



In the Mechanics Institute on Tuesday evening the closing recital of the Conservatory of music was held and was attended by a large number of the pupils and others interested in the institute.

The programme was somewhat lengthy but every number was thoroughly enjoyed and showed that rapid progress was being made.

Those who took part in the programme were as follows: Miss Currie, Miss Baillie, Miss Kate McPherson, Miss Florence Belding, Miss Lyle Kennedy, Miss Kate McKinnon, Miss Maizie Willis, Miss Pearl Smith, Miss Hazel Smith, Miss Birdie Tufts, Miss Alice Mahoney, Miss Jessie Wilson, Miss Agnes Donovan, Miss Orca Sharp, Miss Millie Isaacs, Miss E. R. Fowler, Miss Jennie Bell, Miss M. Robertson, Miss H. Campbell, Miss Edith Doherty, Miss Bertha Fales.

Mr. A. McIntyre, Mr. Edwin Farmer. Senator Dever has quite recovered from his recent severe illness, which at one time threatened to develop into blood poisoning, and expects soon to return to Ottawa.

Alderman Robinson and Mrs. Robinson returned Tuesday from a very pleasant trip to Boston.

Mrs. Wesley Taylor of Everett Mass., is spending a little while with city friends.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Thompson returned the beginning of the week from their honeymoon which was spent in Nova Scotia.

Mr. George Ryan got back Tuesday from a visit to Nova Scotia.

The Temple of Honor Band gave a most delightful concert in the Institute on Wednesday evening for the benefit of the Indian town fire sufferers at which some of the city's best talent assisted in the following programme: March, T. of H. Band; vocal solo, R. S. Ritchie; reading, Miss L. Coder; band selection; reading, Rev. Mr. Rainnie; solo, Mr. McKay, band selection, instrumental solo, Mr. E. Williams; reading, Mr. A. W. Baird; saxophone solo, H. Williams; solo, M. Price; band selection and solos by Mr. McCarthy, Mr. G. R. Cragie, Robert Bittate and Miss Farmer.

Messrs. Stanley Fisher and Charles Dackin spent a little while in Woodstock lately as guests of Mrs. R. B. Jones.

Miss Stead is visiting Woodstock as a guest of her friend Miss Bessie Neals.

Rev. T. J. Deinstadt spent part of the week in the city.

Miss Mary Connell is entertaining Miss Daiken of this city at the former's home in Woodstock.

Mr. W. H. Redmond left the first of the week on a visit to Montreal and New York.

In an account of the ball of the Victoria Golf Club given at Alymer, published in the Ottawa Citizen is the following: Mrs. Stratton, lovely, graceful woman of finished lilac brocade, trimmed with flowers of white lisse; rich lace on the bodice, and pearls; but quiet of forget-me-nots and roses. Miss Mabel Sydney Smith looked very sweet in pink satin, and white chiffon. Miss Blair, white embroidered Nile blue silk. Miss Florence Fielding, white lisse over butterfly at's.

On Saturday last Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McAlary returned from their wedding tour and on Thursday and Friday Mrs. McAlary received her friends at 127 Victoria street.

Rev. J. R. Douglas and Mrs. Douglas of Annapolis, spent a day or two in the city this week.

Mrs. Hutchinson of Newcastle, was a visitor to the city for a day or two this week.

One of the prettiest weddings of the month was celebrated at the home of Mr. T. H. Hall, Orange street, last Saturday afternoon, when his third daughter Miss Edith Emma was united in marriage with Dr. Herbert Oray Benner of South Framingham, Mass. The parlor where the ceremony took place was prettily decorated, the palms

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tall flowering plants and cut flowers making an ideal setting for the pretty picture. Many guests witnessed the marriage.

The bride was gowned in white duchesse satin with white veil and large bouquet of white roses. Miss Elizabeth Bizard was bridesmaid and looked extremely well in pale green silk with overdress of cream mousseline de soie.

Mr. Walter Hall, brother of the bride was in attendance upon Dr. Benner. Rev. Ira Smith performed the marriage ceremony. A delicious luncheon was served, and Dr. and Mrs. Benner were showered with congratulations and good wishes. The newly wedded pair left by C. P. R. for a trip through the White Mountains after which they will reside in South Framingham. The bride's travelling dress was a pretty and most becoming combination of tan and heliotrope.

Mr. L. W. Bailey of Fredericton, spent a day or two in the city during the week.

Mrs. David Hudson returned Monday from a pleasant visit to Wolfville, N. B.

Mr. N. A. Rhodes of Amherst spent a day or two in the city during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudd of Halifax were here for a little while the middle of the week.

Mr. James H. Frink was in Woodstock for a few days last week.

Rev. T. F. Fotheringham left the beginning of the week for Hamilton, Ont; to attend the presbyterian assembly.

Mr. A. R. Carr of Woodstock was here last Saturday to attend the marriage of his sister in law Miss Edith Hall to Dr. H. O. Benner.

The production of the pretty and bright opera Patience by the Amateurs engaged the close attention of most everybody the first of week. It was an extremely pretty and well staged production and the flowing æsthetic robes of the ladies made a graceful and harmonious picture. The setting of the principals was very good, though popular opinions seemed inclined towards Mrs. Schofield as doing the best work throughout the entire piece. Of the gentlemen (Mr. Kelly and Mr. Seely) had the principal robes and made the most of them the former doing especially good work. Those who took part in the production were as follows.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Colonel Calverley..... Joseph G. Rainnie
Major Murgatroyd..... A. C. Ritchie
Lieut. the Duke of Dunstable..... A. H. Lindsay

(Officers of Dragon Guards)

Reginald Bunborne, a flashy poet..... Robert Seely
Archibald Grosvenor, an idyllic poet.....
John A. Kelly
Mr. Bunthorne's Solicitor..... Horace Porter
The Lady Angel..... Miss Constance Vail
The Lady Repair..... Miss Margaret Patton
The Lady Ella..... Miss Mary A. Patton
The Lady Jane..... Mrs. H. B. Schofield

—and—

Patience, a milkmaid..... Mrs. Charles Taylor

CHORUS OF BAPTIST MAIDENS.

Mrs. T. C. Lee, Miss G. Fairweather.
Mrs. J. F. Fraser, Miss B. Armstrong.
Mrs. W. A. Ewing, Miss Marion Shaw.
Mrs. J. S. Ford, Miss M. McKim.
Miss Bessie Wetmore, Miss L. Markham.
Miss Edith Skinner, Miss B. Price.
Miss C. Fairweather, Miss Belle Lindsay.
Miss Winnie Hill, Miss Furlong.
Miss Helen Robertson.

CHORUS OF DRAGON GUARDS.

P. Clarke, H. Allison.
Fred Hevenor, A. G. Burnham.
Howard Holder, S. D. Crawford.
Wm. Rodgers, W. Holder.
C. Shaw, F. C. Macneill.
S. C. Young, Harry Clark.
H. E. Hall, Ralph Markham.

Miss Jennie Wilson has returned from San Francisco where she was visiting her brother Mr. H. W. Wilson.

Mrs. Douglas Malcolm received wedding callers on Wednesday Thursday of this week at her home 121 Duke street.

Mrs. D. L. Babbit of Fredericton is visiting her father Mr. D. J. McLaughlin.

Mr. H. H. McLean went to Montreal the middle of the week.

Miss Alice Holmes is visiting the Misses McCarthy of the west side for a few weeks.

Mrs. E. Lee Wood of Cripple Creek, Colorado formerly Miss Alma Youngclaus of this city is visiting friends in St. John.

The marriage is announced to take place next week at Fredericton of Mr. H. G. Fenety of this city, son of Mr. George E. Fenety, to Miss Mabel C. Hunter of Fredericton, daughter of the late James Hunter of this city.

At St. Stephen's church on Wednesday afternoon Samuel S. Elliott was united in marriage to Miss Albina R. Mitchell, daughter of the late Rufus F. Mitchell. It was a quiet wedding, the guests being only the family relatives. Rev. D. J. Fraser performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. J. L. Gordon, of the Congregational church. As the bride entered the church the choir sang the wedding hymn, "The Voice that Breathed O'er Eden." The bride wore a very pretty fawn cloth travelling suit, with cut steel trimmings, and a mulberry hat. She was given away by her brother, J. Cecil Mitchell. After the ceremony the bridal couple took the afternoon train for Boston and New York to spend a week's honeymoon. They received many handsome presents. The groom's gift was a gold brooch, with pearl settings. The groom's mother gave a piano. The choir and music committee of St. Stephen's church gave a fine silver candelabra.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Coles of Amherst spent a part of their honeymoon in the city.

Miss Jean Seely who has been visiting Miss Bessie's Swann of Boston returned home; this week accompanied by the latter who will spend a few weeks at Rothesay.

Dr. and Mrs. F. Roberts returned Wednesday from their wedding trip.

Dr. and Mrs. McLaren leave today on a two months trip to Berlin.

The marriage took place on Wednesday afternoon at the home of the bride Miss Alice M. Prince, daughter of city marshal James Prince, and Mr. H. E. Wilson of Woodstock Ont; Rev. J. deSoyres officiated, and a number of friends were present to witness the ceremony.

The bride was prettily attired in a travelling suit of blue cloth with white silk trimmings and white chiffon, and wore a hat to match. She was attended by Miss Josie A. Fales, who was gowned in a fawn dress with silk trimmings and wore a white picture hat. The groom was supported by Mr. J. G. Shewan, of the C. P. R.

The groom is connected with the Balastron Mfg Co. of Hamilton, Ont., and will represent them in British Columbia with headquarters at Victoria, in which city he and his bride will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson left by the I. C. R. for Montreal and Toronto and will also visit other Canadian cities on their journey to Victoria.

Miss Pritchard has been spending a few weeks in Sheffield as the guest of Mrs. J. A. Venning.

Miss Alma Gibson of Marysville, is the guest of North End friends this week.

Miss Alice Wilnot of Norfolk, Mass., is spending a week or two with friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilmor Brown and two children of Wheeling, W. Va., arrived here this week on a

visit. Mr. Brown goes south again next week but Mrs. Brown and children will spend the summer at Rothesay.

The death of Mrs. Judson Fowler occurred this week after a painful illness of several weeks. Mrs. Fowler's kindly, cheerful disposition had endeared her to a large circle of friends who will have much sympathy for the bereaved husband, two children and other relatives.

Mrs. I. J. D. Lund spent a few days very pleasantly at the capital last week.

Mr. F. W. G. Brock returned the middle of the week from a trip to New York.

Mr. Alonso W. Chesley who has been visiting relatives here has returned to Nelson B. C. Mr. Jarvis Parry went back with him and will locate in Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Barnes returned Thursday from their wedding trip. Mr. J. A. Sinclair and bride returned the same day.

Miss Haynes of Brier Island arrived the middle of the week on a visit to friends.

PARRSBORO.

[Progress is for sale at the Parrsboro Bookstore.]

JUNE 15.—Mrs. J. D. Harris, Rev. Mr. McQuarrie, Mr. W. W. Cunsell and others attended Acadia college anniversary. Miss Stella Cunnell has returned from Wolfville for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hay, Woodstock have lately been guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McLeod. Mrs. C. K. Eville on her return from Windsor was accompanied by Miss Jean Smith. Mr. Will Eville is paying a visit to his brother.

Mr. Cecil F. Wanshead arrived home yesterday from Montreal bringing with him Miss Olga St. George and Master Stuart St. George.

Rev. Robert Johnson went to Annapolis on Wednesday to be present at the masonic grand lodge.

Miss Alice Bowman, Windsor, is Mrs. McKenzie's guest.

Rev. R. G. Lane went to Yarmouth last week to attend the conference.

Mrs. Bigelow is back from Wolfville staying at the Alpha. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Chwe, Halifax, have been staying at the Alpha.

Mrs. D. P. Howard accompanied her husband to New York.

Mrs. Stanley Smith and little daughter Beatrice have returned from a visit to Amherst.

Mrs. F. L. Jenks entertained a party very pleasantly on Tuesday evening with games.

Dr. Clary has been at Pugwash for several weeks. Mr. L. S. Gowe is about leaving Parrsboro to take charge of the Amherst Press. The Leader of which Mr. Gowe has been the very efficient and popular editor for some time passes into the hands of Mr. G. Norris MacKenzie, B. A. who assumes the editorial responsibilities this week.

Mr. Freeman Copp and his bride are guests of Mrs. A. W. Copp.

Quite a number of people went across the river on Tuesday and Friday evenings to watch the base ball matches between the high school boys and the town boys, resulting in a victory for the latter.

TRURO.

[Progress is for sale in Truro by Mr. G. O. F. Lou, J. A. O'Brien and at Crowe Bros.]

JUNE 14.—Miss Milly Archibald and Miss Lottie McNaughton, will dispense tea this afternoon at Tennis.

Mrs. Albert Johnson, Halifax, is visiting her friends at "Stoneycroft Cottage."

Mrs. Thos. McKay and Mrs. Geo. Donkin returned last Saturday from their short outing in Cape Breton.

Miss McKay and Miss Isabel McKay, Ottawa, Miss McNaughton, Dr. J. B. Hall, and Mr. W. P. McKay, enjoyed a very pleasant day's outing last Saturday, at South Maitland, driving to Black Rock, and from there up river by the "Liberty Hall" to the scene of the bridge construction for the Maitland Railway.

Mr. Hogan from Upper Stewiacke and his bride (Miss Jean Fulton), were guests at the Stanley, yesterday and proceeded East, this morning, to spend their honeymoon in Cape Breton.

Miss Maud Bligh, who has been visiting her relatives at "Fairhome" for a few weeks returned to Halifax today.

The Poet and His Love

He was a budding poet,
Blue eyed and downy lid'd;
And papers where he sent his verse
Returned his M. S.

At Oxford he had learn'd those things
Collegiate lore impart;
They finished up by making him
A. B. A.

Chockful of useless knowledge was
His poor, young, addled pate;
But, for savoir faire or wit,
He'd not a dot.

With classics he was brimming o'er,
But not a mite of sense;
He had no idea how to turn
His £ s. d.

And so, of course, he fell in love,
And fell with all his might;
Affection's fires burned some degrees
O'er blood-heat, Fahr.

The maiden was the heiress to
The wealth of many ages;
Her gown, of gold-embroidered silk,
Was carried by four pp.

Perhaps she loved the poet, and
Perchance she did not; yet
'Tis certain he was not admired
By pa, a Bart.

He had a mansion up in town,
All that heart could desire;
And he had still another one
Somewhere in Beds.

He filled the youth with terrors, and
'Get hence!' he interj'cted;
That was his whole speech—E. &
O. E.

The poet sought a lonely wood,
Contiguous to Dunstable;
Weeks after, his cold corpse was found
By the local P. C.

The maiden pined away and died:
It was her last request,
She should be buried with her head
Turned to the N. N. W.

The broken-hearted papa sailed
Across the seas to China;
The last words that he uttered were,
'V. R.'

At Last.

(An old man speaks.)

I stand at last upon the lonesome height—
The purple-tinted peak that was my goal.
The prize I won it to dream of in the night—
The lofty end on which I set my soul—
Is mine to-day, and all the toil
And all the schemes are done;
But chiding voices echo round
The height that I have won.

Ah, futile toil and unrewarded schemes?
The hope that, sure, me on has fled away,
I've gained the height, but lost the sweet old
dreams.

And no warm hands clasp my cold hand to-day;
For on the tollsome steep that I
Have managed to ascend
Each step is but the form of one
Who hailed me as a friend.

Saint John N. B.

June 10th. 1899.

The undersigned to whom were referred the Essays sent in as competitors for the prizes offered recently by The Welcome Soap Company, beg to report to the Company that they have carefully examined all the Essays, and have awarded the respective prizes in the manner following:

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Pearl Yerxa, Fredericton, N. B.
Flor-nce L. Campbell, Westville, N. S.
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