked before he emerged. There were no other accidents, unless one counts a few wet feet; and the hosts are to be congratulated on the success of their party. Among the ladies who were skating were Mrs. Corbett, whose very graceful movements were as noticeable as when we knew her as Miss Moren; Mrs. F. Jones and Miss Nagle, Miss Roberts, who looked very well in a most trying black and white jacket; Miss Slayter, whose lovely coloring is always seen to most advantage in the open air; Mrs. Geoffrey Morrow, Miss West, Miss Trenaman; Mrs. James Morrow, in a wonderful cape of sealskin and astrachan; Mrs. and Miss Clarkson; Mrs. Stairs-Duffus, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Tobin, the Misses Goidie, Mrs. Maycock, Miss Doull, Miss Hilda Stairs, Miss Lawson, and several others, among whose sombre gowns Miss Salter's crimson jacket was conspicuous. Even without the band; the excellent tea; and the blue smoke from the wood fire; the white ice set in the dark brownish-purple woods with a new moon high over it in the lovely winter sky, was a wintry picture worth remembering! It is to be hoped we shall have another such day and another such party before the season is over.

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On Monday the Leicestershire regiment were to have followed in the steps of the Artillery and Engineers and given a similar party. But as on Sunday we had a downpour and on Monday a deluge, their good intentions were forcibly quenched. One cannot expect a climate to order, but that of Halifax can give points to the world in the way of variety.

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On Thursday of last week Mrs. T. Ritchie gave a tea for Mrs. Arthur Moren, which was largely composed of young people; in this case a most suitable innovation, as the guest of the afternoon is, I hear, the youngest married lady in Halifax. Mrs. Moren has this week returned to St. John, where she will be the guest of her mother, Mrs. Hazen.

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In the evening there were several dinners, to bid good-bye to the old year. Mrs. Kenny had a more or less family party at Thornvale, among the guests at which were the Lieut. Governor and Mrs. Daly, Mr. and Miss Henry, Miss Keogh, Miss Morrow, Mr. Marsh, B. A.; Capt. Montieth; Major Boe, R. E.; Mr. Duffus, B. A., etc. At the Artillery mess there was also a large dinner, while on New Year's night Mrs. Thomson and Mrs. Reader, respectively, entertained a number of intimate friends.

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It is a true theory that the most popular people; those who live most *en coidence* in the world and are most run after by society; are the very people who every now and then like to be quite alone, with no chance of interruption from the 'Madding crowd"? It certainly looks a plausible idea this week; for Surg-Col. MacDowell, who is perhaps the best liked man who has served in this garrison, left for England on Monday in the *Polynesian*; the only first class passenger for Liverpool. Had he gone on Saturday in the *Labrador* which took among others, Mr. Mansell, Mr. Hawke, and Capt. Tarry of the Leicestershire Regiment, it looks to the casual observer as though he would have had a pleasanter, and certainly a more lively voyage. He will be very much missed here during the coming winter; not only his cheery presence, but his many very kindly and thoughtful actions have made him an immense favorite in Halifax. Every one was sorry to see him take his departure (after almost as many "last appearances" as the celebrated Sirus Reeves) and everyone would be glad to see him here on any pretext. It was a very familiar sight to see him driving with two or three ladies seated in his tea cart, whom he was conveying to pay visits at a distance;—a substantial kindness to such people as have neither horse nor carriage of their own. His official place, of course, can easily be filled; but his social one is a very different thing!

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On Tuesday the rink was to have opened for the private afternoons of this season. But owing to the remarkably spring-like weather which has prevailed, the ice was not fit for skating. This is the first winter within my recollection when the rink has not been in full swing by the fifth of January, and unless there is some steady frost its prospects appear most doubtful. It is excellent weather though for riding, and people are making the most of it; but the winter sports of Halifax are slowly but surely growing to be honored "more in the breach than in the observance!"

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On Tuesday evening Mrs. Abbott gave a small euchre party at her house in Church street, a capital one for that sort of party as the drawing room is very long and admits of a good many tables.

Mr. and Mrs. Stubbings had also a card and supper party on that evening at their house in H. M. dockyard; and were last week the givers of a dinner, which by some mischance I forgot to chronicle.

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The Orpheus club's concert, which we hoped would have taken place on Thursday, the 11th, is postponed for another week. Mr. Porter is one of the wisest of conductors, and no doubt has his reasons; but though I daresay the extra practices will ensure a better concert, still an Orpheus performance is always more or less of an event, and we had hoped for this particular one on Thursday. I hear the programme is even better than usual, and excellently calculated to please that most fickle thing, the public taste. Certainly the efforts of this club should meet with appreciation, for I have seldom heard a chorus so thoroughly together, and altogether so musically creditable as this of our small city. Miss Home's singing, too, is a delightful feature, and we are wonderfully lucky to have so true an artist among us.

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Invitations are out for a large dinner at Government House on the fourteenth of January, with perhaps—though this is but the most chance of chance rumors—a small dance after it. I hear that the Red Cap snow-shoe club, who gave one of the pleasantest balls of last year, are not going to repeat their success, but return to their old way of celebrating their anniversary, on whatever day it is which they hold sacred. It is to be hoped this decision will be reversed, for the Red Cap snow shoe club is an organization which has shown itself capable of giving that most difficult thing, a perfectly arranged and managed ball.

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Last evening (Friday) Mrs. Farrell gave a small but pleasant dance, chiefly composed of the unmarried and youthful section of society. Dancing was in the large double drawingroom, so that there was no crowd; but there was an unfortunate scarcity of men, an unusual thing in this place. Among the ladies were Miss Kenny, Miss Keogh, the Misses Stairs, Miss Wood, Miss West, the Misses Corbett, Mrs. Arthur Moren, Miss Stubbings, Miss Doull, etc. There were some pretty frocks worn, but nothing either new or remarkable. Mrs. Farrell herself was very well dressed.

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I hear that Mrs. John Duffus, who went to England in September to meet her son on his way home from a long sea voyage on a sailing ship (from New York to Valparaiso and thence to England, if I remember rightly,) is now on her way homewards in the *Mongolian*, accompanied by her son, whose health is much improved.

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I have been sent an English paper containing an account of the wedding of a lady who has near relatives residing in this town, and who has taken marriage into her scheme of existence, at the age of sixty. The bridegroom is seventy, I am informed by rumors, not by the paper which contains the notice of the wedding, so that after all it is a more sensible and suitable alliance that was that of Lady Burdett Coutts. The bride's toilette was very elegant, and must have been becoming; for lace, heliotrope silk of the palest possible shade, and a quantity of diamonds could not fail to have a rejuvenescent influence. The travelling dress was also very pretty, and with it was worn a dark red bonnet with pale pink feathers. Two of the lady's neices were her bridesmaids, and to judge from the paper it was an excessively pretty and smart wedding, whose principals are to be congratulated upon having had the courage of their opinions. That the bride is a very young looking woman for her years it is only fair to state; the climate of England does not age and shrivel people as does our own; and is it not written that Cleopatra was sixty when she cut short her young existence?

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Among the arrivals in Halifax this week were Mrs. F. Prier de Saone, Miss and Mr. A. Prier de Saone, who have come from Germany to spend the winter with Mrs. Arthur Morrow, who was a Miss de Saone, and who has been looking forward for some time to the visit of her mother, sister and brother.

MORRIS GRANVILLE.

DARTMOUTH.

JAN. 6.—La grippe seems to have taken possession of a great many of our worthy citizens, and nothing but civic elections and influenza seems to be much discussed just now. Those who are so unfortunate as to be confined to the house with colds, can at least console themselves with the thought that they are not missing any festivities; for, unlike most Christmas seasons, none of the hospitable matrons have opened their doors and bidden the young and festive enter.

The Fortnightly club met at Mrs. T. Cutler's on Tuesday. A good number were present and enjoyed themselves exceedingly, Mr. and Mrs. Cutler proving themselves most gracious host and hostess. There was not the usual contingent from Halifax, which was to be regretted, as it made the ladies greatly outnumber the gentlemen; but we are used to that.

The death of Mr. J, W. Turner was a great shock and surprise to his many friends in Dartmouth, his illness being of very short duration, and much sympathy is felt for Mrs. Turner in her bereavement. Christ church has lost a benevolent and staunch member in Mr. Turner, who was a regular attendant at that church.

Mr. William Crane left on Monday on a trip through the western part of the province.

The Dartmouth young men, always remiss in doing their duty on New Year's day, were none the less so this year, only four that I heard of being faithful to the time-honored custom. Two others, I believe, left home with the intention of calling on all their lady friends, but the charms of the ladies in the second house they visited proved too powerful, and their good intentions were not carried out.

I hear there is to be a very pretty wedding in the baptist church at the end of this month, and another quiet one in St. James about the same time.

I told you last week that Dartmouth has an heiress, and now I find we have in our midst a rather promising authoress. The two specimens of her writings I have seen indicate much ability, but why does she not assume a more euphonious nom de plume?

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AMHERST.

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JAN. 6.—The young men who comprised the committee for the management of the "Fifteen" ball, which came off last week, deserve to be congratulated upon its very successful termination. Everything passed off splendidly—good music, good floor, and as I heard a young man say, best of all, delightful partners. The ladies toilettes were very pretty, among them several new and elaborate ones. When all looked their best it is rather a difficult matter to decide upon the belle, but it is said that a young lady in yellow satin and black lace, which suited her style perfectly, has carried off the palm. There were a number from other towns.

Mrs. Courtnay Bliss went to Sackville on Wednesday to attend a party given on that evening by Mrs. Fred Allison.

Miss Emma Hay, of Vancouver, B. C., who is attending Dalhousie College, Halifax, spent a week of the holidays in town the guest of Mrs. A. Chapman.

Mrs. Henry Read, of Wallace, was in town for a week or two the guest of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Joseph Read.

Mr. D. G. Chapman was presented with a gold headed cane on Christmas Eve by his clerks.

Miss Fannie Chandler, of Dorchester, spent New Year's with Mrs. Ketchum.

Mr. and Mrs. McQueen, of Point du Chene, spent a few days with Dr. and Mrs. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Chapman and children, of Dorchester, spent New Year's day with their friends in town. Mrs. Chapman remained until Tuesday.

A dance at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dickey, and a dinner party at "Seven Gables," the pleasant house of Mr. and Mrs. N. Curry on the evening of New Year's day, were among the seasonsonable entertainments.

The heavy rain on Monday did not prevent a bevy of prettily costumed ladies, with a very small sprinkling of gentlemen from accepting an invitation to an afternoon tea at "Grove Cottage" given by Mrs. Dickey in honor of her son Mr. F. S. Dickey. Among those present were Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. A. R. Dickey, Mrs. J. A. Dickey, Mrs. Bishop, Miss Main, Mrs. R. C. Fuller. Mrs. D. Robb, Mrs. C. O. Tupper, Mrs. Ketchum, Miss Hall, Miss Pipe, Miss Bliss, Miss Moffat, Mrs. Hodgson, Mrs. Dimock Cummings, Mr. Barnaby, and Mr. Purdy.

Mrs. Dimock Cummings, who has been spending a week or two with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Baker, returned to Truro this week.

There was a five o'clock tea at "Seven Gables" on Wednesday.

Mr. F. R. Butcher of St. John, was in town this week.

Rev. Simon Frazer preached very acceptably in St. Stephen's church last Sunday, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. D. McGregor, who officiated in Dorchester.

Congratulations are being tendered Mr. J. A. Morrison, agent of the Halifax bank upon the important addition to his household, a son.

Miss Blanche Harris has returned to her home in Annapolis, after a visit of a few weeks at the vicarage.

Mrs Douglas returned from Dorchester on Monday, where she had been for a day or two.

Mrs. Nicholson gave a whist party on Monday evening and another on Wednesday evening.

Miss Hall, of St. John, is visiting Mrs. N. Curry.

Mrs. Curry gave a drive whist party on Tuesday evening, six tables. A very enjoyable time was spent.

Mrs. Stephen Thorne, of St. John, is visiting her parents, Capt. and Mrs. Lowerison. MEG.

BRIDGETOWN.

Jan. 5.—We have heard of nothing for sometime past, so great a success in the way of entertainments as that given in the Court House New Year's evening for the benefit of St. James' Church. Mrs. Piper, the leader, spared no pains or time in getting up a very pleasing programme for the occasion. The concert opened with a chorus by the Church choir. All were loud in their praises of the songs given by the "Little white minstrels," some ten or twelve little girls, dressed in white, with white caps and masks. Outside of the choruses lay the great attraction of the evening, the song, "Farewell Marguerite," by Mrs. Harry Ruggles, but her encores for "Comin Thro' the Rye" proved a very pleasing addition to the evening's programme. The Family Album was something quite new here. The fancy costumes of some of the young ladies looked very pretty, especially at the end of the concert, when all appeared on the stage to sing "Auld Lang Syne" and the "National Anthem." The ones that took part in this will always look back to the crowded house of the first day of the year 1892 as what they may reasonably expect in the future.

The Misses Healy entertained a few of their friends on Saturday evening last at a dancing and card party. Those present were: Miss Annie Chipman (Round Hill), Miss Ida Hennason, Miss Grace Hoyt, the Misses Pratt, Miss Bent, the Misses Hoyt; Messrs. Eason, Miller, Shafner, Bath, Beckwith, Hoyt, Wallace.

Mrs. Alfred Hoyt entertained a few of Miss Maud's friends last Tuesday evening. Those that were unable to be present on account of the disagreeable night were disappointed when they heard of the pleasant little dance that was given

Mr. Johnston, of Halifax, is in town, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ruggles.

Mrs. J. M. Barnaby, who for some months past has been visiting friends in Boston, returned home last Wednesday.

Miss M. E. Miller left on Tuesday for her home in New Germany.

Mr. H. Stuart, of Digby, is visiting relatives in town.

Mr. B. Fern is spending a few days with friends in town.

Mr. Gates, of Middleton, is in charge of the station here for a short time, Mr. F. C. Croskill being confined to the house from quite a serious illness.

Mr. Arch. Healy left Monday for his school in Weymouth. C. C.

TRURO, N. S.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Truro at Mr. G. O. Fulton's.]

JAN. 6.—Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hanson and Miss Ethel drove to Economy on Saturday, where they spent a few days with Mrs. Hanson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moore.

Mrs. Patterson, the popular principal of the Kindergarten here, left on Monday last for Boston and New York. Mrs. Patterson, during her stay in these cities, will visit the principal schools of Kindergarten, taking notice of their methods.

Mrs. T. G. McMillan's cards were out on Monday for a ball on Thursday (tomorrow) night at her beautiful new residence, "The Cedars." The invitations are very pretty, delicately pink-tinted notes enclosed in an envelope of the same shade.

Mrs. D. A. Bishop returns to town tomorrow from Amherst, where she has been since before Christmas visiting home friends and attending a series of balls and parties, some of which have been given in her honor.

Mr. A. S. Carson is just recovered and out after a wrestle with his grippeship.

Rev. Jas. McLean of Great Village, was in town yesterday a guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Smith.

Mrs. S. W. Snook and her little son Master Walter Snook, left on Thursday last for Mexico, where they will spend the remainder of the winter in Mexico with Mrs. Snook's sister, Mrs. Cheeny.

Mr. Thos. Nothing of the law firm of Congdon & Nothing, Halifax, has returned to town after spending a few days among old friends here.

Mr. C. A. McCully of New York, who has been enlivening home friends with his presence for a few weeks, went to Halifax on Saturday, when after a day or two's stay he will return to New York.

Dr. E. Laurence is confined to the house with a very severe attack la grippe.

Miss Carrie Calkin, who has been in Boston since the autumn, is now enjoying a trip with her brother Mr. Niel Calkin, to New York, Philadelphia, Toronto and other points of interest.

Mr. J. E. Fitch, who has been quite ill at his home in Shubenacadie, is able to be about again.

Mr. Edward Amand has returned to his studies in Halifax, at Dalhousie college.

Mrs. Gertrude Riche has returned to her studies at Wolfville Seminary.

Miss Dickie has gone back to Wellesley College, and Miss McNaughton has also resumed her studies at the Young Ladies' College, Halifax. PEG.

PUGWASH.

JAN. 6.—Mr. E. A. Bent has just returned from a business trip to Cape Breton.

Mrs. Yeoman and daughter returned last Saturday from Parrsboro, from spending the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Rogerson.

Mr. Dimock Cummings, of Truro, was in town last week, for the first time since his return from Denver, Col.

Mrs. McKenzie and children, who have been spending the holiday season with friends in St. John, returned home on Saturday, accompanied by her father, Rev. Dr. Macrae.

The re-opening of the presbyterian church, which took place on Sunday, is an event of interest to many. It has been thoroughly renovated, and enlarged, and is a credit to the congregation. Dr. Macrae assisted the pastor, Rev. Mr. McKenzie in the dedicatory services and delivered two eloquent sermons.

The only amusement, at least for the present, that the young people have to look forward to, is a carnival, which is billed to come off at Wallace on the 14th inst.

Mrs. William Garson returned on Monday from a ten days visit to her daughter, Mrs. Wiltshire, in Amherst.

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