



Notwithstanding the inevitable rush and hurry of the present season society has found time for several very interesting functions in the way of teas, at homes and other social gatherings.

On Friday afternoon the sewing club met at Mrs. Charlie Harrison's residence and besides accomplishing a goodly amount of work, spent a very pleasant afternoon.

Mrs. George Jones was one of the hostesses of the past week, having given a bright little dinner to a limited and congenial number of guests.

What is spoken of as one of the prettiest teas of the season was that given by Miss Burpee during the week for the pleasure of Lady Tilley's guests, the Misses Randolph, Mrs. Lawson and Mrs. Busby.

The 'Fortnightly' whist club, organized by Miss Vroom, Miss Grace McMillan and others, had its first meeting on Wednesday evening at the residence of Mrs. J. H. Parks, Mount Pleasant.

Mrs. D. P. Chisholm gave an informal tea last Friday afternoon, at which the guests were entertained in the graceful and tasteful way peculiar to the hostess.

Mrs. James Holly gave a large reception last week, the invitations numbering between two and three hundred. The spacious rooms of the pretty home on Douglas avenue were artistically decorated.

The invited guests included the following persons: Mrs. James Hamilton, Mrs. Shenton, Mrs. D. McCormack, Mrs. Jewett, Misses McCormack, Mrs. Geo. Murray, Mrs. Frank Merritt, Mrs. Fred Temple, Mrs. Bernice Patterson, Mrs. Geo. Barbour, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. J. C. Hatheway, Mrs. Gilchrist, Miss Beardsley, Misses Roberts, Mrs. F. Hanington, Mrs. Lamereaux, Mrs. J. Tapley, Mrs. Geo. McAvity, Mrs. B. Dowling, Mrs. H. Flood, Mrs. F. Rankine, Mrs. N. Peters, Mrs. W. Merritt, Mrs. Frank Merritt, Mrs. J. Merritt, Mrs. H. King, Miss King, Mrs. S. DeForest, Mrs. Fen. Fraser, Miss Fraser, Misses DeForest, Misses Armstrong, Mrs. J. DeW. Spurr, Mrs. B. Cushing, Mrs. Geo. Cushing, Mrs. Alex. Wilson, Mrs. McAlpine, Mrs. Walker, Misses Walker, Miss McKim, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. H. Fleming, Mrs. W. Fleming, Mrs. James Fleming, Mrs. Wm. Fleming, Mrs. Eunn, Miss Bunn, Mrs. C. DeForest, Mrs. John Goddard, Jr., Miss Goddard, Miss Joyce, Mrs. Stevenson, Miss Stevenson, Countess DeBury, Miss DeBury, Mrs. P. Shaw, Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. McKim, Mrs. V. S. White, Mrs. Troop, Miss Troop, Mrs. Arthur McDonald, Mrs. Walter Hoily, Mrs. H. Tuck, Misses Tuck, Mrs. Cunard, Mrs. James Magee, Mrs. S. Shaw, Mrs. F. E. Sayre, Mrs. J. Miller, Mrs. M. McDonald, Mrs. Street, Mrs. J. P. C. Burpee, Miss Upton, Mrs. Frank Stetson, Mrs. R. O. Stockton, Mrs. Douglas Hazen, Mrs. H. DeForest, Mrs. J. Russell, Mrs. C. McDonald, Mrs. Cadlip, Mrs. C. Smith, Miss Smith, Mrs. R. Smith, Mrs. W. W. White (Dr.), Mrs. G. Pugsley, Misses Pugsley, Mrs. Sims, Mrs. W. C. R. Alen, Mrs. Scabaria, Mrs. Wm. Fisher, Mrs. Nevin, Miss Jones, Mrs. John E. Moore, Mrs. Geo. Fleming, Miss Gussie MacCorrison, Miss Annie King, Mrs. Jas. Manchester, Mrs. Wm. Barnhill, Mrs. Fred Barnhill, Mrs. Wm. Long, Mrs. G. P. Baker, Mrs. Charles Baker, Mrs. Frank Baker, Mrs. F. Woodman, Mrs. Wm. Rivers, Miss L. Rivers, Miss Rivers, Mrs. Wm. Shaw, Misses Shaw, Mrs. (Dr.) Smith, Mrs. Theo. Cushing, Misses Tapley, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Vaughan, Miss Vaughan, Mrs. T. Hilyard, Miss Hilyard, Mrs. Ruddock, Miss Ruddock, Miss Courtney, Misses Kilpatrick, Mrs. S. Holly, Miss Holly, Miss Tapley, Misses Murray, Miss Berry, Mrs. Harry Miller, Mrs. H. A. Miller, Mrs. R. C. Elkin, Mrs. T. Roberts, Mrs. Horncastle, Mrs. Ruddock, Miss Horncastle, Miss Gregory, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Hayford, Miss Travis, Mrs. D. Nase, Mrs. P. Nase, Mrs. G. Miles, Mrs. Farmer, Misses Farmer, Mrs. W. Daye, Mrs. G. Robertson, Mrs. D. Tapley, Misses Tapley, Mrs. Fen. Tapley, Mrs. Ford Tapley, Miss Tapley, Mrs. Fred Besty, Mrs. Wm. Smith, Misses Smith,

Mrs. James Tapley, Mrs. Frank Courtney, Mrs. McWilliams, Mrs. Charles Miller, Mrs. Baisley, Mrs. Arthur McDonald, Mrs. McInerney, Mrs. John Chesley, Mrs. John Goddard, Mrs. T. Bell, Miss M. Moore, Mrs. Geo. Trites, Mrs. A. P. Barnhill, Mrs. E. R. Chapman.

Mr. D. W. Robb of Amherst spent a day or two in the city last week.

Mrs. David Dickson of Sackville arrived this week for a month's visit to friends.

Mrs. E. Kennedy of Salmon Cove, N.B., is visiting her aunt Mrs. T. Donovan of Carleton.

Mrs. Frank Eaton of St. Stephen spent a little while in the city the first of the week.

Miss Mabel Clerke's St. John friends will be sorry to hear that she has been quite ill for several days and at one time pneumonia was feared.

Mrs. Charles W. King returned this week from a visit to the St. Croix valley.

Mrs. Thomas Lavers of this city has recently been visiting Rev. Mr. Lavers of St. George.

Hon. A. F. Randolph was in the city for a short time Wednesday.

Mr. Harold Charters, accountant of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Sussex arrived here this week to enter the branch of that bank in this city.

Hon. Wm. Pagsley went to Boston on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. L. L. Brown and Mrs. Brown of Campbellton spent part of this week renewing old acquaintances in the city.

Mr. H. H. Hansard's friends throughout the city will very deeply regret to hear that he still lies very ill at the Miss Hegan's hospital peritonitis having developed during the week.

Mr. Frederic de Veber of St. Stephen spent a few days in the city lately.

Among the exhibits at the Woman's Art Union Montreal are several from St. John, the following ladies having contributed some very pretty work, Mrs. R. B. Emmerson, Miss McGivern, Mrs. McLeod, Miss Lily Markham, Mrs. George Murray, Miss Page, Miss Parks, Mrs. Raymond, Miss Jalia Read and Miss Ritchie.

Mr. Clarence Spooner was in the city for a little while the first of the week.

Mr. J. M. Jarvis and Mrs. Jarvis of Moncton spent part of this week in the city.

Miss S. A. Todd of Ocala and Miss Alice Bates of St. Stephen spent a few days here during the week.

Mrs. Connel and Miss E. Connel came over from Digby for a few days this week.

Mr. George Pike of Halifax made a brief visit to the city this week.

Mr. Charles D. W. Smith returned to Windsor Wednesday after a short stay in the city.

Mr. C. M. Bostwick made a brief visit to St. Martins this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Seaman came from Moncton for a day or two the beginning of the week.

Mrs. H. S. deForest and Miss deForest returned from a visit to New York a few days ago.

Mr. J. C. Robertson went to Montreal the first of the week.

Miss Nellie Wishart who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Trueman for some time returned this week to her home in St. Martins.

A very pleasant and successful concert was given in St. John's Presbyterian church last Tuesday evening in aid of the organ fund. During the evening the following programme was rendered in an excellent manner: Piano solo, Miss Estey; duet, Miss Pankhurst and Miss Cunningham; recitation, Miss Jessie Armstrong; gramophone, Mr. Adams; duet, the Misses Burns; reading, Miss Gregory; flute solo, Mr. Stokes; recitation, Master Lorne McFarlane; quietette, Lillie Kennedy, Hazel Smith, Pearl Smith, Francis and Hazel Fotheringham; song, Mr. Rodgers; cornet solo, R. Parkin; reading, Miss Morrissey; gramophone, Mr. Adams; reading, Miss Boyne; piano solo, Miss Graham; God Save the Queen.

Miss M. A. Nannary of the West Side left this week on a six months visit to friends in California.

Mr. J. D. Pinney of Fredericton spent a day here this week.

Mr. P. S. MacNutt left the first of the week on a trip to New York.

Chief of Police Clark and Mrs. Clark returned Monday from Fredericton. Mrs. Clark had spent the preceding week with her daughter Mrs. Steeves.

Mr. W. S. Falls of Toronto was in St. John for a day or two this week.

Mr. W. D. Brisbin of the same city was also here for a part of the week.

Mr. W. A. Kimball of Boston was among the city's recent visitors.

Mrs. Freeman Holmes of Cambridgeport, Mass., is in Somerville King's Co., spending a short time with her sister Mrs. McColgan.

Russel P. Hoyt who was on a visit to the city returned Wednesday to Hillsboro N. B.

Mrs. S. C. Charters of Point du Chene was here for a few days lately.

Rev. Canon Roberts of Fredericton has been indisposed this week from a sudden attack of neuralgia.

Mr. T. C. Mitchell of New York spent Tuesday in the city.

There was a meeting of the whist club at the home of Mr. James P. Caie Wednesday evening, at which a large number of young people enjoyed themselves to the utmost with whist, music, dancing, etc.

The Mother Goose party given by the Ladies Aid society of the Carleton Presbyterian church, Friday week was a great success. The room was tastefully decorated with flags, bunting, etc. Among those who took charge of the tables were the following young ladies, 'Queen of Hearts' table, Miss B. Wilson and Miss J. Parvis, 'Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary' table, Miss E. Johnston and Miss L. Parvis, 'Old Woman in the Shoe' table, Miss C. Dixon and Miss J. McMurray, 'The Three Blind Mice' table, Miss G. Coughle. The refreshment tables were in charge of a bevy of pretty young girls.

Miss Mary Nannary left for California Tuesday evening; a large number of her friends went to the train to see her off.

The young ladies of St. Jade's church intend holding a social Thursday evening in the school room, which will no doubt be as enjoyable as those they have held in the past.

Mr. C. E. O'Rilly of Albert County spent three or four days of this week with his parents. His many friends were very pleased to see him.

Mrs. A. J. Gregory returned Monday evening to the capital after a pleasant stay in the city.

gave a birthday party Tuesday evening at the residence of Mr. Joseph Seymour of Duke street. The attendance was good and the following interesting programme helped to make the evening pass very pleasantly. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening: Piano duet, Miss Myles and Cochran; recitation, Miss McConnell; vocal solo, Miss Lily; recitation, Mr. Baird, instrumental duet, Misses Ada and Nellie Thompson; reading, Mr. Vall; recitation, Miss Law; piano solo, Misses Cochran and Myles; recitation, Miss Maxwell recitation, Miss Codner.

Premier Emerson and Hon. Messrs. White and Farris were here the first of the week and went to Fredericton the first of the week.

Miss Nina McFale of Sydney C. B., is visiting North End relatives.

The marriage took place on Wednesday afternoon of Miss Annie E. Racine daughter of the late J. W. Racine, and Mr. J. King Kelly. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's mother on Carmarthen street and was witnessed by the relatives and intimate friends of the happy couple. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Kelly left for a trip to New York and upon their return will return to reside at Mount Pleasant.

Mr. John A. McDonald of North Sydney was here for a day or two this week.

Mr. F. L. Russel of Orono, Me., was in the city for a part of this week.

Mr. A. W. Sharp is confined to the house this week through a slight inflammation of one of his eyes.

Mr. George J. Clarke of St. Stephen spent a day or two here this week.

Mr. Thomas Williams came down from Moncton for a day or two this week.

Mr. H. B. Crandall of Picton, N. S., was in the city for a day or two during the week.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

As Christmas Day this year falls on Saturday, PROGRESS will be published a day earlier, and correspondents will please send their letters a day earlier than usual.

MONCTON.

PROGRESS is for sale in Moncton at the Moncton Bookstore, by W. G. Stanfield and at M. B. Jones' Bookstore.

Dec. 15.—Decidedly the event of the week was the entertainment given in the Opera house last evening by the amateur minstrels, under the auspices of the Citizens' band. Moncton people are proverbially appreciative of amateur talent, and they vindicated their reputation on this occasion by greeting the boys with a bumper house, and showing a most praiseworthy determination to be pleased with everything on the programme. Taken all together the show was a fairly good one, though it must be acknowledged that the company was far from being strong in vocalists and that the inevitable drawback to amateur performances the delay in beginning, and the length of the waits between the different numbers was conspicuously in evidence. But of course these are very minor details, and the boys are to be warmly congratulated upon their success.

The stage presented an imposing appearance when the curtain rose, with forty men in the circle and six end men in costume. Mr. F. J. Sweeney filled the important position of interlocutor, and made one of the best ever seen on a Moncton stage.

The first scene was entrusted to Messrs. F. C. Barker, W. F. McStay, and J. H. Corcoran; bones, and A. C. Selig, B. C. Peters, and R. F. Dickson, tambos who occupied the end chairs, and got off some head new jokes, besides several that really had point.

Two of the features of the circle, were the sentimental songs by Messrs. A. J. Tingley and H. W. Twigger, the former with choros by Messrs. J. H. Wren, George Davidson and H. W. Twigger. The end songs, "I ain't 'bliged to stand no nigger foolin'" by Mr. A. C. Selig "And his pants is wot's seen him since" by Mr. F. C. Barker, "There's a watermelon spilin' down at Johnson's" by Mr. W. McStay, and "A hot time in the Old Town" by Mr. B. C. Peters were all well received, and called forth encores. A real live pony ridden out on the stage by Mr. James McGeary of local fame was introduced at the close of the circle, and brought down the house.

The second part of the entertainment opened with a baritone solo by Dr. W. S. Bonness which was received with great favor and the character song by Messrs. B. C. Peters and F. C. Barker, which followed, called forth a double encore. Other features worthy of note were the excellent tumbling and acrobatic feats of Messrs. Meahan, McLeod, and Chandler, and the club swinging by Mr. Percy Gunn, which was really wonderful. Messrs. B. C. Peters, F. C. Beanson, McAfee and Duncan gave instrumental selections, which were much appreciated and the performance closed with a farce entitled "Our Conductors." Mr. David Stewart the musical director is entitled to a large share of credit for the success of the entertainment one result of which will be a goodly number of shekels for the coffers of the Citizens' band.

Of course we are all proud of the band, and it is a source of unlimited satisfaction to us that know we possess such an organization and can hear it once in a while either by paying for the privilege or listening at the doors when a brotherhood funeral is passing. But sometimes the thought will intrude itself into the mind of the unprejudiced on-looker, that the band has been gleaming the fields stray ears during the past year, and leaving few pretty ears of corn for any of the other local institutions to pick up. "Encourage local talent!" Give the band a crowded house," say the newspapers, and 'Oa we must be sure to go, because it is for the band, and we should be public-spirited wrought to support such an institution "says the enthusiastic citizen heartily. Very good indeed. But things should not be entirely one-sided, and as the band have developed a marked disinclination to let the citizens hear them without an adequate equivalent in coin of the realm, one is tempted to quote the wise man who asked "What has posterity done for us?" and inquire what the band does for us, that we are expected to give it such enthusiastic and never failing support?

Mr. A. Borden and little twin daughters, of Mount Allison Ladies' college, spent some days in town last week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Borden of Botsford street.

The many friends of Mrs. Oswald J. Peters were terribly shocked on Monday morning to hear of her death, which took place on Sunday evening at her home Columbia Farm. Mrs. Peters had been in delicate health for some years suffering from heart trouble, and had recently returned from Boston, where she consulted specialists who gave her little encouragement, but at the same time her condition was not regarded as dangerous, and her family had no apprehension of the terribly sudden termination of her illness. Mrs. Peters was very well known in Moncton as Miss Annie Brown eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Harmon Brown of this city, and was universally beloved for her sweet nature and gentle unassuming disposition. The bereaved husband and parents will have the deepest sympathy of the community in their terrible sorrow. The funeral takes place this afternoon.

Mr. A. E. Stead of Montreal who has been spending a few days in the city.

Mr. J. G. Whiteacre of Toronto was in the city this week.

Mr. M. B. Keith of Picton was in the city the first of the week on his way to Mexico, where he will make his future home.

Mr. Peter McMichael arrived from Montreal the beginning of the week.

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