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It is a long time since Halifax has seen a colder Christmas or a merrier Christmas than this of '92. The weather on Sunday and Monday was fine, clear and keen. There was on the second day very passable sleighing, and all the afternoon and evening there was a constant going to and fro of people bound to various hospitable houses to eat their Christmas fare. There were family dinners and parties innumerable, some few of which enlarged their borders and took in strangers. Among these last the two entertainments were those given by Mrs. T. E. Kenny on Sunday evening, and by Mrs. James Morrow on Monday.

The guests at Thornvale were the Lieut. Governor Mrs. and Miss Daly, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Kenny, Mr. and Miss Henry, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Kenny, Colonel Ryan, Captain Monteath and Lieut. Enthoven R. E.

On the following evening, Mrs. James Morrow gave a large and very pleasant dinner, of about twenty-four people, at her house on Morris street. The table was extremely pretty, being done with a great deal of silver and flowers, and the whole affair was very successful. Among the guests were Sir John and Miss Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Miss Daly, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Kenny, Colonel Rolph, Captain Semini, Leicestershire Regiment, Mr. White, A. D. C., Mr. Enthoven, R. E., Captain Farines, R. A. etc.

On Sunday evening Mrs. Thomson had a small supper party in honor of her son, Mr. Arthur Thomson, of the Bank of Montreal, who is spending the present week in Halifax.

On Monday evening Mrs. George Franklyn gave a family dinner with about a dozen guests. Mr. G. E. Franklyn Jr., is here from Kingston, on short leave, as also is Mr. Roger Wilby.

Captain and Mrs. Z. Wood and child are the guests of Captain and Mrs. I. Taylor Wood. Mrs. Wood gave a charming child's party on Tuesday for her little grandson.

Mr. Harry Duffus who has been in New York for the past few years is making a short visit to Halifax and is staying with Mr. and Mrs. William Duffus.

The engagement in announced of Mr. W. B. Ferrie, of the Canada Life Assurance, and Miss Turner of Hamilton, Ont. I hear that the wedding is fixed for an early date, and that the future Mrs. Ferrie will be a great acquisition to society.

Dr. Darell Harvey, of Providence, R. I., is spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey, Park street.

The great social event of the week is the New Year's eve dance to be given to-night at Bellevue. It is only a small dance. I hear as regards the invitations issued, but bids fair to be a cheery one. Miss Ross makes a charming hostess, and the floor at Bellevue is quite the best in Halifax.

A veritable sensation in the way of balls approaches with the new year. It is to be for charity, (though for what particular one I have not heard) it is to be a calico and a masked ball! Now what opportunities unfold themselves before the elite of society, for I suppose there will be some sort of "vouchers" required, or else tickets will be procurable only from the ladies of the committee. The ball is to be in the Masonic hall, which is the one and only place to be had. The dining room of the Halifax Hotel would doubtless be more suitable in many ways, but the Masonic hall is not too bad for people bent on dancing. By the way, what of the Red Cap Snowshoe club? They gave a capital ball there some two years ago, last year if I recollect aright, they were more selfishly inclined and had a dinner. Perhaps this year they may be moved to repeat their dance, it is certain they would if they realized how successful it was.

The school of Cookery, which Mrs. Courtenay, who is certainly one of the most energetic of people working hard to get established, is on a fair way to success. Most of the principal ladies in the town are taking an interest in it, and the committee I have heard named is a most capable one. The school, as the scheme stands at present, is to offer only demonstration classes; practice lessons being too expensive and involving too great an amount of trouble. Now although the former style of lesson is all very well for a class of experienced pupils, it is not at all the same thing for the complete tyro in cooking. Nothing but a hard course of practice lessons will enable a girl who knows absolutely nothing of roasting and boiling to develop into a cook; unless she has a positive genius for the culinary art.

The above is not my unassisted opinion but that of a number of ladies whom I heard discussing the very excellent idea of having a school of cookery in Halifax. The sum and total of their talk seemed to be that demonstration lessons (which mean I believe that the dish is made by the teacher in a sort of stage, while she lectures on its construction to a seated audience) while very good in their way, are inadequate for any but knowledgeable people. The meeting, however, which to be held on Wednesday afternoon next, at government house, will doubtless settle this question, as all ladies interested in the scheme are invited, the advocates of practice lessons will be able to air their views.

I hear that the rink committee have had their work cut out in getting together the amount required for the private afternoons. At this time of writing which is unfortunately before the final meeting, it is pretty certain that the rent of the rink has been guaranteed by the number of names received, but that very essential thing for the enjoyment of Halifax skaters who really care for nothing but dancing, the band, is not by any means a certainty! The other adjunct to the comfort of subscribers who do not—the tea—is, I am told, out of the question at this moment.

Among the churches this week St. Luke's cathedral quire carried away the palm for beauty of decoration. One of the novel bits of work, the idea I understand, of the rector, Mr. Crawford, caused quite a small sensation among the congregation on Christmas morning. This was a religious Star of Bethlehem, a sort of transparency managed with gas, and was really a very clever and pretty addition to the decorations of the chancel.

To St. Paul's church very little was done in the way of decoration, with the exception of the chancel, which had some very pretty palms and plants surrounding the communion rail. The reason for not trimming the body of the church was that next month it is all to be redecorated and renovated, a difficult task in a large church like St. Paul's, and one which the congregation here will not be rashly attempted.

YARMOUTH. [Progress is for sale in Yarmouth at the stores of E. J. Vickery, Harris & Guest and Dr. Lovell's Drug Store.] Dec. 27.—Dr. Putnam left on Friday morning for a short stay at his former home in Midland, Hants Co. Mr. T. M. Lewis, who has been absent from town for some weeks visiting other provincial towns arrived home last week. Mr. Arthur W. Brown arrived here on Saturday, from Mass., where he has been attending college for

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The amateur dramatic club has taken the Academy of Music for Wednesday and Thursday of next week and will present three plays. A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing will be the piece de resistance on both evenings, but will be succeeded on Wednesday evening by Done on Both Sides. I have before given the names of the clever company which has been got together among the amateurs, and next week will give us an opportunity of seeing what they can do. Of the capabilities of Mr. Jones, Mr. Curry and Captain Vowell there is no doubt, but some of remainder have to prove their metal for the first time. The dresses are to be particularly pretty and good. The period of history to which the first piece belongs offers particularly good opportunities for costume. The wigs are to come from Boston and are historically correct.

By the way an ancestor of a gentleman now in the Halifax garrison was instrumental in getting rid of that scourge of the time, Jeffries, Colonel North, by I understand, a direct descendant of Lord Guilford. MORRIS GRANVILLE.

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WINDSOR, N. S.

Dec. 27.—There was skating at the Rink on Monday evening for the first time this season. The 78th Band was present, and provided an unusually good programme of music.

Mr. David Soloan, principal of Pictou Academy, is spending the vacation at his home in Windsor. Mr. Reg. Lawson was home to spend Christmas. Miss Molly Gossip who has been in Antigonish for several months is home again.

Mr. Strathie spent a few days in Windsor last week, the guest of Mr. Trapnall. Mr. Robson went to Halifax to spend Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Armstrong, of Middleton, have been spending a few days with Mrs. Henry Dimock.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hart of Halifax, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. William Curry. Mr. James King is home for a short time. Mr. and Mrs. Holland are visiting in Windsor. Mr. George Murphy, who is attending Medical College in Halifax, is home for a short time. Mr. Harry King is home from the Law School, Halifax, for the vacation.

Mrs. Taylor, of Halifax, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. William Curry. Miss Coleman of Waterville, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. George Geldert, for several months, went to her home on Saturday, to be married on Thursday next to Dr. Bath, of North Sydney. Miss Coleman was a great favorite here, and carries with her the good wishes of a host of friends. Mrs. George Geldert has gone to Waterville, to be present at her sister's marriage.

Mr. Clarence Morris is home from College for the vacation. On Christmas eve Rev. Anderson Rogers was presented with a Persian lamb coat by the members of his congregation in Windsor and Hantsport. Mrs. Smith and Mr. Smith, Principal of Windsor Academy, entertained the pupils of his department at their home on Chestnut street on Friday evening. M. P.

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some months. He will remain at home for a few weeks vacation. Miss A. Forbes of the Yarmouth Academy is absent from town on a fortnight's vacation in Pictou. Mr. Fred Ryerson arrived home from Halifax last week after almost a year's absence. Miss Edna Forbes of Barrington, is in Yarmouth, the guest of the Misses McGray, Forest street. Mrs. W. F. Kempton has gone to Boston for the winter to engage in musical studies. Miss Alice Brown is home from Mass., where she has been attending Art school for some months. Miss Heartz arrived home from New York on Saturday's steamer.

The marriage of Mr. Augustus Viets and Miss E. M. Livermore took place in Boston, recently. Miss K. Christie is visiting friends in Halifax and Truro during the holiday season. Miss F. Johns who has been in Halifax for a long stay, is home for the Christmas holidays. Mr. C. Webster arrived home from Dental college in Mass., this week. Mr. C. Crosby, who has been engaged in business in New York for the past year, is in town for a few weeks.

Interesting carol services were held in the different churches on Sunday last, particular mention being made of those in St. Ambrose and Trinity. The Amateur Dramatic club are rehearsing for another play to be given next month. Mr. Dunlop, of St. John, N. B., was in town recently. Mr. E. Lovitt is home from Sackville college. Capt. A. H. Kelly, of Halifax, spent a short time here recently.

NORTH SYDNEY.

Dec. 26.—Miss Susie Peppert is spending the Christmas holidays at home. Hon. J. W. Loney was in town Thursday. D. R. Street arrived from Ottawa, Saturday, on a fortnight's vacation. Rev. Mr. Armstrong, brother of J. N. Armstrong, preached in Calvary Baptist church, Sunday. Messrs. Sutherland and Mackay are spending their holidays at their homes. Mr. W. Gossip of the Peoples' Bank was in Halifax Christmas day. A concert was held in the Royal Albert Hall on Thursday evening, which was not very well patronized. There is sleighing to-day and the frost king has relaxed his iron grip. "Thanks be!" as Max O'Rell hath put it, for now we do not long so much to sleep and dream with the daisies till the summer comes again and the necessity for sewing one's butter on their bread hath passed away. DALLAS.

DIGBY, N. S.

Dec. 29.—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Burns, and Master Bert, spent Christmas in Clementsport. Mrs. Wood is visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. Corbett, in Annapolis. Mr. Harry Viets is home from McAdam for the holidays. Mr. A. H. Ellis and Master Arthur are home for the holidays. Mr. Frank Rice is home from Dalhousie. Mr. Gordon Jones now of New York, is here on a short visit to his mother. Mr. Thompson, of Halifax, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Fritz. Mr. W. E. Brown is home again, after the accident which befell him some time ago, and is able to move about with the assistance of crutches. Mrs. Geo. Williams spent Christmas in Digby. Mr. John Walker, of Cambridgeport, is the guest of T. B. Fenwick. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Churchill on the arrival of another little daughter. Mr. Chas. Gates is home on his vacation.

Miss Sadie Durkee, who has been attending Acadia College, is home for the holidays. Mr. Hart Nichols and Frank Morse, are home from the same institution. Mr. Boyd McNeil, of Weymouth, spent Christmas in Digby. Master Edgar Dickson, of St. John, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Peters. Miss Helen Browne is home from Edgell, Windsor, for the holidays. There is to be a concert the coming week in Academy Hall, given by the young ladies of Trinity church, assisted by their gentlemen friends. With such talent the affair will certainly be a success.

ANNAPOLIS.

[Progress is for sale in Annapolis by Geo. K. Thomson & Co.] Dec. 28.—Mr. W. B. A. Ritchie spent Christmas with his sister Mrs. De Blois. Mr. Robertson, of Kentville, was also Mrs. De Blois' guest for a few days. Miss Fanny Goucher is home for the holidays. Mr. Harry Crowe has been down from Bridgetown for a short visit. Miss Gladys Robinson gave a Christmas tree to her young friends, on Monday evening. Everyone received a present.

St. John's Day was as usual celebrated by the Free Masons. A few distinguished members of the fraternity came up from Digby. Service was held in St. Luke's church, when the sermon read by Mr. How was that preached to the brethren by the Rev. Roger Veits in 1792. After service the gentlemen repaired to Carder's, where supper was prepared. Miss Troop and Miss Winters who have been at Mrs. Robinson's for some time, returned home on Friday. Miss Susie Cunningham has gone to Yarmouth for the holidays. Mrs. Jamieson and Master Will are in Halifax. Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Parker and family are spending some time with Mrs. McLeod. Mr. Dwight Ruggles is spending Christmas with his parents. Miss Walcott has returned home after some months in Upper Canada. Mr. Louis Whitman is home for the holidays. Miss Fillue returned to Weymouth last week. Miss Barr leaves shortly for London, England. B.

BRIDGETOWN.

Dec. 28.—St. James Church was very prettily decorated on Sunday for the Christmas services. The anthem, "Behold I bring you good tidings," was sung at both the evening and morning services, and during the offertory, a duet, "refuge" was sung by Mrs. H. Ruggles and Mrs. R. D. Taylor. A Christmas service was also held in the baptist church in the morning, and in the evening a "Christmas praise and promise meeting," was held, a special attraction being a double quartette of coloured singers from Inglewood. Mr. and Mrs. Hastings Freeman spent Christmas here, and were the guests of Mrs. Freeman's mother, Mrs. L. G. de Bois. Miss Dora Reach returned to her home at Spa Springs, on Saturday. Miss Bertha Ruggles is spending her holiday with her mother, in Yarmouth. Mr. Harry Vaughan, who spent the summer here, has returned to St. John. Mr. Bert Kinney came home last week from Horton Landing. Miss Florrie Sancton went to Halifax on Saturday, to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Bannister. Mr. W. Beckwith is home from Sackville, for the holidays. Mr. Jas. McGivern had a Christmas tree on Monday for the benefit of twenty poor children of the different Sunday schools. Mr. Ernest Morse came from St. John on Monday to spend his holidays. Messrs. Frank and Arch. Healy are spending Christmas with their parents on Granville street. Miss O. Donnell of Halifax is also the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Healy.

TRURO, N. S.

[Progress is for sale in Truro at Mr. G. O. Fulon's, and at D. H. Smith & Co's.] Dec. 28.—Mrs. W. R. Campbell's dance of Thursday night last was a very great success. Mrs. Campbell's new home is admirably adapted for an affair of this kind. The arrangements were all in good taste, and the supper which has now become such a very special feature was of particular excellence. Mrs. Campbell received in a pretty simple toilet of chaille, her sister Miss Josie Turner, whose debut it was, I heard, was the belle of the ball. Miss Bessie Tupper left on Saturday last for a short visit to her sister Mrs. E. Reynolds in Bangor, Me. Miss Annie McDonald is enjoying a visit among friends in Boston. The Christmas-tide music at St. John's on Sunday last though beautiful was not of its usual exquisite order. At St. Andrew's the choir was augmented by the addition of Mr. B. D. McDonald's beautiful bass voice and Dr. Walker's tenor. At the morning service the quartette "No room in the inn for Jesus" was beautifully rendered by Miss McCully, the Misses Lida and Julia McCully and Mr. C. McCully, the anthem, by Goss, "Glorio to God in the Highest," being sung by the full choir. "Benedictus" in D, by Dudley Buck, was sung at the evening service by Miss McCully, Mrs. McDonald, Doctor Walker and Mr. C. McCully, the solo being beautifully interpreted by Dr. Walker. The organ under the skilful manipulation of Mr. E. R. Stuart was never heard to better advantage. Mr. Frank Dimock, Halifax, spent Christmas and Monday among friends here. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tremaine were here from Amherst among the former's home friends, for Christmas. Mr. Hornsby spent Christmas and Monday in Halifax, returning to bank on Tuesday. Mr. E. R. Stuart is spending this week among home friends in Midland. Miss Cook, of Montreal, French teacher in the Ladies' College, Halifax, is spending the Christmas recess here, a guest of Miss Maggie Ross. Miss Spike, of St. John, and Mr. C. Noble, of New York, are also guests of Miss Ross, Victoria Square. Messrs. Will McKay and Melvin Cumming are home from Dalhousie, Halifax, for the holidays. REG.

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