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Mrs. Montgomery Moore has cards out for a series of informal afternoon at home days, the next few weeks, and Mrs. Simon Holmes had a large afternoon tea this week, which was a farewell to Mrs. W. S. Fielding who is to reside in Ottawa in future with her family.

There have been several euchre parties of late, Mrs. Frank Roberts giving a particularly enjoyable one with very pretty silver prizes.

Mrs. J. A. Moren arrived from Kingston O. t. last week where she had been attending the wedding of Miss Norton-Taylor and Capt. Marsh who will stay in Halifax three or four weeks before leaving for England. Their wedding was a very pretty one, the bride wearing a magnificent white satin gown and having for bridesmaids her sisters Misses Lillian and Constance Norton Taylor and the Misses Carruthers.

The young members of society who are home for the holidays have had several dances that are spoken of as particularly enjoyable. The older people have enjoyed themselves by attending Miss Robert's performances in the Academy and excellent value they got for their money for she carries a splendid company of well dressed and amusing people.

Mrs. and Miss Farrell left last week for Barbadoes where Miss Farrell's marriage with Capt. Brush will take place immediately on her arrival from the home of the chief military officer there whose guests the ladies will be. In the spring Captain and Mrs. Brush will return to Halifax for a short visit on their way to England.

The great agitation about the Halifax rink has ended as it usually does in calm. The private a band-stands will be inaugurated next Tuesday with band and tea as formerly. There are so few resources here for enjoyment that the people could hardly afford to lose the pleasure of skating. This winter promises to be a hockey winter as it is said the garrison have the rink for hockey from two to four hours in an hour and the bankers from five to seven while the Wanderers have the vacant evenings. There are a large number of games to be played and there will be a desperate struggle for the trophy.

Captain Banastre has arrived from the West Indies and is a guest of friends until he leaves for England where he will go to the staff college. A very enjoyable concert was given at Wood-lawn, Dartmouth, on Friday evening. The programme was principally singing and recitations by the pupils of Woodlawn Methodist Sunday school. Every number on the excellent programme was performed in a splendid manner and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. The music by the Quintette orchestra was very much appreciated. During the evening Rev. D. K. Smith received an address and a testimonial of esteem from the school while Supt. Tuttle was presented with a beautiful picture and easel. Before closing prizes were given to the pupils and distributions were made from the Christmas tree.

Mystic Lodge, L. O. O. F. is progressive in its entertainments and successful too. On New Year's night the orchestra of the lodge had a very pleasant reunion and the chief feature of a good programme was the readings by Miss Ina S. Brown, of St. John. Miss Brown showed herself to be a true elocutionary artist and she won the deserved applause of her audience.

TRURO.

Progress is for sale in Truro by Mr. G. O. Fulton, and D. H. Smith & Co.

JAN. 5.—The Splendid Leap Year Ball came off, as anticipated, last Wednesday night, in Crowe's Hall, and was a complete success, throughout. Through the kindness of Messrs Crowe, the ladies were saved all trouble about the hall, which was nicely cleaned, lighted, and the floor newly waxed, for their reception.

The chaperones, Mrs. Thos. McKay, Mrs. W. S. Muir and Mrs. H. L. Leavitt, did much to promote the evening's enjoyment, in their unceasing efforts for the individual pleasure and entertainment of all present.

Mrs. McKay wore a handsome and becoming gown of black moire with bouffant bodice and sleeves of blue brocade, and trimmings of black lace. Mrs. Muir wore a very becoming and effective toilette of black satin, with dashes of deep yellow about the bodice, and short bouffant sleeves. Mrs. Leavitt, dove-colored silk.

Among those present were:—Mrs. A. C. Patterson, in a very becoming toilette of black velvet, en-train with guimpe and full sleeves of cream silk.

Mrs. Butcher, black velvet, pink chiffon and aigrettes of pink ostrich feathers.

Mrs. A. J. Campbell, a very pretty and eminently becoming gown of pink mousseline de soie over pink silk.

Mrs. E. M. Fulton, black velvet, with dashes of scarlet.

Mrs. Will Blake, (Great Village) white silk with overdress of black net.

Miss McKay, pink silk, bodice of white brocade.

Miss Helene Laurence, pale blue figured lace, trimmings of old lace.

Miss Bligh, pink silk muslin, sash and trimmings of pink satin ribbons.

Miss Winnie Bligh, white dotted swiss muslin, pale blue ribbon trimmings.

Miss Sutherland, yellow satin, diamond ornaments.

Miss Mary Sutherland, turquoise blue satin duchesse lace trimmings.

Miss Wetmore, cream bengaline, trimmings of lace and satin ribbons.

Miss Strataford, Halifax, very becoming gown of yellow mousseline, de soie, aigrette of yellow plumes in the hair.

Miss Somerville, Nile green crepon, trimmings of white crepe de chine, natural flowers.

Miss Snook, Nile green Dresden silk, ribbon and sequin trimmings.

Miss Lilla Snook Dresden muslin.

Miss Bigelow, white silk.

Miss Helen Bigelow, white muslin, ribbon and lace trimmings.

Miss Spencer, pale blue cashmere, real lace.

Miss Crowe, toilette of silk and wool Dresden-fawn ribbon trimmings.

Miss McMullen, white cashmere, chiffon and ribbon trimmings.

Miss Bessie McMullen, white dotted swiss.

Miss Maie Smith, white cashmere, chiffon trimmings.

Miss Nelson, white India muslin.

Miss McLeod, blue cashmere, silk trimmings.

Miss Carrie Longhead white dotted swiss, mauve ribbons and lace.

Among the gentlemen present were:—Dr. W. K. Vincent, Drs. J. H. McKay, F. S. Yorston, B. Black, Messrs. G. A. Hall, W. P. McKay, J. D. Ross, W. Yorston, W. A. Speer, G. H. Williams, F. L. Murray, A. V. Smith, E. M. Fulton, J. J. Taylor, Dr. Hall, E. R. Stuart, A. G. Gurney, C. R. Coleman, H. C. Yull, H. McDougall, H. Kaulbach, G. Ambrose, W. Smith, W. McKenzie, F. N. Cullen, F. L. Snook, L. Cotton, H. A. Leavitt, H. B. Snook, H. Hayes, N. Crowe, J. Crowe, L. Crowe, F. Longhead, E. Dimock, N. Lawrence, W. A. Fitch, N. Athoe, (St. John) H. Munayand, A. Haddrell (Springhill).

Mr. Harry Kaulbach left on Monday for Kingston Ont., where he resumes his studies at the military college there.

Miss Etta Page leaves next week for New York, after a brief stay in this city, she will accompany her sister, Mrs. David S. Day, and Mr. S. Day abroad, for a prolonged and extensive tour of the continent.

Mr. Vernon entertained thirteen tables of whist last Monday night and added another triumph to her long list of social achievements. The first ladies prize was won by Miss Bligh. The gentleman by Dr. W. K. Vincent. The consolation trophies fell to Miss Fraser and Mr. George Ambrose. Among those present beside the house party were:—The Misses Leckie, Misses Stanfield, Misses Thomas, Misses Brown, (Halifax.) Misses Snook, Misses McMullen, Misses Bishop, Miss Bentley, Miss Partridge, Misses E. Robbins, J. Crowe L. Wetmore, F. Nelson, J. Stratford (Halifax), G. Hanson, Messrs J. D. Ross, W. A. Spencer, F. L. Murray, G. A. Williams, E. R. Stuart, L. Cotton, W. K. Vincent, W. A. Fitch, Frank Turner, Fred Turner, F. Hanson, J. Bentley, G. Ambrose, John Stanfield, F. Stanfield, W. Crowe, J. Crowe, E. Dimock, W. MacKenzie, F. W. Cullen, F. Snook, H. Snook.

Miss Kathleen Beck, Windsor, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lewis Rice.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Rice have moved into their charming new home, on Queen street.

Miss Florrie Nelson, entertained a select few with supper after rink on New Year's night.

Most of the students have returned to their several colleges, after the Christmas recess. PEO.

AMHERST.

Progress is for sale at Amherst by W. P. Smith & Co.

JAN. 6.—The pretty suburban residence of Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Hewson was the scene of an unusually bright and pleasant progressive euchre party last Tuesday evening. Mrs. Hewson is one of the most charming of hostesses and succeeded in giving quite one of the nicest parties of the season. She received her guests in a very becoming dress of black satin with lace, and a number of handsome dresses were worn by the different matrons, the majority being black and trimmed with some pretty bright color. The prizes were taken by Mrs. C. S. Cameron, Miss Nellie Chapman, Mr. Douglas and Mr. Patterson. On Monday evening Mrs. Hewson entertained a large number of the young friends of Miss Florence Hewson who spent a pleasant evening in dancing.

Mrs. Clarence McLeod was at home to a number of young people last Thursday evening for her sister, Miss Beattie Bell of Newcastle, who has been her guest during the holidays.

Mrs. E. L. Fuller gave an afternoon tea last Wednesday from five to seven which included a large number of pretty misses from the first to the last of the teens. The tea was given in honor of Miss Birdie Berry of Moncton who has been in town during the holidays.

Miss May Foreman of Londonderry is the guest of her aunt Mrs. W. D. Main, Hollis cottage. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Curry of Bridgetown spent the holidays in town the guests of Mrs. Curry's mother Mrs. Lowe, Church street.

Dr. E. Lowerison and Mrs. Lowerison of Halifax were the guests of Mrs. Richard Lowerison last week.

Miss Henessey and Miss Alloway of Springhill were in town on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Foster Springhill spent the holidays with Mrs. Foster's parents Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Pride Havelock street.

Miss Ellie Moffatt went to Fredericton on Wednesday to visit Mrs. H. G. C. Ketchum.

Miss Alice MacKinnon returned to her school, in Wallace on Monday after a very pleasant visit to her home and Miss George Sutcliffe returned to her school in Port Greenville on Saturday.

Mr. Hal Purdy returned to Dalhousie on Monday after spending the vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. James Purdy.

Miss Rachel Love and Miss May Love spent the holidays with relatives in Moncton.

Miss Minnie Fullerton went to St. John on Saturday to take a course at Currie's business college.

Mrs. S. Thorne of St. John paid a short visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lowerison, Victoria street late.

A wedding of interest to many of the Amherst people came off on Wednesday morning at Mt. Whatley when Mr. E. N. Lockwood, was married to Miss Annetta M. Lowerison. The groom is one of our most popular druggists and his bride is well known in town. They will return from their wedding trip next week and will be at home to their many friends at the brides home in Mt. Whatley.

The funeral of Miss Eleanor Lockwood who died Saturday morning, took place from Christ's church on Monday afternoon where a large congregation, assembled to attend the service which was most impressive. The pall bearers were Messrs Moore, Benedict, Wyde, Main, J. Douglas and Chapman all young friends of the deceased. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood in their sad bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch McCall of New Glasgow were among our most welcome holiday visitors. While here they were the guests of Mrs. McCall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Main, Hollis cottage.

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programme. The proceeds went towards the library fund.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Norman Dimock left on Saturday morning's train for Yarmouth en route for New York where they intend to spend the remainder of the winter. "Highland" will be closed during their absence.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bradford of the Collegiate school spent part of the holidays with friends in Annapolis.

Mrs. Taylor of Halifax spent a few days last week with her daughter Mrs. Curry, "Gerrick Hall."

Miss Bligh of Halifax was in town on New Year's the guest of Mrs. George D. Geldert.

The Misses Reid daughters of Dr. H. H. Reid Halifax have been visiting Mrs. Andrew Shand "Ferry Hill."

Mrs. Parsons of Kingston has been spending a few days with her daughter Mrs. E. J. Morse.

Mr. Lawson of the Commercial Bank was in Middleton last week.

Mr. Chesley of Bridgewater has taken Mr. Carter's place as agent of the D. A. R. in Windsor.

Mr. E. J. Morse spent Sunday in Halifax.

Miss Kathleen Beck is visiting her sister Mrs. Lewis Rice in Truro.

Another entertainment somewhat unusual here was that given by the young people of the Presbyterian church in their school room on New Year's night. The chief feature of the evening's amusement was a spelling match which was however preceded by a short musical and literary programme. Those who contributed selections were, the Misses Bossance and McHefley, Mr. P. L. Dimock, and A. R. Shaw, a whistling quartette, several popular airs being pleasingly rendered, Mr. J. A. Smith a reading, "A French duel" Miss Dakin, and Mr. A. D. Blanchard, a piano duet "Fairy Queen" Mrs. Robson, a reading "How Rocket spent Christmas" Mrs. J. M. Smith, Mrs. Geldert, Miss Shand and Bligh, a ladies quartette "In Primrose Lane" Rev. Mr. Dickie a reading "The oration to Daniel O'Connell" by Wendell Phillips Miss Shand a soprano solo "The Angels song" and Messrs. Robson and Curry, a duet, "The Pilot Brave." Misses Florence and Lillie Dakin were the accompanists for the evening. The spelling match which was quite interesting and well kept up was taken part in by the Misses Jennie McHefley, Edith Curry, Mary Sutherland, Lucy Curry, Bessie Kerr, Alice Richardson, Annie Sutherland, Grace Kerr, Louise Blanchard, Alice Sterling, Ethel Christie, Laura Campbell, Bessie Wood, Bessie Brown, and Messrs W. W. Robson, J. W. Blanchard, A. D. Blanchard, James O'Brien, Grant Goudge, Ross Faulkner, G. D. Geldert, Rev. H. Dickie, A. Lawson, G. H. Curry, S. McHefley, Norman Morrison, H. Campbell. Miss Edith Curry was the last lady to go down and Mr. Robson, the prize was given the last gentleman. Quite a respectable sum was raised by the entertainment for church purposes.

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Jan. 5.—A very enjoyable evening was spent on Thursday of last week with the children of the Methodist Sunday-school when a cantata entitled "A Day in the Woods" was performed in a manner highly creditable to the small performers as well as to the superintendent, Mr. R. R. Dakin, under whose direction the concert was given. Miss Lillie Dakin was the accompanist and Miss Flo Dakin took the part of "Grandmother." Between the parts of the cantata a trio "Sleeping Children" was rendered by Messrs George Chisholm, George McElhinney and R. B. Dakin. The cantata was repeated on the following evening with some musical selections in addition to the original pro-