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Society seems determined to redeem itself from any reproach, regarding dullness; which may have been cast upon it during the summer and autumn; last week there were several receptions and this week is followed up with quite as good a record. The first dance of the week, outside the one given by the St. Andrews society, was given by Mrs. and the Misses Markham on Tuesday evening and those who were favored with invitations say it was the nicest dance that has taken place for some time; the music, furnished by three pieces of Harrison's orchestra was excellent, the floor in splendid dancing order, the rooms bright and cheery with flowers and the hostesses of the evening doing all in their power for the pleasure of their guests it was quite impossible for the evening to be otherwise than pleasant. Mrs. Markham who was assisted in receiving her guests by the Misses Markham, wore a very handsome black silk; Miss Markham was also wearing black, and Miss Blanche Markham had on a very pretty pink dress with lace trimmings. The supper served during the evening was excellent and the table perfect in all its arrangements. It was about three o'clock when the guests departed; among those present were Misses MacMillan, Misses Dunn, Miss Holden, Miss Travers, Miss Isabel Donville, Misses Skinner, Miss Mello Yroom, Miss Morris, Misses Pugsley, Misses Vassie, Miss Christie, Miss Wiggins, Winsor, Miss Parks, Miss Grace Scovill, Miss Ethel Allison, Miss Trites, Miss Jarvis, Miss Payne, Miss Gilbert, Miss Stone, Mr. Geo. Jones, Mr. Gerard, Dr. H. P. Travers, Mr. Bob Hanington, Mr. de Bury, Mr. Clinch, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Bruce Scovill, Mr. Harold Allison, Mr. Kaye, Mr. James Kaye, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. L. Tilley, Mr. Walter Foster, Dr. Robertson, Dr. Walker, Mr. F. Stone, Mr. Percy Clark, Mr. Fred Macmillan, Mr. Ned Armstrong, Mr. Harry Dunn, Mr. James Allison, Mr. Guy Kinnear, Sussex, Mr. Frank Kinnear.

Mrs. Keltie Jones entertained quite a large number of lady friends at a five o'clock tea yesterday afternoon. The occasion was an exceedingly pleasant one and the ladies who were present were all daintily gowned notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather.

Miss Wiggins of Windsor is a guest of Miss Christie for a short time.

Mrs. Bridges and family of Fredericton will come to St. John next week to take possession of their house on Orange street.

Miss Florrie Kaye and Miss Beatrice Hatheway went to Halifax yesterday and will sail today on the Labrador for England, where they will spend the winter.

Miss Loring of Boston arrived yesterday and is the guest of the Misses Travers, with whom she will spend Christmas.

Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson Scovill is in the city, a guest of Mrs. Barclay Robinson.

Mr. Henry Thorn entertained several clergymen at dinner this week, among them being the two clergymen who are holding mission services in the stone church.

The engagement of Miss Belle Stockton daughter of Mr. B. Stockton and Mr. A. Webster of Moncton is being pleasantly discussed in society and numerous friends are offering congratulations.

The most fashionable reception that has been held so far this season was that given by Miss Christie and Miss Stephenson on Thursday afternoon; it was Miss Christie's first effort at entertaining on so large a scale and the youthful hostess acquitted herself with an ease and dignity that might well be envied by those more accustomed to entertaining. The prevailing colors in the decorations of the rooms were green and pink, this was also carried out with charming effect in the dining room where the table was bright with pink and green china, simalax and a very large and beautiful chrysanthemum with many pink blossoms occupied the centre; the chandeliers were trimmed with simalax; the creams and linens were also in these colors and the effect was charming. Harrison's orchestra was stationed at the head of the stairs and discoursed sweet music at intervals. Miss Christie received her guests in a lovely green gown trimmed with cream satin while the young ladies who assisted here were nearly all wearing pink.

Mrs. (Dr.) Johnson and Mrs. William Pugsley poured tea and the following young ladies assisted the hostess in waiting upon her guests, Miss Mary MacMillan, Miss Travers, Miss Raymond, Miss Schmidt, Miss Lena Dunn and Miss Lily Markham.

No doubt the inclemency of the weather detained many ladies at home but a very large number called during the afternoon and among them were, Lady Tilley, Mrs. DeByres, Mrs. Boyle Travers, Mrs. Holden, Mrs. Barclay Boyd, Mrs. Raymond, Mrs. John Gillis, Mrs. Geo. Coster, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Walter White, Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. J. Armstrong, Mrs. D. P. Chisholm, Mrs. James Harding, Mrs. Alfred Markham, Mrs. McGregor Grant, Mrs. J. Roy Campbell, Mrs. Steves, Mrs. Harry Scovill, Mrs. deWolf Spurr, Mrs. T. F. Raymond, Mrs. C. N. Skinner, Mrs. Gilbert Pugsley, Mrs. Wm. Pugsley, Mrs. (Dr.) Johnson, Mrs. J. R. Armstrong, Mrs. T. B. Hanington, Mrs. James Mannin, Mrs. Fiske, Miss Besnard, Miss Murray, Miss Grace MacMillan, Miss Marion Peters, Miss Kate Bayard, Miss Ada Bayard, Misses Dunn, Misses Travers, Miss Hart, Miss Pugsley.

The first of the series of assemblies to be given by a number of young gentlemen was held on Thursday evening and was a most successful affair; over one hundred ladies and gentlemen were present and danced indefatigably until late, or rather early next morning; excellent music was provided for the following numbers: 1, valse; 2, valse; 3, lancers; 4, valse; 5, polka; 6, valse; 7, two steps; 8, valse; 9, lancers; 10, valse; 11, gallop; 12, valse. There were three supper dances after which the following was danced: 13, polka; 14, valse; 15, militaire; 16, valse. The upper end of the supper room was converted into a cosy little sitting out place and was divided from the supper room by folding screens.

The pleasant duties of chaperoning the affair devolved upon Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Holden, Mrs. De Wolf Spurr, Mrs. C. N. Skinner, and Mrs. MacMillan, while the following gentlemen had charge of the arrangements, Messrs. F. C. Jones, J. R. Warner, J. G. Keator, R. H. Gordon, C. McL. Troop, and S. Skinner.

The ladies were all beautifully gowned, the following being noticeable: Mrs. Warner, black silk and jet. Mrs. Holden, black and white brocade. Mrs. Spurr, black and pink silk, jet trimmings. Mrs. C. N. Skinner, black silk with jet. Mrs. MacMillan, black silk and jet. Mrs. C. R. Harrison, black satin and jet. Mrs. Stanley Ritchie, pale pink silk, white lace overdress.

Mrs. Coster, pink satin and chiffon. Mrs. Trueman, heliotropes silk, white net overdress. Mrs. Keltie Jones, white satin, blue flowers. Miss Burpee, black satin, lace and violets. Miss Travers, yellow silk, yellow and white muslin overdress, ribbon and velvet trimmings. Miss Skinner, white net and lace over pink silk. Miss Jo Vassie, rose and grey shaded silk, iridescent trimmings. Miss Furlong, black satin, lace overdress, cream trimmings. Miss Christie, pink crepon and pink satin. Miss Katie Jones, green silk, roses. Miss Thompson, white satin and old rose satin trimmings. Miss Lena Dunn, white and pink silk. Miss Jarvis, white and blue.

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Miss Louise Skinner, yellow silk, black lace. Miss Kaye, pink cashmere and net. Miss Gertrude Skinner, pink silk, white muslin overdress. Miss Janie Vassie, shaded blue silk, iridescent trimmings. Miss Holden, white muslin, satin trimmings. Miss Warner, blue muslin. Miss Tuck, black satia, iridescent trimmings. Miss Luin McAvity, white silk, chiffon trimmings. Miss Isabel Donville, pink silk and white lace. Miss M. Donville, black and pale blue. Miss Hazen a very hand some heliotropes silk bodice with velvet and lace trimmings, black crepon. Miss Outram, pale blue serpentine silk, black satin sash. Miss Jennie Hall, pink spotted muslin, white satin ribbons. Miss Brever, yellow spotted muslin. Miss Brendon, Brantford, pink silk, iridescent trimmings. Miss Maude Skinner, white silk, lace and satin trimmings. Miss Vroom, yellow and white striped silk, white trimmings. Miss Blanche Markham, white crepon. Miss Bayard, black crepon. Mrs. Barron, cream silk, blue satin ribbons. Miss May Bair, white muslin and pink ribbons. Miss Mary MacMillan, pale blue, white lace and roses.

The bazaar in St. John's presbyterian church was very well attended this week, considering the very strong weather that has prevailed.

I regret that owing to the limited space at my disposal this morning, I am unable to describe for many pretty fancy articles that were offered for sale; the school room of the church when I dropped in Thursday evening was in high and cheerful contrast to the storm outside and the gaily dressed Japanese and gypsy maidens who fitted here and there in their assiduous attentions to visitors made a charming picture indeed; I believe the sale was well patronized and the proceeds were very satisfactory.

The engagement is announced of Miss Dorel daughter of Mr. B. Driscoll and Mr. G. M. McLaughlin.

The members of St. Andrews Society celebrated the feast of their patron saint with right good cheer on Monday evening, and though the night was an intensely disagreeable one the ardor of the loyal Scots was not one whit dampened. The assembly rooms of the Institute were a scene of bright moving color from an early hour in the evening until the small hours had begun to grow large.

The decorations in the room where the concert, and later the dancing took place was very effectively draped with the plaids of the different clans, banners and flags, and when the audience had assembled, the dresses of the ladies, and the regalia and plaids of the officers made a very gay scene. In the reception room Mesdames P. R. Inches, Robt. Thomson, and J. G. Forbes welcomed the guests in a very graceful manner; in the early part of the evening the dressing room was the apartment most affected by the ladies, as coming in from a steady downpour of rain the somewhat wilted looking bangs and sleeves needed considerable attention before being exposed to the bright light of the other rooms—and the critical eyes of the gentlemen. It was nearly nine o'clock when the concert began but in watching the late arrivals one did not mind the little delay, and as the president speech was going on all the time there was'always that to fall back upon. The concert was an [excellent] one indeed and there was no lack of enthusiasm on the part of the audience; I think the general feeling was that the programme was too short, that is at the beginning, but the encores insisted upon made it quite long enough; it was as follows: Scots Wha Hae, Mr. Murray; The Bonnie Banks O' Loch Lomond, Miss Watson; Address, Mayor Robertson; Highland Fling, Messrs. Gordon and Gerard; O Sing to Me the Auld Scots Songs, Mr. A. H. Lind. say; Cam Ye by Athol, Mrs. Worden; MacGregor's Gathering, by Mr. Murray; Gillie Callum, otherwise the sword dance, by Mr. McIntyre; Mrs. Worden was in excellent voice and on being recalled at the close of her first song sang "Ye Banks and Braes"; Mrs. Watson has a very sweet if not powerful voice, and both her songs elicited much applause; Mr. Murray and Mr. Lindsay both have splendid voices and the applause bestowed upon them was very flattering indeed; Mr. Lindsay's "O sing to me the auld Scots' songs" was by many considered the best thing of the evening, though perhaps the pretty little refrains in which Miss Goddard and Miss Watson joined made this number particularly enjoyable; Mayor Robertson's speech wasn't encored; possibly because it was too long in the first place coming as it did in the middle of the programme. It was a very good speech however only I'm afraid more than one person was thinking of a line or two of the "Brook" before it was ended. Miss Goddard played the accompaniments for the singers during the evening and it is unnecessary to say her work was well done. Mr. Charles K. Cameron song was not on the programme but it was thoroughly appreciated by the audience.


Scarcely had the notes of the last song died away when everybody went to work clearing the room for the dance which was to follow; the chairs were relegated to their usual quarters in short order, and in a very few moments dozens of couples had as the dance programme advised them "bunched face" and were floating gracefully around in a waltz; the orders of dances included the Highland Schottische, Lancers, Reel, Valse, Militaire, Polka and very many extras. Supper was served from about half past ten but the admirable arrangements prevented the usual crush in the supper room, which had upon this occasion a very cheerful appearance. The ladies looked very well indeed, the majority of them wearing bright pretty bodices and dark skirts; among the young ladies everybody seemed to think

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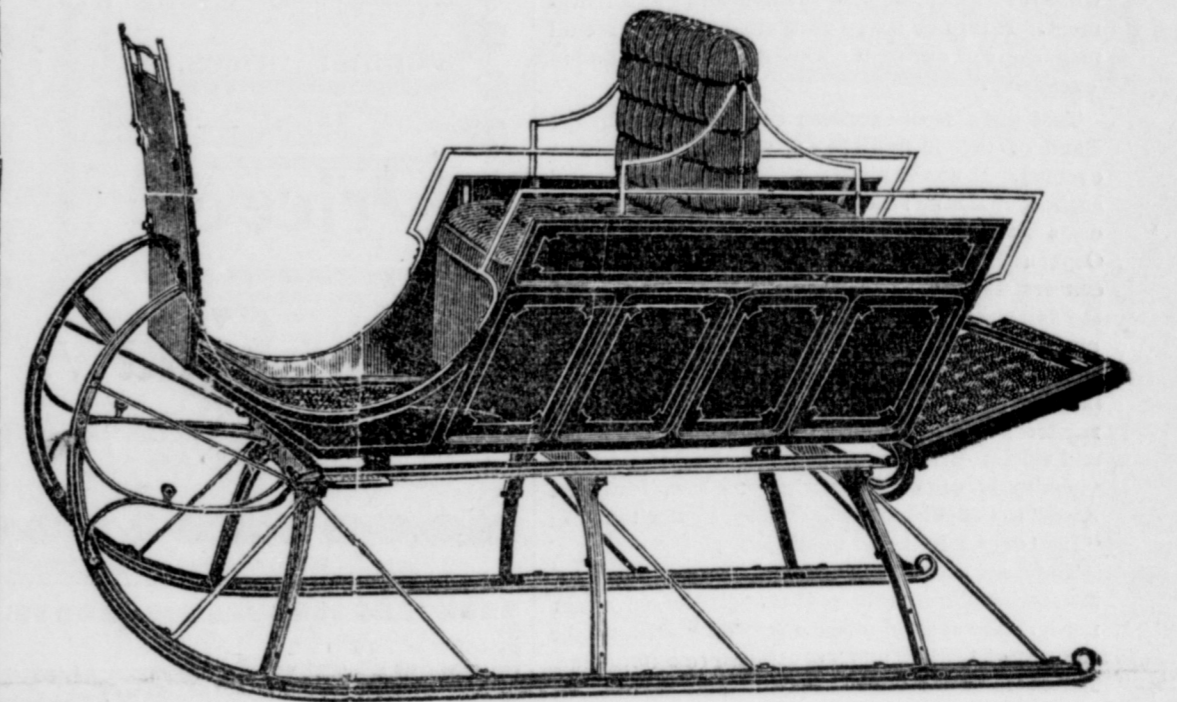


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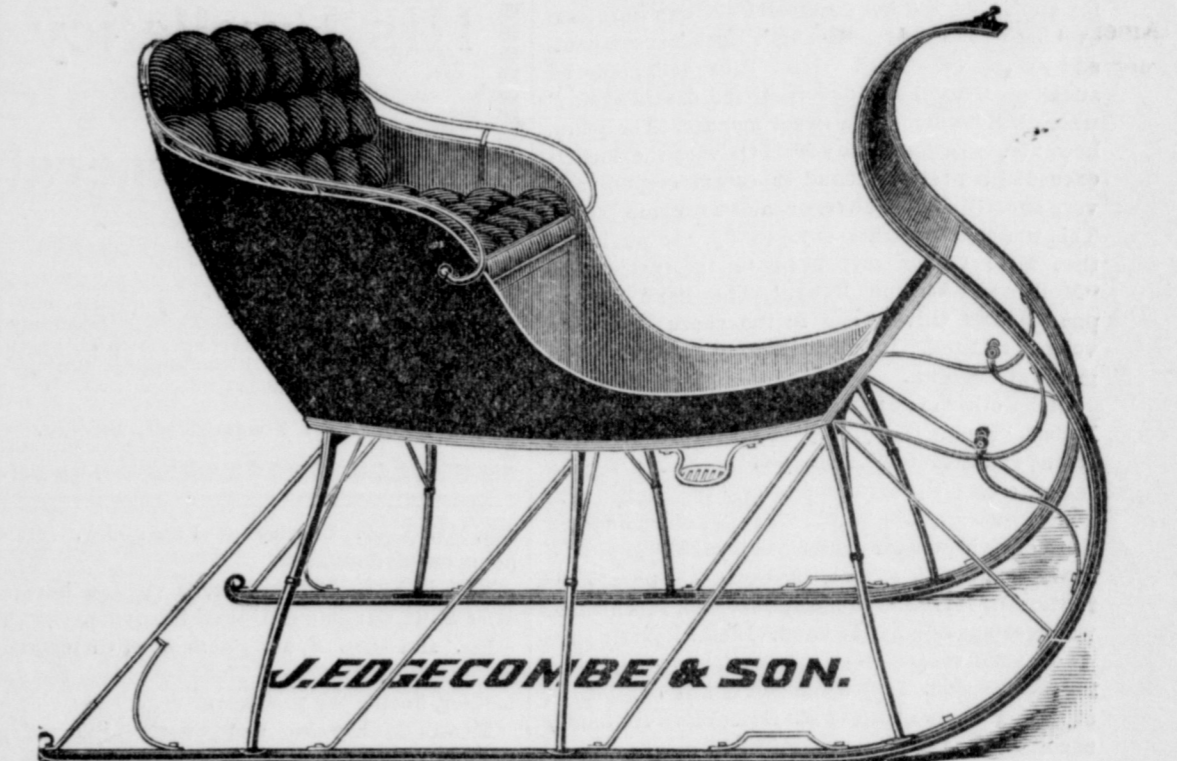
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