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HALIFAX NOTES.

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Real Christmas weather and good sleighing reign at this writing, and what with the sleighbells, the Christmas advertisements, and the dressing of the shop windows, the town looks infinitely brighter than for some time. Work is begun this week in the preparation of spruce decorations by the large churches, and next week the energetic ladies of society who do a little of everything, will be too busy to get home to lunch. Why it is the fashion to lunch with other people and in strange places during the week before Christmas, is hard to say, but everyone does it here. Halifax shopping begins at eleven and continues till two with one set, and from two until six with another, and from seven till half-past eight, with another lot of people still. When people selling in shops get an opportunity to invest in their own Christmas purchases, is yet to be discovered.

The first night of the present of the season on Tuesday had a capital house in spite of the snow and wind. Nearly every member of the audience had some sort of interest in at least one of the performers, of whom there were sixty or more, and applause was pretty general throughout the evening. The company did wonderfully with the material afforded them by a not too good libretto and plot; the former admirably suited to an entertainment at a girl's school, and the latter rather weak. The performers had hardly fair play on this account, being heavily handicapped by want of opportunity. The prettiest part of the whole entertainment was the finale, when all the company was on the stage, and the effect was really charming. The dresses were good in every way, the young ladies in the cast all young and pretty, but one saw them by ones and twos in such a piece-meal manner that there was not enough effect of color and movement, in spite of all the pains taken and the varied arrangements of colored lights. To have tableaux really effective they should be shown in a large frame, with gauze in front of them, and the most effective of Tuesday and Wednesday evenings were those shown with a surrounding of scenery in a frame-like effect. Individually, every one looked well, but amateurs have a doubly hard task to perform when an amateur look of the work is given them. Captain Duffus, R. A., had done admirable work as stage manager, and everything possible to do with the piece was well done. The band of the King's regiment formed the orchestra on Tuesday evening, and played very well indeed; the cornet playing of one of its members being particularly enjoyable. The performance was late in beginning, as many people were delayed by the trains and the snow. The spring months formed the first of the present, introduced by Father Time (Mr. L. J. Fuller), who from his looks seemed to have worn extremely well his great age! March, April and May, represented by Miss H. Albro, Mrs. Fred Jones and Miss Waddell formed a very pretty group in the centre of the stage, while a spring song was charmingly sung by Mrs. Arthur Troop. Then came St. David's Day, a pretty tableau of Welsh women and wearers of the leek, very effective with the red cloaks and high hats of the national costume. The Misses Tremaine, Lyde, Stokes, Corbett and Farrell, with Messrs. Robinson and Albro were in this group. St. Patrick's Day was most successful, and really the gem of the evening. The piece would have borne a good deal more of the cheerfully comic element as supplied by Mr. Bailey of the King's regiment, and later in the evening by Mr. A. D. Johnson. Mr. Bailey was a delightful Irishman, and his song was capital, besides being sung with much go, and an utter absence of self-consciousness.

Mrs. F. Jones, as April, looks very well, but her recitation was not very interesting; Mr. Arthur Duffus was a very good April Fool and one would have liked more of him. St. George's Day was represented by Mr. Norman, who looked the part of the Christmas number Englishman to perfection, and sang a very good song indeed. The dresses of the two shepherds who came next were good, but their words might have been cut out with advantage, no actor on earth could have done anything with them. The advent of the May King and Queen and their following was very pretty, the two principals being represented by Miss Delaney and Mr. Wyllie. To Mr. Metzler belong the honors of this scene for his dancing, which kept the whole troop of dancers alive. The Queen's birthday, with a recitation and a national anthem, during which the audience rose, finished the first act, and the spring months vanished not to appear again till the finale.

June, July and August formed the opening tableau of the second act, represented by Miss Homer, Miss Forest and Miss Wickwire, the latter looking particularly well as August. Miss Homer came to the front of the stage and sang Goring Thomas's Night in June, to the great satisfaction of her audience. Then came a tableau by Mrs. Hobe, Miss Beamish and Mr. A. Doull, Midsummer Night's Dream. A little refreshing local interest, using the word in a very extended sense came next, with Mrs. Harrington very prettily dressed as Canada, Mr. Norman as John Bull, and Mr. A. D. Johnson delicious as Brother Jonathan. Miss Harrington did very well, and everyone would have been delighted to have had a song, a dance, or in fact anything from so great a favorite as Mr. Johnson.

The next scene was called the Bairenth Festival. A scene from Lohengrin, w. s. sung by Miss Minnie Doyle and Mr. Karl Doering, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Doering on the piano and violinello. The "Bairenth Festival" lasted a good while, and seemed to be much enjoyed.

Autumn came next, delightfully represented by Miss Ella Seaton in yellow as September, Miss Harvey in the green and red of autumn foliage as October, and Miss Jennie Doull in a very pretty dress as November. Coming Thro' the Rye was sung by Mrs. Kennedy Campbell, looking very sweet and bright in a pretty dress, with a large basket of red poppies. Mrs. Campbell was encored but did not respond; her little bit of acting was quite a surprise to people who have only seen her on a concert stage. Miss N.rah McKay pleased her audience very much with a school girl's remarks on education which she recited very cleverly. In the tableau of Halloween sports which succeeded, Miss Story and Miss Ida Mitchell looked especially well, and were engaged with Miss Beamish, Miss Anna Mitchell, Miss Coleman, Miss Chipman and Miss Constance Story in all the methods of divination proper to the date. Guy Fawkes day was capital. Mr. Reggie Knight playing the bones splendidly and all the other boys did well, the Masters, Slayter, Smith, Wyllie and Grant being as natural and jolly as boys well could be. Thanksgiving day was a very good tableau, with plenty of people and a good effect of light. The Misses MacPherson, Hunter, Rogers, Grant, and Messrs. G. Mitchell and Stevens took part in this pretty scene. St. Andrew's day was worthily represented by Mr. Cameron who did a word dance in addition to his solo on the bag pipes. Winter came next, with the Misses Copeland, Payne and Lawson forming a very pretty group as December, January and Feb.

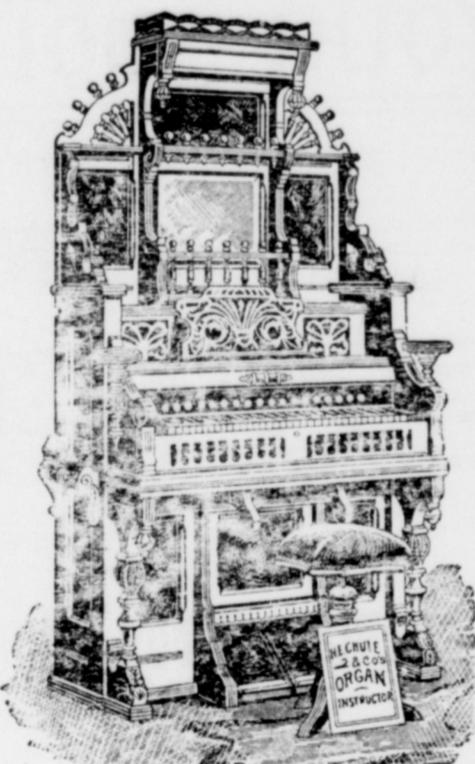
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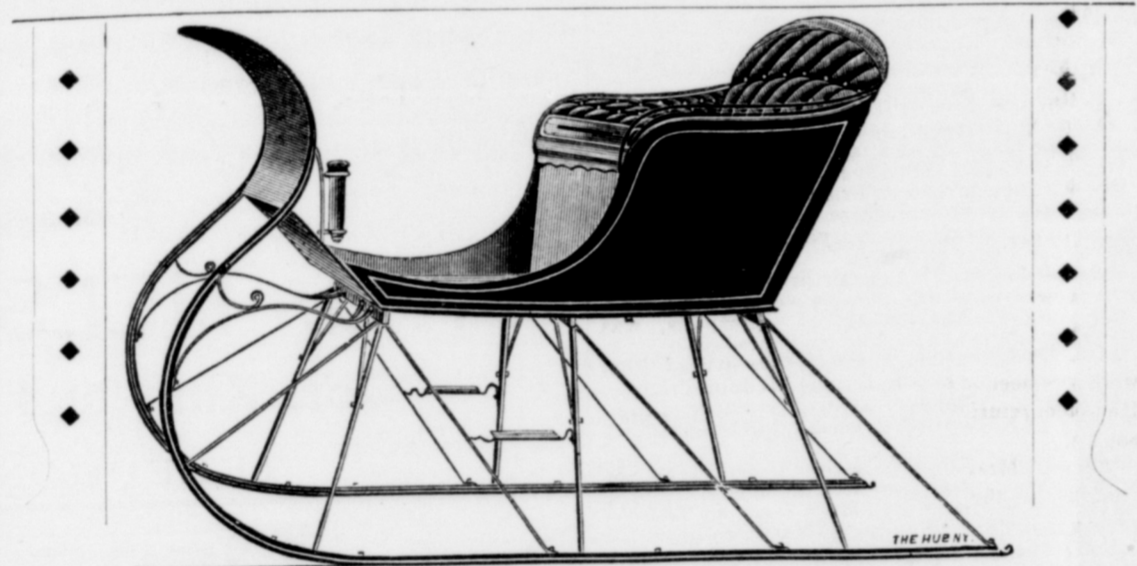
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January; Miss Copeland, who was most becomingly dressed in white, sang a winter song very prettily, while Christmas eve was represented by Mr. MacKenzie. The Christmas day scene was not especially appropriate, though the little girls who gave the march got through very well. The old year out and the new year in was far more reasonable, Master John Read as the new year looking so sweet and dainty little person as quite to eclipse his predecessors. Miss Holmes gave a recitation as New Year's day and was given some pretty flowers. St. Valentine's day and leap year finished the programme. Mrs. Geoffrey Morrow as Tabitha, the old maid, gave her recitation very clearly and well. The grand finale was the appearance of the whole company on the stage, and the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

On Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. and the Misses Maclean, gave a small tea at Thorndean, a farewell to their Halifax friends. The Misses Maclean leave today by the "Labrador" for England, and will spend the coming winter at Davos-Platz, Switzerland. Mrs. Maclean remains here until spring. On Tuesday afternoon a meeting was held at the Garrison Library, to discuss upon the management of the private afternoons at the skating rink. It was definitely settled to have them, and a committee was appointed. So that people may now expect their subscription notices as usual. Mr. W. G. Thompson and Mr. W. S. Ferris are among the managers, and if only the weather does its part, the success of the private days is assured. It is a pity one of our own militia bands could not be secured for these afternoons, as they play really admirably for dancing on skates, but I have heard nothing as yet about the arrangements regarding the band.

Charities are doing well this week; after the Saliors' Home, the Church Women's Missionary Association comes in for its share, with the very smart bazaar announced for Thursday afternoon. Tables are being arranged by the ladies of different churches, and the work and pretty trifles to be sold are all well worth seeing. The ladies in charge of the stalls are to wear white mull caps and aprons, and the chief decoration of the room is the Christmas tree. In spite of the old proverb about comparisons, it is doubtful if Halifax bazaars and fairs are ever quite so well got up as similar things in St. John, especially as regards costume and decorations. This is merely a general statement, and does not apply at all to the events of the week.

On Saturday afternoon an exhibition and sale of work done by the pupils of the School for the blind will be held in the Assembly Hall of the institution. Hand work, knitting, crochet, and a great number of clever productions will be shown, and five o'clock tea, chocolate and coffee may be had at the table of which the Misses Colborne have charge. Mrs. Montgomery Moore is patronizing the entertainment, with her usual kindness where any charitable object is concerned. The first orchestra concert of the season takes place on Tuesday next, with a very good programme, and the attraction is the new violinist, Herr Max. The club is doing very well this year, several new members (or rather a return of several old members) in the ladies' Auxiliary being a great addition to that body. Very good reports are also heard of the orchestra.

MORRIS GRANVILLE.

preached very acceptably in the presbyterian church last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Brown was in town last week. Mr. Norman Dimock has moved to the house on King street lately purchased by him from Dr. Haley. The shops are beginning to put on a Xmas appearance, some of the windows being already prettily decorated. Mrs. Wm. Curry has returned from Halifax where she was suddenly called by the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Nugent Fyfe, who is slowly recovering. Judge Green, of Brooklyn, N. Y., lectured in the Reform club hall on Friday evening to a fair audience. A few of the ladies who were interested in the Masonic hall, lately held here, are having a sale today to dispose of the articles which remained unsold on account of the rainy weather. It is to be hoped they will be well patronized. Invitations are out for a dance to be given by the Collegiate school on Tuesday evening, the 19th. The funeral of the late Capt. John Morris, which took place here last Thursday, was very largely attended. His daughter, Mrs. Brennan and her son, who came on from Boston with the remains, will spend a few weeks in Windsor before returning home. O. K.

PARRSBORO. [Progress is for sale at Parrsboro Book Store.] Dec 13—The white club has been reorganized with a membership of forty, and met on Friday evening at Dr. Townshend's and last evening at Mrs. W. S. Smith's.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Howe gave an at home on Thursday evening, attended by members of the baptist congregation and others. The evening passed pleasantly with music and refreshments.

Mr. Magee having been appointed agent at Springhill, his place in the bank here has been taken by Mr. Marston Guilloid, of St. John. Mr. Magee was very popular in a social way and by his unvarying kindness and courtesy in the bank in a business way also, and his departure was much regretted. Mr. Evile, of the Windsor agency, takes the place vacated by Mr. Cook.

Mrs. F. H. Rand left on Friday to spend Christmas with her relatives at Bear River.

Mrs. Sutton Henderson is visiting her sister at Amherst.

Dr. McKenzie has returned from New York. The quatuorlette club met on Tuesday evening at Mr. Upham's.

Mrs. Edgar Corbett left on Monday for a visit to her friends in Yarmouth.

Rev. Mr. McElvray conducted the presbyterian services in Amherst.

Dr. Atkinson has gone to practise in Truro. We are extremely sorry to lose him and are glad that Mrs. Atkinson has remained in the city.

Mr. Wilhelm Crane, of Halifax, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. Campbell and the other teachers went to Spryfield on Wednesday to attend the meeting of the teachers association.

AMHERST. [Progress is for sale at Amherst by Charles Hillcoat and at the music store of H. A. Hillcoat.]

Dec 13—Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hillson and Miss Hillson, went to Moncton the latter part of last week, to attend the funeral of a relative. They returned home on Monday.

Mrs. W. D. Douglas, who has been visiting friends in Dorchester, returned home on Wednesday last.

Mrs. Henderson, of Parrsboro, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. H. Smith.

Mrs. Emma Ayer, of Sackville, was in town a few days last week.

On Monday Dr. E. L. Fuller went to Oxford.

Miss May Brown left town on Friday to pay a visit to Mrs. Carvell, in Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Sir Charles H. Herbert Tupper was in town on Thursday.

Rev. Mr. Steele went to Advocate on Saturday to assist at the opening of a new baptist church on Sunday. Rev. Mr. Estabrooks supplied his place in the baptist church here.

Mr. James Moffat went to St. John on Monday evening on a short business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Whidden, who spent a few days in town, left for their home in Amherst on Monday evening. The Tuesday evening, to the children of Christ church Sunday school was a sumptuous affair and the host of little folks were most happy with an abundance of cake, excellent coffee and fruit and sweets as a parting gift. Mrs. Fuller on the matron teacher, w. s. helped by Miss Clark, Miss McKinnon, Misses Munroe, Miss Miner, Miss Fuller, Miss Chapman, Miss Grace Fullerton and Miss Johnston. The ladies of the guild who were the promoters of the festive event worked so faithfully in bringing it out a delightful success were the Mesdames Hillcoat, Mrs. McKinnon and Mrs. Biden.

Mr. Patterson, editor of the Press, brought his bride home on Wednesday evening from Sackville and are at present staying at Mrs. Mills, on Havelock street until their home on Victoria street is made ready. An at home by the members of Acacia Lodge A. F. and A. M. is among the coming events and it is to be managed after the manner of former events given by them, we may look for something decidedly pleasant. The friends of Rev. and Mrs. McDonald, will be sorry to hear that they are both in poor health at present.

Dr. C. Bliss has returned from a trip to Montreal. The sleighing is excellent but it is only the milder weather that will induce us to enjoy it with the thermometer below zero. MARIE MALLOW.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I. [Progress is for sale in Charlottetown at S. Grey Bazaar Co. and Carter's Bookstore.]

Dec 13—This morning at six o'clock, old St. Paul's was the scene of a very quiet, but nevertheless exceedingly pretty wedding, it being the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Henry Warwick Longworth, to Miss May Hensley, third daughter of Hon. Mr. Justice Hensley, vice chancellor. The groom is well and favorably known in business circles, and the charming bride one of the social favorites of Charlottetown. Although the hour was a very early one, and there were no guests except the intimate friends of the bride and groom invited, a goodly number of spectators were assembled in the church when the bridal party arrived. The bride was tastefully attired in a traveling dress of navy blue serge, shot with red, and her cloak was of navy blue, trimmed with narrow black silk braid, and

heavily lined with red wadded silk. Her hat was of navy blue felt, trimmed with red and blue feathers, and she carried a handsome bouquet of white flowers, the gift of the groom. Her bridesmaids were Miss Hill, Miss Fanny Longworth and Miss Beatrice McLeod. The two first named wore dresses of grey crepe, trimmed with velvet and steel passantere, and grey velvet hats trimmed with steel to correspond. Miss Beatrice McLeod wore a dress of cream serge, with velvet vest, and a large hat trimmed with feathers to match the dress in color. The three bridesmaids carried handsome crimson bouquets, the gift of the groom. The presence of the groom to the bride is to be decided upon during their wedding trip. His gifts to the bridesmaids were very handsome good buckle rings, set in diamonds. The groom was supported by his friend, Mr. Horace Hazard, and the wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. William Hamlyn, B. A. Miss Hill had charge of the musical part of the service, and the echoes of the old church rang again as the well known strains of the wedding march were heard. Instead of the customary wedding breakfast at the bride's home, a large party is to be given on her return. Everyone is unanimous in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Longworth a long and happy future, and if numbers in wishing is an indication of future happiness and prosperity, then the certainty of both is assured to the happy pair, who left Charlottetown this morning for a bridal trip through the United States.

The presents were very numerous, and of very handsome nature, and some of them came from distant parts of the world. Below is given a list of the handsomest ones, and there are many in addition to these, which if mentioned would be a very pleasant, but an almost endless task to undertake.

Judge Hensley, a handsome check; Mrs. Hensley, a silver tea set; The fellow boarders of the groom, an exceedingly handsome hand painted chocolate set; Mrs. Geo. McLeod, an oil painting; (Mrs. McLeod's own work); Miss Beatrice McLeod, a very pretty hand painted picture, mounted on crimson paper; Mr. Geo. McLeod, a facing album; Mr. Geo. McLeod, a Cleopatra tea kettle; The Chief Justice and Mrs. Sullivan, silver cream jug and sugar bowl; The Messrs. Sullivan, an oak tray mounted in silver; Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hazard, a five o'clock tea set; Mrs. Strickland, a set of exquisite Japanese tea cups; Mr. W. L. Strickland, Japanese table; Mrs. Strickland, a very handsome and beautifully worked centre piece; Miss Longworth, a sofa cushion; Mrs. Wilam Abbot, of Montreal a lanceon cloth; Miss Dolie Brecken, d'oilies; Miss Fannie Longworth, tray cloth; Miss Hill, desert knives; Mrs. Hill, biscuit jar; Mrs. Henry Longworth, cake basket; The Messrs. Hensley, England, table gong and clock; Lieut. and Mrs. Waldemar d'Rose, salad fork and spoon, and coffee spoons; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dinger, Oakland, California, sugar tongs and sifter; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Livers, silver water jug; Hon. John Yeo, Fort Hill, silver salt cellars and spoons; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. O. Morson, silver salver; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stewart, greer salver; Mr. R. Bert Longworth, carvers; Mr. A. D. Rankin, silver ton-bon dish; Mrs. Bartlett, silver salt spoons; Mrs. Poole, Stellarton, hammered silver tray; Miss S. er ton, hand painted ca' plates; Mrs. Charles Palmer, wedged wood set; Miss Dawson, wedge wood jug; Mr. H. Hazard, beautiful five o'clock tea cups; Mrs. F. de St. Crox Brecken, chocolate jug; Mr. Keith and Miss Amy Brecken, chocolate cups and saucers; Miss Cameron, feather fan; Mrs. Hobkirk, vases; Miss O. Ho. Kirk, very pretty felt cloth, embroidered; Mr. W. Hobkirk, epergne; Mrs. James Warburton, vases; Mrs. Banerman Warburton, brush and comb tray; Mrs. Geo. Hodgson and Miss DesBrisay, copper water kettle; Mrs. Francis McNeil, toilet set, beautifully embroidered; Mr. and Mrs. Brenton Longworth, silver cream jug and sugar bowl with stand; Mr. A. Brown, silver hairpin box; Miss Coles, bedroom slippers; Miss Tiny Ball, tea cosy; Miss Maud Ball centre piece; Miss Joseph Pope, veil and glove satchet; Capt. and Mrs. Cameron, velvet chair; Mrs. Anderson, silver card receiver; Mrs. Russell Twining (Halifax), handsome vases; Miss Day, a paragon tongs; Dr. Leeming, sundial; Miss Black, an accessory to the bride's toilet, made of the traditional blue, supposed to bring luck to the wearer; Major and Miss Howes, (Boston), a very handsome silver vegetable dish; Miss Blanche Haviland, a pair of brass candle sticks; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hensley (Halifax), silver water jug; Mr. Duncan McLeod, a very handsome pair of mother-of-pearl opera glasses; Miss Carey and Miss Palmer, a beautiful china vase;

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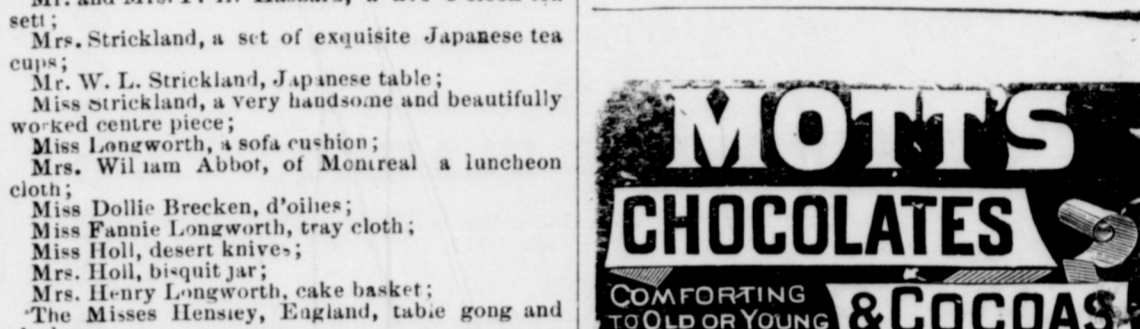
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At latest accounts, the Lieut. Governor was very ill, and last week Dr. Bayard, of St. John, came here to consult with the local medical attendants on the case. He says the governor is a very sick man, but that he has hitherto shown such wonderful recuperative powers, that he hopes he will be better very soon. The harbor light reopened on Monday night, with a good attendance, and it is to be hoped that the people interested in this good work of providing a place for those who are accustomed to no amusement, no brightness except the glare of the bar room, will help as before. This is one of the best institutions in town, and to the untiring zeal of the Rev. W. W. Brewer, who originated the idea, and then carried it out, afterwards assisted by other clergymen, is the credit to be given. There has been capital skating on government ponds, during the past ten days, and everybody that owned a pair of skates has been taking advantage of the good skating. I suppose the next thing that will be in order is the opening of the rink. If the present cold spell continues, the rink will be in order very soon, and then the round of amusements for the young people, in regard to the coming season, will be about complete. GULLIVER.