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HALIFAX NOTES.

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H. SILVER,..... Dartmouth N. S. J. W. ALLEN,..... Dartmouth N. S. Everyone was almost too busy with Christmas preparations for much gaiety last week, and every moment that could be snatched from shopping was spent in skating, which was perfect on the Dartmouth lakes. On Christmas day a great many people were out in the afternoon, cold as it was, and many were the new furs sported and at church.

There were not the usual number of Christmas dinner parties; the R. A. and R. E. mess had theirs as usual, and Mrs. Montgomery Moore had a small party, but for the most part people simply had their families gathered about them. In nearly every house the afternoon was given up to the children and a Christmas tree, for Christmas is the children's day of the year after all.

Miss Bligh gave a solo. Mr. Harvey, Berkshire regiment, played a mandolin accompaniment to a second song by Mrs. Crichton. Between the music people walked about and chatted and had refresh ments. There were a great many smart frocks and people looked well as a rule, though the crowd was so great that no one's gown showed much. Mrs. Morris was looking very well in blue and silver: Miss Farrell, whose last appearance was in Halifax society before her marriage, looked nice in pink. The Misses Cady looked very pretty, one in black and the other in black and pale green, and one of the smartest gowns was worn by Mrs. Hardy. Mrs. Crichton wore a very pretty frock, and Miss Stairs looked nice in pale pink. There were some very pretty black gowns, one in particular of which the bodice was covered with sequins. Tais afternoon Mrs. Farrell has a large tea a farewell for Miss May Farrell, who is to be married early in January to Mr. Brush, Kings regiment, and leaves on Wednesday next with Mrs. Farrell for Barbados, where the marriage will take place.

On Christmas eve there were fewer people than usual about, but the day before the shops were crowded. And the poor too, were not forgotten, nor the sick. There was a large tree at the hospital on which there was a present for every patient, and many other pleasant things. There may have been less money spent than usual taking things all around but there seemed to be the "peace and good will" everywhere which after all comes with every Christmas day.

Mrs. Montgomery-Moore had a large "at home" on Tuesday evening, which was the only party o last week. There were a great many people pres ent and it went off capitally. There was no dan' cing, music being the amusement of the evening Mrs. Kennedy Campbell, among others, sang, and sang as delightfully as usual, leaving people longing to hear her again. Mr. Hill, of the Berkshire. regiment, sang two comic songs, one of which, the "Four-horse Char-a-bane," was loudly encored Mrs. Crichton and Miss Osborne sang a dust and

Miss Farrell has rec. ived a great many presentssome very beautiful ones of silver and jewelry and also some lovely work from her girl friends, with whom she is very popular. Mr. Brush is also much liked here, and several Halifax presents go to him, as it is now the fashion to let the bridegroom have his share of presents instead of giving everything to the bride. Miss Farrell will be much missed in Halifax, where the girls seem to grow up only to

be married and leave us. The war still rages on the rink question, which seems absurd. We have very few winter amusements and to dispute about the only general gathering w have all through the winter months does not seem remarkably sensible. There is no doubt last year there was too great a crowd for comfort, and the committee this year decided that it was the children who were in the way, whereas the real disturbers of the place seem to have been half-grown boys. Whatever may be the rights of the question the prices have been raised for men, lowered tor ladies, and family tickets abolished. This last move seems to be keeping many people away, more for the principle of the thing than anythin else, for the extra expense only seems to amount to a dollar or two. To raise the subscription for men means fewer partners than ever for the girls, and last year they were not exactly going begging. If as many ladies as usual go, not more than half of them will have any one to dance with, but on the other hand a great many dancing ladies are staying away on account of not being able to take their children. It will probably all turn out a tempest in a teapot and things go on much as usual but we shall know by the end of next week. Just now every one is going about much agitated on one side of the question or the other, and each side mutters darkly that they are not going to subscribe at all. In spite of which every one probably will in the end, and tea and dancing go on much as usual

WINDSOR.

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"There's a minor in the carol, And a shadow in the light; And a spray of cypress twining

With the holy wreath to-night." DEC. 30.-Never were the words of the beautiful poem more fully realized than this year in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Willets, when on Christmas their only daughter lay in her white flower-covered casket. Miss Willets some weeks ago underwent in New York a most serious operation for cancer which for a time seemed to be successful but the disease was not entirely removed and she succumbed to it on the 24th, Dec. after great suffering, Miss Willets who was only eighteen years of age will be much missed among her young companions with whom she was a great favorite on account of her aimable bright disposition, but oh! how sadly in her own home where she was the centre o all that was loving and happy. The funeral took place from Christ church on Saturday when a large congregation assembled to attend the service which was most impressive, the pall bearers were Messrs. Dimcck, O'Brien, Jones. Sutherland, Blanchard, and Lawson all young friends of the deceased. Much sympathy is felt for Dr. and Mrs. Willets and family in their sad bereavement.

Mr. Ray Carter who has for some past been the obliging agent of the D. A. R., here left this week for his home in Bridgewater from whence he goes to Springfield Mass., to attend college, on account of his good character and pleasant disposition, Mr. Carter made many triends in Windsor and he will be much missed particularly in the young peoples societies of the presbyterian church of which he has een a useful member.

Canon Brock of Kentville and Rev. Kenneth Hind of Wolfville were in town on Sarurday. Rev. Y. J. Daley of Halifax spent Monday in

Windsor.

Mr. W. Parsons of Midiloton was in town on Sunday the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Morse. Mr. McCurdy and little daughter of Baddeck

have been visiting Mr. W. H. Blanchard. Mr. Reginald Lawson of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Halifax, spent Xmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs.

Waster Lawson, King St. Miss Madge O'Brien is visiting friends it Que-

Miss Hewitt of 'Edgehill' is spending the holidays with R.v. J. C. and Mrs. Harvey.

Mr. Faulkner of Dalhousie college is with his sister Mrs. 1. Fred Carter during the holidays. Mrs. Holland of Halifax ts visiting her mother

Mrs. Levi Curry. Hon. M. H. Goudge spedt Kmas in Halifax with his daughter Mrs. C. E. Hobart. Miss Amy Hobart returned to Windsor with him and is the guest of

Mrs. Grent Goudge. Miss Ball of the Kindergarten is spendidg the Xmrs holidays with friends in Halifax.

Miss Nora Blanchard is visiting her friend Miss Archibald at Moncton.

Miss Evelyn Kierstead of Wolfville has been the guest of the Misses Bennett the past week. Miss Burgoyne is spending the holidays with relatives in Halifaz.

Mr. Clarance Morris of McGill college, Montreal spent Xmas with his parents Capt. and Mrs. D. H. Morris. Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Stewart of Dartmouth were

in town on Sunday the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cu.ry 'Curry Corner.' Mr. J. W. Dimock, Mr. Rosin and Mr. Mills

were in Halifax last week Rev. G. Stewart of Halifax was in Windsor on

Tuesday. Mr. H. Sangston spent Xmas with relatives in

Sackville N. B. Mrs. W. O'Brien was in Halifax this week-

Mrs. Fairbanks who has been spending several weeks with her mother Mrs. Wi son has gone to her home in Sherbroeke. Miss Edith Johnston of Wolfville was in town last

week the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Young. Miss Burnham leaves this morning for a visit to friends in Boston and New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson of Lunenburg are in town the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Murphy Mrs. Wil-

Mrs. Bridge who has been for some weeks visiting Mrs. C. P. Shaw returned to Sydney on the 19th Mrs. Bridge was accompanied by her sister Miss Edith Booth of 'Edgehill who has gone home for the holidays.

TRURO.

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

Dec. 31.-Mr. Dan Hockin was here from Halifax spending Christmas with home friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Bishop, Canaan, Kings County, were guests of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Bishop last week. Messrs W. A. Spencer and H. C. C. Yuill, spent

Christmas day with home friends in Great Village. Mr. D. Budge of the cable staff, Halifax and Mrs. Budge spent Christmas and a few days succeeding in Iruro, guests of Hon. F. A. and Mrs. Lawrence A number of young people were entertained

with an impromptu dance on X mas night by Mrs. Yuill Loughead X mas day was very quiet about town, there being

no snow; the good ice in the rink attracted a large number in the evening. Canons and edicts from the pulpit interspersed with ill-timed comments from some of our local press, to the contrary, society circles are looking up and the dancing and card party are again on. Be.

side the leap year ball, this evening. There is a large party of progressive whist, bein; entertained by Mrs. Vernon who is indeed indefatigable in the capacity of an entertainer. This charming hostess also has cards out for another large party on Mon-

Mrs. D. H. Smith gave a large party last night in honor of her neice, Miss Eva Murray, cards and dancirg. Among the guests who were all looking charming were :- The Misses Somerville, Misses McMullen, Misses Butchardt, Misses Thomas, Miss Ida Snook. Miss May McDonald, Miss Robbins, Miss McIntosh, Miss Attie Flemming, Miss McCallum, Miss L. Hodkin, Miss C. Longhead, Miss Sadie Smith, Miss Hanson, Miss G. Patterson, Messrs. H. Kaulbach, J. Bently. G. and F. Hanson. G. Crowe, J. and L. Crowe, R. Crowe, J. Murray, F. Loughead, A. Cutten, J. Muir, H. and F. Mc-Dongall, N. Smith, Cotton, H. and F. Snook, H. Harding, M. Cumm'ng, J. Logan. An elegant supper was served about twelve, hot turkey, with all its attendant viands, both substantial and delicate, after supper dancing was resumed, and kept up until after two a. m.

Mr. Walter McKenzie is home again to the delight of his many friends, after a long visit with friends and relatives in New York. The Choral society made their initial appearance

last night, to a small but appreciative audience in the Opera house. The work was all good. The choruses being especially fine. Their next appearance which will be in the opera about Easter, is eagerly anticipated, by a mnsic-loving public. Mr. Rod. Hanson returned to Bridgewater on

Mrs. Geo Donkin is visiting Halifax's friends. Mr. Norman of the Halifax bank returned from week's visit to St. John last Monday night. Pag.

PARRSBORU.

[PROGRESS is for sale at Parrsboro book store.] DEC.30 - There were Christmas trees with appropr iate music recitations and other exercises in the presbyterian, methodist, and baptist churches for their Sunday schools on Christmas night. The children of the methodist Sunday school sang the cantata "Why we Wait for Christmas." Mrs. Gibbons provided a tea and a tree in St. George's school house for a few children who would most miss the usual festivities enjoyed by St. George's Sunday school at Christmastide.

The holidays brought absent students home, Mr. Norris MacKenzie from Dalhousie, Miss Ray "Strongest and Best."-Dr. Andrew Wilson, F. R. S. E., Editor of "Healih."



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Dr. and Mrs. H. Clay and their children came from Pictou to spend Christmas with Mrs. Clay's

Mr. Will Eaton who has been for some time in Tor onto is at home again for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Reid have returned from Musquodoboit.

Miss Aikman came home from Edgehill to spend the Christmas holidays. Mr. Stuart Jenks who spent Christmas with his

mother returned yesterday to Halifax. Mrs. Davis is spending the winter with her daugh ter Mrs. Brownell.

Mrs. Whitman of Annapolis and Mrs. Armstrong of Rangoon lately spent a short time with Mrs MacKenzie.

The P. A. A. A. entertainment which was post poned two weeks ago on account of Mr. Gibbons death, comes off to-night and is expected to be a success as they have an attractice programme. Mrs. Dickinson entertained a large number of

young people last evening, and her invitations are out for another party this evening. Miss Brown of Monton is the guest of Mrs. Hun

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Parsons and their children, came down to spend Christmas. Mr. Parsons returned to Springhill on Christmas morning when the appalling news was received here that the mines were on fire.

DIGBY.

DEC. 30.-After an absence of some years in British Columbia, Mr. Hedley V. Hughes has been visiting his old home here. Hedley's many friends were delighted to see him. He was accompanied by Mrs. Hughes.

gratulations on the arrival of a little stranger,—this Miss Lottie Gilpin spent Christmas with friends

in Digby. Mrs. H. Green entertained the whist club Tues-

day evening.

The death of Miss Annie A. Stailing, occured on the 19th. Miss Stalling was a victim to consumption, and was but 22 years of age; always a bright leading spirit in the circle in which she moved, her gentle and kindly disposition endeared her to many. The family have the sympathy of all in their ber-

Miss Ruggles has gone to pend a few days with elatives in Annapolis.

Mrs. H. B Short is visiting in Hantsport. Mr. J. B. LeBlanc of St. John spent Sunday in

Rev. Mr. Bryant is spending a few weeks in

Miss Etta Jones is visiting her mother Mrs. Geo

Messrs. Otto, Brunswick, and Fred Tobin, also Miss Katie Tobin are here from Boston to spend

the holidays with their parents. Rev. E. M. Bacon of St. John spent Christmas Mrs. Lowerison returned to Halifax last week.

Mr. J. Walsh and Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Kinsman eft Saturday for Flordia, where they will spend Miss Mina Bishop is home from Normal school for the holidays.

NEW GLASGOW.

[PROGRESS is for sale at A. O. Pichard and H. H. Henderson.]

DEC. 29 .- Miss Florence Bailey who has been in Fall River, the past two years arrived home Tues-

Miss Annie Campbell, Tatmagouche, is visiting Miss Jet McColl. Mr. George Snook, Iruro is the guest of Mrs. C. T. Bent.

Miss Annie Ferguson, Pictou, is visiting Miss Jean Patterson. The methodist church "birthday party" was well attended Monday evening a good programme was

provided, tea, coffee, and cake were served and a pleasant evening enjoyed by all. Miss Musgrave, Sydney, C. B. is visiting her brother Hedley Musgrave of this town. Mr. Purney of Wolfville is visiting his college

friend Mr. Stanley McNeil. New St. Andrews church Sunday school held their annual Christmas treat Tuesday evening. Mr. D. Soloan is spending the holidays at his

home in Windsor. Miss Jessie W. Fraser was visiting Mrs. Dr. Sutherland, Westville last week.

Invitations are out for a progressive whist party on New Years eve at Mrs. G. orge McDougall's.

ST. GEORGE.

DEC. 30. - The remains of the late Mrs. James McCormack were brought to St. George on Thursday for burial. The funeral took place from St. Mark's church in the afternoon, Rev. R. E. Smith officiating.

Mr. Will Johnson and Miss Spinney are home from Normal school for the holidays,

Mr. Harry MacGowan' St. George and Miss Alice Black, St. Andrews were united in marriaga at high noon on Wednesday by Rev. Canon Ketchum at the home of the brides parents only immediate relatives being present. The bride was gowned in a handsome travelling suit of persian cloth and was the recipient of many beautiful presents. Mr. and Mrs. MacGowan drove to St. George in the afternoon to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Mac-Gowan where supper was served in the evening, they were serenaded by the St. George band.

Rev. Mr. Bell of Winnipeg Manitoba gave two very interesting lectures in the Baptist church on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Mr. and Mrs. Abram Young intend spenping the

remainder of the winter in Bridghtown N. S. The funeral of the late Mr. George M. Johnston took place from his old home in Bobabec on Christmas day. Mr. Jonhston has filled very acceptably the position of principal of the school for the past eight years. He was a member of the masonic Gillespie from Mt. St. Vincent, Mr. Cecil Towns- order, a Forester and a great worker in the Divihend from McGill and Mrs. Gertrude Howard | sion Sons of Temperance, in every way a worthy



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citizen whose memory will long be cherished, deep sympathy is extended to the aged mother and sor-

Dr. Taylor spent Christmas with his parents in

The friends of Mr. James Bogue are sorry to hear he is confined to his home through illness. The officers and teachers of St. Marks S. school gave the children a Christmas tree in Dewars hall on Christmas even ng, a very interesting programme was carried out by the children,

On Sunday evening the Masons attended divine service in St. Marks church an able sermon was preached by the chaplain Rev. R. E. Smith, allusion was made to the death of their late brother Geo. M. Johnston.

The friends of Rev. Mr. Lavers are glad to hear that he is slowly improving and in hopes to take his pulpit on the first Sunday in the New Year. Mr. Howard Chase, St. Andrews, is visiting his

brother Mr. James Chase. Mr. George Hill, Milltown, N. B., is visiting relatives in town.

HARCOURT.

DEC. 30 .- Mr. Benj. McLeod and Mr. William Ferguson left for Kouchibougucac yesterday. Mr. Harry Wathen and Mr. Frank Humphrey went to Campbellton on Saturday evening.

Mr. Samuel Wilbur jr, and his bride of Buchouche, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Keswick at Mortimore on Sunday. Miss Nessie Ferguson of Richibucto was visiting

her sister Mrs. Gordon Livingston on Monday. Mrs. H. M. Buckley of Gloucester junction and Miss Sadie Buckley went to St. John on Monday and returned here today.

Mr. and Mrs. James Buckley had a dinner party on X mas day at which were present all of their children including their daughter in-law, Mrs. Herbert M. Buckley and their son-in-law Conductor Harry Bairreau.

At Wathenna cottage, the cosy residence of Mr. Henry Wathen, there was another famtly gathering on Christmas day, all the members of Mr. and Mrs. Wathen's family with their respective children being present, excepting Mrs. Williamson o

Greenwich, King's Co. Miss Chapman of Moncton is visiting Mrs. Ezra Keswick at Mortimore.

Miss Kate Keswick is visiting at Moncton, the guest of Mrs. W. W. Powell.

Mr. George Warman of Molus river was in Harcourt yesterday and today. The birthday party on Christmas eve was quite a

success and exceeded the predictions of the promoters, chief among whom were Mrs. J. K. McClure and Mrs. James Brown. The receipts were over Mr. Joshua F. Black of Richibucto is visiting in

Harcourt today.

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