

The nearness of the Christmas season with the rush and hurry it brings along, and the stormy disagreeable weather, are both very good reasons to offer to the world at large for the dearth of society news these days. The storms are not severe enough though to interfere with the usual Christmas shopping and whatever hour one visits the stores they are sure to flad the long attractively arranged counters surrounded by perplexed shoppers puzzling their brains as to just which of the numerous lovely things displayed they want.

It seems really as if every year the Christmas goods grow prettier and this year in addition to prettiness and variety there is the added merit of being able to purchase, very cheaply, the daintiest

Beautiful little accessories of the dressing table, china, medallions, etc., there are in bewildering array and if you're not delighted with the articles and their prices why certainly the fault is in yourself not the Christmas goods.

The performence of The Three Guardsmen Thursday night might almost be called a society event bringing out as it did so manymembers of the smar: set. What a very good presentation the Cazeneuve company gave of the piece, and what an enthusiastic audience it was to which they played. The frequent applause and curtain calls were fully merited, and there is no doubt that on the opening night the company scored a very decided triumph. Paul Cazeneuve, the star, quite justified all the nice things that were said of his work in advance, and the audience of Thursday evening gave flattering recognization of his excellent interpretation of D'Artagnan. As Riechelieu Mr Ulysses Davis was excellent and though, of course, it was a part that made him thoroughly detested his work and his make up called forth universal praise. The balance of the caste was very pleasing, and taken as a whole it may be said without exaggeration that the company is one of the best we have had for some

The benefit concert for the Oratorio society was held in Trinity Sunday School room on Thursday | pesrance will be arranged in this city. evening and was largely attended. The various numbers on the well arranged programme were very heartily received and were as follows: Songs-Still as the Night......Carl Bohn

Robert Seely. Songs-(a) For Sweet Love's Sake.

(b) O Lovely Rose. (c) I ask But This..... MacDowell

Mrs. Charles Taylor. Song-I'll Sing Thee Songs of Araby ......Clay John Kelly.

Songs-(a) Where'e'er You Walk..... .... (Semel) Handel

(b) The Sweetest Flower.....Stucker Mrs. H. B. Schofield.

Violin Solo-Bolero.....Ferman Albert Ford.

Concluding with the Song Cycle, "In a Persian Garden.', Music by Liza Lehmann.

Mr. T Robertson went to Digby last week to see his brother Mr. G. Robertson who was quite ill for

a little while but who is now much improved. Mrs. James Millican is visiting her daughter

Mrs. Fuller of Truro. Miss Maud McClaskey has returned from a very

pleasant visit to her friends the Misses McVey of

Zion church school room was en fete this week, when the ladies mite society held a fancy sale and tea which was well attended and very successful in every way. The room was gay with bright colors and together with the tasteful and prettyfancy work displayed on the tables made the rooms look extremely at active. One of the features of the affair was a souvenir table in charge of Miss Young and which contained a unique assortment of boxes made from the giass in the new windows of the church.

At the fancy table where Miss S. G. Powers, Miss R. Wilson and Miss Amos presided a beautiful assortment of fancy work was offered for sale and quickly disposed of, A silverware table was an innovation ln connection with the fancy table that attracted a good deal of attention. A very interesting collection of dolls and toys for

the little folks found ready purchasers through the persuasive powers of Miss Sproul and Miss A.

The candy table which was prettily decorated in piak and green and contained a dainty assortment of sweets was in charge of Miss Hattie Lindsay and Miss T. Wilson and tea was served in the infant class room from 5 to 7 o'cleck by Miss Pu chell, Miss Dean and Miss Wilson. In the evening a musical programme was rendered in a very enjoy-

Mrs. R. B. Colwell and children of this city paid a short visit lately to relatives in Anagance.

Mayor and Mrs. Whitehead of Fredericton spent a little while in the city the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McLean returned Monday

from a trip to the United States. Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Patterson have taken up their winter quarters at the cosy and homelike Clifton for

Mrs. F R. Murray and Mrs. Frank S. Rogers who were summoned to Halitax last week by the tidings of their father, Mr. J. F. Shaffer's death, returned

Mrs. J. D. Weldon of Shediac spent a few days in the city in the early part of the week. Mrs. W. H. Purdy is entertaining Miss Constance

home on Monday of this week.

Vail who is enjoying a brief visit from her studies in a Waltham hospital. Mrs. Miller of Bridgetown who has been visiting

her sister Mrs. T. L. Coughlan returned to her home on Saturday of last week. Mrs. Chas. Manuel of Boston arrived home a few

His Lordship Bishop Kingdon and Mrs. Kingdon

came down from the capital for a day or two the first of the week. Mr. C. A. Lowe of Amherst, N. S., spent Tues-

day in the city.

Mr. F. H. Tingley of New Glasgow was among the past week's visitors to this city.

Mrs. B. G. Fownes has returned to her home in Havelock after a very pleasant visit to friends here. Mrs. E. A. Keith spent part of last week in the city, returning to her home in Havelock later in the week.

The third annual Ceramic exhibition of the local branch of the Woman's Art Association of Canada | &treet.

was held this week and was certainly superior to is predecessors in every way. The present location of the new studio on the south side of King quare are extremely pleasant-and in the matter of lighting is much better than the former quarters on Prince William stree!. The work exhibited possesses a great deal oi artistic merit and the ocal artists are to be congratulated on the excellent

showing they make. Mamong the St. John exhibits Miss L. C. Cushing has a very handsome fish set, platter and six plates, very artistically executed. Miss Marion Holly's four pieces are a plate with miniature "Gainsborough Girl," a plate with violets and cupids, and a tea tot and cream pi cher with miniatures. The work is beautifully done and these articles were greatly admired, as was Miss Lily Markham's large ray with its eff-ctive decoration of chrysanthemums. Miss Ethelwynn Hall's collection of miniature work possesses a great deal of merit and is much admired. The largest display is made by Miss McGivern and is exceedingly rich and varied and includes a claret jug with purple and green grapes placque done with corysanthemums, a fruit dish with grapes, trays with violets pansies and yellow roses, cups and saucers and bon-bon dishes. A fish tray and plates, bird plate, brush and comb tray, rose tray, jardinere and marmalade jar all painted in charming design are exhibited by Mrs. T. T. Mortimere.

Mrs. W.O. Raymond's work attracted a good deal of attention and is exquisitely dainty and pleasing. It includes two claret jugs plates, and bon-bon dishes. Miss E. J. Ritchie exhibited a miniature on ivory, and a large placque on which are Venus and cupids in dainty coloring and effective grouping. Miss Barry Smith's disp ay is small for such a clever artist, but it is lovely and attractive, and consists of decorated Royal Worcester vases, cups and saucers, a jardinere and a plate, all of whic, are most pleasingly executed and form a valuable

The display from other Canadian cities is large and beautiful and includes exhibits by Miss Hannaford, Miss Harrison, Miss Strong, Miss Honson, Miss Logan, Miss Good all of Toronto; Miss Watson of Galt, Miss Spence of Brantford, Miss Whit-

ney and Miss Schulze of Montreal. The name of Plunket Greene is now recognized the world over as that of the most distinguished and popular ballad singer appearing before the people of England. Possessing a bass voice of rare quality, sweetness and power added to a most magnetic personality, Greene is to the fore not merely at all the principal London concerts, but at the great Musical Festivals. At the last Loed's Festival, the greatest in the old land, he won a remarkable triumph in the new works then given While a sp'endid interpreter of classical music and oratorio, Planket Greene is most highly regarded by the general public for his beautiful renditions of old time English, Scotch and Irish ballads. During his coming American tour it is believed an ap-

Mrs. Byron Taylor returned this week from a visit to friends in the capital.

Mrs. H. S. Bridges is spending a few ddys in Fredericton the guest of Mrs. H. V. B. Bridges. Mr. John A. White of Rat Portage, was in the city for a day or two this week.

Mr. M. N. Cockburn of St. Andrews spent a little while in the city during the week.

The Pastors Helpers, Kings daughters of Leinster street church held a tea and sale in the church Sunday school room last Tuesday afternoon and evening. The room was very tastefully decorated yellow and white predominating. Tea was served from six to eight o'clock and a large number of useful and fancy articles were disposed of. Follow-

ing is the tables and list of attendants. Tea table, Mrs. John Dean, Mrs. Abner Hatfield. Mrs. F. Carey, Mrs. Hatfield, Miss Hoyt, Miss Cowperthwaite, Miss Clarke, Miss Worden, Miss

Fancy table : Miss Currie, Miss Addy, Miss Allen Miss Brundage and Miss Wetmore.

Novelty tab e, Miss Rising, Miss Currie, Miss Sulis, Miss Huestis, Miss Bertle Barbour, and Mrs J. W. Robinson.

Apron table, Mrs. W. S. Martin and Miss Edith Allen. Flower table, Miss Annie Knott, Miss Nettie

Hatfield, Miss Winnie Erb, Miss Bertha Allen and Miss Lulu Kelly. Candy Table. Miss Bessie Waterbury, Miss Min

nie Nincent, Miss Cora Clerk and Miss Jean Cam-

Mrs. A. J. Heath and family of Carmarthen St have gone home to Boston for the X mas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Morine of Halifax have taken up their winter quarters at the Grand Union hotel for the winter.

Miss Robinson of Digby who spene several weeks with friends here, returned to her home last Satur

Mrs. Cloness of Nanaimo, B. C. who has been staying with her sister, Mrs. A. L. Goodwin for the past three weeks, left this week for Toronto to spend the winter with her son who is attending

college in that city. Mrs. Whightman has returned from a pleasani

visit to Mrs. Abramson of Digby, N. S. Among the Christmas attractions secured by Manager Dockrill of the Opera house is a special engagement of Ishams Octoroons one of the foremost colored organizations in in America. The combination has always been wonderfully success. ful in both America and Europe, and this year it has several new features, which are donsidered a genuine improvement.

The Octoroons are seen in an original musical farce, two acts, entitled 'The Tenderloin Coon.' The public may be satisfied to know that the large delegation of amber hued individuals are afforded ample opportunity to display their talents, and it can safely be said that much good amusement results. Comical situations abound; there are songs galore and dancing a plenty, in which the entire organization takes part, prominent hits being scored by each and every member of the company. Suffice it is to say that net one dull moment is found during the entire program. And the ansemble singing and dancing are certainly most enjoyable. The costumes are rich and beautiful, being all new, and the scenery has been painted especially for this season's review.

A number of friends called last Wednesday evening upon Mr. and Mrs. John Magee of Winter Street to Celebrate the Fifth anniversary of their marriage, and to tender expression of good will in the shape of several valuabl e gifts. The evendays ago to spend Christmas with her mother Mrs.

J. K. Schofield.

London, as comprised in the McCity police districts, has a population of 5 633,806, equalling the combined populations of Paris, Berlin, St. Petersburg and Rome. today on a visit to friends for a few days before going west. Miss Harrison gave the final concert in her present tour at Campellton on Friday even-

Native Andamanese widows use the skulls of their deceased husband's as treasure boxes.

ing and it is pleasing to her friends to know

that there as elsewhere during the tour just ended

she was greeted with a large appreciative audience.

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> Mrs. Wm. Lemonts g those who sang solo's

VERSES OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Verses on a Cat. (Lines on hearing of the death of an old pet th

had been in a family for 14 years.) So, poor old Dinah's dead ! No more will she be fed On turkey, fish and cream. She lived a peaceful life, Here in this world of strife Now let her sweerly dream !

> Lo! many cats there are That live to eat and war, But Dinah did not fight, Nor ears she did not chew, Like pussy's sometimes do, When in the yard at night.

> Her place she kept in house, Was terror to the mouse That from his hole did stray. But turkey she would steal And of it make a meal At any hour of day.

O, rest thee well old cat ! Lie thou with mouse and rat Thy tooth and claw laid low. So shall all pussy sleep, And clouds above them weep On clover and on snow.

St. John, Dec. 6, 1898.

The Return Check.

I often have thought what significance lies In the check that you get at the door, When, to visit a friend, from the play you arise, And thro' it gain entrance once more. There are shows tho', in life, where this rule doesn't

Where your hopes and your fortune meet wreck; Your love has proved false and to leave her you're Here's where you get no return check !

When Adam in Paradise had a front row. Found everything heart could desire; But then he was tempted—the sequel you know-At least, if you don't, please inquire.

They told him to leave, and instanter he left;

Oh, his troubles were more than a peck! Of all the sweet joys of the garden bereft, He vamoosed, with no return check !

To manhood you grow, and look back with a sigh On childhood's delightful domain: The visions it held have forever gone by. And live but in mem'ry again. You think of the loves of your boyhood so fair, When pleasure was still at your beck; Oh, bright land of childhood—you long to go there Alas! you have no return check!

You muse o'er the comrades who fell by the way, What jovial hearts had the boys! Yet here you are pattering on, day by day, Through life with its troubles and joys. But the time for departure grows briefer each day. Tho laurels your brow may bedeck, So, guard well your seat in the golden parquet, For remember, there's no return check !

The Calamity of Kalamazoo.

Have you heard the pretty legend, sad and mourn-Of the brave and dusky lover and the Indian maid Mahzoo? How they lived and loved, and wandered on the river's shady shore, Happiest of Indian lovers, in the days that are no

All day long the maiden labored, weaving baskets by the stream. Thinking of her love, her Kahla, weaving him into her dream; Then he comes-she hears the rowing of his light

birch-bark canoe,
"Kahla!" calls she; cries ke, "Coming, coming to my own Mabzoo! one night she waits in silence; sad her faceher love is dead

Wounded in the chase, her warrior in a fortnight to In the morn they find sweet Mahzoo lying silent in the stream

Gone unto her lover Kahla, nevermore to watch and dream. Still the echoes o'er the river may be heard soft

through the air Echoes of the warrior Kahla and of young Mahzoo the fair. All the trees repeat the whisper, all the ripples murmur, too, In the stream that bears their name now-bears the name, "Kalamazoo."

Day Dreams.

Day dreams will not do, boys, Pleasant though they be; Day dreams fruitless are, boys, As rain upon the sea. Vain it is to climb boys, Fancy's golden stair. If the climbing ends, boys,

In castles in the air Not by strokes of luck, boys, Can you win a name There's no royal road boys, Leading on to fane, Those who gain renown, boys, Don't with shadows play. Beed the lesson well, boys, cast your dreams away.

Work lies at your hands, boys, Tasks that must be done You must buckle to boys, Ere the set of sun. Swiftly flies the time, boys, Whilst you aimless stray Youth's bright day is short, boys, Cast your dreams away.

Day dreams will not do boys— To yourselves be true; If you would achieve boys, You must dare and do. Have a purpose clear boys. Then with heart and soul Follow where it leads, boys,

Till you reach the goal The A to Z of Pessimism,

Little babe, Mother's prayer. Little boy. Football hair, Fearless man Country air. Pretty maid. lovely snare, Aged mare. Youthful pair, Little kids. Troubled life, Wordly care End in sight, Drear despair, That's al!, I swear

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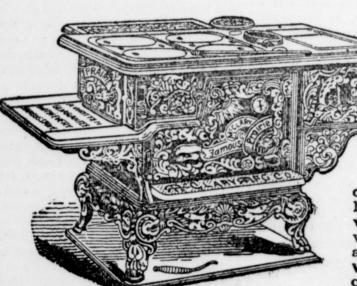
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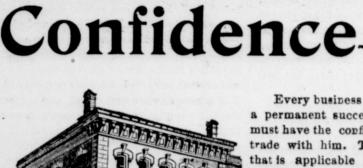
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