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Colonel and Mrs. Collard entertained a large number of guests at five o'clock tea last Wednesday, the occasion being not only the welcome presence of Miss Collard, who is finishing her education in Windsor, but also that of their elder son, who arrived from Kingston to spend the Christmas season with the family.

Of course the event of last week was the marriage of Capt. and Mrs. Craske. The Garrison chapel was more than crowded and the fair bride bore herself well and modestly.

The gallant young soldier husband held himself well and responded to the solemn service, read most beautifully by the chaplain, in a firm and manly manner. The bride's "I will" was heard distinctly all over the church.

The service over, the bride left the church on the arm of the young husband, going down the opposite side from the one she had entered. At the house the scene was most beautiful, many fair women and brave men all giving congratulations to the newly wedded pair.

Other speeches followed and the bride left the table (after cutting the cake with her husband's sword) to change her bridal garments for a travelling dress. Among the many beautiful dresses worn by the guests on this occasion, I may mention first of all Mrs. Oliver's violet satin, with black and white lace; Miss Craske's smart gown of grey cashmere and sealskin and a most beautiful hat; Lady Seymour's pale grey costume and her daughters likewise attired.

Mrs. Stewart wore black and violet; Miss Stewart grey and white; Miss Daly a blue tailor made costume; Mrs. Uniacke, fawn color; Mrs. W. Hill, dark blue relieved with white; Mrs. Clarkson black velvet, the bodice striped and finished with a white satin cravat; Mrs. Trench a lovely gown of blue silk, with beautiful embroidery about the neck and sleeves; Mrs. A. E. Jones ("Lallah Bell") black satin with gold embroidered front, hat of white chiffon and Red and white roses. Mrs. Jones' two little girls were in red velvet frocks red hats with white plums. Mrs. G. Morrow looked very well in an exceedingly well-fitting tailor-made gown. Mrs. James Morrow was in blue and pink; Mrs. M. R. Morrow in red brocade; Mrs. McWaters was in black relieved with white; Mrs. J. Stairs was very smart in dark blue with a white vest. Many other ladies wore most beautiful costumes.

Another event of equal importance in society took place this week in the marriage of Miss Blanche Wickwire, daughter of Dr. W. N. Wickwire of this city, and Captain H. M. Elliot of the Royal Artillery. The ceremony took place at St. Luke's Cathedral, and long before the hour the building was crowded.

Mrs. Wickwire entered the church on the arm of Mr. Huddleston, her brother-in-law, accompanied by Mrs. Huddleston and Miss Keith in beautiful costumes. The bride followed on her father's arm. Simultaneously the groom with his best man entered. The bride wore a magnificent court gown of white satin, a mass of silver embroidery and Brussels lace. Her train was enormous and her veil graceful and becoming. Her ornaments, besides the wreath of orange blossoms and garniture of the same flowers, consisted of diamonds and pearls, the gifts of father, mother and groom. The pearls were most beautiful, one being a special antique design of a shell of pearls, presented by the groom's mother, also a very lovely star, the gift of Mr. Turner, Bank of Montreal. The bridesmaids wore white satin costumes, being the bride's gift to them, and large royal blue hats trimmed with ostrich plumes and three lovely knots of blue chiffon. They carried bouquets of blue, trimmed with white feathers, and wore opal and gold grenade pins, gifts of the bridegroom. The bride was attended by two pages, Master V. and H. McWaters, sons of Colonel McWaters. Their costumes consisted of white satin and velvet trimmings of blue. The groom was attended by A. M. Cayley, B. A., as best man, and J. H. Jones, R. F. Jones and O'Devaine, R. A., as groomsmen. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. P. Crawford, rector of St. Luke's, assisted by Rev. W. H. Bullock, chaplain of the forces. The wedding presents were very numerous and costly. Captain and Mrs. Elliot left for New York, en route to England. They had a special car.

AMHERST.

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

Jan. 11.—The Misses Pipes gave one of their pleasant parties on Tuesday evening last at their pretty home, Whitehouse Cottage, in which both married and single participated. Cards and dancing constituted the evening's amusement.

An afternoon tea on Thursday given by Mrs. E. Biden was another social event of the week. She was assisted by Mrs. Bragg in receiving about forty ladies and Miss Bidden was assisted in dispensing the dainty refreshments by Miss A. sleep, Miss M. Pugsley, Miss F. MacKinnon. Among the invited were: Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. R. F. Bent, Mrs. B. D. Bent, Mrs. J. I. Bent.



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Master Oliver B. Dickey returned last week to Kingston Military College, after a two week's vacation. All our young men and maidens are turning their faces schoolwards this week after most enjoyable holidays, for there has been a round of pleasant entertainments for their enjoyment.

Dr. Ernest Harding, who was summoned here from Montreal by the death of his father the late Mr. Jesse G. Harding has returned leaving on Monday last. Mrs. Blair McLaughlin returned last week to Truro, her mother Mrs. George Christie, was very ill during her stay but was quite out of danger, before Mrs. McLaughlin left.

Miss E. R. Smith was in town on Friday, having spent the holiday season with her friend Mrs. A. McKay at Nappan; she returns to Parrsboro next week. Miss Emmeline, eldest daughter of the late F. B. Robb, has gone to attend the Ladies' college Peasant St. Halifax.

Rev. Cecil Wiggins, rector of Sackville, N. B., was in town on Friday the feast of the Epiphany. Miss Harrison and sister Miss Gertie, who have been in Vancouver B. C. for some time previous to the fire, and since that time have been in Winnipeg, were in town on Friday and Saturday en route from the latter city to their former home Parrsboro. Miss Harding who came to town to attend the funeral of her father will remain here all winter with her step-mother.

The public schools open on Monday. Dr. McDougall has returned from Montreal and resumed the practice of his profession. Mrs. Randall of Antigonish is a guest of her niece Mrs. A. MacKinnon, Havelock street. The many friends of Mrs. and Miss Brown who left here early in December will be glad to learn of their safe arrival in Edinburgh, Scotland and a most enjoyable passage across. They met with a warm and hearty welcome from their relatives.

Mrs. Mark Curry of Bridgetown is in town with her mother Mrs. Lowe. Mr. George Townshend son of Judge Townshend, Halifax was in town this week a guest of his uncle Mr. J. M. Townshend. The children of Christ church S. S. gave a very pretty entertainment in the Parish hall on Monday evening.

Mr. Fred Barron who has been visiting Mrs. F. B. Robb for the past three weeks, left for his home in London, Ont. on Monday night. Mrs. Arthur Quigley is visiting her sister Mrs. A. B. Cove in Truro.

PARRSBORO.

Progress is for sale at Parrsboro Bookstore. Jan. 11.—Mrs. Townshend's progressive euchre party and dance on Thursday evening was a very enjoyable function eagerly looked forward to for a week before hand. There were twelve euchre tables, the games fast and merry culminating in king prizes, a prett' hat pin and book of poems, respectively, for Miss Gussie Holmes and Mr. C. K. Eville, a bonboniere and thermometer for Mrs. B. L. Tucker and Mr. N. H. Upham, and booby an emery cushion and silver match safe for Miss Aikman and Mr. R. A. Howard. Mrs. Townshend wore black silk the bodice black and white and Mrs. Parsons pink silk. There were many beautiful gowns well predominating the brides Mrs. C. Langille and Mrs. B. L. Tucker wore white silk, others wearing white gowns were Mrs. Robert Aikman, Mrs. Gullied, Miss Butler, Mrs. Jeffers, Miss Alice Gillespie, Mrs. E. R. Reid and Miss Upham. Some of these particularly artistic. Dancing began after supper (and continued for two or three hours, the music excellent.

A party of gentlemen about forty in number assembled in the dining-room of the Alpha for an oyster supper on Wednesday evening the guest of honour being Mr. Eugene Huntley who has been for a length of time in the office of Mr. M. L. Tucker and who left here on Friday to take a position in St. Martin's. After discussing the oysters a short address was read by Mr. L. G. Gowe and a valuable gold ring presented to Mr. Huntley. Then followed toasts and songs and it was a late, or rather an early hour, when the party broke up.

The members of St. George's Sunday school had their Christmas treat on Thursday evening. First all sat down to tea at 5 p. m. long tables being spread. After this there was a Christmas tree bearing gifts for every one, pupils and teachers. Mr. E. Woodworth acting for Santa Claus. Then after some pleasant games everybody went home very happy. Some of the members of the congregation presented the rector at Christmas with a fur coat and cap.

Mrs. M. L. Tucker entertained a small party of young people at progressive crokinole on Friday evening. Mr. C. Atkinson spent Christmas the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Cutten, Miss Mabel Cutten returning with him to Fort Lawrence for a visit. Mr. Stuart Jenks, Amherst, was in town on Saturday. Mr. Cann has returned from spending the holidays at his home in Yarmouth. Mr. Bowers, Truro, has been in town for the purpose of placing a vocalion in Grace Methodist church. The instrument waisted for the first Sunday is said to be fine. Mr. and Mrs. Starratt spent Xmas with friends in Truro. Mrs. W. Fraser and little son Carl are spending the winter with Capt. and Mrs. Nordby.

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

Jan. 11.—Miss Annie C. Jones who is on her way home to Windsor, from Newcastle, N. B. is a guest en route of Mrs. W. E. Bligh, at "Fairhome." There were numerous large functions last week, for young people, the largest, and one very thoroughly enjoyed by all present, was given by Mrs. J. E. Bigelow last Wednesday evening, in honour of the Misses Emma and Hermie.

Tomorrow evening Mrs. D. B. Cummings and Mrs. Howard Wetmore, chaperone a large dance in the Merchants Building. Miss Mollie Black Springhill, was a guest of her aunt Mrs. Jas. Birrill, for a few days. Mr. A. S. Murphy, is in Wallace, this week. Captain Craske and his bride, were guests at the "Learnment" last Tuesday night, and Wednesday, leaving in the afternoon for their Upper Provincial Tour.

Miss Grant, Springhill, was visiting her friend, Miss Beatrice Birchard, yesterday. The Halifax Herald, yesterday, announced the engagement of Mr. E. M. Fulton, one of our most popular and rising young barristers, to Miss Jessie Shattford, Halifax. The young lady is well-known here in social circles, as she is frequently a guest of her cousin, Mrs. Walton Smith.

NEWCASTLE. Jan. 10.—There was a very pleasant little party at The Rectory on Wednesday evening when Rev. T. G. and Mrs. Snow entertained some twelve or more of their friends. Cards were the principal amusement of the evening a dainty supper being served about eleven. Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Williston, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. John Russell, Mrs. and Miss Gjeritz, Mrs. Harley and Mr. Wilson.

The same evening there was a bright little dance in the "Town Hall" it being the final meeting of the Senior Dancing Class. These meetings have been greatly enjoyed by the young people, who besides taking all the latest dances, were glad of a social evening once a week, Newcastle having developed into quite a prosy little place. Those present were—Mrs. C. Call, Miss Helen Sinclair, Miss Muirhead, Campbellton Miss Jean Thomson, Miss Annie Aitken, Miss Layton, Miss Lenore Layton, Misses Maimie and Katie Fleming, Miss McAllister Miss Sargent, Miss Susie Stables, Miss Annie Bell, Miss Flo Harvey, Miss Alice Burchill, Miss Lena Doren, Miss Lottie Troy, Miss Aggie Phinney, Messrs. Parks, McKeen, Stearns, Lyster, Stewart, Bell, Sinclair, Stables.

Miss Jean Bruce of Moncton is the guest of Miss Helen Sinclair, "The Bridge." Miss R. Muirhead of Campbellton, has been visiting Miss Sinclair for the past two weeks. Miss Belle Falconer who has been teaching grades VII and VIII in Harkla's Academy, has been obliged to resign on account of ill health, and Miss Troy has accepted the position. Miss Troy has many friends here who are glad that she will spend the winter in their midst.

Mr. Hugh Harrison who has been spending the holidays with his parents, returned to Woodstock on Thursday. Miss Holt returned on Wednesday from a very pleasant little trip to her home in Ottawa. There has been several small parties lately, on Thursday evening Mrs. James Troy entertained a number of friends and on Friday evening Mrs. J. W. Davidson gave one of her bright little tea parties.

Miss Sprout who has been the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Sprout, left on Saturday for her home in Sussex. Miss Jones also left on Saturday for her home in Truro, N. S. Mrs. Christopher Crocker and Miss Anna Crocker of Derby were in town on Wednesday before leaving for Scotland where Miss Crocker will spend the winter.

Masters Allan and Harold Ritchie who have been spending the holidays with their parents left by Monday's express to resume their studies at the Rotheray seminary. Miss Gertie Stothard and Master Percy Clarke returned to Mount Allison college early this week. Miss Nellie Henney left on Monday to enter a Ladies seminary in Halifax. Master Charlie Morisy returned the same day to Memramcook. Miss Harley of Chatham head is visiting friends in Nova Scotia.

Miss Bessie Bell returned on Saturday from a pleasant little visit in Sackville. Miss Aubrey Street left on Tuesday to resume her studies at the Ladies seminary Rotheray. Mrs. William Park entertained the mission hall Sabbath school children on Tuesday afternoon giving them a most enjoyable treat. Mr. J. W. Davidson who has been at his home here for the past two weeks left on Tuesday for Fredericton. Master Weldon Robinson of Millerton was in town on Tuesday before leaving for Sackville Academy.

The "Masonic Dance" which was to have been held on Friday evening has been postponed until Monday the sixteenth. This was a wise move on the part of the committee, as not only will there be a much larger attendance but the ladies who dearly love to look their best in a ball room, will have ample time to procure new gowns. On Monday afternoon Miss Katie Fleming gave a pleasant little "Tea" to a number of her young friends. Among those invited were the Misses Whitlock, Aubrey Street, Susie Stables, Maude

Townsbury, Aggie Phinney, Lenore Layton, Annie Bell and Katie Troy. The Misses Brown of Jaquet River spent part of last week returned on Tuesday to his home in New Glasgow. Mrs. William Witherell gave a most enjoyable party last Saturday for her guest Miss Hattie Chessman of Chatham. The young people drove out to "The Pines" about half past five and after partaking of a dainty supper, spent a delightful evening, dancing and cards making the time pass quickly until the teams arrived to take them to their homes.

On Tuesday evening there was a charming little party at "Lilac Brae", when Miss Call entertained some sixteen of her friends. The early part of the evening was devoted to cards, and after a dainty supper the young people indulged in a few of the favorite dances. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williston, Miss Aitken, Miss Bruce, Moncton, Miss Sinclair, Miss Thomson, Miss Sargeant, Miss Fleming and Messrs. Aitken, Walter Stearns, Sargeant, Lyster, Moor. MTRAMICHI.

MONCTON.

Progress is for sale in Moncton at Hattie Tweedie's Bookstore, M. B. Jones bookstore, S. McLonson's, and at Canadian Railway News Co. Depot. JAN. 9.—The ball given at the Brunswick hotel, last Friday evening was a pronounced success, about 60 couples were present, and dancing was kept up until an early hour in the morning. Barker's orchestra furnished the music, and new h redwood floor in the dining room, which was converted into a dancing hall, left nothing to be desired. The guests enjoyed themselves immensely. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. McRoberts, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Archibald, Mr. and Mrs. Shafer, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Somers, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Riley, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peters, Dr. and Mrs. Bourke, Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Holstead, Mr. and Mrs. B. Chaudler, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hewson, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Welsh, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bell, Miss Nellie Lyons, Miss Josie Daw, Miss Mabel Schwartz, Miss Sadie Borden, Misses Cullinen, Misses McSweeney, Miss Hanington, Miss Mabel Peters, Miss Maude Taylor, Miss Coll, Miss Gammon, Miss Blair, Chatham, Miss Randolph, Miss Price, Havelock, Miss Wood, Sackville, Miss Flanagan, Miss Chandler, Dorchester, Mr. A. E. Riley, Mr. F. J. Sweeney, Mr. N. B. Peletier, Mr. Fred Walker, Mr. Wm. Bruce, Mr. A. Cullinen, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Gammon, Mr. Fred Blair, Mr. Percy Dickson, Mr. T. F. Curran, Mr. Geo. Roberson, Dr. Taylor, Mr. Geo. Harris, Mr. Avard Knight, Mr. W. D. Choters, Dr. Price, Mr. Fred Crowe, Mr. John Lea.

Many extremely pretty gowns were worn, a few of which were as follows. Mrs. P. S. Archibald, black satin and lace. Mrs. E. B. Chandler, rose silk. Mrs. Hewson looked very handsome in blue velvet with lace trimmings. Mrs. A. R. Harris, black silk with steel trimmings. Mrs. Bourke looked pretty in pink and blue. Mrs. A. E. Riley white silk. Mrs. Somers, pink silk with green trimmings. Miss Mina-McSweeney looked very nice in yellow silk. Miss Borden looked pretty in white. Miss Woods of Sackville, cream silk. Miss Price, Havelock, blue velvet, Miss Schwarz, blue and white silk. Miss Winnie Williams, looked very pretty in pink silk. Miss Blair Chatham, wore a very handsome dress of white silk and pink flowers. Miss Peters black lace. Miss Chandler, blue muslin. Miss Maude Taylor looked very pretty in yellow silk trimmed with white chiffon. Miss Lyons, pink and white muslin. Miss Randolph, looked pretty in blue silk with white flowers. Miss McLean wore a very pretty dress of green silk. Miss Maxwell looked very pretty in pale blue. Miss Holstead, yellow silk. Miss McLaren white silk with pink chiffon. Miss McKeen white muslin.

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