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their sign out and were transacting business as if nothing had happened, in their new quarters, just five hours after the walls of that former establishment fell in, the large store of goods in their warehouses enabling them to do so, and others who suffered from the fire were almost as prompt in repairing damages.

SACKVILLE.

[Progress is for sale in Sackville by W. J. Goodwin.]

Dec 21.—School closings have been occupying the public mind lately. I have no doubt they were all satisfactory to parents, pupils and teachers but I had only the opportunity of attending one department in the school on Fawcett street; that presided over by Miss Mary Fawcett. Something in this school seems to make it extremely popular as the room was crowded with visitors; among others I saw Judge and Mrs. Emmerson, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Read, Mr. W. Turner, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. W. Doull, Prof. Hutton, Mr. Howard, Mr. A. H. McCready, and more too numerous to mention. The exercises were very interesting. One or two of the demonstrations in geometry were admirable; the recitations were all good and the essays of Miss Bessie Carter and Miss Gladys Dixon were above the average. A little girl gave a cuckoo song with the self possession of a prima donna and the exhibition closed by the singing of the whole school of a clever parody on "Dear, what can the matter be" with a strong local application. It was unanimously agreed by the visitors that the good work done in this and the other departments of the school richly deserved a better building. The new school house question which was so fiercely agitated last spring seems to be hibernating for the cold season.

A very pleasant party for the young people was given by McDonald Trueman on Friday evening. The guests were Miss J. Ford, Miss L. Ford, Miss May Wells, Miss Evelina Irving, Miss Mabel Steadman, Miss Bessie Carter, Miss May Scott, Miss F. Milner, Miss Laura Milner, Messrs. B. McLeod, Fred Leaman, F. Copp, Roy Ford, E. Dymion Richardson, Geo. Palmer, E. Esty; and of the grown-ups there were, besides the young ladies of the house, Miss Allen, Miss Fawcett, and Mr. Wm. Fawcett. The first part of the evening was spent in progressive crocodile, played at little tables, then for something more lively various games such as "musical chair," "twice the platter" etc. were indulged in. A great deal of amusement was afforded by the cobweb arrangement which settled who were to be partners at supper. Long threads were twisted about the room and on the two ends of each string were cardboard chips with "Boy" and "girl" written on them. Each guest was given a chip and told to wind up. Great and many were the entanglements and fast and furious was the fun but at last the threads were all smoothed out and everyone provided for. It was a case where no girl however great a belle would have more than one string to her bow or less than one beau to her string. The supper served on the small tables was a particularly good one and the young folks fully appreciated the salads, orange pudding and various kinds of cake which with other nice things made up the menu. The first prizes for the progressive game were taken by Miss Bessie Carter and Mr. E. Richardson and consisted of a little silver trinket box for the lady and a silver calendar for the gentleman. The booby prizes were secured by Miss Laura Milner and Mr. Beverly McLeod and were the same, two tin plates with A. B. C. on them which enabled the holders to have the consolation that they did not take the prize they could at least "take the cake." This was altogether one of the most agreeable entertainments that has been given for some time and the young people heartily wish there will be plenty more of the same kind during the winter.

On Wednesday evening Miss Ethel Odgen entertained a few friends with whist.

On the same evening the lady teachers of the college were invited to Mrs. Andrews to tea. A quiet but very pleasant time was spent.

On Friday evening the closing exercises of Mt. Allison ladies college took place at rather half past seven as there were so many pupils to appear that a second recital was given on Monday evening. Those taking part in the two performances were: on the piano, Misses H. Allen, Taylor, Archibald, S. Nichol, Borden, Cole, Chipman, M. Hart, Inch, Palmer, Newman. In vocal music, Misses Nichol, A. Hart, F. Smith, D. Smith, violin solos by Misses S. Webb and S. Benedict and an orchestra numbers reading by Misses Chittick and Evans. The program was not so varied as usual in consequence of a number of the students having already left for the holidays, notably those of P. E. Island but as an exhibition of students work it was good. A very delightful feature was the Romanza played by the orchestra which was a composition of Professor Chisholm's. Miss Alice Harts song showed great flexibility of voice and much careful training. Miss Newman always a good player fairly excelled herself on this occasion. There were others who rendered their parts extremely well but those were too many to give individual mention. The audiences were rather meagre owing partly to the busy season of the year, but they were appreciative.

On Saturday evening a farewell reception was held at the ladies college which did not differ greatly from those given once a month. A number were present from the town; and among them were Senator Wood and family and their guest Mrs. Andrews Mrs. J. Cole, Mrs. Calhoun, Miss F. Harris, Miss Richardson, Miss M. Harrison, and Messrs. F. Blank, C. Fawcett, D. Picard, L. Harrison.

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