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The concert given on Thursday night at the Academy of Music was one of the most fashionable events of the winter. The audience was a very large one, while on the stage was a very representative assembly of the cream of society.

The programme was an extremely popular one, and capitally suited for the occasion, people having come to be amused and pleased in the good old fashioned way, without much idea of criticizing an entertainment which really could have borne it better than more ambitious attempts.

The stage looked very well, being prettily arrayed and the bright dresses of some of the ladies of the chorus were most effective. There was no attempt at uniformity, as it was found impossible, but the varied colours were really more successful with the black coats of the men on the stage than the proposed white dresses could have been. Mrs. Campbell, looked extremely well in old gold silk or satin, Mrs. Lear also in pale pink silk with lace, Miss Colborne was in biscuit coloured silk, Mrs. Borden in red and black. Several young ladies looked charming in white, among them Miss Daisy Oliver, and Miss Lewis, Miss Gladys Tremaine had a pretty dress of black and green, Mrs. Tremaine being all in black, as were Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Clark, Miss Slayter, and Miss High. Mrs. Leach looked well, as did Miss Law-en, and Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Kenedy Campbell, both look d and sang charmingly. Other ladies in the chorus were Mrs. Arthur Troop, Miss Lyd, Miss Coxwell, Miss Farrell, and Mrs. Apley Smith, whose dresses I could not see well.

The gentlemen singing were Colonel Anstruther, Captain Colborne, Captain Lushington, Mr. J. B. Currie, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Hebb, Mr. Duffus, Messrs. F. and A. del. Tremaine, Mr. Ward, Captain Clarkson, Rev. F. B. Jordan, Mr. W. Wiswell, Mr. Wainwright and Mr. de Mille.

The plantation choruses by Gatty were brightly sung and pleased immensely. The solo parts in them were taken by Mrs. Sear and Miss Bligh, Mr. Currie, Mr. Elliott, R. A., and Mr. Wiswell. Mrs. Kennedy Campbell was encored for her singing of "As Once in May" and responded with "Coming Thro' the Rye" an old favorite with her audiences. Mrs. Sear, who gave a charming selection accompanied by the band of the King's regiment was also encored but did not respond, to the disappointment of the audience.

Colonel Anstruther, R. A., and Captain Campbell, King's regiment, both new to Halifax audiences, gave respectively a pretty little Italian canzone, and a comic song, both re-demanded. Mr. Currie was in good voice, and sang admirably "A Minstrel of Old."

Miss Hayward and Mr. Norman-Lee gave recitations, the former doing "Terry" and "Jim" every justice. Miss Gladys Tremaine and Miss Pajant accompanied by Captain Montreth, A. S. C., contri buted a pleasant number for violin and piano, while the orchestra which was the band of the King's regiment, was a host in itself.

Mr. Compton conducted, and had done much work in training the chorus. The accompanist was Miss Page.

The ladies who got up the concert did a vast deal of work to make it a success, and I am glad to hear they have realized a very fair sum, besides what was collected by their indefatigable efforts. Mrs. Montgomery Moore, Mrs. J. F. Kenny, and Mrs. James Morrow, were the principle ladies concerned and the Woman's work exchange certainly owes them a debt of gratitude.

There is now some talk of a charity ball to be held for something connected with the Ambulance association, and to be got up if possible shortly after Easter. Meetings were to be held this week to organize it, but I did not hear what, if anything was done. In any case there is likely to be a dance after Easter, even if the charity ball does not materialize. The last one here was not a success.

There was not a very good attendance at the benefit carnival on Monday evening, in spite of the presence of the band of the Columbian guards in full regimental, and a good sprinkling of subscribers to the private afterwards. The skaters had great fun however, as there was plenty of room on the ice for dancing, and besides the pique and piquee lancers the Columbian guards performed a set quite their own with much success. The spectators were not very numerous, politics and temperance meetings having taken the town, and very little money could have been realized for the beneficiary. The band was as usual very good, and it is a great pity the whole affair was not more successful.

The Prohibition Meeting at the Academy of Music on the same evening, was largely patronized. A number of ladies being among the audience, and one lady Mrs. D. W. Johnson, of Dartmouth, among the speakers. Mr. C. McIntosh was in the chair, and speeches were made by Father Murphy, of the Gold Cure Institute, Rev. A. Gaudier, of Fort Massey Church, Rev. Deyson Hague, rector of St. Paul's, Rev. Mr. Rodgers, Rev. Mr. Huetts, Rev. Mr. Dissan, Rev. Mr. McDonald and Mr. Russell, Q. C. The ladies of the W. C. T. U., are working hard for prohibition, and regarded the meeting as a very successful and promising one.

Mr. F. C. Corbett has gone to the Southern States on a short trip for benefit of his health, returning in time for the wedding of his eldest daughter.

Colonel Donville of St. John, has been spending a few days in Halifax.

Miss Stevens, Miss Smith, and Miss Alice Graham, of St. Stephen, are making a visit here.

Mrs. F. W. Bowes has returned from Providence, R. I.

St. Peter goes to England next month, to pass some time with her son Captain H. Stewart, whose book on Egypt has been so successful.

Miss Marshall Saunders, another debutante in the field of literature, has scored a success with her clever prize story "Beautiful Joe," and seems to have a future before her.

Miss Macdonald of Pictou, has accepted a position in the Halifax conservatory of music, and will be a great acquisition to music-circles.

Sir John Stainer's "Crucifixion" to be sung on Friday evening at St. Luke's cathedral by the choir

assisted by some well known voices, and again on Wednesday of next week. The proceeds are in aid of the new organ fund, and Mr. Gatzward the organist, has trained his choir very well in the beautiful music chosen.

A grand concert to be held next week at the Odd fellow's temple, among the attractions being songs by Mrs. Percy Sear, and a banjo solo by Mr. Howard, of Boston.

On Easter Monday the Baker opera company opens here with many old friends in the troupe. Miss Irene Murphy, Miss Dickson and Mr. A. Galliard among them. - MORRIS GRANVILLE.

**NEW GLASGOW.**

[PROGRESS is for sale in New Glasgow by A. O. Pritchard and H. H. Henderson.]

MARCH 14.—Quite a flutter of excitement existed early last week, when dainty printed invitations were issued, announcing that "the boys" would be "at home" in "Bell's hall" on Friday evening, from eight till twelve o'clock, the chaperons to be Mrs. R. McNeill, and Mrs. Keith. The success that always attends whatever "the boys" undertake is proverbial, consequently it was an assured fact that this would be the dance of the season, in the best hall for the purpose, and an orchestra hard to excel, and chaperons who are society favorites, and have the gift of knowing how to receive the guests with gracious ease and courtesy. Mrs. McNeill wore a very handsome reception gown and Mrs. Keith a lovely evening dress of black lace and satin. The hall was brilliantly lighted, the stage covered with fur rugs, handsome Japanese screens, cosy lounging chairs, easels, &c., giving it quite a home like appearance. Luncheon was served at eleven o'clock. The invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Newton Drake, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dixon, the Misses Graham, the Misses Fraser, "River Bank," the Misses Grey, the Misses McCaracher, the Misses Maria and Nettie McDonald, (Pictou), Miss Esther Eastwood, Miss Lena Fulton, Miss Maggie Thompson, Miss Jennie Peters, (Sydney), Miss Bessie Conrod, Miss Ray Harvey, Miss Minnie Ross, "Prospect Farm," Miss Jessie McCall, Miss Gean Mitchell, Miss Annie C. McKay, Miss Addie Bent, Miss Gertrude Douglas, Miss Isabella McKay, Miss Maggie Smith, Miss Sadie Patterson, Miss Missie Fraser, Miss Lillie Jennison, Miss Tena Green, Miss Hattie Underwood, Miss Tena McDonald, Miss Maud Sutherland, (Westville), Messrs. George Patterson, H. V. Jennison, E. W. Frazee, Dr. Keith, Dr. Wright, Dr. George Townsend, J. Barry, N. S. Matheson, Frank McNeill, Wall Jackson, John Grant, Edwin Fraser, Harry McDonald, Will Graham, Alister Matheson, G. W. Fraser, John Grant, Gordon Graham, A. A. Bowman, Charles Crockett, George Chisholm, R. H. Graham, Harry Crockett, George Thompson, Will Ross, "Prospect Farm," R. Stewart, and Marshall Graham.

The prettiest dresses worn were:

Miss Fraser (River Bank), black lace trimmed with pink ribbon.

Miss Minnie Grey, white cashmere and silk, trimmed with very handsome white lace.

Miss Annie Graham, blue silk draped with silk net.

Miss Esther Eastwood, cream figured challie and lace, hyacinths and smilax.

Miss Maggie Thompson, figured challie with trimmings and empire sash of cardinal silk.

Miss Lena Fulton, black and heliotrope challie, lace and ribbon.

Miss Bessie Conrod, lovely dress of pale blue cashmere and plush, trimmed with cream lace.

Miss Missie Fraser, tawn crepon, apple green silk trimmings.

Miss Jennie Peters, cream veiling and silk with empire sash of old rose silk.

Miss Lillie Jennison, black silk net trimmed with lace and heliotrope ribbons.

Miss Addie Bent, cream figured challie and brooze silk.

Miss Gertrude Douglas, eera challie, lace and ribbon trimmings.

Miss Tena McDonald, (Westville), pale blue and cream lace.

Miss Maud Sutherland, (Pictou), lovely cream crepon, pink silk trimmings.

Miss Winnie McCaracher, black net.

Mr. Sydney Smith, of the bank of Nova Scotia at Halifax, came to town on Friday to spend a short vacation with his parents.

Mr. C. N. S. Strickland returned to Halifax last week.

The Misses Maria and Nettie McDonald, of Pictou, were last week the guests of Mrs. McGregor, Cherry bank.

Mrs. J. Young, of Sydney, who has been visiting in Halifax, is now the guest of Mrs. Forest McKay.

Mr. Alan, inspector of Halifax Banking Co's. agencies, is here, relieving Mr. Bois De Veler, who owing to the death of his uncle, has been called to St. John.

Miss Maria McCall has gone to Halifax, to spend two weeks visiting friends.

Mr. Stewin Robertson, Hopewell, who has been in Halifax during the winter, is now in town, in the last of Mr. James F. McLean.

Mr. R. M. Jenkins, formerly of this town, but now of Halifax, is here this week seeing old friends.

Miss Harclay is out again, after her long and very serious illness.

Mrs. Dearden is here this week the guest of her brother Mayor McIntosh.

Miss Ray Garvie, of Toronto, who has been spending the winter with friends here, leaves next week to visit in Halifax, being a belle at all society events, and having made many friends, her absence will be keenly felt.

On Friday evening Miss Bessie Sutherland entertained her friends with "high tea," among her guests were the Misses Grace Carmichael, Nina Harley, Scott Mickel, Kitte McCreig, Daimina Miller, E. Grant, Duane McLean, Mrs. Carmichael, Ora Miller, Elsie Matheson, Maggie Ritchie, Clara Smith, Kate Mick et.

Mr. Graham Fraser, River Bank, went to Ottawa yesterday.

Mr. Craig, of the Nova Scotia steel and Iron Company, returned from Ontario on Saturday, and will remain here permanently. His position on the road will be filled by Mr. Jones who left for the west on Monday.

The reception and musical at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Forest McKay, passed off very pleasantly last evening. The rooms looked very pretty with numbers of colored lights, quarters of prizes tastefully arranged added to the brightness. Soles by Miss McDougall and Miss Kay, Banjo Solo by Miss Graham and Mr. Grant, and Trio by the Misses McKay and Miss Graham were all exceptionally well rendered. Ices were passed around during the evening, and at eleven o'clock a very elegant supper was served. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Harley, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. McGregor, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Layton, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Layton, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McGregor, Mr. and Mrs. John Underwood, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Carruthers, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Matheson, Mr. and Mrs. Rod McGregor, Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. J. Eastwood, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bell, Mrs. Daud, Mrs. Simon Fraser, Mrs. Alfred Fraser, Mrs. C. A. Robson, Mrs. Rankin (Sydney), Mrs. Strone, Mrs. Stanley McCurdy Mrs. J. Young (Sydney), the Misses Jean McDougall, S. McIntosh, A. M. Coll, Maggie Smith, Annie Graham, C. Carmichael, Maggie McKay, Jesse M. Coll, S. McGregor, Ray Garvey, Sarah Walker, A. Carmichael, Jean Mitchell, Lillie Jennison, S. Archibald, Margaret McGregor, Edith

Carmichael, Pictou, Ada Fraser, A. McMillan (Antigonish), Jean Fraser, Winnie Carmichael, Mabel Robertson (Hopewell), Mayor McIntosh, Captain Walker, Messrs Andrew Walker, J. Barry, R. Wright, A. O. McRae, D. Solon, J. Dix Fraser, R. H. Graham, J. Grant, R. Lawson, George Patterson, Harvey Graham, C. W. Frazee.

**YARMOUTH, N. S.**

[PROGRESS is for sale in Yarmouth at the stores of E. J. Vickery, Thomson & Co., H. W. Cann and J. A. Craig.]

MARCH 13.—The oyster supper given in St. John's presbyterian church on Wednesday evening, was very successful a large number being present, and a good sum of money realized, which goes toward the organ fund.

On Friday evening, Mrs. Frank Wilson entertained a large number of young people at progressive whist, at her home at Milton. The fortunate prize winners received very handsome souvenirs. A very pleasant evening was spent by all.

Prof. W. M. Clark is about starting a choral or Philharmonic society, which will no doubt be very welcome to the music loving people of Yarmouth.

There is to be given this week in the First baptist church an entertainment, for which a very fine programme is prepared.

Mr. C. W. Mu phy returned home on Saturday after quite an extended absence.

Dr. Fritz who has been on a trip through a part of Nova Scotia returned home Saturday evening.

Miss Sabra Killian is at home again, she has been spending the winter with Mrs. Fred Killian at the Soldiers States.

Mr. Wilbur, of Moncton, N. B. has arrived in town to take a position in the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Mr. Charles Clements returned on Wednesday evening from a trip through the province.

Mr. Robert T. Guest has gone to Annapolis on a business trip.

Mr. Charles Purdy, of Annapolis is in town, I understand he is to remain in Yarmouth, having a position in Thomson & Co's drug store.

Capt. J. W. Dunham and family, were in town last week.

Mr. Chas. Horten, who has been so ill with pneumonia, is still in a very critical state.

Mr. Frank Beveridge, who has been visiting Yarmouth, has been a guest at his brother-in-law's.

Miss Mabel Cann, who has been for some time visiting her sister Mrs. Corbett, in Parrsboro and friends in Halifax, returned home on Saturday evening.

Mrs. I. M. Lovitt has been absent from Yarmouth for a few weeks; she has gone to her home in New Brunswick.

Mr. G. Woodhill, of F. & E. Kenney, Halifax, was in Yarmouth Saturday en route for Boston.

Capt. J. W. Bradshaw, of Windsor, was in town Saturday.

Mr. J. S. Shatford arrived by steamer Boston on Saturday night for Halifax.

Mr. C. T. Stewart, of Montreal, was in town last week.

**AMHERST.**

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

MARCH 14.—Senator Dickey, left town on Monday evening for Ottawa.

Rev. V. E. Harris returned home from Montreal, on Saturday.

Miss Jennie Kennedy, of Halifax, is the guest of Miss Quigley, Edely street. Miss Kennedy has many friends in town made on former visits who will be delighted to meet her again.

Mr. Oxley, M. P., was in town on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rogers, have moved into their recently purchased cottage on Rathford street.

Mrs. George Cole, went to Parrsboro, on Tuesday, to spend a fortnight with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Steele, are entertaining a very little stranger who arrived last week.

Miss Connie Dickey is paying a visit to friends at River Herbert.

Mrs. James Moffat went to Oxford on Monday to visit friends.

Mr. A. McKinnon came home on Friday much the worse of a severe cold which has kept him indoors since.

Mr. H. Rogers, who came from Boston last week, to visit his father, Mr. W. Rogers, returned home on Monday.

Ex-Mayor and Mrs. Danlap will entertain a number of friends at high tea this evening a picnic evening is anticipated, whist being in order after tea.

Mr. A. R. Dickey went to Parrsboro on Monday.

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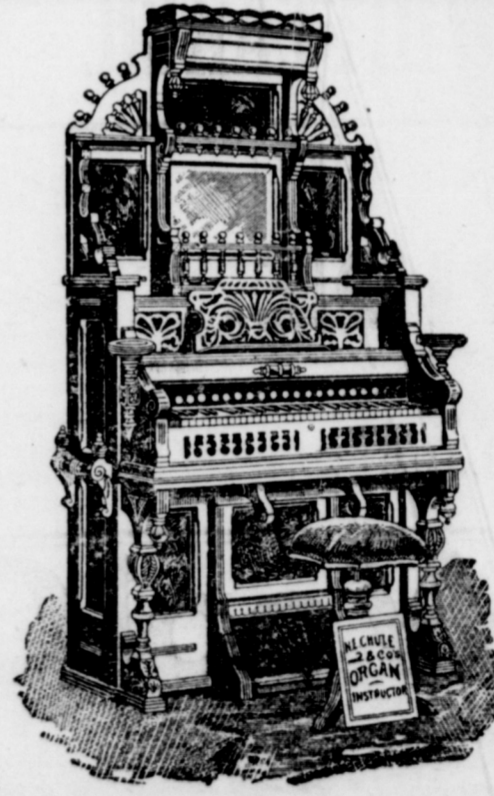
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