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Perfect winter weather and better sleighing than Halifax has had for some years, has been its lot this current week. On Saturday last the barriesters accomplished their annual sleigh drive with some difficulty over very scratchy roads, whereas if they had waited until after Sunday's snowstorm they would have had perfect roads. Not even barriesters though, can predict our weather; and I hear that in spite of the wretched sleighing, the party was as cheerful as usual.

The Red Cap snowshoe club's drive is to be this Saturday I hear, and sad are the lamentations of the many ladies who consider a drive "so selfish" when instead of it there might be a ball. The opinion of the average man however, is that there is more pleasure to the square inch in a sleigh drive than even in the most successful ball.

On Monday evening Mr. Daly gave a whist dinner at Government House, which went off very well. The guests at it were Sir John Ross and all the leading men of the town who are accustomed to meet weekly and play whist together.

On Tuesday evening the Bishop of Nova Scotia and Mrs. Courtenay gave a large dinner at Bishopsthorpe. Among the guests were Sir John Ross, Mr. Murray, and Miss Daly, Colonel North, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hill, etc.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. James Morrow gave a small driving party, and afterwards a tea at her house. The afternoon was cold but fine, and there was a large attendance at the rink, and a practice of the minute which is to be danced at the carnival on Monday night by the more energetic among the subscribers to the private afternoons. Mrs. F. Jones is to lead the minute, which will probably be as successful as the one danced two winters ago. Pretty well every one means going to the carnival, which needs a great many people to make any effect in so large a rink.

The rink party got up by the Rev. F. B. Norman Lee for the benefit of the garrison church was most energetically advertised and otherwise pushed. A great number of tickets were sold by various ladies and gentlemen interested in the cause, and the whole affair was well patronized by society. The usual rink parties are to be given during Lent by different people, but that given last year by the lady subscribers will not, I hear, be repeated.

Mrs. Andrews has returned from Bermuda, and will spend the next two months with Mrs. James Thomson at Fernwood, until the return of Dr. Andrews, R. N., from England. Miss Stokes, who has been staying at Fernwood, is now at Mrs. Edalite's, Park street.

The classes in cookery which Mrs. Courtenay and other ladies of Halifax are interested, will begin on February the first, provided the sum required has been subscribed and deposited in the bank. Ladies therefore who wish to join these classes are requested to send in their names and subscriptions at once to Mrs. Longley, South street. I have not yet heard where the classes are to be held, but I believe it depends a little on the number of ladies who take tickets for the course.

The tobogganing party which was to have been given on Tuesday by the officers of the R. A. has been postponed indefinitely, until there is less doing in a social way and a harder crust. It is hoped it will be on Collins' hill and not on the Citadel, infinitely prettier though the sight is of the people tobogganing on the latter between long lines of torches, it is far too dangerous for the average man who does not get enough tobogganing to be a very expert steerer, and really almost out of the question for ladies.

I hear that there is a small supper to be given at the R. A. Mess after the carnival very limited indeed the number of guests, but as at present there are no invitations issued this can only be regarded as a pleasant rumour which may or may not have any foundation.

The Leicestershire Lily White minstrels gave their farewell performances in Halifax this week, so late that any account of them must be deferred till next week's paper. The remembrance of their last appearance on the stage of the Academy of Music is still with us, and their great success in music is still fresh in our minds. They were wonderfully last time, musically speaking, and there will doubtless be a good house to-night to see what he has on this occasion done with his material.

The committee of the grand Masonic fair, which is to be held during the coming summer, is to hold a meeting at the Masonic hall on Thursday evening of next week to which every body interested has been invited and which will include tea and music as well as the discussion of the arrangements for the fair.

Captain Boileau, R. A., is chairman, and Mr. C. L. Puttner, secretary, and every effort will doubtless be made to rival the fair held last year in England in which so much interest was taken by various great ladies. A large bazaar is a brave undertaking in Halifax just now, that is the Wanderers last year having done so poorly financially when expenses were paid. New ideas and attractions, however, will mean everything; it is the "side shows" at a fair which draw a Halifax crowd!

The second concert of the series given by the Orpheus club took place on Tuesday evening at the Orpheus hall and had the usual packed house and a very pleasant programme not of a very heavy character. The first number was a selection from Lohengrin played by the orchestra, which is slowly but surely working on to a very creditable status among amateur orchestras. It is by the way a very decorative orchestra as regards the feminine part of it and on Tuesday night the various young girls playing in it were a charming sight. The latter part of this number was not quite so good as the first part.

The Orpheus club and Auxiliary came next with Watson's part song "Night" which was well sung but not of any very striking character, being more or less commonplace.

Miss Homer, whose first song was next on the programme, was looking extremely well in a very pretty toilette of white. She sang as usual very well indeed, but the audience did not think her especially for her selection. It was unfamiliar for one thing, and a little above them for another.

The orchestra then gave the old "Blue Danube" very well indeed, and after them came quite the sensation of the evening.

On the programme appeared the name of "Francis Gratias Unbekant," and the audience had most of them wondered vainly who the new soloist could possibly be, and the applause was tremendous when she appeared in the person of Miss Beatrice Whidden.

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Beriot charmingly, with a grave self possession and manner, which might be copied with advantage by older people. Mrs. Wallace accompanied her daughter to perfection. Franklin Graciosa Unbekant was enthusiastically endorsed, but only came upon the stage again to bow to the audience. Many people who had heard Bendal's cantata, the Lady of Shalott, last year, and were delighted with it, were very glad to find on Tuesday evening's programme, and it did not lose any of its charm by repetition. Miss Homer sang the solos and sang them exquisitely; while the chorus was very good indeed. It is very rare to find such words, and such music as Tennyson's and Bendal's combined. The great novelty on the programme to most of the audience was the "Cavalleria Rusticana" music, which the great majority had not heard. The prelude and Sicilians which formed the "a" in the number were not very enthusiastically received, but "b" which was Miss Homer's "Aria and Romanza," was far more appreciated, while the end of the celebrated intermezzo, while the audience had quite warmed up, and were most appreciative. The "prayer" which formed the finale to the Mascagni selections, and also the concert was warmly and justly applauded. The whole programme of this concert was very well arranged. MORRIS GRANVILLE.

YARMOUTH.

[Progress is for sale in Yarmouth at the stores of E. J. Vickery, Harris & Guest and Dr. Lovitt's Drug Store.] JAN. 17.—The social event of last week, was the marriage of Miss Florence Baker, daughter of the Hon. L. E. Baker, to Hon. Walter Stopford, R. N., fifth son of Earl of Courtown, which took place in Trinity Church, on Wednesday at 3.30 p. m. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity long before the service began. In addition to the beautiful Christmas trimmings, the appropriate music was rendered by a full choir, Mr. Allison presided at the organ. About one hundred guests occupied the front pews, and were conducted to their seats, by Mr. Richardson and Mr. C. Wright, who acted as ushers. The marriage service was performed by Rev. Dr. Cartwright, rector of the parish. Miss K. Kenney of Halifax performed the duties of bridesmaid and Miss Braeman of Boston, and Miss Kenney of Halifax were maids of honor. Mr. D. Braeman of Boston, was groomsmen.

At the appointed time the bride entered the church on the arm of her father. She was handsomely dressed in a gown of white bectord cord, trimmed with silver passementerie, and wore a large hat with cream feathers. The bridal bouquet was of cream and Jacqueminot roses with trailing smilax. The bridesmaid wore white silk, trimmed with gaslight green and broad silk lace, large hat trimmed with green; her only ornament being an elegant pin, the gift of the groom; the maids of honor wore similar ones. Miss Braeman's dress was broaded sath of heliotrope and cream. The bodice was tastefully trimmed with handsome lace and pearls. Her hat was a combination of cream and heliotrope, with long plumes. Miss K. Kenney wore white silk, trimmings of pink, and large hat of pink and white with feathers.

The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Binyag, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rowley, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Flint, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brignell, Dr. and Mrs. Farish Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McGray, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Eakins, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Grantham, Dr. and Mrs. Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Jolly, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Moody, Mr. and Mrs. T. V. B. Binyag, Mr. and Mrs. Chase, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Killam, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Killam, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Viets, Mr. Wentworth

Daniel, (Halifax) oil painting; Mrs. Le Hunte, handsome ring; Miss Watson, (Halifax), silver muffin dish; Mrs. Reilly, dozen silver spoons; Miss Emily Reilly, bookstand; Lady Mary Treloas (England) silver hot water jug; and others too numerous to mention. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. P. Robbins are visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. Calkin, of Kentville. Mrs. A. Cameron has gone to Boston for a short visit. Mr. Harold Robertson's position in the Bank of N. S., has been filled by Mr. S. Connagher, of Chatham.

On Tuesday evening a talk on "What to read" was given by Mr. T. B. Flint to the members and friends of the Y. M. C. A. Miss L. Moody and Mrs. T. V. Binyag were gone to visit friends in Mass.

C. J. McDonald, of Halifax, was in town last week. Mr. Prescott Baker returned home from his school in Concord, N. H., to attend his sister's wedding.

Mr. E. N. Rankin, of Boston, is visiting friends in town. Mr. Geo. Butler has returned to Dalhousie College.

Miss Nellie Guest who has been absent some weeks returned home last week.

Mr. Reid, of Halifax, who has been spending a week in Yarmouth, returned on Wednesday.

Miss Helen Rowley entertained a number of her friends on Friday evening. Dancing and cards were indulged in.

Mrs. E. K. Spinney gave a party to about sixty young people on Tuesday evening. The large rooms were cleared for dancing which was participated in by most all. Cards were provided for those who preferred. Refreshments were served at twelve and the party broke up about half past one.

AMHERST.

[Progress is for sale at Amherst, by George Douglas and H. A. Hillocat.] JAN. 18.—The benefit concert to Miss Miles on Wednesday evening, in Music hall, was one of the pleasantest events of the week, and the great success it met with must have been very gratifying to the recipient, as the honors of the evening were shared with a charmingly upright hostess, whose invitations included nearly all the names on the programme. The prospective pleasure of a second round of gaiety must have lent an inspiration to those behind the scenes, for it was generally remarked that our artists were in their happiest mood and did famously, a fact due to the entire absence of the "Old masters," who are generally regarded as the greatest of the best names of the evening. The enthusiastic encores awarded the selections of more modern composers should point the way to those who wish to please an all round audience.

Miss Miles wore a gown of black velvet, prettily relieved with yellow silk with large corsage bouquet of natural roses, and looked and sang her very best, giving a solo and a duet with Miss Prile, who wore a very pretty toilet of white muslin with decorations of smilax. Miss Miles' duet with Mr. Curry, was one of the best numbers of the evening.

Mrs. C. O. Tupper, in a pretty costume of black lace with bouquet of roses, elicited a hearty encore for her pretty song, but declined a response.

Miss Campbell met with her usual recall and kindly came to the front again. The handsome gown of white cashmere trimmed with lace was most becoming to her.

Miss Wilson looked particularly nice in a costume of black lace and velvet, relieved with pink, and pleased the audience to the extent of a vociferous encore which was the fortune of every performer. The readings were both excellently rendered, Mrs. H. T. Logan appearing in a toilet of black silk and Miss Moffat in garnet silk, trimmed with black lace.

Dr. C. O. Tupper, in "Hail me back again," made the hit of the evening and his hearers true to the title of his song hailed him back twice to be better pleased with every appearance.

Mrs. Munro, who was down for a reading, was prevented by illness from taking part, and the A M Band which was to contribute by way of applause was compelled by the intense cold, to give up the idea.

The large whist party given on Wednesday evening by Mrs. Noel Steele, at her handsome home on Victoria street, was an unusually smart affair. Mrs. Steele is a comparatively young hostess, but admirably succeeded in giving, in its way, the merriest party that her guests have enjoyed of long time. Every appointment was perfect, and the prizes which were so very pretty, that every one seemed interested in the result. Mrs. D. W. Douglas, and Mr. W. S. Pipes, were thought to be the fortunate winners of the first prize, until the fact was announced that Mrs. Allen and Mr. H. Main were equally as lucky. The result of the final game was in favor of the latter. Mrs. Steele was attired in a very rich gown of black silk, and was assisted in the duties of the evening by her sister, Miss Hickman, who wore black lace and satin, with bouquet of roses. Some very pretty gowns were worn by the guests, many of them fresh for the occasion. Mrs. Allen looked wondrously nice in a toilet of black velvet, with natural flowers. Mrs. Robert Pugsley also donning a new black velvet, that was most becoming. Mrs. Dunlap, in a dress of heliotrope silk, with lace trimmings, looked very nice, among the host of black dresses that prevailed. The younger guests were charmingly gotten up, mostly rearrangements of pretty gowns of other occasions.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Townshend, Mr. and Mrs. James Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Dr. and Mrs. Fuller, Dr. and Mrs. Bliss, Dr. and Mrs. E. O. Tupper, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. David Robb, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Douglas, Dr. and Mrs. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Pugsley, Mr. and Mrs. Inglis B. n. t. Mayor and Mrs. Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Fuller, Mrs. Thorne (St. John), the Misses Tighe, Miss Harding, Miss Lowerison, Miss Cutler, Miss Harding, Miss Chipman (Bridgetown), Miss Campbell, Miss Wilson, the Misses Main, Miss Hillson, Miss Sleep, Miss Purdy, Mr. H. T. Pipes, Mr. J. Lusby, Messrs. H. and B. Main, Dr. McCully, Mr. Frank Wilson, Mr. N. S. Campbell, Mr. H. A. Hillocat, Mr. E. M. Lockwood, Dr. McQueen, Mr. A. Dunlap, Mr. C. Purdy, Mr. Charles Black, Mr. McIntosh and Dr. Hall.

On Saturday afternoon Mrs. J. M. Townshend gave a five o'clock tea to a goodly number of young ladies, who spent a most delightful hour or more, as the young men were in attendance—a happy feature that is generally adopted by the hostess, and one which adds so much to an afternoon gathering, that it deserves to be more popular, speaking from the young men's point of view.

Mr. Mabon, who has been on duty here for a long time in the bank of N. S., has been suddenly transported to the tropics, Jamaica I believe, to the utter consternation of his many friends and society in general, who can only submit to the rules of the bank and hope that his place will be occupied by one as genial and well generally liked. He left the last of the week for Halifax, where he will take steamer for his new home.

Mr. H. A. Hillocat has organized a boys' choir for Christ church, who give every promise, under the teaching of their efficient master, of being ready to take part in the Easter Service.

Miss May Quigley left on Friday to attend school at Wolfville.

Miss Theresa Hays, of Dorchester, was in town yesterday the guest of her friend, Mrs. W. Douglas. Mr. Ketchum, who has been on a trip to New York, returned home on Saturday.

Miss Graves, who has been the guest of her friends Dr. and Mrs. Morse, for the past few weeks, left for her home in Truro on Wednesday.

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A lively evening was spent by a number of the gentlemen of the elite circle of New Glasgow, on Thursday evening last week in the recreation room in the Masonic building. The star of the evening was Mr. Jas. F. McLellan. The supper was given as a farewell to Mr. McLellan, who has since that time left the ranks of bachelors and taken into his heart and home one of Prince Edward Island's fairest daughters. An excellent supper was provided and toasts were drunk in honor of the coming event, etc. Those present were: Mr. Jas. F. McLellan, Messrs. A. C. Bell, chairman; C. W. Robson, vice; J. Johnstone, Geo. Patterson, Dr. Kennedy, Dr. Ings, B. DeVeber, J. F. McDonald, J. H. Cavanagh, H. Sutherland, Geo. Murray, W. Dickson, of Pictou, Dr. McKay, Pickett, Solomane, Fitzpatrick, Coops, C. W. McKinnon, H. Townshead.

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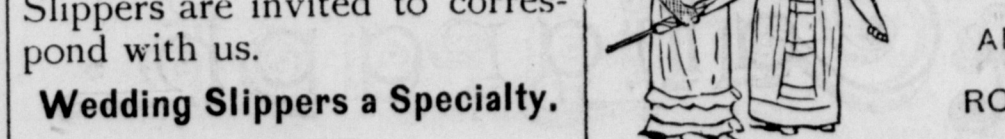
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