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"Lara" has been the all absorbing topic for several days; of course every body has been to see it, though I regret to say the same unqualified praise that was showered upon "Hispania" was not heard upon this occasion; "Lara" was splendid without a doubt and had we never seen the same people play "Hispania" we would have gone into the same raptures we did upon that occasion—we compared with a very high standard. "Lara" is not a particularly excellent libretto, as it is not a well balanced affair the serious parts being too serious and the comic, too comic. Mr. Bennett as Lady Viola was good though most people thought him too stiff and precise in his actions and looks, Mr. Wylde had a very difficult part which he managed nicely, and his singing was above criticism. The comedy of the affair was managed by the two tramps who certainly acquitted themselves admirably; in make up and action they were almost perfect; Mr. Ward sang "Sons of Rest" in a way that left no doubt as to his histrionic ability. Mr. Lyde was very good though his part was not nearly so good as in "Hispania." Mr. Everett is a splendid addition to the company; his rather difficult part showed careful work in every detail. The costumes were not so good as they might have been; the chorus was splendidly trained and did excellent work.

The electric light effects were completely spoiled by one little inattention to detail. The gas burners for the orchestra had no shades on them. This glare of naked gas jets spoiled the effect of the stage setting entirely. Surely it would be an easy matter to supply green shades for these burners, so that the light might be thrown down on the score of the musicians and not on the stage. We must, however remember that "Lara" is an amateur work in every particular. As such it must be criticized. And when looked at from that stand-point it will be found to be of a very high order.

There were a number of hockey matches last week. On Friday night the Wanderers defeated the Students in a well contested game, and the Crescents the N. W. A. team; even the officers of the Berkshire have tried their hand and in a match with the officers of the R. A. they made an excellent showing though it is needless to say they were defeated.

There were several large dinners last week the largest being at government house on Thursday evening; it was the first of the usual sessional dinners; it was a very cheerful party composed entirely of gentlemen. There was another dinner by a well known hostess at which covers were laid for sixteen guests; the table decorations were remarkably pretty, even in these days of pretty tables.

Mrs. Longely gave a large and pleasant tea at her pretty house on Brenton street on Friday afternoon. Everything was, as usual, delightfully arranged and carried out, and people seemed to enjoy themselves most thoroughly. There were of course all manner of pretty gowns to be seen, the hostess looking charming in a very pretty and well imagined frock.

I hear that there is a large contingent of Halifax youth and beauty going up to Quebec for the carnival there, and also that several Halifax ladies are going to Ottawa and will be at the grand fancy dress ball at Rideau hall. They will not, of course be obliged to be in any of the "groups" managed by various ladies, but can go arrayed after the fashion of any period of Canadian history which pleases them, and I hear that the dress of one Halifax lady is quite lovely and most of it really old and not merely new stuff made up in an ancient fashion.

## WINDSOR.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Windsor at Knowle's book store and by F. W. Dakin.]

JAN. 21.—The rink has been open for the season and is better patronized than it has been for several years although this season the band is to play only once a week; already there has been several small rink parties, what with a number of teas, the meeting of the whist club, and a dance, the town has been more lively in a social way than usual, during the past week. There has been so little gaiety of any kind for the young people for some time that the party given by Mrs Ouseley on Friday evening was a pleasant change. Mrs. Ouseley received her guests in black silk with over dress of chiffon, Miss Ouseley wore a pretty gown of pink challie and Miss Frances Ouseley a lemon colored silk. Those who were Miss Willets, Miss Bowman, Miss Sinzzie Smith, Miss Jean Smith, Pearl Haley, Miss Morris, Miss Lawson, Miss Prat Miss Locke, Miss Lucy Gossip, Miss McCallum, and Miss Georgie Wilson, Messrs. Dennison, P. L. Dimock, H. W. Sangster, A. Lawson, Bowman, Smith, Dynds Barnhill, E. Spencer, W. Morris, C. Rosier, Creighton, Dartmouth, E. O'Brien, A. Sutherland, Tremaine, and Radden.

Miss Locke wore white silk with gauze overdress
Miss L. Smith, white silk crepon pink rimmings.
Miss Jean Smith; white cashmere, trimmed with white silk, over-dress of white tulle.
Miss Willets, pale green silk.
Miss Lawson, rose satin.
Miss Georgie Wilson, yellow silk.
Miss Morris, white crepon.
Miss Prat, pink velvet.
Miss McCallum white cashmere.
Miss Gossip, white and pale blue.

Mrs. Avard Forsyth who has been confined to her house for some weeks with quite a serious illness is able to be out again and leaves this week to join his husband captain Forsyth in London. Her house at Avonton will be closed during her absence.

Miss Kate Geldert was in Halifax visiting friends for a few days last week.

Mr. Acklom who has been spending part of his vacation in Windsor left last week to resume his duties at Lenoxville.

Miss Machin principal of the Church school who has been spending the Christmas vacation with her sister in New York returned to "Edge hill" Friday.

Miss Manners and Miss Ashworth have also returned from visiting friends in Halifax.

Dr. Allen Haley and his daughter Miss Pearl were in Halifax last week.

Miss Nora Blanchard has gone to Truro where she expects to remain some weeks with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Paulin and Miss Paulin were in Halifax for a few days last week.

Mr. O'Brien, Mr. C. H Dimock and Mr. Bradford of the Collegiate school were also at the metropolis on Saturday.

Mrs. Irving Hall of Boston is making a short visit to Windsor.

Mrs. Claud Eville is home from Parrsboro visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Smith "Island Home" all of Mrs. Eville's friends are delighted to have her among them again even for a short time

Mrs. Newcomb of Burwick spent Sunday in Winsor with Mrs. G. Geldert,

Mr. Boulton of Halifax was in town on Sunday.

Miss Frances Woodworth who has been visiting friends at Grand Pre, is home again and has resumed her studies at the college.

Kings college opened on Saturday a number of the students have returned. Among them is Mr. Foster who has been laboring in the North West for the past year.

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## BRIDGETOWN.

JAN. 22.—The Misses Anabel and Viola Corbett returned to their home in Clarence last week, after enjoying a pleasant visit among friends in Annapolis.

Mrs. J. F. Saunders and son have returned to their home in Digby after visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Jackson of Clarance.

The Misses Ervin were the guests of their friend Miss Jennie Mills of Annapolis, for a few days last week.

Miss Kitty Dearness visited friends in Annapolis from Thursday till Saturday of last week.

Mr. R. Allan Crowe was in Digby during last week.

Mr. J. Ervin spent Wednesday in Annapolis.

Mr. Hugh Fowler went to Annapolis on Wednesdry.

Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Alfred Hoyt, the Misses Grace, Edna, and Nellie Hoyt, the Misses Ervin, and Miss Hattie Walsh and Messrs: Fairce, Weare Kenney, Beckwith and Ruffee, were among those who attended the "Brownie's" "at home" on Thursday of last week.

The "Brownies" "At Home" given at the Academy of Music, Annapolis, on Thursday evening, was in every way a decided success. About three hundred and fifty invitations were issued during the week before with an acceptance of two hundred. Among those present were the chaperons, Mrs. J. J Ritchie, Mrs. Lombard, and Mrs. H. A. West; Mrs. Gillis, Mrs. Freeman, Bridgetown; Mrs. McClaren, Digby; Mrs. Rudolph, Mrs. F. Harris, Mrs Lee, Mrs. Alfred Hoyt, Bridgetown; Mrs. Lovitt, Mrs. Hodson, Mrs. Sutherland, Granville; Mrs. Mills, Granville; Misses Withers, Miss Hall, Miss Mills, Miss Hodson, Miss Cunningham, Miss Leavitt, Miss Grace Hoyt, Bridgetown; Misses Edna and Nellie Hoyt, Bridgetown; Miss Hattie Walsh, Bridgetown; Misses Robinson, Miss May Prat, Wolfville; Misses Harris, Misses Prat, Bridgetown; Miss Barr, Miss Madge Morse, Miss Mattie Dearness, Bridgetown; Misses Ritchie, Miss May Mills, Granville; Miss Josie Hall, Granville; Miss Nellie Salter, Miss Maggie Brickler, Miss Edith Boaker, Miss Nettie Arno, Misses Ervine, Bridgetown; Miss Brittons, Miss Josie Riordan, Messrs. Hall, B. Hodson, L. Hodson, Creighton, Farrell, U Cunningham, C. Cunningham, DeBlois, Lee, Harris Jost, Runciman, Ervine, Bridgetown; Hughes, U. Ervin, E. Mills, Granville; A. Spurr, Roundhill; Wilmott, Withers, Riordan, Weare, Bridgetown; Parker, Bridgetown; Gillis, MacCormac, Granville; Fairn, Bridgetown, MacCormick. West, Cowling, J. E. Leckie, Torbrook; Ruffee, Bridgetown; Rennie, Bridgetown; Beckwith, Bridgetown; A. Irvine, Lombard, Biggott, Granville.

Some of the dresses worn by the ladies were very pretty; Mrs. Lombard wore pink with jet trimmings

Mrs. Ritchie, black silk.

Mrs. Gillis, white cashmere with brocaded silk and ostrich trimmings.

Mrs. Freeman, white cashmere.

Mrs. Fred Harris, white cashmere, silk trimmings.

Mrs. Lee, fawn cashmere.

Miss Mills, nile green silk with white velvet trimmings.

Miss Hall, black crepon with yellow silk trimmings.

Miss Cunningham, white cashmere.

Miss May Prat. Wolfville; a pretty dress of pink silk, black silk trimmings.

Miss Lille Harris, pink cashmere, with jet trimmings.

Miss Barr, nuns veiling with gilt trimmings.

Miss C. Ritchie, old rose, with pink trimmings.

Miss Ervin, white dotted muslin, white lace trimmings and white silk sash.

Miss Mamie Briton, pink cashmere, pink ribbon trimmings.

Miss Edna Hoyt, cream cashmere.

Miss Nellie Hoyt, scarlet crepon.

Miss Grace Hoyt, grey silk, waist of scarlet crepon.

Miss May Mills, yellow silk.

Miss Hattie Walsh, fawn cashmere.

Miss G. Hodson, cream cashmere, ribbon trimmings.

Miss Nettie Arno, blue cashmere, cream trimmings.

The ballroom was very prettily decorated and a programme of twenty dances with two extra dance. brought the evening to a close at about 3.15 a. m Friday morning.

Mr. N. Farrel and Mr. R. Creighton of Annapolis, passed through Bridgetown on Sunday. JACK.

## AMHERST.

[PROGRESS is for sale at Amherst by Master A. D. Campbell.]

JAN. 22.—The handsome residence of Mayor and Mrs. N. Curry on Havelock street was the scene of an unusually bright and pleasant progressive whist party on Thursday evening. The hostess included both married and single in her line of guests who numbered upward of fifty among whom were: Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Robb, Mr. and Mrs. David T. Chapman, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Hewson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Darrie Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. G. Z. Bird, Misses Maire, Miss Curry, Miss Lowerison, Miss Maud Tighe, Miss Shand, Halifax, Miss Purdy, Miss Blanche Wilson, Miss Nellie Chapman, Mr. Benidict, Mr. Hunter, Mr. J. M. Curry and Mr. H. Main. The first prizes which were very pretty were captured by Miss Shand of Halifax, and Mr. R. C. Fuller.

Sir Charles Tupper passed through Amherst on Tuesday evening en route for Cape Breton. Mayor Curry and a number of prominent citizens met him at the depot and accorded him a most hearty welcome, and the scene for a time was made very pleasing by the bright torches and the lively music of the Amherst band.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. T. Sherman Rogers on the account of a daughter in the household.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Oxley were Mr. and Mrs. James McFlats guests last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Smith have returned from a short but pleasant visit to a friend in Parrsbore.

Miss Florence Hewson and Miss Josie Faulkner of Mt. Allison, spent Sunday with Miss Hewson's parents Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Hewson, Maple Terrace.

Miss Molly Dickey went to Windsor on Saturday to resume her studies at Edgehill.

Messrs. Rob and Joe Douglas paid a short visit to Dorchester last week to attend a dance, and returned on Saturday.

Mrs. McSweeney of Mt. Whately was Mrs. James Dickey's guest over Sunday.

Mrs. Thorne of St. John, is among our most welcomed visitors this week. She is the guest of her mother Mrs. Richard Lowerison, Victoria street.

The funeral of the late Capt. W. H. Townshend, took place from Christ church last Wednesday afternoon. The interment taking place in the old burying ground. A large number of the Masons in regalia and citizens followed the deseased to his last resting place. The Rev. V. E. Harris conducted the services.

Warden Smith of the Municipal council gave a dinner to the members of the council board and a few invited guests at the Amherst hotel last Wednesday evening. As near as I can ascentain it was a most enjoyable affair.

## TRURO.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Truro by G. O. Fulton and D. H. Smith & Co.]

JAN. 22,—Miss Laura Wetmore is visiting Rev. Doctor and Mrs. Stewart, Dartmouth.

Miss Florence Nelson left last Saturday morning for Yarmouth en route to Boston, where she will pursue the musical studies this winter.

Miss Mabel McLeod returned home last night from her visit with Halifax friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Whidden, Antigonish, are guests at the Stanley this week.

A number of young people enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. L. B. McElhinney on Monday evening of this week. Dancing and games were diversions enjoyed. Music was provided by M. Nelson Johnson.

Mrs. Samuel Rettie and her daughter Mrs. W. C Sumner are visiting their relatives in St. Stephen, N. B.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Dickie, Canard Kings county are visiting Mrs. A. C. Page at "High Elms" and other friends in town.

Mrs. H. F. Donkin and her two children left last week for Mulgrave, where they will visit relatives en route to their home in Sydney C. B.

Mrs. W. S. Casson spent a few days in the city this week.

Mrs. Geo Donkin is visiting Halifax friends.

There was a charming dance last night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus McCurdy Anslow, given in honor of Miss McCurdy's guest Miss Chase. Among the guests from town were—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Prince, Mrs. Brenton Blanchard the Misses Prince, Misses Smith, Misses Jean Crowe, J. Sutherland, Dickson, E. Archibald, Bourstead, McDougall, Messrs C. R. Coleman, H. E. Yuill, J. Crowe, F. Fuller, A. McDonald, G. Crowe, W. O'Key, C. Archibald.

Miss Nora Blanchard, Windsor, is a guest at her uncle's Mr. Hugh MacKenzie's Queen street. PEG.

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## SYDNEY.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Sydney by John McKenzie and G. J. McKinnon.]

JAN. 21.—Mrs. J. A. Young gave a Thimble party this afternoon from three to five. Among the guests were Mrs. W. A. G. Hill, Mrs. Donkin, Mrs McLarren, Mrs. A. J. McDonald, Mrs. McDougall Mrs. D. J. McDonald, Mrs. Rankire, Mrs. J. M. Sterling, Misses Lowrey, Miss Jost, Miss Burchell, Misses Peters, Miss M. Hill, Miss Falconer, Miss Putnam, Miss Stirling, Miss McIntosh.

Mrs. Donkin and children returned from Truro on Saturday last.

Mrs. Dodd of Bridgeport is staying with her mother Mrs. Rigby.

Mr. A. M. Roger of Montreal is in town.

Miss McIntosh of New Glasgow is visiting her ister Mrs. Rankin. CHERRY RIPE.


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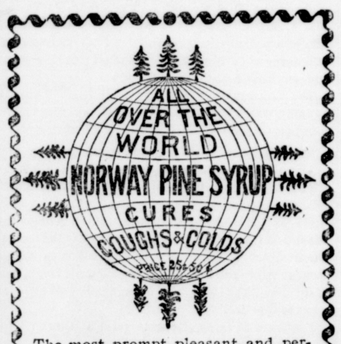


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