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Christmas day was a quiet one in Halifax. The interiors of some of the Episcopal churches were decorated. The only attempts at decorations in the Catholic churches were about the altars, flowers being used.

The weather was beautiful and young Halifax was in evidence early in the household, judging from the noises that could be heard in many of the residences. The bugle and the drum were evidently still among the Santa Claus' stock, though this year he seemed to have so improved them that they were capable of creating more noise than ever.

Miss Mabel (Cherry) Craig, of Summer street, left on Saturday to spend her Christmas holidays with her little friend, Miss Carrie Reid, of "Scrivelsby," Truro.

A very pretty wedding took place at St. George's church on Monday morning, by the Rev. H. H. Pittman, the contracting parties being Sergt. T. Larder, R. E. of Hull, Yorkshire, England, and Helen Augusta eldest daughter of Mrs. J. A. B. Harris and granddaughter of the late Rev. R. Harris, rector of Ipplepen, Devonshire, England. The bride looked charming in a costume of cream, trimmed with white chiffon with a wreath of orange blossoms, she carried a bouquet of bridal roses. The bridesmaids were Miss Grace Harris sister of the bride who looked very sweet in a pale gray dress trimmed with cream and gold brocade, with velvet hat to match, and Miss Tomblinson-Cole, of London, England who looked handsome in a cream dress, and had composed entirely of violets. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. E. Harvey. The groom was supported by Co. Sergt. Major Dalton, R. E., and Sergt. F. Loop, R. E. After the ceremony a breakfast was held at the residence of the brides mother, a large number of guests being present. Amid a shower of rice and hearty congratulations the happy couple departed by the 2.30 train for Truro where they will spend their honeymoon. The bride's travelling dress was of brown cloth with braid trimmings and hat to match. They received a lot of handsome and useful presents, including a magnificent clock from the N. C. O.'s mess of the royal engineers.

The funeral of Miss Rebecca A. Taylor, which took place Sunday afternoon from the residence of her father, J. E. M. Taylor, 252 Lockman street, was very largely attended. The burial was at Camp Hill cemetery and the last sad rites were performed by the Rev. N. LeMonie. There were numerous floral tributes on the caskets.

NEW YORK.

Dec. 28.—There is every prospect that the Yuletide revelries which were well under way Xmas eve will bubble over into youthful festivities without end throughout the week. Westchester will be the scene of the chief social activities arranged to welcome the new year in. Among those who will entertain house parties on Saturday on are Mr. and Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Sands, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ellis Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clarkson Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Story, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic H. Allen and Mr. and Mrs. William H. Russell. A large number of dinner parties have been arranged for Saturday night at the clubhouse. The big billiard room will be the scene of the dance afterward. Heretofore Mr. and Mrs. Frederic H. Allen, have been noted for their New Year's eve entertainments at Bolton Priory. This season they are obliged to content themselves with a house party. I will be recalled that large additions were made to the big house after the Westchester estate was presented to Mrs. Allen by her mother the Duchess de Dino. These included the gorgeous Louis XVI. ballroom. Owing to errors in construction one portion of this began to sink and it has been found necessary to have it thoroughly reconstructed and redecorated. The artisans are still hard at work at this.

There have been a number of large dinners the past week. One of the most elaborate was given on Tuesday night by Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Wilson. The table was trimmed with a profusion of pink roses. On Thursday night Mr. and Mrs. John C. Westervelt gave a dinner of twenty-four covers. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clewley have cards out for one of the few dinners this week that are not to be family affairs. It will be of twenty-four covers.

Mr. and Mrs. Almeric Paget, who recently returned from a visit to the British embassy at Washington, have had Miss Audrey Pannecote as their guest during the past week. Miss Pannecote is the fourth daughter of St. Julian and Lady Pannecote. Mr. Paget's brother, Capt. Alfred Paget, R. N. is a naval attaché of the British Embassy. The dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Paget on Thursday night in honor of Miss Emily Vanderbilt Soane was a very gay and successful affair. There were not more than a hundred guests all told, and the rooms were gay with Christmas greens, holly and mistletoe. Quite a number of pretty trifles were distributed during the collation, which was led by Worthington Whitehouse.

Four prettier sisters all young women are seldom seen together than were seen at the coming out tea last Thursday afternoon, when Miss Louisa Beales was the debutante. The tea was given by Mrs. J. Rich, sisters, formerly Miss Mary D. Beales at her home 603 Madison avenue. The other sisters were Mrs. Henry Sedgewick and Mrs. Theodore Sedgewick. Miss Louisa Beales wore a particularly dainty costume of white chiffon over tulle. She is one of the few heiresses presented this winter, and will be seen at the important functions of the season. Like her sisters and brother she inherited an ample fortune from her mother, the late Mrs. James A. G. Beales. They were also substantially remembered in the will of their maternal grandfather, Eugene Kelly.

The wedding of Miss Bertha L. Terrell and Wilfred Buckley son of Henry Buckley of Birmingham, England, will be celebrated at noon next



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Saturday in All Souls' Church, Madison avenue and Sixty-sixth street. The Rev. Dr. R. Heber Newton the rector will perform the ceremony. Miss Ruth Moore will attend the bride as maid of honor, and Miss May Low, Miss Eleanor Thomas, Miss Maude Sinclair, Miss Faith Moore and Miss Margaret Winsor of Boston will be bridesmaid. Because of the death of her father Miss Kate Brice who was to have been one of the attendants, will be replaced by Miss Jane Sevey Pummer. F. Westrop White of Boston will act as best man, and Joseph Holden Sutton, John C. Runckle, Walter Alexander, Edward R. Warren, McLane Van Ingen, and Prescott Slade will be the ushers. After the church ceremony there will be a bridal breakfast and reception at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Leslie Terrell of 16 East Fifty-fifth street.

The engagement is announced of Miss Marie Brinkerhoff Perkins, daughter of Mr. Henry C. Perkins to Mr. Edward Codman Parish of this city. Robert Hargous sailed last week on the Lucania for his home in Venice. Mr. Hargous is the brother of Mrs. Duncan Elliott and Mrs. George B. De Forest.

Among those who are to send out invitations to dances just after the holidays are Mr. and Mrs. Herman Oelrichs. There is now no mystery made of the fact that William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., is paying assiduous attention to Mrs. Oelrichs' sister Miss Virginia Fair. Mr. Vanderbilt will be graduated from Harvard in 1900.

AMHERST.

[Progress is for sale in Amherst by W. P. Smith & Co.]

Dec. 28.—Christmas has come and gone. The weather was more like Easter-tide than mid-winter. The sun shone brightly, the streets clean for walking, enticing a goodly number out, so that all the churches were well filled, and in all of them the music and singing showed great care and taste. In the evening at the Baptist church, Miss Lawton of Acadia Seminary, Wolfville, rendered a solo very sweetly. In Christ church Miss Fann's Chapman and Miss Mabel Fagley, each took a solo in the "Te Deum" most acceptably.

The flowers on the Altar in Christ church were the product of Gould's Conservatory, Sussex, and were lovely. There is no need to make apologies now for the especial remembrance of Christmas and Easter. The grand old "Te Deum" "Gloria in Excelsis" and the "Gloria Patri" are now heard in congregations where ones they were shut out asavoring of the dark ages. Good Friday is observed each year more and more widely.

Mrs. Freeman Quigley is enjoying a trip to Halifax, Annapolis, and Yarmouth, visiting her relatives.

Mr. John W. Lowe of Aylesford spent a few days in town a guest of his sister Mrs. C. H. Bent, Victoria street.

The members of Acadia Lodge, A. F. and A. M., attended the Methodist church on Christmas evening when Rev. J. Batty delivered the annual sermon. In the evening of St. John the Evangelist day the brethren with their guests dined together at the "Hotel Terrace" about sixty in number.

Mr. Ingils Moffat returned to Halifax on Tuesday after spending Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Barry H. Bent "Hillside" Eddy St.

Miss Helen Miles I regret to note is still under treatment at the Cottage Hospital Springhill.

Mrs. W. Hazen Chapman and little daughter Muriel of "Maplehurst" Dorchester are spending this week in town guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ingils Bent Church St.

Miss McCarthy, Dorchester was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ingils Bent on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Chapman spent Monday in Dorchester in being the 50th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. Chapman's parents. Mr. and Mrs. David Chapman They were the recipients of many gifts. Among them, gold coins, silk umbrellas with gold handles. From their man/ friends in Dorchester a gold headed cane for Mr. Chapman, and Mrs. Chapman gold bowed spectacles, showing the esteem in which they are held or 50 years residence in that town. Mr. Chapman is quite ill and is not able to receive the congratulations of his friends is.

A fair hand at Montreal has beckoned Dr. McDougall there to spend the holidays. He left this week.

Mrs. Hibbard of Lower Cove spent a few days in town a guest of her daughter Mrs. Max Sterne Church St.

Many of our citizens are taking advantage of the beautiful roads to enjoy a spin on their bicycles.

Miss Hanford of New York sister of Mr. F. S. Hanford is in town.

Dr. Lorenz Chapman and bride of Albert are

spending a week in town guest of the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Chapman.

Mrs. C. R. Smith is spending a week or two in Parraboro with Mr. and Mrs. Gavin.

La grippe is spreading here and several of our citizens are ill with it.

Oliver eldest son of Hon. A. R. Dickey is at home from Kingston, military college to spend the holidays looking very smart in his uniform.

William Greenfield a respected citizen died this morning at his residence Eddy street aged 84 years. Mr. Greenfield had been three times married, his last wife survives him and two daughters.

FELIX.

PARRABORO.

[Progress is for sale at Parraboro Bookstore.]

Dec. 28.—The two plays given in St. George's hall this month have shown that Parraboro possesses an amount of histrionic talent hitherto unsuspected. The first was the well known drama "Among the Breakers" in which Miss Woodworth as Mother Carey a difficult part, Mr. L. S. Gowl as Peter Paragraph and Mr. McMurray the lighthouse keeper were inimitable. It was difficult to believe that Scud Mr. S. C. Choiselet, was not a genuine darkey and a very funny one Mr. J. O. Nicholls with his dignified manner and clear voice made an admirable Hon. Bruce Hunter while Larry Diviae (Mr. Paul Gillespie) made love in true Irish fashion to the attractive Biddy Dean, Mr. M. G. Aitkinson, Bess Starbright, Miss "Jo" Gillespie, was as vivacious and saucy and Minnie Daze, Miss Isabel Aikman as romantic and languishing as their parts required Mr. Athiel Choiselet as Clarence Hunter was a handsome and fascinating young lover. Music between the acts was furnished by Miss Upham and Mr. Alison Spence, piano and cornet.

The second play was a farce pure and simple "Dr. Baxter's Latest Invention" which kept the large audience in convulsions of laughter from the beginning to the end. The acting of Mr. C. E. Kelley as Dr. Baxter the absent minded nervous old bachelor professor would have done credit to a professional. Misses Aliee Gillespie and Kate McNamara personated to perfection the two ancient maidens ladies the latter acting in a giddy fashion after being rejuvenated in the electrical machine and also singing very acceptable the song "Ye Merry Birds" the former marrying Prof. Baxter, Samuel Wooley; Mr. W. G. Gillespie, who sang "I am not as Young as I used to be" recovered his youth to his great joy. Peter Crawford a very decrepit man emerged and left in the machine so long that he emerges looking too absurdly young for his size. This character was exceptionally well done by Mr. Leo Gillespie, Messrs. McMurray, Nicholls, and Will Harry Teddy and Leo Gillespie sang Down Among the Clover and Mr. McMurray taking the solo, Miss Upham presided at the piano.

The annual Christmas exercises of the Methodist Sunday school were held in the basement of Grace church last evening and consisted of a cantata "Santa in Dolken's Flat" under the direction of Miss Maud Corbett, a dumb bell exercise by a large number of boys led by Dr. H. Clay and a fan drill performed by little girls trained by Miss Ethel Wotten. Both the dumb bell and fan drills were pretty to witness being in absolutely perfect time and without a mistake. The cantata was also well rendered the airs very sweet.

The masonic fraternity of Minas lodge are banqueting this evening at the Alpha hotel, after a service in St. George's church and sermon by the rector Rev. Robert Johnstone. Covers were laid for fifty.

Monday was observed as a holiday, places of business being generally closed. In the afternoon a large party drove or wheeled to Leake's lake to play hockey and skate weather and ice both being fine.

The usual car service in St. George's church and Midnight Mass in St. Bridget's. Both are always largely attended. St. George's choir is improving under Mr. Guillou's leadership.

The Baptist Sunday school Christmas tree was on Friday evening.

There has been a home coming from the various colleges for the holidays. Mr. Cecil Townshend from McGill, Mr. Norris Mackenzie from Dalhousie Misses Aurora McLeod, Sadie Epps, and Mr. Gordon Yates from Acadia, Miss Davida Howard from Mt. Allison.

NEWCASTLE.

Dec. 23.—Mr. H. Harrison, principal of the Grammar school, Woodstock is spending the holidays with his parents, Rev. George and Mrs. Harrison.

Mr. Maurice Aitken spent Xmas at his home "The Mansie."

Mrs. W. McLellan is being warmly welcomed back to Newcastle by her many friends.

Mrs. McLellan is the guest of her daughter Mrs. John Russell and expects to remain in town for several weeks.

Messrs. Robert and William McLellan of Fredricton, and Mr. Allan McLellan of Moncton spent Xmas with Mrs. Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Manning made a flying trip to Moncton on Thursday.

Mr. Wilson, Manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia spent Xmas in St. John.

Master Percy Clarke who has been attending Sackville Academy is home for the holidays.

Miss Alice Wheeler of Rynnmeade, Restigouche Co., arrived on Tuesday to spend several weeks with her aunt Mrs. Robert Ritchie.

Mr. Fred Walker spent Xmas at his home in Moncton.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Maltby of Campbellton were in town on Saturday.

Miss Ferguson of Tracadie, is visiting friends in town.

Miss Bessie Bell has resigned her school in Chelmsford and intends spending the winter in Amherst.

Mr. E. A. McCurdy manager of the Merchants Bank spent Sunday and Monday with his parents in Clifton N. B.

Miss Lottie Troy is spending the holiday season at her home here.

Mr. James W. Davidson returned on Thursday the 22nd from the Pacific Coast where he has been travelling for the past three months in the interest of a Winnipeg firm. He is being heartily welcomed back by his many friends who are glad to learn that having secured the agency for several Toronto houses for the Maritime Provinces he will not be obliged to break up his home here.

On Saturday afternoon Miss Aubrey Street gave a very enjoyable little sleighing party to a number of her young friends. They left Newcastle at 2 p. m. drove to Chatham and returned at five. Among them I noticed Miss Whitlock, Miss Katie Fleming, Miss Alice Burchill, Miss Lenna Layton, Miss Maude Lounsbury. There was one young gentleman but as he is a bashful youth, tho' a college student I shall refrain from mentioning his name.

Mr. Jack Sweet is spending the holiday season in Nelson, the guest of Speaker and Mrs. Burchill, Mr. William Johnston of the U. N. B. Fredericton is home for the holidays.

Miss Lizzie Russell spent part of last week in town returning to Loggieville on Saturday.

Mr. Chalmers Russell of Campbellton spent Xmas day with his parents.

Miss Maude Davidson who has been suffering from a severe attack of grippe is able to be out again.

Dr. Clifford Fish of Melrose, Mass., is expected on Friday and will remain until after January 4th.

Mr. Allan Wheeler was in town several days last week.

Mr. Weldon Robinson is spending the holidays at his home in Millerton.

Rev. W. R. Robinson who has been at his home here for the past two months left on Friday for Kouchibouguac, Ken' county.

Dr. Quigley of St. John is spending a few days with his sisters the Misses Quigley.

Miss Gjerzt has resigned her school having taught in Harkins' academy for the past four years. On Friday afternoon after the pupils had been dismissed the teachers met and presented Miss Gjerzt with a very handsome fruit dish in silver and crystal.

Mr. Howard Crocker expects to resume his duties in the Upper school after the holidays. Mr. Crocker was obliged to discontinue teaching in the middle of last term on account of ill health, Miss Gerlie Reid substituting up to the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Chessman of Chatham were in town on Tuesday.

Miss Annie Snowball and Miss Belle Hutchison were among the many who visited Newcastle on Saturday.

There was a bright little concert in the Baptist church on Friday evening of last week given by the members of the Baptist choir assisted by the Sabbath school children. At the conclusion of the programme "Santa Claus" made his appearance and after warmly welcoming the children presented each one with a dainty gift from his well laden tree.

Miss Leta Doren is home from the Ladies College Sackville, and will spend the holidays with her parents in Nelson.

Dr. Cates of Campbellton, is in town this week.

Mr. T. Adams, who has been in town for the past ten days, returned to Bathurst on Monday.

Mr. Clay Adams of New York, is visiting at his home here.

Mr. Earl Crocker of Bathurst spent Xmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Crocker.

Mr. Beverley Sprout left on Tuesday for his home in Sussex.

Mr. Edward Sinclair returned on Saturday from a short business trip to New York.

Mr. J. Petrie, who has been visiting in Boston and New York, returned to Millerton last week.

Dr. Ferguson of Kingston, N. B., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sinclair "The Bridge."

RICHIBUCTO.

Dec. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. John Short of St. John are in town visiting their son Mr. W. W. Short.

Miss Jennie Allen of Murray Harbor P. E. I. is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Carter.

Mr. Irving Stevenson is spending the holidays at home, having returned from Woodstock on Saturday.

Miss Nina Hains returned home from normal school on Friday.

Miss Sadie Mundy of Sackville is spending her vacation with Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Forbes.

Miss Alice Vantour left this morning to visit friends in Bathurst.

Messrs. Fred O'Leary and Harry McInerney returned home from St. Joseph's College, Memramcook, on Friday last.

Miss Ferguson went to Moncton to-day to visit Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Atkinson.

Mr. W. Hoag went to St. John on Friday last to spend the holiday season.

Mrs. Wm. Dickinson nee Miss Birdie Smith returned from Truro on Tuesday to visit her former home in Kingston.

Miss Nessie Ferguson left today for Shediac where she will spend the remainder of the holidays.

Mrs. John Irving returned from Moncton yesterday.

Miss Fannie Sayre left on Monday for Chatham where she will be the guest of Miss Maggie Smith.

Mr. James Main after absence of fourteen years spent in the west, returned home on Saturday to visit his parents in Galloway.

Rev. Father Wheten son of ex-sheriff Wheten spent a few days in town last week guest of Rev. Father Bannon.

TRURO.

[Progress is for sale in Truro by Mr. G. O. Fulton, Messrs D. H. Smith & Co. and at Crowe Bros.]

Dec.—Miss Cook of the Ladies' college staff, Mt. Allison, Sackville, N. B., is spending the Christmas recess, here a guest of her cousin, Mrs. Albert Black.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Tucker, Parraboro, are guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. W. Y. Longhead.

The music in all the churches last Sunday was of an unusually high order. At St. John's, Mrs. H. P. Wetmore and Miss Helen Bigelow were the principal soloists. The decorations were as usual lovely.

Mrs. W. S. Muir has cards out for a large dance for Mr. Walter Muir, for Thursday evening, which is being eagerly anticipated by a large number of young people here.

Mr. Luther MacDonald is visiting his friend Mr. Jack Muir.

Mrs. C. M. Dawson gave a very pleasant evening 1st night in the shape of a "cob-web" party in honor of Miss Julia Chase. The entertainment was the provocation of much fun, throughout the evening.

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Mr. C. R. Coleman, spent Christmas with home friends in Kings Co.

The "Learnment" and "Stanley" hotels, both provided for their Christmas guests, elegant and elaborate Bills-of-fare. A pleasant incident of the day at the "Learnment" was the presentation to M. Learnment by the permanent guests, O. A. Hornsby, P. R. Webster and J. Stanfield, of an elegant brass candelabra accompanied by a short, but gracefully worded note.

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