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HALIFAX NOTES.

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DEC. 20.—The Weil String Quartette Concert came off successfully in the Conservatory of Music last week in the presence of a fashionable and appreciative audience, and at which Miss Margaret White made her musical debut. This young lady in her playing displayed splendid execution, a thorough knowledge of technique, combined with wonderful expression, which is the soul of music Mrs. Currens song was charmingly rendered, and we will look forward to hearing her again in the near future. Too much praise cannot be given to the "Quartette." They gave us first-class music, which was rendered in a masterly manner.

The Shakespeare class is still in a most flourishing condition. At each meeting there has been a marked increase in the number of students. On Saturday of last week the large assembly hall at the Conservatory was filled, every seat was occupied, the class s at present reading "Macbeth." A goodly number of 'volunteers' acceded to Dr. Black's wish and read the play aloud, each reader impersonating a charater. Among those who were generous enough to add so much interest to the afternoons proceedings were Mrs. Kennedy-Campbell, Miss Leech, Col. Collard, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Allen and several other ladies and gentlemen.

Almost immediately after Xmas we are to have a very pretty wedding—that of Miss Oliver. The ceremony is to be held in the "Garrison," so that in every detail it promises to a military wedding. The young lady is one of the greatest favorites in society.

Mrs. J. W. Longley left last week for Bermuda. Having been in a delicate state of health for some time, she cannot stand the severity of Canadian frosts and snows. Mrs. Longley spent last winter in the Southern States.

Lieut. Dumble was also among the passengers for Bermuda. Mr. Dumble, who has been on this station for some time, was a great favorite among "Haligonians." as Canadian himself, he probably felt "at home" among us. Quite a number of "Society," went to the Bermuda boat to see friends "off" on Thursday morning last.

Colonel and Mrs. Arstruther-Duncan bid adieu to Halifax this week, and there is much regret evinced by a large number of friends at their departure. They contemplate taking an extended tour before reaching their final destination—England. From Halifax they go first to Vancouver and from thence over to Hong Kong.

Miss Winnie Burns has returned to Halifax after a visit of some months among various cities in the Upper Provinces. She will spend Xmas at "Maplewood."

NEW YORK.

DEC. 20—The dance to be given later in the week by Mrs. Almeric Paget is about the only function of importance set down for the Christmas holiday time. On New Year's eve the Westchester Country Club will be the scene of a gay dance, and as all of the residents of the vicinity will have their houses full of guests, it is anticipated that it will be a large affair. Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, will soon issue invitations for a young people's dance, of which, as usual, there are to be many others within the coming fortnight. A large number of cards have been issued here for a ball to be given by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Van Rensselaer at Philadelphia on Friday night, Dec. 30. This will probably be the smartest New Yeay's eve dance o the winter, and the New York guests will be taken to Philadelphia in special cars. The affair will be in honor of Mrs. Van Rensselaer's daughter, Miss Minnie Drexel Fell, who was formally presented at a tea given by her mother in November.

Mr. and Mrs. Almeric Paget's dance next Friday night is to be in honor of Mrs. Paget's brother, Payne Whitney, who was one of ushers at the Livermore-Brooks wedding last Wednesday. Mr. Whitney captured the Yale men of '98, and among other Yale men who will attend the dance will be Alfred G. Vanderbilt. The cotillion favors will be emblematic of college sports, and also of the season. The decorations will be in the college colors. A dinner of forty or fifty covers will precede the dance.

The owners of rural establishments are busy making preparations for their Christmas house parties. Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills will have a large party of friends with them at their place at Hyde Park, on the Hudson. Mrs. George Cavendish Bentinck, Mrs. Mills's twin sister, and her daughters, Miss Cavendish Bentinck and Miss E. C. Bentinck, will return to England early in January. The Bentincks have been Mrs. Mills's guests since the middle of September. Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Rogers and Mr. and Mrs Frederic W. Vanderbilt, whose places are close to that of Mrs. Mills, will also have large house parties. Mrs. Lewis Livingston Delafield had fully thirty guests over the Thanksgiving period at "Fieldston," her place at Riverdale-on-Hudson. She intends to have a still larger Christmas and New Year's party. Mrs. Delafield comes to town every fortnight to manage the Fortnightly Dances. Mr. and Mrs. de R. Whitehouse are preparing to entertain friends over Christmas at their house at Tarrytown. They will give a barn dance with supper and music on New Year's for their own servants and those of other residents of the place.

Dr. and Mrs. Jean Edouard Ceresole (nee Wilder) will sail for Europe this week. They are to reside at Vevay, Switzerland. Dr. Ceresole, who is a First Lieutenant in the Swiss Army, is a son of Genl Paul Ceresele, former President of the Swiss republic.

Elisha Dyer, Jr., is still almost without a rival as a cotillion leader. He will lead at Mrs. Astor's ball on Jan. 9. Naturally Mr. Dyer would select for his partner on that occasion the daughter-in-law of the hostess, Mrs. John Jacob Astor, but as she is now abroad he will have to choose another young matron or unmarried belle to dance with. Before returning from Paris each season, Mrs. Astor selects

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On the evening of November, 28th, 1878, a fire broke out in the British ship Melanie, loaded with 500 barrels of petroleum. An awful mass of flames shot up from the main hatch and the vessel quivered from stem to stern with explosion of the barrels. Her seams opened and the blazing petroleum poured out into the river, spreading a belt of fire around her. The master and seamen jumped overboard. Captain Sharp, whose vessel was lying close-by, propelled a small boat through the blazing river and after a severe scorching and imminent peril, saved the seamen from a horrible death.

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her cotillon favors for the winter ball, and in this way she sustains her reputation for giving a greater variety of beautiful and novel knickknacks than any other hostess in town. At the coming dance the usual arrangements will prevail. The sliding partition between the halls of Mrs. Astor's own house and that of her son John Jacob Astor, will be drawn back and the large ballroom will be used for dancing.

Mrs. J. H. A. Tremenheere has decided to make New York her home. As Miss Jessie R. Van Auken Mrs. Tremenheere was one of the most brilliant young women in society. She inherited a fortune from her grandfather, the late Commodore Garrison. So few girls who have married Englishmen of position return to their native land to live that Mrs. Tremenheer is a notiable exception in that respect. The term of judicial office held by Mr. Tremenheere in India is about to expire, and when it does he and Miss Tremenheere will take up their residents here.

Levi P. Morton gave an elaborate dinner last night at his home 681 Fifth avenue in honor of Lord Herschell. Those seated at the board included Bishop Henry C. Potter, Justice George L. Ingraham, the Rev. Dr. John Wesley Brown, Admiral Schley, Rear Admiral Miller, Justice Charles H. Van Brunt, Justice Edward Patterson, Alexandre E. Orr, Andrew Carnegie, Horace White, James C. Carter, H. Williamson, James Larocque, Darius O. Mills, Gen. Benjamin F. Tracy and Justice Rumsey.

Cards are out for the wedding of Miss Alice Stuart Walker and Edwin A. Stevens Lewis of Hoboken which is to take place on Saturday Jan. 7. in the Protestant Episcopal church of the Redeemer at Morristown, N. J. The bride-elect is a daughter of Henry Harrison Walker, who is a graduate of West Point and and was a Brigadier-General in the Southern army during the civil war. The bride and bridegroom elect are related. Mr. Lewis was graduated from Princeton in the class of '91, and obtained an M. A. there in 1894, the year in which he was admitted to the bar. At Princeton he played on the football team. He is a member of the University Athletic, Union League and Princeton Graduate clubs of this city and of the Essex Troop of Newark. He is a son of the late Col. Edward Parke Custis Lewis, who was at one time United States Minister to Portugal.

A marriage has been arranged and will take place in London on Jan. 4 between Robert B. Hay, youngest son of Lady Hay and nephew of W. Butler Duncan of this city, and Miss Ella Bulkeley Johnson.

Some of the older set of men have gone or are going abroad for the winter. Eugene Higgins carried several away with him on his steam yacht Varuna. George Work, who is in very poor health sailed for Europe yesterday. Winthrop Rutherfurd is to follow soon.

Mrs. N. E. Hulbert of 18 West Sixty-first street gave a reception last evening from 9 to 11 o'clock in honor of Miss Helen Elizabeth Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Robinson of 171 West Seventy eighth street, whose engagement to Mrs. Hulbert's son, Edward Colt Hulbert, was recently announced. The wedding will be celebrated in June. Miss Robinson, an elder sister of the bride, Miss Miller and Miss McClave, all of whom will be attendants of the bride-to-be at the coming ceremony, assisted in receiving.

Dr. and Mrs. Walker Gill Wylie of 28 West Fortieth street gave a largely attended tea yesterday afternoon to present their two daughters, Miss Julia A. Wylie and Miss Lucilla Wylie. Those who assisted in receiving were Miss Sadie Tyers, Miss Alice E. Strong, Miss Matilda Lewis, Miss Alice Dominick, Miss Julia Viteau, Miss Bertha Pagesticher, Miss Lucilla Damon, Miss Maude Knapp and Miss Oleina Maxwell. A dinner of twenty six covers followed the tea and a number of young people came in for the dance afterward.

Among those who gave teas yesterday afternoon were Mrs. Harold Herrick and her sister, Miss Caroline T. Lawrence, of 45 East Twenty-ninth street; Mrs. J. Wells Champney and her daughter; Miss Marie Champney of 96 Fifth avenue, Mrs. John Hudson Hall of 221 West Fifty-seventh street and her sister Mrs. James B. Van Woert, jr., and Mrs. Everett M. Culver and sister Miss Clark of 175 West Fifty-eighth street.

OTTAWA SOCIETY LETTER.

DEC. 20.—Just before Christmas comes a lull in the gayties, for my lady is shopping or busy at dainty needlework which will be a more appreciated present than any in the shops.

So except for the children who make merry at their christmas parties all for the time being orswear entertaining or being entertained. Yet it s hard to reconcile this work, the statement that too large dances are to be given on the Thursday before Christmas, one in the old Racquet Court, scene of festivities without number, thus being an afternoon affair; the other in the evening at a private residence given for a pretty dark eyed debutante, Miss Bessie Keefer.

Then the Ladies Golf Club a very popular institution, is thinking of repeating its success o last year, that is that they expect to give a ball masque of donium dance on Twelfth night. The only of jection to the costumes is the heat, for it is very hot indeed dancing in a lang garment over the ball dress and a mask of lace and canvas over the flushed face.

Speaking of dances, the ball given by Colonel Turner, the American Consul and Mrs. Turner was a very brilliant one. The long dining room was transformed by flags English and American—into a most artistic looking salon; two orchestras played, one in the gallery and a second hidden behind palms, playing during the waltzes. Some very lovely dresses were worn; Mrs. Straton, of St. John who has lately come to live in Ottawa, and who bids fair to be very popular, looked radiant in red silk with clouds of chiffon edged with gold embroidery.

Though it has been the loveliest of skating weather so far no skating parties have been given at Government House by their Excellencies, but then they have been engaged in making flying visits to Montreal, and Toronto where they opened charity balls, and yacht club ball and patronized amateur performances in theatres and were dined by Lord and Lady Strathcona at their handsome residence in Montreal.

Their excellencies went up to Toronto last week to attend the Yacht Club Ball. The countess of Minto wore a beautiful gown of white satin en princesse, turquoise and pearl ornaments decorated the bodice, a diamond tiara was worn. Lady Sybil Beauclerc, the pretty, sweet-faced neice of Her excellency was in white satin with lace fichu drapery. Mrs. Drummond who wins admiration everywhere by her fine presence and distinguished bearing wore on this occasion white taffeta embroidered in silver sequins, the bodice outlined with folds of turquoise blue velvet. In the quadrille of honor the Earl of Minto danced with Mrs. Armilius Jarvis, Lady Minto with Commodore Jarvis, and Col. Otter with Lady Beauclerc.

Mr. Almon, a student in a medical college in Halifax, is spending his holidays in Ottawa with Mrs. Almon.

Mr. Justice Sedgwick left last week for Halifax Mr. and Mrs. Stuart of the latter city are guests of Mrs. Sedgwick.

Miss Snowball of Chatham, N. B., who is just now in Toronto, is expected later in Ottawa, where she will be the guest of Mrs. Blair.

Sir Louis Davies and Lady Davies returned from Washington this week.

The Women's Morning Music club and the May Court club are taking holidays just now, their concerts and lectures being given up till after Christmas.

Ottawa is rich in women's societies just now, and one of the most interesting is the Historical society of Ottawa lately formed, and of which I think I wrote you. Last week a very delightful literary conversazione was held at the residence of the secretary of the association Mrs. Ahearn. Several papers on the early days of Bytown were read, one by the first female white child born in the village. It is strange to think that seventy years ago the regions of the upper Ottawa were considered a wild inaccessible district and that even in 1826 the houses of Bytown were hidden from the sight of one another by the forest which people had not time to clear away. The benefit of such an historical society has already been demonstrated by the information gained about those bygone days In one of the rooms thrown open to the guests at this conversazione relics of Bytown and its founder were on exhibition.

Colonel By's chair was there, in which no lesser personage than Edward, Duke of Kent. father of Queen Victoria, once sat.

Sir Wilfred and Lady Laurier were recently presented with a nugget of virgin gold, worth ninety dollars, by a Klondike capitalist, W. Joseph Barrett. The premier and Lady Laurier will spend Christmas in Arnabaskaville, Quebec. ZOE.

TRURO.

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DEC. 21,—Mr. Alex. McFarlane, nephew of the late Senator McFarlane, is spending a few days in town a guest at the Stanley.

Miss Graham of the Halifax Herald staff, was in town one day this week.

All the churches are preparing special Christmas music. Rev. W. S. Fraser, Halifax, will preach at both services at St. Andrews; and Mr. Stuart will have some valuable assistance in the very excellent programme of music he has prepared. Mrs. Hugh MacKenzie, Miss Conrad and Messrs. H. C. McDougall and A. C. Cutten, will be among the soloists.

Miss Ethel Chase, Canard, Kings Co., who has been a guest of Mrs. C. M. Dawson's for a few weeks past, is now visiting with Mrs. Martin Dickie.

An Opera party entertained by Mr. W. D. Dimock and his sisters Miss Dimock and Miss May Dimock last Friday night to hear the "Bohemian Girl," afterward enjoyed a charming supper, rom their Host and his sisters. Among the party men: Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Muir, Miss McKay, Miss Hensley, Miss Lottie McNaughton, Dr. J. B. Hall and Messrs G. A. Hall and W. P. McKay.

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AMHERST.

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DEC. 21.—There is little to communicate this week, but the coming and going of our friends, as society is resting preparatory to the Christmas festivities.

Our "Edgehill" contingent of pupils six in number are at home for three weeks holidays, also Miss Dickey from "Kinghurst" and the Misses Moffat and Christie from Wolfville.

Mrs. Chubbuck assistant music teacher at Wolfville ladies seminary and son Robbie a pupil at Mr. Patterson's school, Horton Landing are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Christie, Albion street.

Mademosielle Sutton, French teacher at "Edgehill" is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Townshend, Victoria street.

Jeffery Main the youngest son of Collector Main who is engaged in business with his brother Gordon, in Sandon, B. C. is at home on a visit with his parents after an absence of two or three years.

Judge Townshend, of Halifax was in town this week for a day or two.

Christ church is looking very beautiful in its Christmas dress of evergreen, and rare hot house flowers. The music has received very careful preparation for this holy festival. Miss Pugsley, whose singing is much appreciated will take the solo in the "Te Deum."

Miss May Tweedie, eldest daughter of the late Rev. James Tweedie of Louisburg C. B. is in town and will after Xmas open a class for the tuition of French.

Mrs. Mitchell wife of Dr. Mitchell, went to Wallace last week to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law Senator Macfarline.

Mr. T. Inglis Moffat of the Dead letter department Halifax, will spend Christmas in town with his relatives Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Bent, Eddy street.

Mrs. Bliss wife of Rev. D. Bliss of Mount Watley spent a few days in town this week a guest of her son Dr. Courtney Bliss Church street.

Miss Trenholm and Mrs. Thos. Roach left today to spend the winter in Los Angelos California.

Miss Elizabeth Page of Port Greville is visiting her relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Curry of Bridgetown will spend Christmas in town with the latter's mother Mrs. Lowe, Church street.

The Aberdeen skating rink was opened for the season on Monday night.

Miss Lawton of the vocal department at Wolfville seminary is a guest of Mr and Mrs. James Moffatt Church street. FELIX.

ST. STEPHEN AND CALAIS.

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DEC 21.—Everyone is so engaged in Christmas work and Christmas shopping that there has been no time to give to social doings this week.

Both Christ church and Trinity church are prettily adorned with evergreen and appropriate mottoes for the Christmas season.

The Province, a Vancouver newspaper describes Mrs. Percy Gillmor who is travelling in British Columbia with her husband and who attended the St. Andrew and Caledonian ball, as a "statesque beauty" and also adds she was beautifully attired in a handsome costume of black and attracted much attention. Mrs. Gillmor is one of the society ladies of the St. Croix and has always been admired for her style and blonde beauty.

It is announced that Miss Annie Collins and Mr. L. J. Hanington are to be married in January.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Eaton of Princeton arrived yesterday to spend Christmas in Milltown with Mr. James Murchie and Mrs. Charles Porter.

Mrs. S. Cooke accompanied by her daughter Miss Flora Cooke have gone to Boston to spend the Christmas season with friends in that city.

Miss Beatrice Vroom will remain in Boston until after the new year.

Miss Berta Teed who is a pupil at Mount Allison Sackville, has arrived home, bringing her friend Miss Ida Burns of St. Johns, Newfoundland to spend the holidays.

There are rumors of several parties and "at homes" to be given next week in honor of the young people who are visiting the town and it is expected there will be more gaiety than we have had for many weeks.

Many Christmas dinner parties are to be given on Monday which day is to be a general holiday all business suspended for the day.

Miss Kate Newnhams friends will rejoice to hear she is rapidly recovering from her illness.

Mr. Charles E. Hayden arrived from Bangor Wednesday last and made a brief visit in Calais.

Mr. John D. Chipman M. P. P. is still confined to his residence with a severe attack of bronchitis.

Miss Constance Chipman has returned from Moun Allison to spend the Christmas holidays.

Dr. R. A. Holland has been visiting Portland Maine during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Lowell intend to spend the winter in Florida.

Lady Tilley and Miss Winifred Howland are at the Cedars the guests of Madame Chipman during the Christmas season.

Miss Berta Whidden who attends the Coburn classical institute has arrived home.

Mr. Frederick L. Eaton of Boston has arrived in Calais for a few days visit.

Dr. and Mrs. Franklin Eaton and Miss Irene Eaton arrived from Dennysville this week and are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Eaton.

Mrs. John Prescott has gone to Washington, D. C., to visit relatives.

Miss Winifred Todd is spending her Christmas holidays with a school friend in New York City. Miss Todd is a pupil at Abbot Academy, at Andover, Mass.

Dr. J. H. Robbins of Hingham, Mass., made a brief visit to Calais during the past week, and was the guest of Judge and Mrs. Gardner.

Rev. Mr. Milligan who has been in charge of the presbyterian church during the absence of the pastor Rev. Dr. McKenzie, has gone to Antigonish Nova Scotia.

Miss Helen Rounds arrived from Wellesley college on Thursday to spend the holiday season at her home in Calais.

Mr. Julius T. Whitlock of the St. Stephen Bank is visiting Boston this week.

Miss Bessie Todd, who is a pupil at Miss Agnes Lowell's school in Portland, arrived home this week.

Mrs. A. E. Neill is visiting Mrs. Bradlee Eaton in New York City.

Mrs. R. L. Sloggett, was the guest of her mother Mrs. Bolton on Tuesday but returned to her home in Honlton to day.

Miss May Carter leaves for St. John tomorrow to enjoy her Christmas holidays.

Miss Margaret Whitlock, arrived from Baston on Tuesday after a visit of two weeks.

Mrs. Helen Hill is spending a few days in Portland Maine with friends.

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