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HALIFAX NOTES.

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The Royal Artillery had a perfect day last Saturday for their sports, not too sunny, not windy; warm and pleasant, it had brought out every one lucky enough to be invited out to the Polo ground; and had brought out a refreshing display of new autumn gowns and hats. The sports were very good indeed, and the mise-en-scene charming. Tea was served in a tent in the paddock, not as heretofore in the enclosure, a capital innovation since it kept people together and prevented the necessity of going to and fro over the dusty race course—for ladies with long dresses no inconspicuous frocks one of the best and most becoming was brown tweed with a vest of robin's egg blue, worn by a lady whose youthful and rich coloring it set off to perfection. Another of black serge with a red vest was very effective, and a very beautifully made brown tweed was not far behind it. Mrs. Guey Hart was looking very nice in a peculiar but pretty gown of black and pale blue, but quite the beauty of the day was the lady whose dress was first mentioned.

By the way, some Halifax ladies have much to learn as regards dress; it is not the gown alone but the boots, gloves and other details which make the well-dressed woman; and, curiously enough, it does not seem to be the most among us who neglect these small things. In these days of held-up skirts, volumes too, might be written on the humble subject—but I forbear!

The wedding of Miss Thomson and Dr. Andrews, R. N., has shortened the already short list of Halifax girls by one. It was a very pretty wedding and set off with a great flutter of millinery and uniforms, and much consequent eclat. The bride's dress was very handsome, made of the thickest of broadened satin, and her title well, and her diamonds were extremely becoming. Her traveling dress was a soft pale grey cloth, a color of which she has always been fond, with a grey hat to match. The last toilette was seen by but a very few of the wedding guests most of whom had left the house before the bride had come down after changing her frock, a state of affairs which caused, I believe, from the time hour at which the evening train leaves Halifax. No wedding guest—not even the one detained by the Ancient Mariner—could tarry at an afternoon wedding until half past seven o'clock.

The dresses worn by the bridesmaids were very pretty and successful, becoming to the very distinct styles both of Miss Nagle and Miss Kenny, both of whom looked very well, Miss Nagle, indeed, quite lovely. Their frocks were summer like rather than autumnal, but the pretty pink so noticeable in the robes, cuffs, collars and sashes saved them from being too pale. The hats worn with these dresses were prettily trimmed with pink and some fluffy, airy flowers.

After the wedding there was the usual reception at Fernwood, the home of the bride, and Dr. and Mrs. Andrews received the congratulations of their friends standing under a large bell of hot-house flowers which had been hung for the occasion in the drawing room.

Fernwood, which is a large house and has the great advantage of possessing a conservatory, was decorated very nicely and elaborately with flowers and plants in honor of the wedding. Mrs. Thomson, mother of the bride, wore a very handsome gown and bonnet, and some of the toilettes of the guests were very smart indeed. Miss Roberts, cousin of the bride, was especially dressed in white corduroy and relieved slightly with gold. Mrs. Robie Umacke was very handsomely dressed in a more matronly and elderly fashion, in black and mauve, and was accompanied by her daughter in grey. Quite the prettiest gray toilette however, and there were three or four, was worn by Mrs. Clarkon, whom this very trying color suits to perfection. Dr. and Mrs. Andrews will return to Halifax before going to Bermuda, to which place, indeed, it is probable that the former will be obliged to proceed in H. M. S. Blake, while Mrs. Andrews will follow him in the mail-steamer.

Going to England upon short leave appears from late examples to be fatal to masculine peace of mind, and the pursuit of a bachelor existence. Apropos of which the engagement has just been announced of Lieut. Charles Sutthoven, R. E., to a young English lady, whose name I have not heard. Mr. Sutthoven has a great many friends in Halifax from whom he will receive warm congratulations.

On Monday afternoon Mrs. Duffus gave a very pleasant tea for her daughter, Mrs. Wood, who has been spending some months in Halifax and will shortly leave for Barbadoes. It was not a very large tea party, but very cherry and of course charmingly arranged, the tea room looking especially pretty with its table in white, and the yellow shades, and adorned with a large christening cake.

Mrs. Wood was looking very pretty in a toilet of coffee and cream. Miss Corbett and Miss Courtney was helping to pour out tea and coffee, and wore very pretty tailor made gowns.

Invitations are out for a dance at Wellington barracks on Wednesday next, which is modestly heralded as a "cinderella" dance from nine to one, but which will probably blossom into later hours.

Society has been deprived of a capital evening's amusement this week by the abandonment of the theatricals which it had been proposed to have held in aid of the Garrison chapel.

Capt. Fleet of H. M. S. Tartar and Mrs. Fleet were to have taken principal parts, and were to have been assisted by Mrs. Fred Jones, Miss Roberts and Capt. Burne and Capt. Bowell, Leicestershire Regiment.

The reason for the theatricals being given up is, I understand, the impossibility of obtaining the Academy of Music at any suitable date before the departure of H. M. S. Tartar.

People are disappointed, as a new element in the amateur dramatic world is always a thing to whet expectation and draw a full house.

The Orpheus club had a very pleasant dinner on Tuesday evening at the hotel, the course of which was culled by some very well sung songs from different members of the association. The ladies' auxiliary might now follow suit by giving one of the "door dinners," which are popular in the Writers' club in London; or perhaps if they wait patiently the club to which they are such an acquisition might tender them a slight dinner, even a summer picnic! Seriously, such entertainments as that of Tuesday evening do a great deal to keep an organization together; and I hear it was particularly enjoyable.

An entertainment new to Halifax, which, in some respect, behind many of the provincial towns, is announced to take place at an early date, and will be given in aid of a charitable society.

"An evening with Dickens" is to be given by some of the leading ladies and gentlemen of the society in question, assisted by different amateurs, among whom are mentioned Mrs. F. Jones, and Mr. W. H. Hill, the latter a very old favorite whom a Halifax audience is always glad to welcome.

Miss Eliza Stokes has returned from the North-west and intends spending the winter at Fernwood, as the guest of Mrs. Thomson.

I regret to hear that in consequence of the severe illness of the bridegroom, the Hon. W. Stoppord, the marriage of Miss F. Baker, of Yarmouth, is postponed until November.

The death of Mr. Henry Pryor, a very old resident of the town, and a very well-known one during his long services as stipendiary magistrate, took place on Monday last at his residence, on Church street. Mr. Pryor, who is a sister of the late Mrs. Hartshouse, was, during the long illness and gradual failure of her husband his untiring and constant nurse, and has the sympathy of her many friends in her loss.

The Hon. A. E. and Mrs. Jones returned, on Wednesday, from a short visit to Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Jones Sedgewick have returned from their wedding journey and have taken up their quarters at the Queen hotel, where Mrs. Sedgewick has this week been "at home" to visitors, and was assisted on both days by Miss Sedgewick and Mrs. Ross. Mrs. Sedgewick was very prettily dressed in colored serge, and had of course a host of visitors. Lieut. Macdonald and Lieut. Marsh, B. A., have just returned from a course hunting expedition, n

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which they secured one mouse, the first, I think, of the season.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Payzant gave a large five o'clock tea which was quite the social event of the week. Mrs. Payzant's room were filled at an early hour, and by six o'clock the crowd was quite tremendous. All the arrangements were very well made, and the tea table, a delightfully pretty one, on a scale more sumptuous than usual, the flowers were especially pretty, and indeed I hear that the hostess is famous for her success as regards plants; a fact not to be doubted, but taken altogether Mr. Bengough sent away a thoroughly pleased and satisfied audience.

The Misses Payzant were very daintily dressed, and both looked very well; Mrs. Payzant was in Black, which was very handsomely made. There were a great many smart frocks to be seen as all society had turned out in force, and the whole function was exceedingly pleasant and well managed. By the way, I heard a rumor of a forthcoming dance at the same hospitable house for young people only; but for the accuracy of this I cannot vouch.

A smaller tea on Wednesday afternoon was given by Mrs. Nagle and people turned up here pleasantly in an informal manner up to a late hour in the afternoon. There were no invitations given with the exception of a few verbal ones, but Mrs. and Miss Nagle are two of the best hostesses possible, and their parties always delightful.

On Wednesday evening Orpheus hall was packed by an audience anxious to welcome Mr. Bengough, the clever caricaturist who has not been here for some years, but whose hand has not lost its cunning during his absence. Some of his sketches were exceedingly clever and brought down the house with roars of laughter and applause. Others, however, were not quite so happy, but taken altogether Mr. Bengough sent away a thoroughly pleased and satisfied audience.

The frocks on Friday night were quite beyond the average, Mrs. Alexander, of white and gold with a gold corselet was much admired, as was Mrs. Bon's plain white satin with its very long train edged with ostrich feathers; but the most brilliant gown of the evening was Mrs. James Morrow's; a deep pink in color, it was very plainly made with a wattle back, and had large sleeves; Mrs. Guy Hart's was another very good gown, and the beautiful brocade of which it was composed attracted to great advantage as she walked about; Miss Nash wore a very pretty dress of brocade also, but in colors, and her sister, Mrs. Trotman, was looking very handsome in black; Miss Kelly's blue dress I have already mentioned; Miss Kenny and Miss Keogh both looked well in black and white respectively; Mrs. J. F. Kenny was wearing a combination of black and white, which was very delightful to the eye; there is really nothing except perhaps diamonds which is so goodly a possession as old lace, and Mrs. Kenny's is really wonderful; Miss Umacke in pure white was very like an ice maiden and looked especially handsome; Mrs. F. Jones had combined in her dress the very vivid red and green sometimes seen on an autumn leaf, an extraordinary but most successful combination; Fraulein Budinger was looking very handsome in white, and Mrs. Freeman particularly pretty in black.

One good dance last week and one to look forward to next week is a pleasant variety in the affairs of men, wherein gaiety has for a long time been wanting. Badly enough, however, people do not all seem to go to dances for the sake of dancing, and on Friday evening I noticed quite a score of ladies and of course twice as many gentlemen, who sat on the stairs and downstairs and passing in review the unfortunate couples who were solacing themselves with sweet converse in the friendly shelter of screen or corner. Probably the latter division did not particularly care, and the former enjoyed peeping into sequestered nooks and running away with little screams or muttered exclamations. But to anyone interested I may remark that far less noticeable are five dances danced together in the ball-room, than three sat out, even at discreet intervals.

The long talked of concert in aid of the sailor's Home came off on Thursday evening and on Thursday morning by nine o'clock the entrance to the Academy of Music was pretty well blocked up by cupon holders waiting to exchange their tickets for seats. The programme was an exceptionally long and good one, and the audience very smartly dressed, for the most part exceedingly interested. Miss Holland had never before sung in the Academy of Music and people were most anxious to hear her. The lady performers were very prettily dressed by the way, and it is to be hoped that their pretty gowns were not ruined on the dusty stage.

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Oct. 11.—The Industrial exhibition held in the Phoenix rink on Thursday and Friday afternoon and evening made last week an unusually busy and exciting one, especially to those personally interested. The "fair" on the whole was successful, more so than it has been for several years, particularly in the art department, when the exhibits, although not so large in number as in former occasions, were far in advance regarding the talent displayed. The pictures were particularly worthy of mention were too numerous to be spoken of in "society notes," perhaps the finest production being a picture by Mrs. Nathan Lewis, "The Monarch of the Glen," which attracted universal interest and attention, both regarding the subject chosen and the execution. It was awarded, as it well deserved, first prize among the figures. Several bits of natural scenery were well executed by Mrs. B. Corning and others. The flower department was also very fine. During both evenings excellent music was furnished by the Milton and Yarmouth bands. Mr. Fairweather of St. John is in town on business for a few days. Mr. Charles Murphy left this evening, for New England.

Bishop Courtney passed through here en route for Halifax on Wednesday.

Rev. and Mrs. E. Cromwell are visiting friends in Boston.

Mr. Richard Hovey, of Washington, D. C., left here last week en route for his home. Mr. Hovey is a well-known poet and dramatist of America, and has been spending a vacation in visiting the maritime provinces.

Mrs. E. D. Millar returned from Boston last week, having spent a fortnight in visiting her sister, Mrs. J. McIntosh, at Melrose. She was accompanied on her return by Mrs. McIntosh who will remain in Yarmouth for a few weeks.

Mr. W. Baker left on Tuesday evening of this week for Boston on business.

Among the strangers in town last week were: Mr. E. Willard and Mr. J. Doyle, of New Hampshire.

The sad intelligence reached here on Saturday last of the death of Mrs. Farish, widow of the late Dr. Jas. Farish of Yarmouth, and daughter of the late Dean Bullock of Halifax. Her death occurred at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. J. M. Owen, barrister, at Annapolis early on Saturday morning, after an illness of several weeks. The funeral took place from Holy Trinity church, Yarmouth, on this Tuesday afternoon, the church being draped in mourning with white floral offerings in memoriam, Mrs. Farish being a member of the church. The floral tributes were numerous and handsome, particularly two beautiful wreaths of pure white lilies.

Mr. and Miss Bullock, of Halifax, were among the many friends in attendance, and during their stay are to be the guests of Hon. and Mrs. L. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen, of Annapolis, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Spimney, and intend returning to their home on Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Farish's death will be sadly felt by her many friends in Yarmouth where she has frequently visited since her removal three years ago.

Mr. A. D. Bonnell, of New York, visited in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Enos Parker have been spending a few weeks with friends in Boston, returning on Saturday last.

Miss Bailey, of Kentville, passed through here en route for Boston last week to resume her studies at the New England Conservatory of Music.

Mr. J. L. Parsons, of Halifax, spent a short time here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Currie, of Windsor, recently visited friends in town.

Mrs. H. B. Cann and Miss Lovitt who have been spending the month of September in Philadelphia, arrived home on Saturday morning.

Mr. F. W. Livermore, of New York, left on Saturday evening for his home.

Mr. C. Dyke went to New York this evening. Friends from Bermuda have been staying at the residence of Mrs. B. B. Gray, Main street.

Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Putnam, of New Jersey, spent a short time here last week.

Rev. and Mrs. Jas. Hart, of Annapolis, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Ryerson.

Mr. Rhodes, of Amherst, passed through on his way to Boston on Saturday evening.

Mr. Chas. Burrill, of Weymouth, N. S., spent a short time here before leaving for Boston last week. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dane on the arrival of a son on Thursday last.

DIGBY, N. S.

(PROGRESS is for sale in Digby at the bookstore of Mrs. Belle Morse.)

Oct. 12.—Mrs. C. McC. Campbell, of Weymouth, and Mrs. V. A. Landry are to spend the winter in California.

Miss Sadie Durkee has gone to Wolfville to study at Acadia college.

Mr. Frank Bakin has gone to Wycliff college, Toronto, to study preparatory to taking orders in the church of England.

Mrs. Geo. F. Stone has returned from an extensive American tour.

Mr. Vincent Hogan, of Weymouth, has gone to Montreal to take a medical course at McGill college.

Mrs. J. Tobin and Miss Tobin have been visiting friends in Boston.

Mrs. James Fairweather and Miss Fairweather, St. John, have been the guests of Mrs. A. H. Ellis.

Mrs. H. B. Shotts has recovered from her recent severe illness.

Miss Catherine Viets and Mrs. Charles Turnbull have been quite ill.

Miss Woodman and Miss Shaw of Clementsport have moved to Digby.

Dr. and Mrs. Smith, who have been visiting Mr. J. Chalmers, have returned to Boston.

Mr. Ernest Leary returned to Clementsport. Miss Barnaby has been visiting Mrs. Digby Bonnell.

Mr. Edward McCormick has been visiting friends and relatives in Boston.

Mr. Thos. Robertson, ex M. P., for Shelburne was in town last week.

Mr. G. P. Burton, who was confined to his residence for a few days through illness, is out again.

Mr. Chas. A. Young has returned to Boston.

Mrs. Jas. A. Gibson, of Brookline, Mass., is visiting Digby.

Mr. Geo. Robertson, who has been superintending the erection of the Valley telephone line, has returned home.

Mr. J. P. Burton has returned from his pleasure trip in Massachusetts.

Miss Maggie Holdsworth is visiting relatives in Brighton.

Mrs. Herbert Green has returned from Prince Edward Island where she has been visiting relatives.

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