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HALIFAX NOTES.

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Out of the many teas of the week that given last Tuesday by Mrs. John Harvey was one of the pleasantest. Mrs. Harvey has long had a reputation for her little teas, which are really not the easiest thing in the world to give. On Wednesday Mrs. Kenny had a small tea, and on Thursday Mrs. Slayter had rather a large one, her rooms being well filled until quite late. This was a farewell entertainment for Miss Stockwell, who went in the Labrador to-day.

The bazaar given on Wednesday at the church of the England Institute by the ladies of St. Stephen's church was very successful from a money making standpoint in spite of the very unpleasant afternoon. All the wares were delightfully fresh and pretty, the linen embroideries in particular and though the room was never crowded there was a steady in-come and out-go of buyers. An exceedingly pretty lamp-shade of white lace and silk and a very handsome cushion were disposed of by ticket, but every thing else seemed going at moderate prices by ordinary sales. The ladies behind the tables were Mrs. B. Bor, Miss Nagle, Miss Albro, Miss Shreve, Miss L. Almon, Mrs. Moren, Mrs. Spike, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Morrow, and others of the congregation.

One of the most cheerful of small dinners was given on Thursday by Mrs. Reader, who had most of the representatives of Dickens's characters as guests in costume. They were received by the hostess in her capably assumed character of Betsy Prig, and composed a remarkably striking and imposing dinner party.

The dinner given by the North British society in celebration of St. Andrew's day for the hundred and twenty fourth time in this town was a most brilliant and successful function. There was a very good allowance of that music so justly dear to the hearts of Scotsmen, and another element was supplied by the capital playing of the orchestra of the opera company, which appeared on the scene after the performances at the academy of music was over. Among the guests of the evening, were Lieut. Governor, the American consul, the Hon. W. S. Fielding, the Mayor, Mr. Ferguson, A. D. C. (Sir John Ross being unfortunately not able to attend), Capt. Boileau, Colonel Clerk, his worship the mayor and others. Altogether the company numbered about a hundred and twenty-five, and the dinners did not break up until half past one.

Lieut. I. E. McGowan R. A. who has been a familiar personage in Halifax society for the past five years, goes to understand almost immediately to Shobourness, England.

If enthusiasm and slouting and the donation of flowers, are signs of popularity and regret then the Baker opera company must have been very popular in Halifax and their departure sincerely regretted, but Saturday evening the house was crowded in the word—it was full to overflowing. The house looked as only a Halifax house can look—lots of pretty gowns and everyone there. The performance under all the distinguished patronage available and Halifax society and otherwise, turned out in force. What is the reason of the popularity of the Baker company, which enabled them to play eight weeks to good houses? It was not a good company, the best features were the chorus and the conductor. The chorus was excellent in every opera and showed that Mr. Robinson is not only a thoroughly trained musician, but also one who takes a great deal of trouble and nothing is too small or minute for him. I fancy that the whole success of the company must be put down to him. The setting however was excellent, such completeness has seldom been seen in Halifax. It was impossible not to wish that Miss Dickeson was Miss Murphy and Miss Murphy, Miss Dickeson, the one could sing and the other could not, one was graceful and agile and the other was not. Roll the two into one and you would not have a too bad comic opera artist. Mr. Armaud may at one time have been worth his salary, but I must say that there are several gentlemen in the Orpheus Club, who would be better in every particular. Wolfe and Woolsey are good comedians, but neither a patch on the comedian who was here with the Grand company, I do not mean Walker for he was beyond contempt. However, the Halifax public seemed to like the company and that is the most important affair. And I deprecate that if Mr. Baker returns again he will have no trouble in capturing Halifax once more and taking away a goodly load of shillings. I hope he will come again, for even if there are faults in his performance, it is pleasant to see that performance. It was, by the bye, a pretty and graceful act of the benefit to scatter their roses, amongst the old gentlemen in front rows. I hear that two of the bouquets came from St. John.

The Amateur Dramatics have done wisely in choosing the date for their performance. It is sufficiently long after the departure of the Opera Company, and in the middle of the festive season, when no one cares how much money they spend, even if they have not got it to spend. At Christmas time every one is reckless; money has no value till the end of January, and then when the bills begin to come in and the festive season is over, and dyspepsia is an established fact; then all mankind is sad and filled with gloomy thoughts. He would sooner be shot than go to a dramatic performance, especially when that performance is amateur. Two performances are to be given and three plays. One play is to be repeated on each of the nights. It is called "A Wolfe in Sheep's Clothing"—a long name for a short play. Would not "A Wolfe in Woolley Clothing" be a better name for it. It is a tragic piece and calls for strong acting; it is also a costume piece and calls for good costumes of the period of Charles the Second. Mrs. Fred-Jones has the principal part and in fact the only part, but will be supported by Mrs. Alexander Doull, Miss Roberts, Capt. Vowell and Capt. Duffus. Capt. Byrne is stage manager. One of the other pieces is "Naval Engagements," a pretty piece that acts itself. Mr. William Hill will make his reappearance in the part of the old Admiral, and ought to make a success of it. The Amateurs deserve the support of everybody, for they have been working in the face of many difficulties, which they have at last surmounted. May they have the success they deserve. They have at last succeeded in getting together the strongest combination of amateurs that has ever been seen in Halifax. The men especially, Mr. Hill and Mr. Currie, are two excellent comedians, if they do not overdo it. Mr. Fuller is a wonderful character actor and Capt. Vowell makes the best lover possible. He has a chance of distinguishing himself in elocution, and no doubt will. Capt. Duffus will also have a chance of doing better work than he has hitherto done.

The great excitement of Monday next and the three following days will be the "Japanese sale," as fashionable society has it. Even the unopened Hackmore Cures Coughs and Colds.

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Approxos of the "genuine" character of this special sale, particularly as regards the china offered, people talk a good deal. Their remarks are mostly founded on the bright colour coloring of tones of other pieces; and it may as well be said that the former is the specialty of the ware of one Japanese province, and the latter of another.

If any one wants to read up on the subject there were some very thorough articles published this autumn in one of the American papers, I think the Art Amateur.

Among the arrivals of last week were Colonel Ryan, R. A. and the Rev. F. N. Norman-Lee. Neither Mrs. Ryan nor Mrs. Norman-Lee have returned, much to the regret of Halifax society. Mrs. Ryan is spending the winter in Ireland, while I regret to learn that Mrs. Norman-Lee's health does not permit of her returning to this climate.

The annual meeting of the S. P. C. is held this week, and cards have been sent to most of the principal ladies of the city requesting their attendance. In a place where the ambulance classes which are a most humane institution teaching us all how to alleviate suffering seen about us, have been so well attended by ladies and men alike, surely the general public can spare the little time and money required to support the S. P. C.

One reason that many women do not interest themselves in this society is that they are afraid of hearing unpleasant occurrences of which they would thus wise be ignorant! This is a hard saying but a true one, and one need only glance about one's feminine acquaintance to realize it. It seems to me that the greatest of credit is due to the handful of Halifax gentlemen who have kept and are keeping up the S. P. C. in the face of opposition certainly, but of the very faintest of encouragement.

With the exception of a couple of small dinners we have had a very quiet week. Last week there was a tea for every day from Tuesday to Saturday, the latest being those given by Mrs. Slayter and Mrs. West on Thursday, and Mrs. Walter-Jones on Friday. Every one was at these two latter functions, which partook at times of a jam; they were both capably managed however, and each boasted an unusual quantity of men.

Mr. Babbington, R. E., who went to England on Saturday in the Labrador will be missed in society where he was generally liked, both by men and ladies. Mr. Brough and Mr. Knatchbull of the Leices-

YARMOUTH.

[Progress is for sale in Yarmouth at the stores of E. J. Vickery, Harris & Guest and Dr. Lovitt's Drug Store.]

Dec. 5.—The Amateur Dramatic club, of Yarmouth, made its second appearance in Killam's Hall on Thursday and Friday evenings of last week; and, as on the former occasion, coming before the public, with marked success. The characters in the play "The Captain's Ward" were personated by Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Hamilton, Mrs. S. B. Murray, Mr. William McKinnon, Mr. James, (U. S. C.) Miss Alice Clements, Miss Lizzie Moody, Mr. T. V. B. Binyan and Mr. Fuller, (of Halifax). Mr. James in his character of "the Captain's son" drew the heartiest applause of the evening, his part being the most difficult in the whole play. Mrs. Hamilton bore her character as heroine, well, and Miss Moody, although bearing a less important part in the play, became the humorous character so well that the audience were anxious to have the "widow" appear more frequently throughout the evening's performance. In both plays Miss Moody's acting has been most creditably commented upon. Mr. Fuller's appearance was heartily welcomed and his personation of the "lawyer" well sustained. Mr. Hamilton as on all former occasions created much amusement, as did also Mr. McKinnon who was hardly recognizable in his sailor costume. Prof. Medcalf's orchestra was much better than on the former occasion, owing to the better selection of their position for playing.

Miss Stratton of Halifax is the guest of her sister, Mrs. T. Johns, Forest street.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burrill returned on Wednesday from New York, where they have been for some months.

Mrs. J. Burnham, who has been visiting friends in town for a short time, returned to her home in Digby last week.

Mr. Wickwire of Kentville is in town.

Mr. J. Bigelow of Wolfville passed through here en route for his home on Wednesday last.

Miss Annie V. Stanwood was married to Mr. Wm. R. Wetmore on Wednesday morning at the residence of Capt. Samuel Stanwood, Almer street.

The ceremony was performed at eight o'clock by the Rev. Dr. Cartwright, before a small party of their immediate relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Wetmore left in the morning's train for St. John, returning on Saturday evening. The bride's travelling costume was a very pretty dress of navy blue serge, with velvet hat of the same color, with gold trimmings. On the evening of their return Mr. and Mrs. Wetmore were presented, by the members of the Yarmouth Brass Band, with a handsome chair, in appreciation of Mr. Wetmore's services as a member of that body.

Dr. W. O. Gray returned last week from a fortnight's trip to Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon were in town recently.

Miss R. Ross is the guest of Mrs. Edward Parker until after the holiday season.

Mrs. A. H. Parr and Miss Robbins are visiting friends in New York.

News was received here, on Friday, of the very sudden death of Dr. James Crosby, at Florida, where he had gone at the advice of his physicians for the benefit of his health some few weeks ago.

Mr. Crosby had had a very successful practice here for some years and the sad news of his death will be felt by a large circle of relatives and friends in this and other towns where he has resided.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Killam left on Saturday for St. John. During their stay in that city they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McLaughlin.

Mr. J. R. Wyman has been absent from home on business for a short time.

Mr. Fuller, of Halifax, has been in town for a fortnight. A very pleasant Tackett excursion was in his honor last week, which included about twelve ladies and gentlemen. Part of the excursionists started on foot about one o'clock reaching the American house before supper, where they were joined by the remainder of the party, who had driven from Yarmouth later in the afternoon. After partaking of an excellent supper served at the hotel the party all drove home enjoying the moonlight and beautiful evening.

Dr. and Mrs. F. W. T. Farish are receiving the congratulations of their friends on the arrival of a daughter.

Mr. J. M. Ewan is in Montreal on business.

Hon. Robt. Boak, accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Boak passed through Yarmouth en route for their home in Halifax, on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Lavers intend leaving soon for Halifax, their future home. They will be greatly missed in Yarmouth, where they have been so well known for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Ryan are in Annapolis, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lombard.

Mr. E. K. Spinney left on Monday evening for Halifax.

Mr. Thos. Corning has been absent from home recently on business.

Miss Lydia Killam entertained a number of her friends at a small "dance" one evening last week.

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A number of ladies have formed themselves into a society and will meet at each others' houses every Friday afternoon this winter. Fancy work, small talk and tea are to be the chief amusements.

Mr. Tom Cowling was in Halifax last week.

Mrs. Kinneer has returned to Annapolis, after a summer in New Brunswick.

Miss Leah Harris has gone to New York, where she intends spending the winter.

WINDSOR, N. S. [Progress is for sale in Windsor at Knowles' Bookstore and Dakin's Bookstore.]

Dec. 5.—Mrs. Harrison of Sackville who is the guest of Mrs. John Smith, sang with the choir of the Methodist church on Sunday, both morning and evening.

The Windsor people were very much indebted to the organist and choir of that church for giving a delightful service of song for one hour immediately after the usual evening service. The church was filled to overflowing, even the standing room being all taken up, as the congregations from the other churches poured in. Mrs. Harrison sang three solos, and seldom have the Windsor people the opportunity of listening to so sweet a singer.

Mr. Harris of Halifax also sang a solo very well, his voice being sweet and well trained. The singing of the choir was also thoroughly enjoyed.

Miss Bill of Kentville who has been visiting Miss Haley, has returned home.

Rev. H. Harley, Rector of Picton, is the guest of Dr. Hind.

Miss Mackintosh of Halifax is visiting Mrs. F. W. Ryan.

Miss Lily Allison is visiting friends in Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dimock left on Friday for New York, and will spend a few weeks there.

Arthur Drysdale, M. P. P., was in town last week.

Mrs. Hind had a small but very pleasant five o'clock tea on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Christie also entertained a number of friends at afternoon tea on Friday.

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