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HALIFAX NOTES.

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It is not exaggeration to say that no performance at the academy ever drew a larger and more fashionable audience than the Pastime minstrels on Monday last. It would hardly have been thought that a minstrel show would have caught on like that. It is difficult to say exactly why it did. The reputation of the performers was perhaps sufficient to draw a good house, but there was a something unexplainable that caused the immense excitement over the production. On Monday night the performance lacked snap and go and evidently there was just the least bit of friction, but in spite of that taken all for all it was a good performance and one hard to beat, away above all professional minstrels and as good as most amateur ones. For the rule is reversed as regards minstrels, the amateur being invariably better than the professional.

The setting of the first part might have been improved and it was a waste of good material not to have the four end men in once. The chorus were excellent, but one got rather tired of the quartette. Mr. Hobbs' song was the success of the evening, being exceedingly well sung. Mr. Norman was disappointing, and Mr. Gillis was very much out of voice. Mr. Wallace made an excellent centre-man, a very difficult part. The end men however have to carry the show on their shoulders and they certainly did it. Mr. A. D. Johnstone, being a born artist could not but do well, he makes the quiet easy kind of bones that display the most talent. Mr. Lambkin, who was new to the Halifax public, was excellent, his song "Auntie Nancy" going well, for he sang it with a great deal of dash and vigor even if he did mix up one of the verses. Mr. Higgins, represents the different style of end man, very effectively and very true to nature. Mr. Porter belonged to that style also and his song took well, the latter "on the Mississippi" was altogether too long and spun out. It seemed as though there was some missed out and that then they had to go back to find out just where they were. The Gleason, Clementina incident could have been made much more effective than it was. Silent Tim, was certainly very good and very effective, but the house ought to have been darker. Mr. Tomblin's song "Fanny" was capital one showing him to be a versatile artist in this line. Even if the performance was too long everyone seemed to enjoy it and the Pastimes can certainly congratulate themselves on having put on a very excellent show. Let us hope we will hear from them again, they have the best of material, capable of being developed into something far above the average.

Miss Randolph, of Fredericton, is in Halifax and is the guest of Mrs. Wallace Graham.

Miss St. George, of Montreal, has been spending some time with relatives in this city.

Mrs. Chas. Archibald, President of the Maritime Union, of the W. C. T. U. is at the Halifax hotel.

The death of Mrs. Douglas, eldest daughter of Mrs. Burmester, of Halifax, occurred last week at her home at Lakfield, Ontario. Mrs. Douglas leaves several children, having been twice married, her first husband being Surgeon Major McMaisters, V. C. after whose death she became the wife of Surgeon Major Douglas, V. C. Mrs. Douglas is a sister of Miss Daisy Burmester.

Many people regret to hear of the death of Mrs. James of Baltimore, nee Miss Celeste McCully, of Halifax and sister to the Rev. Clarence McCully, of Fredericton.

The children's skating carnival to take place on Monday night will probably be the most popular one of the season, prizes of five dollars each being offered for the best costumes, and a prize of fifteen dollars for the best group. So many children were disappointed last week on account of the very bad weather, that their tickets have been made good for Monday evening and a very pretty and large carnival will probably result.

The rink event of this week is the evening party to be held on Wednesday, the hosts at which are the civilian subscribers to the private afternoons. This is the largest rink party, if one may judge from the amount of invitations issued, that has yet been given, and the rink is looking very well with the carnival decorations will make quite a pretty setting for the dancers and spectators.

Mrs. Montgomery Moore has issued cards for two small teas at the Levee House on this and the following Thursday. These small and very informal gatherings are the only entertainments which will take place at the Levee House until Lent is over. Several very pleasant sleigh drives were given in the latter part of last week, Captain and Mrs. Long having an especially charming one, which went to Waverly to dine, and returned by moonlight.

Two others were given on Saturday by different people, both going off remarkably well, as the sleighing was perfect and the night very fine. Another attraction of Saturday last was very good outdoor skating on the North West Arm, of which many people are already thoroughly tired, large teas being given at several well known houses along the eastern shore.

A reception was given on Tuesday afternoon by the Halifax W. C. T. U. Mrs. Archibald, the president of the Maritime Union, presided at the very large attendance at the Grafton street rooms of the various members, who had gathered to welcome Mrs. Archibald.

I omitted last week to mention the very pleasant smoking concert held at the Halifax Club by the members of that institution, and the kind of the kind they have given. Something is said about an "at home" to be held there later on in the season, but I believe this is not yet settled. The members of the City Club gave a very pleasant affair of the kind about a fortnight ago, which was much enjoyed by the guests, ladies being invited during the afternoon and gentlemen only during the evening.

The Ramblers' cycle club had their sleigh drive on Tuesday afternoon. Among this week's arrivals are Colonel A. W. Anstruther, R. A., who succeeds Colonel Saunders in this garrison; the Rev. F. D. Norman-Lee, who has been making a short visit to England. Miss Violet Noyes also arrived by the Numidian, and will make a long visit to Mrs. Guy Hart.

To the ladies who are thinking of getting up a ladies' minstrel troupe the following should be interesting. A great success was lately had in Dublin by the Maggie Minstrels. The ladies in this troupe all wore white satin frocks and powdered hair; the men wore the orthodox black and had blackened faces. The effect is said to have been very pretty, and as I hear that an objection to blackening their faces is the reason many ladies have for not joining the proposed troupe here, why not adopt the Maggie idea.

A very pleasant little euche party was given this week by a young hostess, being one of the nicest, and with the prettiest ladies yet given. Other things doing were informal teas and card parties, few of the devotees of the latter having given them up for Lent.

I hear the very pleasant rumor of a large dance to be given after Easter. We have had very little dancing this year and a little gaiety would be very pleasant in the chilly weather of early spring.

Halifax people abroad seem to be enjoying themselves, as I hear of four Halifax ladies, married in England, as having been present at a large tea given in Portsmouth by Princess Louise and Princess Beatrice by the Majores.

The concert given last week at St. Matthews, had such a very bad night that many people were disappointed and kept at home. If it could be repeated later on, a large audience would be a certainty. MORRIS GRANVILLE.

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

FEB. 20.—The marriage of Miss Isabel S. Taylor and Mr. John Hatfield took place in the Presbyterian church on Wednesday afternoon. The church was filled with friends and relatives. The bride was attired in a very pretty travelling suit of light grey. The church was decorated with bouquets of flowers. After the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Mr. Millar, the couple proceeded on board the steamer Boston, en route for their future home in the city of Mexico. Mrs. Hatfield will be very much missed among the young people of Yarmouth, who all wish her very much happiness in her new life. Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield were serenaded at the wharf by the Yarmouth brass band.

The play given in the Boston Marine hall, Monday evening, by the Will-O'-The-Wisp company, under the auspices of the Yarmouth brass band, was very successful. The hall was packed to overflowing and each piece was very warmly applauded. Owing to the shortness of time much of the scenery could not be got in place in time for the first evening's performance. The solos, duets and trios were exceedingly good.

The Herald of this week contains articles from the pens of two of our Yarmouth young ladies, one a description of a "Trip among the West India Isles," the other a very pretty poem.

Mr. Irving G. Hall has been on a visit to Yarmouth and returned to Boston Saturday night. Mr. Medcalf is on his way home, having left England some days ago.

Miss Sadie Lovitt and Miss Ida Munroe left for Halifax this week for a visit of a few weeks. Dr. Buchanan returned to Boston on Saturday evening.

The novel entertainment, "A quotation social" given in the Tabernacle on Tuesday evening was very well attended. Besides the enjoyment of the novel part of the entertainment was an excellent programme consisting of solos by Mrs. McKinnon, Miss Woodburn, Miss Redding, reading by Miss Jenkins and Mr. Dennis, duet by Mrs. McKinnon and Mr. Churchill, and address by Rev. Mr. McIntosh. At the close refreshments were served.

Mr. J. L. Hetherington of Halifax was in Yarmouth on Wednesday last and left by steamer for Boston. Mr. I. D. Moses left for England on Wednesday by the way of Boston and New York. Mr. Moses expects to be absent about two months. Mr. Robert Cate went to Boston on Wednesday night. Mr. C. H. Dimock of Windsor was in town on Saturday. Mr. W. H. Rhodes, of Amherst, was in town on Saturday. On St. Valentine's eve the Y. P. S. C. of Providence church, held a social entertainment in the vestry of the church, consisting of a good musical and literary programme, after which refreshments were served. A very pleasant evening was spent. Mr. Wm. Law, M. P. P., arrived from Halifax on Monday last. Mr. Bower, of Shelburne, passed through Yarmouth on Saturday. Mr. Hatfield, M. P. P., arrived from Halifax on Monday.

WINDSOR, N. S. [PROGRESS is for sale in Windsor at Knowles Bookstore and F. W. Dakin] FEB. 20.—The Doering-Brauer concert on Wednesday evening of last week was much enjoyed by a fair audience. We have had the pleasure of listening to Herr and Frau Doering before and never tire of their fine performance. Herr Karl Doering's singing was a new element in the organization and was highly appreciated. Miss North of Hantsport spent a few days with Miss Lizzie Smith last week. Mr. and Mrs. D. Geldert are visiting in Lunenburg. Miss Mabel Payne of Halifax is the guest of her friend, Miss Lillie Allison. Mr. Lewis Rice of Truro was in town this week for a day or two. Mr. Harry King is home from Dalhousie college for a day or two. Mrs. Harley of Digby, is visiting her mother Mrs. Hind. Dr. and Mrs. Bowman are visiting in Halifax for a few days. Mr. Chas. Hobart has gone to Philadelphia where he expects to remain for some weeks. He has taken his little son with him. Mr. Arthur Drysdale of Halifax was in town this week. Much sympathy is expressed for Dr. and Mrs. Moody in the loss of their little baby, a bright little boy of five months.

Rev. Lawrence Amor and Mrs. Amor of St. Margaret's Bay are visiting Rev. Mr. Harvey. Even though the Lenten season is upon us gaieties have not entirely ceased. On Thursday evening of last week Mrs. C. DeWolfe Smith had a large and pleasant dance for her daughter Mrs. Hensley. It is unnecessary to remark on the excellency of the arrangements as Mr. Smith's house is well known to be one of the finest and most elegantly fitted up in town. Mrs. Smith received in a handsome dress of black satin. Mrs. Hensley wore her wedding gown of white corded silk. Miss Lizzie Smith, a handsome dress of pink brocade. Miss Dorothy Smith, white cashmere, yellow trimmings. Miss Macdonald, Nile green silk. Miss North, (Hantsport) henriette challie. Mrs. Norman Dimock, white satin. Miss Locke, black velvet. Mrs. Russell, black silk and lace overdress. Mrs. Macdonald, white and blue. Miss Black, Nile green cashmere. Mrs. W. L. Blanchard, black satin. Mrs. L. Allison, white cashmere and red silk. Mrs. Ryan, pretty gown of white silk with cream flowers. Mrs. Geo. Geldert, white satin with gold trimmings. Mrs. Beckwith, black lace and red flowers. Miss Bossance, very pretty dress of white cashmere, with pale blue velvet trimmings. Miss O'Brien, black silk, red flowers. Mrs. Wm. Curry, yellow brocade. Miss L. Allison, white cashmere and red silk. Miss J. Curry, white and pink cashmere, pink trimmings. Mrs. Fred Dimock, black lace and white flowers. Mrs. Lou Macdonald, pretty gown of white cashmere trimmed with white silk. Miss E. Curry, black lace. Miss Mayne Curry, white cashmere; Miss Abbie Anslow, yellow cashmere; Miss Smith, (St. Stephen), white and yellow trimmings. Miss Graham, (St. Stephen), grey pongee silk; Mrs. Lawson, grey velvet trimmed with pink; Miss Lawson, canary silk; Mrs. Harriet, coral colored silk, trimmed with Nile green. Miss S. Ubbing, white cashmere, green velvet trimmings and blue lace. Mrs. George Wilcox, black lace and j. ts; Miss Mabel Payne, white cashmere and white velvet. Miss Woodworth, white cashmere and lace; Miss Morris, pink silk and net; The gentlemen were Messrs. Lawson, Curry, O'Brien, Russell, E. F. Dimock, Lighthow, McMurphy, G. E. L. Dimock, Ousey, Rowler, Sangster, George MacCallum, Wm. Shaw and Webster. Invitations are out for a public debate to be given in Convention Hall on Friday evening, February 23rd, 1894.

Mrs. Medcalf and her sister, Miss Mayne Curry, have gone to Halifax to meet Mr. Medcalf, who is expected to return from England this week. A number of young people had a drive to Brooklyn last Tuesday, which, in spite of the cold weather was much enjoyed. MAITLAND. [PROGRESS is for sale in Maitland by James Ughart.] FEB. 20.—Mrs. Thomas Roy, accompanied by her daughter Annie, left on Monday for New York, where they join the ship which Captain Roy commands, and proceed to Havana. Miss Mabel Putnam returned from Yarmouth on Thursday last, where for the past three months she has been the guest of her cousin, Dr. W. G. Putnam. The many friends of Mr. Augustus Eaton were pleased to welcome him home on Monday last. Mr. Eaton is now manager of a Western bank, and accompanied by his wife and little daughter, is spending a well earned vacation at home here. Mrs. Isaac Douglas is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Howard McKenzie, at Economy, N. S. Mr. E. C. Johnstone has returned from Jamaica, where he has been spending the winter months because of failing health. Mrs. Denmore entertained a number of her friends at a five o'clock tea on Thursday evening last. The party, though small, was a most genial one. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Eaton have returned from a visit among Truro friends. I hear of a sleigh drive and dance to be given in the near future, and of which more anon. HOOKS.

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