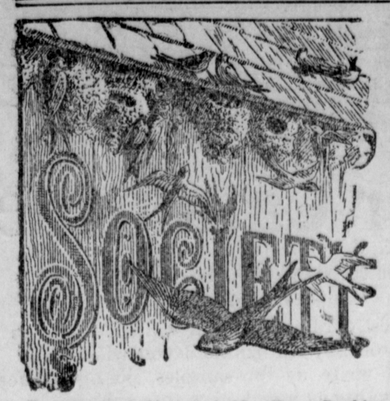

The latter part of last week Mrs. Henry Rankine gave a most charming tea which was largely attended; the brightly decorated cosy rooms was an attractive place for the ladies, and they lingered, many of them, beyond the conventional time, enjoying the graceful hospitality of the hostess who was assisted in her duties by Mrs. Harding and Mrs. Rankin who dispensed tea while Mrs. King presided over the coffee urn. Mrs. R. K. Jones, Mrs. Magee, Mrs. Puddington, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. F Peters also assisted the hostess in various ways in entertaining and looking after the guests, among whom were the following:

Mrs. E. A. Simon,	Mrs. G. R. Pugsley,
Mrs. Gillis,	Mrs. Inches,
Mrs. Stone,	Mrs. McDonald,
Mrs. McMillan,	Mrs. M. McKay,
Mrs. Holden,	Mrs. Timmerman,
Mrs. Gilbert,	Mrs. Sancton,
Mrs. Wm. Pugsley,	Mrs. Allen,
Mrs. McNutt,	Mrs. Jos. Allison,
Mrs Walter Holly,	Miss Wright,
Miss Mary Brock,	Miss Gillis,
Miss Blair,	Misses Seeley,
Misses Pugsley,	Misses Scammell.
Miss Nan McDonald,	Miss Sadler,
Mrs F. E. Sayre,	Mrs. Moore,
Mrs. B. Cushing,	Mrs. W. Purdy,
Mrs. Flemming,	Mrs. C. Scammell,
Mrs. Manchester,	Mrs. Tillotson.
Miss Mary McMillan,	Miss Holden,
Misses Fraser,	Mrs. C. F. Harrison,
Miss Lily Adams,	Miss de Forest,
Misses Skinner,	Mrs. Percy Thomson,
Mrs. Seeley,	Mrs. W. A. Trueman,
Mrs. Armstrong,	Mrs Fairweather,

Miss Forbes and others.

Mrs. D. P. Chisholm who has been confined to her residence through severe illness is slightly better though still unable to be out.

Miss Gilbert and Miss Pugsley went to Bathurst this week to be present at the marriage of Miss Bishop of that town to Mr. Evans of Montreal which took place this week.

Miss Frances Travers left Monday evening for New York where she will spend a few days before beginning her tour under the management of Mr. Young. The numerous friends of the talented young vocalist will watch her career with much interest.

Mrs. James Straton, formerly of this city but now of Ottawa, is spending a month at Clifton Springs for the benefit of her health, which her friends here will regret to learn is not as good as could be desired.

Dr. R. F. Quigley returned Tuesday from Ottawa.

Mr. Wallace Caver of Lower Gradville, N. S. arrived here this week and will spend the winter with friends.

Col. Tucker, M. P. returned Tuesday from a brief visit to St. Martins.

Miss May Bourke left this week for a visit to Miss Sharpe of Halifax.

The ladies of St. John the Baptist church held a most successlul sale and tea in McLaughlin's hall this week, the attendance nightly being very large. There was a short musical programme each evening; and supper was served from five o'clock. The hall was prettily decorated the various tables looked bright and attractive. The ladies in charge were as follows:

Cusine—Mrs M. Coady, Mrs. Thos. Johnston, Mrs. Borsley and Miss Burke.

Supper tables—Mrs. Sarah O Connor and Mrs. Katie Ritchie, assisted by Misses Kate Sullivan, Nellie Baxter, Nellie Ritchie, Josie Bitchie, Maggie Ritchie, Florrie McManus, Katie Lowe, Francis Coady, Alice Kirk, Emma Kirk, Teresa McPartland, Kate McPartland, Minnie McCarthy, and Florrie Pyne.

Ice cream parlor—Mrs. James Ryan, Miss Minnie Smyth, Nellie Ryan, Annie McManus and Gracie Collins.

National table—Mrs. James H. Doody, Mrs. W. J. Coleston, Miss Teresa Doody, Annie McDermott and Lizzie McCarthy.

The Klonkyke—Miss Ada Baxter and Nora Ritchie.

Weights and measures—Misses Nellie Roderiguez and Nellie Reed.

Candy table—Misses Annie and Aggie Burns.

On Monday a number of ladies assembled at the Customs house to prepare the boxes that were sent to the New Brunswick boys in the Transvaal and which will give them a pleasant surprise on Christmas day. The boxes contained many dainties which will be greatly appreciated by the soldier boys. The ladies who gave their time in making up the boxes were:

Lady Tilley,	Mrs. E. Sears,
Mrs. E. A. Smith,	Mrs. Racine,
Mrs. Joseph Allison,	Mrs. Chas. F. Harrison,
Mrs. R. Leslie Jones,	Mrs. George West Jones,
Mrs. C. deForest,	Miss H. Walker,
Miss Dunn,	Mrs. S. D. Scott,
Mrs. H. H. McLean,	Mrs. E. T. Sturdee,
Miss Markham,	Mrs. O. H. Warwick,
Miss Furlong,	Miss Toller,
Miss Puddington,	Miss Graham.

Mr. A. P. Copp M. P. for Digby was in St. John the first of the week on his way from Ottawa.

Miss Alice McGregor of Germain Street left the beginning of the week for Nova Scotia where she will spend the winter.

Miss Nellie Gordon of Quebec is the guest of city friends for a few weeks after which she will go to Fredericton for the winter.

Mrs. Fred P. Gresham and her sister Miss Willis of Providence R. I. spent a day or two here this week en route to Halifax where they will spend a month.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Graham, of Paradise Row, were surprised on Monday evening by a number of friends calling to congratulate them upon the tenth anniversary of their marriage. The evening was pleasantly spent and before the departure of the guest Mr. and Mrs. Graham were presented with a handsome mirror.

During the week the ladies have had sufficient to to take up their time and thoughts, begining with the work on the soldiers Christmas gifts at the Custom House on Monday. Later an entirely new prefect claimed their attention, which has for its object the formation of a branch of the Soldiers League of which Mrs Hutton, wife of General Hutton, is president. For this end a meeting was held Wednesday morning at the residence of Mrs. George W. Jones, Germain street. There were present, Mrs. H. H. McLean, Mrs. W. W. White, Mrs Thomas Walker, Mrs. J. W. Daniel and Mrs. S. T. Sturdee.

Last evening a public meeting of ladies interested in the club was held in the rooms of the Fusiliers club, Charlotte street, for the purpose of organization.

Miss Nellie Williams of Annapolis is here on a visit to relatives.

C. B. Lockhart, ex M. P. P. and Mrs. Lockhart of the west end returned from a visit to New York last Saturday.

An enjoyable little party was given by Miss Coleman of Metcalf street, last Monday evening to about thirty of her friends. The guests were entertained in a very hospitable manner and the amusement of the evening consisted of cards, music and dancing.

The City Cornet Band celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary by a smoker last Wednesday evening at their rooms on King street east. The evening was spent in the way usual at such gatherings, and the gentlemen present say a particularly pleasant time was enjoyed.

A very select and representative audience attended the Watkin Mills concert at the opera house on Thursday evening and listened with delight to the work of the famous English basso. His various numbers received the most enthusiastic applause and from the beginning of the programme until the end the most intense enjoyment was visible. The programme was as follows:

PART I.

Cello solo—Hungarian Dance.....Fischer
Henry S. Saunders.

Song—Deign Great Apollo (Ruin of Anthens) .....Handel

Recit. and Air—O, Ruddier than the Cherry (Acis and Galatea).....Handel

Song—The Two Grenadiers.....Schurmann

Buffo song—I'm a Roamer (Son and Stranger) .....Mendelssohn

Song—The Curlew.....
Watkin Mills.

Cello solo—Romance.....Carl Bohn
Henry S. Saunders.

PART II.

Songs—(a) The Sailor's Grave.....Sullivan
(b) The Windmill.....H. H. Nelson
(c) Three Jacobite Ballads.....
(1) There'll be Peace.....
(2) Here's to the King.....
(3) He's Over the Hills.....
(d) The Banshee.....Monk Gould
Watkin Mills.

Cello Solo—(a) Berceuse.....Godard
(b) Spinning Song..... Popper
Henry S. Saunders.

Songs—
(a) False Phillis (old English melody) arranged by.....H. Lane Wilson
(b) Richard of Taunton Dene [Somersetshire folk song] arranged by..... .....Molloy
(c) The Ould Plaid Shawl.....Battison Haynes
(d) The March of the Cameron Men .....Mary M. Campbell
Watkin Mills.
God Save the Queen.

Mrs. Percy Gilmor of St. Stephen recently visited friends here.

Mrs. George J. Clarke and Mrs. W. B, Ganong, of the St. Croix are spending a few days here.

ST. STEPHEN AND CALAIS.

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Nov 16—J. Edwin Ganong returned on Monday from a trip to the Pacific coast.

On Monday the Courier was favored with a pleasant call from Samuel Watts of the Carleton Sentinel. Mr. and Mrs. Watts spent Sunday with friends in Calais.

Mrs. Joseph McVay returned from Boston on Saturday where she spent several weeks visiting relatives and friends,

Miss Kate Stevens and Councillor Walter Stevens have invited a party of friends to join them on a drive to St. James and a supper at Councillor Stevens's new lumber camp this evening. The party will leave town at half past seven o'clock.

Miss Kathleen McAllister is rapidly recovering from her serious illness of the last two weeks.

Mrs, Frederick A. Bolz will receive her friends at her home at Oak Bay on Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

Miss Mary Stuart entertained her Sunday School class, Rev. O. S. Newnham, Mrs. Newnham and some others at her home on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. A. E Neill is quite ill in Boston, suffering from an attack of bronchitis.

Mrs. Geo. J. Clarke and Mrs. W. B. Ganong have gone to St. John for a few days.

Miss Jean Sprague is visiting Miss Gretchen Vroom.

The announcement has been received here of the marriage of Miss Ellen Chipman Begg and Ralph J. Messenger, New York, October the 31st. Mrs. Messenger is the eldest daughter of Rev. Dr. Begg a former pastor of St. Stephen's presbyterian church in this town.

The engagement is announced of Rev. S. A. Bender, pastor of the meth dist church, Calais and Miss Minnie Taite of Calais.

Miss Agnes Algar of St. Andrews has been the guest during the week of Mrs. J. Dustin.

Miss Phillips and Miss Seeley of Fredericton are guests of Miss Mary Phillips.

Mrs. G. S. Grimmer of St. Andrews is the guest of Mrs. Hazen Grimmer.

Mr and Mrs. George M. Curran are visiting Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Beard and Miss Berta Smith expect to leave today for Boston, to remain until after Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Todd and their daughter Mildred went to Boston on Tuesday to remain several days.

Frank Tucker of New Bedford, Mass., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Horton recently.

Miss Maude Bonness is in Providence, Rhode Island, visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Earle of Bangor have been registered at the St. Croix Exchange for several days during the past week.

Mrs. C. H. Clerke is recovering from her illness.

Miss Jessie Wall expects to visit Boston at an early date.

G. Durrell Grimmer of St. Andrews was in town last Friday.

David Maxwell, C. E., is in Sydney, C. B., and expects to remain until December.

Miss Ethel Waterbury returns from Fredericton this week.

Mrs. C. O. Barker returned on Saturday from a pleasant trip to Boston.

The Harmony club had a most enjoyable meeting at the residence of John Black on Monday evening. The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. W. B. Ganong at the Windsor hotel.

Jas. Vroom left on Tuesday for Montreal for a few days visit.

Mrs. John Turner has been confined to her residence for several days with severe cold and sore throat.

Miss Mollie Maloney has arrived in town and has already begun to organize music classes for the winter.

YARMOUTH.

Nov. 16—Captain and Mrs. David Saunders of Hebron returned from Boston on the Prince Arthur this week.

Capt. Robert K. Kelly of Liverpool, England, arrived this week and is the guest of his brother Mr. Charles R. Kelley.

Miss Alice Johnson of Stanwood's Point, returned from a trip to Boston on the Prince Arthur this week.

Mr. R. G. Hervey arrived from Halifax and went to Shelburne on the Coast railway on Monday night.

Capt. J. A. Farquhar of Halifax, arrived from Boston this morning.

Mrs. F. H. Wilson of Milton returned from Boston Monday morning.

Mrs Irvine A. Lovitt went to New York Monday week

GAGETOWN.

Nov. 16.—Mr. Wm. Hamilton and Master Fred Burpee spent Sunday in Fredericton.

Mrs. Wm. McAllister of Fredericton returned home on Monday.

Miss Allie Gunter, of Upper Gagetown is visiting Miss June Belyea.

Mr. Wm. Cooper was in St. John last week.

Mr. McCollough of St. John spent Sunday with friends here.

Mrs. F. I. Dingee went to St. John last week.

Miss Gertie Cooper returned from a trip to St. John on Saturday.

Miss Allie Black of St. John was the guest of R. H. Weston last week.

Messrs. Jas. Belyea and Fred Ebbett spent Saturday evening at Mr. Wm. Scott's, Shirley.

Mr. J. W. Dickie was in St. John last week.

Mr. Lewis C. Dingee returned to his home in St. John on Thursday.

Life's Lesson.

Through summer woods we walk in shadows cool,
And looking up see close above our heads
The low spanned arch of foliage deeply green,
But catch no glimpse of heaven's o'er-arching blue.
In winter woods the verdant arch is gone,
But looking up through pencillings of dark boughs
We see the heaven's blue dome o'erspanning all,
And learn life's lesson.

Youth's sweet world is small,
O'erhung with boughs that give protection, shade,
And glorious promises of fruitage sweet;
A little world that centres all in self.
But when in years's maturer we look up
And see no dome of verdure o'er our heads,
When boughs are bare, and promises have failed,
Behold, the world has widened to our view,
The earth spreads far, is full of teeming life,
And heaven's vast arch bends lovingly o'er all.

Father's Child.

My little girl to-night with childish glee,
Although her months had numbered not twoscore,
Escaped her nurse, and at my study door,
With tiny fingers rapping, spoke to me:—
Though faint her words, I heard them tremblingly
Fall from her lips as if the darkness bore
Its weight upon her: 'Father's child!" No more
I waited for, but straightway willingly
I brought the sweet intruder into light
With happy laughter.—Even so some night,
When, from the nursing earth escaped and free,
My soul shall try in her first infant flight
To seek God's chamber, these two words shall be
Those that will make Him ope His door to me.

A Death Song.

Lay me down beneaf de willers in de grass,
Whah de branch'll go a-singin as it pass,
An w'en I'ze a-layin low
I kin hyeah it as it go
Singin, 'Sleep, my honey, tek yo' res' at las'.'

Lay me nigh to whah hit meks a little pool,
An de watah stan's so quietlak an cool,
Whah de little birds in spring
Ust to come an drink an sing,
An de chillen waded on dey way to school.

Let me settle w'en my shouldahs draps dey load
Nigh enough to hyeah de noises in de road,
Fu' I t'ink de las' long res'
Gwine to soothe my sperrit bes'
Ef I'ze layin' 'mong de t'ings I'ze allus knowed.

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