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I think I can fairly say that the performance of the Amateurs was a success, that is generally speaking. The first piece was a difficult task, the piece is old fashioned to a degree. Heavy wordy and slow, the action is strained and also false; it is above all particularly unsuited to amateurs who are inclined to accentuate all those faults. I think it was not the fault of the individual players it was not a success. The fault lies thus, an audience well acquainted in daily life, who are relations, triends and otherwise of those on the stage, refuses to soar to heights of sentiment, they will descend to any depths of comedy, but will not ascend. This is a fact proven again and again in the history of amateurs. Whoever chose the play of "Sheep in Wolf's Clothing," made a great mistake. Such individual worked hard. Mrs. Fred Jones was good. She at first was very nervous, evidently, but improved as she went on, although she did not at any time allow herself to be natural, she was perhaps better in the latter scene than any other time. Capt. Duffus was excellent and showed a better piece of acting than he has yet shown, he was not overdrawn but was perfectly natural. Capt. Vowel was disappointing, his costume lacked completeness, he was stagey and spluttered out his words at a most terrific rate. Mr. Currie was not suited to the part in the faintest degree, he made Keike an irrascible old man instead of what he ought to have been, he did not grasp the character of Keike in the slightest. Capt. Tarry was perhaps the best of all, of course his part was very small, but he was to my mind more what he was supposed to be, and looked extremely like the portrait of the great Duke of Marlborough. Mrs. Alexander Doull looked exceedingly pretty as the waiting maid. As regards the second piece, I can say nothing

but praise. It lost somewhat in not being let in costume but that was a detail. Perhaps the prettiest piece of acting during the whole evening were the scene between Lt. Blackader (Kingston,) and Miss Ross (Mortimer.) It was wonderfully fresh and natural. Mr. Cnrrie was smiled down to the ground and gave some clever bits of acting. Miss Roberts looked exceedingly well, wearing a very handsome dress. Too great praise cannot be given to Capt. Peacock and Mr. Doull as the landlord and servant, the point which I must refer to, it the time of the play was altered from the original, the words ought to have been altered as well.

The furious rain storm of Tuesday rather darkened were concerned. On Saturday all the world was out sleighing, on Sunday that half the world whose conscience would not say it nay; and on Monday the Leicestershire r egiment gave a drive which was to have been followed by others if the weather had not

As it is the very pleasant sleighing party given by Colonel Rolph and the officers of the regiment had no rival. The afternoon was an ideal one, and about thirty sleighs left the barrack square at three o'clock, drove some miles out on the Margaret's Bay road, then turned back to town and went round the park. finishing up at Wellington barracks. The weather was cold, if fine, and no one was sorry to be provided with hot tea and mulled claret in the warm and comfortable mess room. Among the guests at the drive were Sir John and Miss Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Daly, Colonel North, Colonel Hill, the officers. R. A. and R. E., Mrs. I. F. Kenny, Mrs. James Morrow, Mrs. M. R. Morrow, Mrs. Freeman, Miss Lawson and many other ladies whom it was hard to recognize, so well were their faces muffled up from the cold. I hear the R. A. and the R. E. are thinking of giving a similar drive as soon as Halifax ex periences another snow storm.

The children's party given at Bellevue, on Friday was a great success, the children enjoying themselves apparently quite as well as their elders are wont to do at Bellevue. There were several other parties given quing the week, chiefly for children | Masonic Hall should be well filled at those moderate of a larger growth, of whom there is a large contingent home for the holidays and making hay in the way of amusements while the sun shines. Among the parties given for these latter, one of the pleasantest was Mrs. Corbett's tea.

I hear that the sum realized by the Amateur Dramatic Club last week, was a very censiderable | there was a heavy fall of snow, but too late for ar one, which will be put at the service of the directors | rangements to be made for so large a party. of the Academy of Music. The company was not only noteworthy, but very much to be praised.

The next excitement in the musical world proper will be the Orpheus Club's concert, which comes off on Tuesday next. The programme is a very prom-

If the rumors of the production of "Norma" in the coming spring by the Orpheus Club and Ladies' Auxiliary have their foundation in fact, we shall have something to look forward to during Lent. Miss Homer will make an admirable Norma, and the chorus will of course be excellent. I have not heard who is to be prime tenore; Mr. Gillis and Mr. Macdonald have both proved their steel in this role if my memory serves me, Mr. Gillis having the advan tage as to voice, Mr. Macdonald as to stage presence, manner and acting. There is no want of talent in the Orpheus club, and if they decide to produce Norma, they will certainly do it in a manner worth

Among the engagements which have lately been announced is that of Mr. Arthur Troop, of Dartmouth, and Miss Agnes Burns, second daughter of the Rev. Dr. Burns, for so long in charge of Fort Massey church. Miss Burns' wedding is not to take place for some months.

The marriage of Miss Dora Clarkson and Colonel Hill R. E., will take place on Tuesday, February the fourteenth, (Valentine's day) at St Luke's Cathedral I hear that it is possible that the Rev. W. B. King will come from Cambridge to perform the ceremony. The wedding will not be a large one, but is sure to be one of the prettiest and smartest for a long time.

Miss Kenny and Miss K. Kenny left on Monday, for Yarmouth, where they are to be bridesmaids to the Y. M. C. A. Mr. A. R. Dickey, M. P., intro-Miss Baker, whose wedding with the Hon. Walter | duced the speaker to the large audience. Stopford takes place this week.

* * * Miss Bingay, of Yarmouth is spending the winter with Mrs. Alexander Doull, and is an acquisition to the Rink, where her pretty skating is much ad mired. Very few Halifax girls, by the way, seem to go in for skating just now. The young married women are very much in the ascendant at the private afternoon parties.

The rink party, which the Rev. F. B. N. Norman-Lee is getting up for Wednesday evening next, is for the benefit of the Garrison chapel, which is in need of funds. Tickets are to be bought from vari-

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ous ladies in the congregation, but I have not heard | Captain and Mrs. Lowerison. Mrs. Thorne's friends whether their price of fifty cents includes refreshments or if these are to be extra. At all events there is not likely to be anything else doing, and it is to be hoped Mr. Norman-Lee's idea will prove a lucra-

The calico ball announced for the twenty-fifth has had its borders very wisely enlarged by the committee, so that people owning fancy dresses which are not calico may not be obliged to stay away, Uniforms are admitted, and silks and satins and powdered heads are to be allowed to add to the scene. The tickets too are anything but dear, a dollar and a quarter for ladies, fifty cents more for men. The prices, and people have some over after paying for their tickets, to purchase calico costumes.

The Red Cap Snowshoe club were rather unfortunate last Saturday as they put off the drive they were to have had on that day on account of the bad sleighing, a thing which was no sooner done than

The marriage of Mr. Hughes, band master of the Leicestershire regiment, is to take place at St. Mark's church in the last week in January. Mr. Hughes is the only one of the regiment over the rank of sergeant who has entered into the bonds of matrimony during his sojourn here. The last regiment carried off one of the most charming of Halifax girls and this one would also have taken a beauty of the town had not the fiance concerned sent in his papers on making a lucky stroke in the way of a gold mine in a trip to Chicago and the west. I hear that it is quite true that Mr. Stockwell has left the regiment, and that he will return to Halitax for an indefinite

The "small and early" dance which took place at Government House, on Wednesday evening, was to the elite the event of the week. It was not really very of Windsor, officiated. Mr. How is better and was large and was particularly cheery. It is odd by the able to conduct services last Sunc'ay. way how during this month there will be some sort of festival every Wednesday, a dance, a rink party, and a fancy ball in succession.

The skating carnival is fixed for the last week, in January, and it is to be hoped that people will go in for it with some jest and make it less of a dismal failure than last year's fiasco. It would be better for every one to go in costumes of red and blue calico, than to feebly go and look on at the few people who have enegry to get up costumes for

MORRIS GRANVILLE.

AMHERST.

[Progress is for sale at Amherst, by George Douglas and H. A. Hillcoat.]

JAN. 11 .- Hon. D. C. Fraser gave an interesting lecture on Monday evening, under the auspices of

Among the regretted departures of the week is that of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, who left by Tuesday evening's train en route for California, with the hope that the climate will be beneficial to Mr. Miller whose constitution is unequal to an Amherst

Miss Ratchford, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ratchford, for a few weeks, left on Monday for her home in Halifax.

Miss Lillie Oxley, of Oxford, was the guest of Miss Edna Moffatt for a few days. Mr. J. A. Dickey has returned to his business in Cornwall, Ont.

Mr. Maurice McKinnon went to Halifax on Tuesday to resume his studies at Dalhousie college. Mrs. Thorne, of St. John, is visiting her parents, are always delighted to note her arrival.

Dr. Lowerison is also home for a short stay. Miss Katie Blackadar, of Great Village, is the guest of her aunt, Miss Helen Miles.

Mr. Frank Vernon, left on Tuesday to continue his studies at McGill college, Toronto. Mrs. Brown, who spent the holiday season the guest of Miss Bent, returned to Halifax last week, but proposes coming to Amherst again for a longer stay after a little time.

Miss Gertie Phelan has gone to Moncton, where she will be the guest of Miss Marr. Mr. Charles Oxley of Oxford, spent a few days in

Miss Mabel Heustice is welcomed among our recent arrivals, after paying a long visit to friends in Boston and Providence.

Invitations have been issued by Mrs. Noel Steele for a large party this evening. Mr. and Mrs. Lay have returned from a visit to

their friends in Annapolis County. Mr. David Ross has returned from Boston. The friends of Miss Miles will give her a benefit concert this evening in Music Hall. The programme will be given by our best and most popular amateur artists. Miss Miles has been most gener-

Dr. J. A. McLean of Truro, was in town the first Mr. E. Biden, has gone on a short trip to New lasgow. Marsh Mallow.

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ANNAPOLIS.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Annapolis by Geo. K. JAN. 10 .- Mrs. How, who has been visiting her

son, Rev. H How, was summoned to England in haste, and sailed from Halifax last week. Mr. How has been quite ill, and on New Year's day was unable to hold service. Canon Maynard,

Miss Susie Cunningham is expected home from Weymouth today. Mrs. F. C. Whitman gave a coasting party of

New Year's eve. Mrs. Brittain gave a party for her youngest daughter, Miss Jennie, last week.

She will be away some months and will visit friends Mrs. Savary entertained a number of the young folk on Saturday evening.

Miss Barr sailed for London, Eng., on Saturday.

Mrs. Charles Godfrey spent New Year's day with Mrs. and Miss Godfrey. Master George Ritchie leaves on Wednesday for his school at Rotheray, N. B.

At the Christmas Tree held in St. Luke's Sunday school on Thursday, Mr. Owen, Superintendent, was presented by the teachers with a handsome Mrs. Leavitt was at Paradise last week, visiting

Mrs. Jamieson is still in Halifax, being detained there by the serious illness of her sister. Miss Harris takes Mrs. Jamieson's duties in the telegraph

The young ladies and gentlemen who raised money to buy a wheel d chair for Jim Owens met at Dr. Robinson's on Friday and Jim was formally pre-sented with it. Those who have seen the chair pronounce it a good, durable article, and very easy to Miss Jack and Miss McCollough have returned to their duties in the school. Mr. Crowe, who hos been spending the holidays

in Lunenburg, returned on Friday.

Mr. McVicar was in Lunenburg during the holi-The members of the presbyterian church presented their pastor, Rev. Mr. Whidden, with a very handsome fur coat on Christmas.

ertson will regret his departure for Guatemala on Wednesday last. He held a responsible position in the Bank of U.S., for several years, and has now accepted a position with M. J. T. Anderson, formerly of Yarmouth. Mr. Stephen McLaughlin has gone to the Busi-

ness College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

holiday season with her parents, returned to New York. Miss Heartz has been attending a Musical College for several years, and her course will soon be completed. Miss Clements has gone to Boston, to be maid of

Miss Janie Heartz, who has been spending the

honor at a large wedding to be held there. Mr. Geo. Cutten, student of Wolfville Academy. is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Trefry, at Milton.

Mr. Walter Holly has returned to St. John. Mr. A Putman, M. P., for Hant's Co., spent a few days in Yarmouth, last week.

The Hon. W. G. Stopford, R. N., arrived in Yarmouth on Saturday. He is a guest of the Queen Hotel. His marriage with Miss Florence Baker, is to take place in Holy Trinity Church. Miss Baker's friends will deeply regret her departure from Yarmouth.

Mr. Jas. R. Rogers has gone to New York. Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Cartright entertained a numper of the young members of the parish, on Thursday evening. The reverend doctor and his wife are famed for their hospitality and art of entertaining. Mr. Arthur Brown, has returned to Springfield

to resume his studies. On Thursday evening next a talk on "What to Read," will be given by the Hon. T. B. Flint to the members and gentlemen friends of the Y. M. C. A. The Ladies' Guild of Trinity parish, gave a sociable in their school room on Monday evening A very excellent programme was rendered; Mrs. J. B. Flint's solo received a hearty encore, as did also the duett by Mrs. Flint and Mr. Wm. Dane. Mrs. T. V. Bingay played a pretty piano solo, and Mr. W. H. Moody gave a humorous selection. In the absence of one of the performers, Mr. Moody acceeded to the request for a song. This song, though not strictly in accordance with the rules of harmony, displayed a talent in this gentleman, hitherto unknown to the public.

NEW GLASGOW.

[PROGRESS is for sale in New Glasgow by W. H. Torry, A. O. Pritchard and H. H. Henderson.] Jan. 10 .- Mr. F. R. F. Brown, mechanical superintendent of the Intercolonial railway was in town

on Thursday of last week. Mr. Hugh M. Chisholm, of Antigonish, was in town this week

Mrs. Lewis Robertson has gone to Boston to spend a fortnight with friends there. Mr. K. Eerguson, of Sydney, C. B., was in town

on Saturday. Mr. H. H. McCurdy of Antigonish was in town on

On Monday night there was a pleasant confusion of merry voices, laughter and sleigh bells, on the way to Orion Farm where a large number of young folks were entertained at the residence of Mr. Geo. McDougail. The rooms were brilliantly lighted and were prettily decorated with flowers. The piano and violin was placed in the hall and played by Miss Graham and Mr. McDonald, afforded sufficient music for the rooms on both sides of the hall, and dancing was enjoyed by the greater number of the guests. Other amusements were provided upstairs for those who did not dance. Those present were Miss Annie Graham, Miss Jean Fraser, Miss Maggie Thompson, Miss Sutherland of Sackville, Miss Mamie Ross, Miss Esther Eastwood, Miss Issie Graham, Misses Gray, Miss Addie Bent; Miss Ella Bowman, Miss Eva Grant, Mrs. W. B. Moore, Mrs. A. C. Thompson, Mrs. Fraser, Miss Jean Patterson, Miss Laura Smith, the Misses Douglas, Miss Maisy Fras-Laura Smith, the Misses Douglas, Miss Maisy Fraser, Miss Nina Grant. Miss Ethel McKenna, Miss Daisy Bell, Miss Mabel McDonald, the Misses McKaracher, Miss Rachael Eastwood, Miss Annue Fraser, Miss Georgie McQueen, Miss Sadie Fraser, Miss Isabel McKay, Miss Anna Sutherland, Messrs Basil and John Bell, Archie Bowman, A. D. Grant, Jack Grant, Clavence Hoyt, Gorden Graham, Joe Moore, Robert. McGregor, Ed. Fraser, Frank McNeil, Clifford McLean, Will Graham Wall Jackson, George Thompson, Geo. Fraser, J. G. McDougall, J. W. Grant, Adam Bell, G. Chisholm, Ruben McGregor. Luncheon was served at 10.30. Ruben McGregor. Luncheon was served at 10.30. The party broke up at twelve.

PARRSBORO.

[PROGRESS is for sale at Parrsboro Bookstore.]

Jan. 11 .- The sudden death of Mr. Fred Loasby was a shock to the community. Mr. Loasby had a host of friends and every sympathy is felt for his sorrowing family. The remains were brought from Spring hill on Friday evening and the funeral on Saturday was largely attended. A special train from Springhill brought a large number of friends. The Springhill band played at the service in the church and a funeral march on the way to the grave.

St. Bridget's church was the scene of a wedding this morning when Miss Annie Clansy was united to Mr. Johnstone of St. John. The bride wore a pretty gray travelling dress and Miss May Tucker the bridesmaid, a blue dress. The couple left by the morning train. The large number of wedding presents testified to the esteem to which the bride is

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Jenks entertained a large party of young people, Miss May Jenks' friends, on Wednesday evening. Miss Bessie Upham has gone to St. John to spend

few weeks. A progressive enchre party greatly enjoyed by every one present was given by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Corbett last week.

The young people's quadrille clud met at Dr.
Townshend's on Thursday evening.

Mr. Stanley Smith has gone to Halifax to attend the business college.

Miss Blanche Wotten returned on Saturday to Mount Allison and Mr. Harry Woodworth went on Mountage.

Monday.

Miss Corbett has been home from the Ladies' college, Halitax, spending the vacation.

Mr. E. Gillespie returned today from St. John
Miss Ganter of Newville is visiting at Mr. Young's.

DIGBY. N. S.

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

JAN. 10 .- Monday evening the young people of Trinity church gave an entertainment in Academy hall. "Above the Clouds," a very pretty drama was well put on. All took their parts so well that it would be hard to particularize, but I think Miss Maud Muraford, by her natural and easy acting, was very pleasing, and possesses good talent for an amateur. Mr. J. D. Pitblado as Chips was very good, as were also Mr. Cyril, Merkle, Lloyd Guptill, C. Jameison. Master Harry Ambrose kept the audience convulsed in laughter, but then Harry is very funny off the stage as well as on it. Misses Oliver and Robin son, had difficult parts assigned them which they got through very creditably. It is to be hoped the performance will be repeated at an early date.

Luesday evening there was a very pleasant dance at Acacia Villa." Mrs. Meikle has a way of making her guests thoroughly enjoy themselves that leaves very pleasant impressions on her abilities as hostess. Master Budd Dakin entertained his young friends

on Wednesday evening, at his father's residence. When cards of invitations to a dance are issued from "Linden Terrace," the pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Green, everyone is sure of a delightful evening, as was the case on Thursday evening, when a large number of guests assembled, and danced into the " Wee sma hours," of the stormiest morning we have had this winter.

Mr. Harry Viet has returned to McAdam. Mr. Frank Bacon, has returned also to the same

Capt. Oscar Dakin of the Cruiser "Vigilant" is

home for the winter. Mr. Arthur Ellis returned to St. John last week. The evening previous to his departure there was a large gathering of his young friends at his father's residence. Games of all kinds and dancing whiled away a very pleasant evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker have returned to their home in Cambridgeport, Mass.

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On Saturday morning Mr. Frank Rice and Miss On Saturday morning Mr. Frank Rice and Miss Laura Merkle were quietly married at Holy Trinity church by the Rev. Mr. Bryant. Only the immediate friends and relatives of the contracting parties were present. Mr. and Mrs. Rice left on the noon train for Halifax, where the groom is pursuing a medical course at Dalbousie college.

Mr. Jas. Bingay gave a dance at her home in Brighton on Monday evening. Quite a number of invitations were received in Digby, and the favored ones, took advantage of the sleighing and drove down. All had a delightful time.

PAUL

TRURO, N. S.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Truro at Mr. G. O. Fulton's, and at D. H. Smith & Co.'s.]

JAN. 11 .- Miss Mattie Jones left last Saturday atternoon for Boston. Miss Charters, Moncton, who has been visiting Miss Jessie Ross, Queen street, returned home on

Miss Georgie Hyde left this week for Halifax, where she will be a student at the Ladies' College, during the ensuing term.

Mrs. I. W. Snook and Mrs. W. G. Smith, gave children's parties last night. Miss Bent, New Glasgow, is visiting Miss Hattie

ook. Willard street. The news of Mr. J. E. Fitch's death at his home in Shubenacadie, was received here yesterday afternoon by a large circle of friends, who knew and esteemed him

Miss Mary Jamieson left last week for New York,
where she visits her aunt, Mrs. Von Pustan, ere
proceeding to her home in Los Angelos, Cal.

Peg.

NORTH SYDNEY.

JAN. 8 .- Miss Lizzie Purves, returned from Montreal for the holidays. Mr. Arch. Purves is also home from McGill Col-

Miss Beatrice Vooght gave a card party, Monday

There was a very pleasant dance at Mrs. Cliff Robertson's, Thursday, although the snow storm which occurred the same night, kept some of the exwhich occurred the same night, kept some of the expected guests away. Those present were:—Miss Musgrave, Mrs. Wheeler, Miss Vooght, Miss Moore, the Misses Robertson, Mrs. Bridge, Miss Bedwin, and Messrs. Boak, Gossip, Forbes, Rudderham, R. Campbell, Bedwin, Eason and McLean. Miss Mabel Ross and Miss Grace Ingram, left by Tuesday's train for Acadia Seminary, Wolfville. The death of Sir Yorke Barrington, which occurred at his home "Barrington Park," Tuesday evening, was not unexpected as the deceased gentleman had been ill for a long time. Miss Libbie Barrington, who has been living in Halifax, was recalled home.

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