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HALIFAX NOTES.

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There are so many concerts announced for this week that even an active person will never be able to get to all of them, a state of things, which had existed last week, might have been a reason for so slim attendance at the Torbett concerts on Friday and Saturday. The concerts were a musical success if not a financial one, and almost every member was encored. The failure of the company to draw must be put down in part to the attraction of the opera for pseudo musical people, and the lack of influential patronage on the other. It is hopeless to deny that "under the patronage" has a great effect on the Halifax public. Mr. Arthur Lloyd has apparently realized this, and his "Two Hours Fun with the Lloyds" at Orpheus Hall on Wednesday Thursday and Friday of this week, is patronized by General Montgomery Moore, the Lieutenant Governor, Colonel Leach and officers R. G., Lieut-Colonel Anstruther and officers R. A. and Colonel Hamilton and officers of the King's Regt. Mr. Arthur Lloyd has been for many years a well known comic singer in London. He leaves for England on Saturday.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. Leowens gave her long promised lecture on Russia, at the Church of England Institute. There was a very good audience, in spite of the rainy night, and a most interesting and entertaining lecture was given. Mrs. Leowens has a very pleasant manner, and speaks with delightful clearness and precision. The lecture was given under the auspices of the Hon. Mrs. Montgomery Moore and the ladies of the C. of E. Institute.

Another event of Tuesday evening was a small dance given by Mrs. James Thompson, Fernwood, for her son Mr. Arthur Thomson. This was altogether a young people dance, no married people or chaperones being invited. Dancing went on in the large room whose hardwood floor has so excellent a reputation in Halifax society, and the conservatory was used as usual at Fernwood, for sitting out. The dance was a very charming and pretty one, and some fresh and charming frocks were worn, the prettiest being that of a young lady lately arrived in Halifax.

A pleasant old fashioned military custom, fallen into partial disuse of late years, is to be revived by General Montgomery Moore, who will hold a review of the troops and militia on the Queen's birthday. There will be a march past, and a feu de joie fired afterwards. The last two or three years there has been a salute fired from the citadel, and the ramparts have been manned by soldiers in the traditional "thin red line." It will be a pleasant change to have a review this year, as Halifax takes a great interest in all military spectacles.

I hear that Admiralty House will be practically empty, socially speaking, this summer, as Lady Hopkins is not coming here, but going to England. There are to be no parties in the staff there also, but exactly in what way is not yet settled.

H. M. S. Blake leaves Bermuda for Halifax on the twentieth of May, and I hear that it is more than likely that she will visit St. John before coming here for the summer. It is useless to pretend that the Blake is any great social acquisition in Halifax, for it is years since the officers of any flagship went out so little and entertained so very seldom. Many people, of course, have persons on board whom they will be delighted to see again, and individuals among the commission are extremely popular, but to the general public they are not over and above well known.

The Tartar is to be re-commissioned in the end of June, so Captain and Mrs. Fleet will be missing from future gatherings. Lady Hopkins is not likely to be in Halifax this summer at all, so that Mrs. Hamilton will take part in naval circles.

Halifax society is soon to lose one of the most popular hostesses in the city. England very soon accompanied by her two daughters. I hear that the visit will be a long one, and that she does not intend returning till next winter. With so many people away Halifax will be dull, very dull during this very far distant summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Mulholland of Liverpool spent a few days in Halifax this week. Mrs. Arthur Drysdale has gone to New York for a short visit. Lieut. Gordon R. E. has taken a detachment of engineers out to Victoria B. C. Captain Lowe, R. A. has gone to England, where Mrs. Lowe and Miss Haddon will shortly follow him. Rev. Mr. Gregory of the church of the Redeemer, leaves this week for a short holiday in the Southern States.

On Saturday morning at the First Baptist church, Spring Garden Road, the marriage took place of Mr. P. M. Paine, Mayor of Port Hacking, N. S. W., and Miss Eleanor Skimming, second daughter of Mr. Robert Skimming, of this city. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Chute. Mr. P. M. Paine was best man and Miss M. Paine, niece of the bridegroom, was the only bridesmaid. The bride was given away by her mother, her father being unavoidably absent. Mr. and Mrs. Paine left in the mid-day train for Montreal.

The Baker opera company gave a benefit on Wednesday afternoon, to the wife and family of Thomas Bouthiller, who was killed by a locomotive near the docks, near last week. The company performed of "Pinatore" on Friday and Saturday drew a large house and was greatly assisted in stage effect by the presence of a detachment of marines and bluejackets from H. M. S. Pelican, who went through their cutlass drill to the great pleasure of the audience. I hear that on Friday and Saturday of this week, when "Falke" is produced, Mrs. Percy Lear will assist and sing in a duo with Mr. Martin Pache, the tenor of the company.

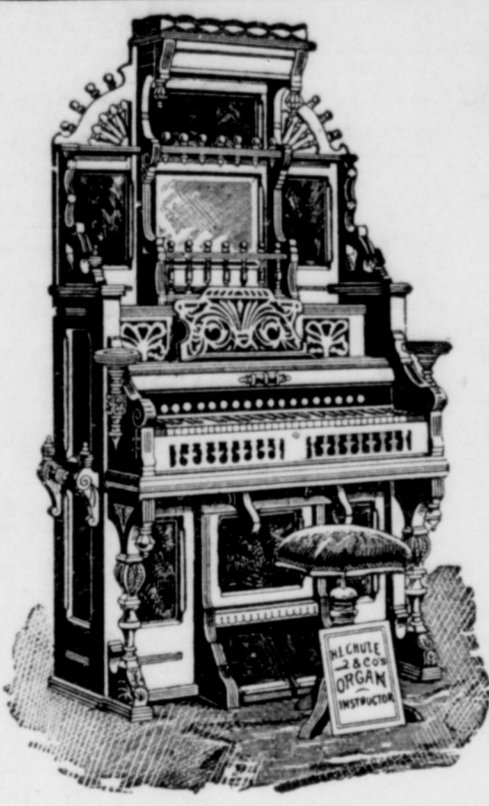
Captain Hill, of the steamer Halifax, has been appointed inspector of hulls for Nova Scotia, and will take up his new duties almost at once. Capt. and Mrs. Hill will reside in Halifax, but the former will be very much missed by the travelling public with whom he is so justly popular. Mr. C. H. Caban has been elected president of the Dalhousie alumni association. Mr. and Mrs. Bauld, leave shortly for California where they will pay a visit to their daughter Mrs. Metcalf. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kenny, have taken a house at Bedford for the summer. Capt. J. Taylor Wood, has gone to Boston.

Halifax between fog and ice in the entrance to the harbor has pretty well disgraced itself of late. But so unusual is such a state of affairs that on Saturday a party of gentlemen went out in a steam launch to see the unaccountable spectacle of drift and field ice inside Chedoke Head. It is forty years since the ice came so near Halifax Harbor, and probably will be forty more before it comes again. Dalhousie's Convocation Day has become an institution in Halifax. The Academy of music is certain to be crowded on that day by the friends and well wishers of the college. Some of course go to hear others, to see the fun. The students are always amusing and generally there is a bit of spontaneous wit that takes the entire house, grave and unreserved professors included. The special feature this year was a statue figure suspended in mid-air and labeled Diphteria, he performed weird gyrations when occasion required. The "sweet girl graduates" looked very serious minded and as though they felt the dignity of their gowns and hoods, so long appropriated to the male sex. The first lady graduate in medicine in the Maritime Provinces took her honors calmly, she is Miss Hamilton of Brookfield, and has been I believe a

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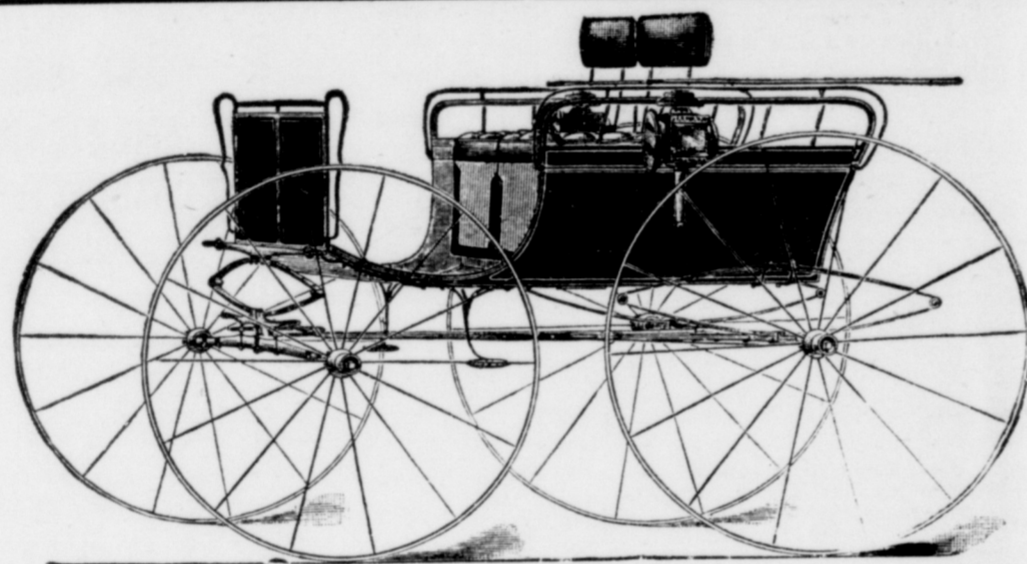
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very hard and industrious student. She intends to practice in Halifax. Talking about hoods, it was certainly a curious departure for the graduates in law to wear two hoods. I am not very conversant in university etiquette, but it struck me as something out of the way, they may be right, but it looked strange. Professor MacDonald's address to the graduates was extremely interesting. It is to be hoped that the good, but still somewhat severe on the blushing recipients of collegiate honors. The valedictory in arts was too long, twenty-five minutes is a very long time to spend listening to an eulogy on the class of '94. The law valedictory was lost in space, I could not hear one word. The medical one was the tersest, most practical address of that kind I have ever listened to, however, had the qualification of being short. There were no honorary degrees given this year. Although the proceedings showed Dalhousie and its adjunct, the Halifax medical college, to be in a very flourishing condition. The students while noisy, behaved well, and their noise had reason, and their remarks and songs with the actual character of the graduates was clearly displayed in the way they were received by their fellow students. MORRIS GRANVILLE.

YARMOUTH, N. S.

Progress is for sale in Yarmouth at the stores of E. J. Vickroy, Thomson & Co., and J. A. Craig. APRIL 24.-On Friday evening last, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Chute, entertained a large number of ladies and gentlemen at progressive whist, at their residence on Alma street. An unusually pleasant evening was spent. There were about fifty guests, chiefly married people. At about half past eight partners were selected and the game started. The tables numbered twelve, and the game was kept up briskly until very near twelve, when the scores were gathered in and very pretty prizes awarded. On this evening as on several others, we found several of our best players far in the background. The prizes were awarded first gentleman, Mr. Charles Kelley, first lady, Mrs. William McKinnon, gentleman head at the progressive tables, Mr. Enos Parker, lady first at progressive tables, Mrs. George Redding, gentleman longest at the last table, Mr. Jolly, lady, Mrs. E. V. Kery.

Very handsome dresses were worn by some of the ladies, and the party broke up about one o'clock, each one highly delighted with the charming entertaining of the host and hostess, and expressing regret at hearing that they were so soon to break up house keeping. Mrs. John H. Killam and Miss Killam gave a four o'clock tea, at their residence at Milton on Friday afternoon last. A large number of ladies were invited, and the reception was of an unusually pleasant order, continuing until six o'clock. The ladies of Trinity church held their annual sale of fancy articles and high tea, in the mission building, on Thursday and Friday afternoon and evening. The sale was largely attended and the tea of its usually high-class order, and a good sum of money was gathered towards their desired object.

On Wednesday afternoon last, Trinity church was crowded to its utmost capacity, to witness the marriage of Mr. J. Walter Holly of St. John, N. B., to Miss Regina Maude Murphy, youngest daughter of Mr. John Murphy, of this town. The church was beautifully and elaborately decorated with choice cream and white roses, and other cut flowers and potted plants. The ceremony was performed at three o'clock, by the rector, Rev. Dr. Cartwright. The bride was given away by her father. At sharp three the bridal party entered the church. Miss Gertrude Holly, sister of the groom, as maid of honor, and Mr. Grenville James, U. S. Consul, of Woodstock, N. B., as groomsmen. The guests were grouped at the foot of the chancel steps during the service, and with the foreground of flowers and handsome dresses made an exceedingly pretty sight. Although it was one of the most brilliant

KENTVILLE.

Progress is for sale in Kentville at Eaton's Bookstore. APRIL 25.-Mr. Henry Lovett spent Sunday in Halifax. Mrs. Daisley Worsley left on Saturday for England. The Quadrille club gave a dance in Scotia hall on Friday evening. Mr. John Lloyd is spending a few days in Weymouth. Miss Eva Marjesson of Hantsport, was visiting Mrs. John Marjesson last week. Mrs. Harry Miltener has returned from Truro, where he has been attending business college. The entertainment given by the R. A. A. C. last week was quite interesting. Exhibitions of skill with the horseshoe and tumb-bells were given, and handsome dresses made an exceedingly pretty sight. The clown was very amusing and the feature of the evening for the small boys. NEMO.

NEW GLASGOW.

Progress is for sale in New Glasgow by A. O. Fritchard and H. H. Henderson. APRIL 25.-Messrs. Owen and Leonard Smith, sons of Dr. Smith have returned from Baltimore, where they have been attending medical college. Miss May Kelley, of Detroit, was visiting in town last week.

Miss Jean McDougall was visiting in Truro and Halifax last week. The "Citizens' band" gave the first "open air" concert, of the season on Monday evening in West Side park. The programme was excellent. Mr. James D. McGregor went to Montreal on last Friday.

Miss McDonald of Pictou, is the guest of Miss S. McGregor. Mr. Hedleigh Jenkinson goes to Boston today on a pleasure trip. Miss Mabel Robertson, of Hopewell, is this week the guest of Miss Walker.

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A number of energetic young men have arranged for a series of five dances to take place once a fortnight. The first of these pleasant entertainments will be held in the hall this evening. Mrs. Bambrick and Mrs. Bowers Archibald spent a few days last week in Glace Bay. Mr. H. E. Baker was here from Gabarou on Friday. Mrs. Keating of Port Mulgrave, is visiting her sister Mrs. H. B. Macpherson. Mrs. McRae and her little girl arrived from Montreal by Friday's train. APRIL 24.-Mayor Purves was in town on Wednesday last. Col. Graner, and Mr. D. J. McDonald returned on Saturday from Halifax. Mr. McLaren returned from Halifax, on Wednesday. Dr. Sam. I. McLennan, graduate of Bellevue arrived from New York by Saturday evening's express. He intends practicing with Dr. McKee, at Cow Bay. CHERRY RIFE

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