



Mrs. Charles Coster's dance last week is spoken of as one of the prettiest and most enjoyable affairs of the present season; and was just as bright and pleasant as a host of pretty women, dancing men and good music could make it. The entire house was thrown open, and prettily shaded lights threw a softened glow over the scene. Dancing to the music of Harrison's orchestra was kept up indefatigably for several hours. The supper table was daintily arranged with numerous vases of pink roses, and contained everything obtainable in the way of delicacies, and substantial viands.

Many new couples were worn, and the feminine portion of the guests looked charmingly pretty. Those present included the following: Mrs. Tuck, Mrs. G. F. Robertson, Mrs. De Wolfe Spurr, Mrs. Seters, Mrs. John Burpee, Mrs. James Dever, Mrs. White, Quebec, Mrs. Malcolm McKay, Mrs. Carleton Clinch, Mrs. George Coster, Mrs. Fred Sayre, Mrs. James Jack, Mrs. Herbert Ruel, Mrs. E. T. Sturdee, Mrs. D. P. Chisholm, Mrs. Silas Alward, Mr. Busby, Mrs. George Jones, Mrs. Le Roy Campbell, Mrs. M. MacLaren, Mrs. Sherwood Skinner, Mrs. Lawson, Miss Domville, Miss Tuck, Miss Furlong, Miss Jarvis, Miss Dever, Miss Robertson, Miss Walker, Miss Street, Boston, Miss Alison Jones, Miss Armstrong, Miss Seelye, Miss Harrison, Miss Warner, Miss Sydney-Smith, Misses Skiner, Mr. J. De Wolfe Spurr, Mr. J. T. Robertson, Dr. W. W. White, Mr. Carleton Clinch, Mr. Geo. Coster, Mr. Fred Sayre, Mr. James Jack, Mr. Herbert Ruel, Major Sturdee, Mr. D. P. Chisholm, Dr. Alward, Mr. Le Roy Campbell, Mr. Sherwood Skinner, Mr. P. Clinch, Mr. J. Warner, Mr. James Harrison, Mr. J. Wetmore, Mr. Richmond, Major Heming, Mr. Eble, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Alex McMillan, Mr. John Robinson, and many others.

Mrs. George Jones entertained at a very charming tea on Wednesday afternoon in honor of her mother Mrs. White of Quebec, who is staying with her for the present.

The table decorations were pink flowers and bows of ribbon which were extremely pretty and tasteful. This soft color pervaded everywhere, the lights being shaded in pink while in the reception and other rooms quantities of pink flowers were disposed artistically around.

The ladies who assisted the hostesses were daintily gowned, and paid the most graceful attention to the guests. Mrs. Ruel, Mrs. E. Sturdee and Mrs. Keltie Jones assisted in the dining room together with Miss Helen Smith, Miss Mabel Smith, Miss Dever, Miss Keator, Miss Grace Skinner and Miss Gertrude Skinner.

The guests were principally married ladies and several of the latest society brides graced the function. A number of very handsome gowns were worn, the hostess looking particularly graceful and stately in a lovely mauve.

Mrs. Herbert Tilley, who has been seriously ill, is reported as slightly improved this week. Miss Furlong was confined to her room for a few days this week, by a very severe cold, which prevented her from taking part in The May Queen on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomson and the Misses Thomson returned Thursday from a lengthy and pleasant stay in New York.

Mrs. E. C. Young of Canco, N.S., is the guest of Mrs. E. T. C. Knowles, Elliott Row, for a week or two.

Mrs. James Dever and Miss Dever gave a pleasant tea to a large number of their friends last

Thursday afternoon, the invitations meeting with a prompt response, as the most gracious hospitality is always dispensed in this charming home. The large and tastefully furnished rooms were made more than usually attractive by the generous use of cut flowers and plants in bloom, and the table was very daintily decorated with pink roses and satin bows. Mrs. Coster and Mrs. George West Jones dispensed tea and coffee and the following young ladies assisted in waiting on the guests: Miss Louise Holden, Miss Mary Warner, Miss Nina Keator, Miss Lollie Harrison, Miss Mabel Smith, Miss Furlong, Miss Emma Tuck, Miss Edna Jones, Miss Carr, Miss Tina McLaren.

- Among the ladies who called during the afternoon were: Mrs. Gilbert, Miss Symonds, Mrs. Simonds, Mrs. S. Girvan, Mrs. Jack, Mrs. Morrisey, Mrs. DeSoyres, Miss Hart, Mrs. Blyes, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Hatch, Mrs. Fairweather, Mrs. S. Skinner, Mrs. Kay, Miss Kay, Mrs. Dunn, Misses Dunn, Mrs. J. Harrison, Miss Harrison, Misses Sydney Smith, Mrs. Starr, Mrs. Stewart Skinner, Mrs. Walker, Misses Walker, Mrs. W. White, Miss King, Mrs. Raymond, Mrs. Wm. Harrison, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Skinner, Miss Skinner, Mrs. T. R. Jones, Mrs. Ned Sturdee, Mrs. R. Ritchie, Mrs. Rankine, Mrs. Chas. McLaughlan, Mrs. Tuck, Miss Tuck, Mrs. George McLeod, Mrs. Vassie, Misses Vassie, Mrs. D. C. Clinch, Mrs. L. Harrison, Mrs. Bridges, Mrs. Jas. Robertson, Mrs. Gage, Mrs. A. Jack, Mrs. Hazen, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Carvell, Mrs. Geo. McLeod, Mrs. J. McLaren, Miss Mills, Miss Robertson, Mrs. Geo. Coster, Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Geo. F. Smith, Mrs. Steves, Mrs. Armstrong, Miss Armstrong, Miss Parlow, Mrs. Sayre, Mrs. Prescott, Mrs. Holten, Miss Holden, Misses McLaren, Mrs. Travers, Mrs. Lockhart, Mrs. Howe, Mrs. Truman, Mrs. Roy Campbell, Mrs. Jos. Allison, Miss Allison, Mrs. D. P. Chisholm, Mrs. Hall, Miss Hall, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. C. N. Skinner, Misses Skinner, Mrs. Troop, Miss Troop, Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Manchester, Mrs. Telloso, Mrs. Cushing, Mrs. Cruikshanks, Mrs. Malloch-Jones, Mrs. R. Cruikshanks, Mrs. J. Harding, Mrs. Alex Wilson, Mrs. J. McMillan, Mrs. Morris Robinson, Mrs. McMillan, Miss Vroom, Misses McMillan, Mrs. G. W. Jones, Mrs. Timmerman, Mrs. White, Quebec, Mrs. Spurr, Mrs. Inches, Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. C. J. Coster, Mrs. Burpee, Miss Warner, Mrs. Busby, Mrs. Oliver Campbell, Miss Millett, Miss Burpee, Mrs. DeVeber, Mrs. Jas. Robertson, Mrs. Holden, Miss Parks, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Sui-dee, Miss Barlow.

The marriage took place this week of Miss Caroline N. Wilson third daughter of the late Frances Wilson and Mr. William Swanton, were united in marriage by Rev. A. D. Deady rector of St. James' church. The bride who was attended by her sister, Miss Maggie Wilson, was attired in pink silk and carried a bouquet of roses. Her groom had the support of his brother Mr. Samuel Swanton. A number of friends witnessed the ceremony and after congratulations had been extended to the newly married pair the evening was spent in dancing and music among the gifts received by the bride were the following: Mr. J. S. McSweeney, oak extension dining table; Mr. and Mrs. Young Swanton, oak side-board; Sam and George Swanton, set dining room chairs; The Misses Swanton, large engraving; The Misses Earl, pair of pictures; Robert Hutchinson, parlor lamp; Fred W. Evans, handsome clock; Mr. Robert Seeley, china tea set; Mr. and Mrs. Callinan, china tea set; Mrs. W. Case, china tea set; Mr. and Mrs. Ashe, silver cake basket; Master Herby Miller, silver cake basket; Capt. J. B. Wagner, silver butter dish; Miss Ella Henderson, silver butter dish; Mr. and Mrs. McCarty, silver fruit spoon; Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, silver fruit spoon; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McDermott, silver butter knife and spoon; Miss A. M. Lang, silver cheese cutter; Fred Stewart, silver desert spoon; C. H. Rankine, 1/2 dozen silver tea knives; Mr. John E. Wilson, set of carvers; Mrs. John E. Wilson, silver teapot and stand; Master Harold Wilson, crumb tray and brush; George Wilson, silver cruet stand; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baxter, set nickel irons; Mrs. Capt. Thomas McKenzie, silver hand painted card receiver; Mrs. (Capt.) McKenzie, hand painted table scarf; Miss Maude McKenzie, set of table mats; Miss Mary Miller, mahogany parlor table; Mr. Daniel Jackson, silver fruit dish; Miss Maggie Emery, jardiniere; M. M. Emery, jardiniere; Mr. W. L. Fraser, gold and emerald glass set; Mr. and Mrs. Williamson, set of pitchers; Miss Annie Sproul, pair of statues; Miss Lizzie Sproul, berry set; Ida and Alice Sproul, glass dishes; Mr. and Mrs. James Sproul, oak rocker; Mrs. H. Norman-sell, silver pickle dish; Mrs. McAuley, silver pickle dish; Ida and Ethel Evans, salt and pepper shaker; Mr. M. E. Cohalan, sofa pillow; Master Willie Baxter, cut glass butter dish; Ada H. Baxter, cut glass cake dish; George Murphy, large album; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Evans, oak rocker; J. S. Gibbons & Co., mahogany rocker; Mr. Richard Evans, cherry rocker; Mr. George Lobb, oak rocker; Mrs. Henry, Nixon, glass berry set; Mrs. George B. Drake, cut glass set.

Mrs. Shaw of Windsor N. S. has been visiting Mrs. F. A. Dykeman for a week or two. Mrs. Dykeman will return to Mrs. Shaw's home with her for a short visit.

Mr. I. W. Montgomery and Mrs. Montgomery are home again after having visited Boston, New York and Philadelphia.

Late news from Rev. L. G. MacNeil who is at Clifton Springs N. Y. says that he is improving somewhat, though he is still far from well and may have to take a complete rest of several months.

Mrs. John Feron and Mrs. George W. Fleming returned this week from a two weeks visit to Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. George Beverly returned Tuesday from their wedding trip, and for the present are staying at the Victoria Hotel.

Mrs. David McClellan and Mrs. W. W. McLau chlin have returned from a very delightful trip to Europe, and are being warmly welcomed by numerous friends.

Miss Gray, who has been spending a few weeks with her parents here, returned this week to New-

port to enter upon the last year of her training as nurse, in a hospital there.

Mrs. Wm. Black and family of Princess street, intend to remove to Toronto to reside permanently about the first of May.

Mr. John Peterson of Vancouver, is here on a visit to his sister Mrs. Wm. Murray of Broad street.

Rev. J. de Soyres is enjoying a four week's vacation, which he is spending in the south.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Moffat of Amherst, who spent their honeymoon in the United States, were here this week on their way home.

Rev. G. D. Ireland of Newcastle, spent a day or two in the city this week.

An event of interest for Monday evening will be the complimentary concert tendered to Mr. Edgar Buck by his pupils, at the Institute and from which a great deal is anticipated in the way of real excellence. The programme will be a miscellaneous one including several operatic selections and concluding with the Meserier scene from Il Traviatore in costume. A number of new vocalists will make their appearance at this concert.

Miss Mary Porter arrived from England on the Mongolian this week on a visit to her uncle Mr. Alford Porter.

Mr. Harrioon K'neear is paying a short visit to New York.

Large and fashionable audiences greeted the amateurs on Monday evening when they presented The May Queen in a bright and charming manner. The operetta is a bright and useful one, and the different parts were very nicely rendered. The costumes were extremely picturesque and appropriate and the stage settings artistic. Mrs. W. E. O. Jones in her white gown looked as dainty a May Queen as one could well imagine. The operetta was preceded by a comical sketch entitled "My Uncle's Will" in which Miss Margaret C. Vail, Messrs. J. G. Rainnie and Robert Seeley took part. The latter was easily the star performer and acted gracefully and well.

Those who took part in The May Queen were Miss Margaret C. Patten, Miss Gladys Campbell, Miss Bessie Pugsley, Heber Vroom, Robert Seeley, Randolph McBeath, Arthur Bowman, H. Hall, Harold Allison.

The Morris dance was participated in by Miss Constance Vail, Miss Margaret Patten, Joseph G. Rainnie, Percy A. Clarke, Miss Daisy Outra, Ralph Markham, Horace Potter, Jas. E. McPeake.

The Maypole dancers were Mrs. Wyndham Humphrey, Miss Georgie Patten, Miss Lillian Markham, Miss Helen Perkins, Miss Mary Patten, Miss Mello Vroom, Miss Marion Shaw, Miss Grace Fairweather.

The Shpherds and Maids were as follows: Tenor, Harry Dunn, F. Hevenor, H. Holder, A. H. Lindsay, R. Rankine, A. G. Burnham, Major S. D. Crawford, W. Holder, F. C. Macneill, F. Roden, W. Rodgers, C. Shaw, S. Young, E. McMichael, H. Duddy, A. C. Ritchie, P. Waterbury, H. Clark, D. B. Pidgeon; soprano, Mrs. E. Fraser, Mrs. M. B. Dixon, Mrs. T. C. Lee, Miss Helen Robertson, Miss J. Knodell, Miss Edith Markham, Miss Bessie Wetmore; alto, Mrs. J. S. Ford, Miss Furlong, Miss Lindsay, Miss Evelyn Lynch, Miss Monroe, Miss F. Lynch, Miss M. Cameron, Miss B. Price.

Chaperons were Mrs. J. R. Armstrong, Mrs. Robert Jardine, Mrs. F. H. J. Ruel, Mrs. G. W. Jones and Mrs. D. B. Lawson; Miss Alice Lillian Butcher was stage manager.

Mrs. E. T. Wetmore of Lancaster Heights is this week entertaining Miss Ryan and Miss McGlen of Fredericton.

Mr. G. Sydney Smith and Miss Charlotte Smith returned Wednesday from a trip to New York and Boston.

Mr. Reynolds Lawrence, a pupil of McGill university arrived home this week.

Rev. Dr. Bruce of St. David's church went to Toronto this week on business connected with the proposed college for boys in that city. There is much regret expressed over the fact that Dr. Bruce is shortly to sever his connection with St. David's church.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Sandler of Truro spent part of this week in the city.

Mrs. (Dr.) Crockett of Fredericton has been staying in the city for a few days.

Mrs. B. Blyes of St. John, was a guest at a whist party given last Saturday at Fredericton by the Deputy Provincial Secretary and Mrs. Tibbits.

Mrs. G. R. Devitt is a visitor to Fredericton where she is the guest of Mrs. A. S. White at the Queen hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. MacKenzie of Moncton, spent a few days here during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. De Wolfe Spurr have been visiting Mrs. Ketchum at Elmcroft, Fredericton, for a part of this week.

Mrs. N. D. Haviland, of Worcester, Mass., is visiting South End relatives for a few weeks.

Mr. Thomas Bullock is paying a visit to her mother, Mrs. Enoch Chestnut of Fredericton.

Messrs. George J. Clarke and W. C. H. Grimmar of St. Stephen, were here for a few days during the week.

Mr. Joseph H. Rowe, of Gloucester, Mass., was among the city's visitors this week.

Mr. Fred Moore, of Woodstock, was here for a day or two in the early part of the week.

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