



The spectacular extravaganza, Zephra, presented at the opera house during the present week has been a grand success. At every performance the seating capacity has been taxed to the utmost limit and indications are that for this afternoon and evening, seats will be at a premium. As an amateur effort Zephra is away ahead of anything ever produced in this city. The stage settings and scenery are splendid, the choruses perfectly drilled, and the dozens of pretty and graceful girls executed their various parts in the dances and marches with perfect precision and ease, which plainly showed the result of thorough and painstaking practice. Speaking of the dances perhaps those which received the most applause were the Merry-go-round, the tennis dance, and the Tarrantella dance while the four pretty girls who posed as the graces received their well deserved share of praise and at almost every performance had to respond to an encore.

The interior of the theatre was handsomely decorated with patriotic and yacht club colors and emblems, while a corps of R. E. Y. C. boys in their natty yachting suits of white and blue, made quite efficient and picturesque ushers.

Some of the costumes worn on the stage were very pretty, and some indeed were handsome. Mrs. R. L. Johnston made a perfect Queen Zephra, the court costume of white satin and crimson velvet being particularly becoming to her.

Although some two hundred and fifty people were employed in the dances, choruses, etc., still the plot of the play was confined to quite a small number. The cast of characters being as follows:

Zephra, Queen of Norsland... Mrs. R. L. Johnston
Neyera, daughter of Decius... Miss Clara Brennan
Flora, friend to Neyera... Miss Ethel Fanjoy
Unis, fairy Godmother to Neyera... Miss Daisy Sears
Autha, friend to Neyera... Miss Tonge
Nadia, friend to Neyera... Miss M. Patton
Nita, a dancing girl... Miss Daisy Sears
Decius, King of Njord... Robert S. Ritchie
Juna, Prince of Mythland... John A. Kelly
Alexis, Minister of State... S. M. Baker
Solon, Captain of Decius' Guards... J. N. Sutherland
Thoras, a Knight... Stanley B. Smith
Olaf... Mr. Robert Seely
Hendrix... Mr. Louis Brennan
King of the Nixies... Harold Brown
Yeomen of the Guard—Peasants—Cavaliers—Ladies of the Court—Nixies—Cupids—Newsboys—Fairies etc.

Mrs. R. L. Johnston made an ideal Zephra, her queenly bearing and beautiful face and form together with a splendidly clear speaking voice and good enunciation rendering her perfectly fitted for the part.

Miss Clara Brennan as Neyera added laurels to her already enviable record as an actress and singer. She entered thoroughly into her work as very few amateurs could do. On each occasion she received much applause. Her duet of "Dreaming" with Mr. Kelly being especially well received. Miss E. Fanjoy portrayed the character of Flora the friend of Neyera, in a most acceptable manner. This young lady possesses considerable dramatic talent, but perhaps the only chance she had of showing what she could do was when in the third act she exposed the treachery of Decius. Miss Fanjoy was perfectly at home in her role, as we may add were all the young ladies taking part, the absence of stage fright or embarrassment of any kind being quite noticeable.

Little Miss Daisy Sears as the fairy godmother, Unis, and as Nita the dancing girl, was a revelation to those who had not before witnessed any of the performances of this clever little lady. Her voice was pure and sweet and her enunciation very clear. In all she made a very pretty and graceful fairy godmother.

During each evening, Mrs. Johnston, Miss Brennan, Miss Fanjoy, Miss Tonge and Miss Sears were the recipients of handsome bouquets. On Thursday evening Miss Brennan receiving three and Miss Daisy Sears, two.

The male characters were all well taken. Mr. Jack Kelly as usual carried off the honors as Juna, the lover of Neyera. Mr. J. N. Sutherland and Mr. Robert S. Ritchie both sang and acted well. In all Zephra fulfilled every promise made for it and was a grand success both socially and financially.

Miss Sadie Allison Knight of the West End has returned home from an extended trip to the South. Miss Knight in company with Evangelist Strouse and his wife spent some time travelling through different parts of Virginia and sang at many of the evangelistic services receiving many flattering comments on her work from the different newspapers throughout Virginia. Miss Knight's friends say that her voice has been much improved during her absence and that lovers of good singing will probably hear her in public before very long.

On St. Andrews Day, Nov. 30th, the St. Andrews Society will give a dinner in the Dufferin Hotel. A large number of guests will be present.

The sale and tea held by St. Paul's church,

Rotbesay on Wednesday afternoon and evening was a grand success. Quite a sum was raised for the church fund. Had the weather been at all pleasant a larger number would have been present from the city. However the tea passed off most successfully.

Lady Tilley spent a few days in St. Stephen last week and while there was a guest at the home of Madame Chipman. Mrs. Wm De Wolfe, who has spent several weeks in St. Stephen accompanied Lady Tilley back.

Mrs. M. D. Cox of Annapolis was in town for a few days this week the guest of Mrs. (Rev.) J. W. Manning.

Miss Jessie McVey of Sydney, C. B. is the guest of Mrs. Wm G. Shanks, Sydney street.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Ryan have returned from their honeymoon trip, which was spent in Chatham and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Macneill have returned from their wedding trip. Mrs. Macneill will receive her friends next week.

Mrs. Bessie Cooke, daughter of the late Senator Lowin who has been visiting at Lancaster Heights for the past few months, left this week for New York where she will spend the winter. She was accompanied by her son.

Hon. A. G. Blair, Mr. Blair and the Misses Blair are enjoying a short vacation in New York.

Miss Lottie Freeman Craibe of Orange St. is paying a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Craibe, of Orange St.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Connors have returned from their wedding trip to New York and are receiving their friends at No. 78 Sydney Street.

Mr. W. B. Dustin and Mrs. Dustin of Halifax were in the city during the early part of the week and while here were guests at the Dufferin.

The Hiram Mission circle in connection with Centenary Methodist church will hold a tea and sale of fancy goods during the first part of December.

Mr. John A. Ashe of Oswego, N. Y., arrived in the city this week. Mrs. Ashe and their two children have been in the city for some time, visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. McCann of the North end.

Dr. J. Gallivan, Mrs. Gallivan and their little daughter returned this week to their home in New York, after spending a most enjoyable vacation in the city.

Mrs. J. Chipman of St. Stephen, who has been in the city for a short time returned home this week.

Mrs. Robert Marshall and his niece Miss Bessie Sadler, have returned to the city, after having had, a most enjoyable visit to the Misses Marshall and other friends at Chatham, Bushville, Newcastle Miramichi and northern New Brunswick. Miss Sadler paid a flying visit to Mrs. Montgomery at Campbellton, Restigouche.

Mrs. James Pullen and her little daughter, went to New York this week, where they will spend the winter with Mrs. Pullen's mother.

Chas. A. Kinnear, formerly of St. John has resigned his position in the Bank of Toronto at Kingston, Ont., and has accepted the position of assistant paymaster of the Algoma Commercial Co. at Sault Ste. Marie.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Finn, accompanied by their daughter Miss Mabel Finn paid a visit to Fredericton during the early part of the week.

Misses Maggie and Edith Dean of this city are in Moncton, the guests of Mrs. George Milne.

Miss Charlotte E. Hart, a musician of considerable talent has accepted the position of organist of the Leinster street Baptist church, which she will no doubt fill most acceptably.

Mrs. B. J. Driscoll of Camarthen street, is entertaining her nephew, Mr. George F. Driscoll, formerly of this city, but now connected with the C. P. R. offices at Ottawa.

Mr. James Reynolds accompanied by his daughter Miss Susie Reynolds, went to Buffalo, N. Y. to pay a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Millett.

Hon. L. P. Farris and Mrs. Farris were in the city this week, returning from a brief visit to Woodstock.

The tea given by the Y. M. A. of St. Luke's church on Tuesday evening to several members of their congregation who have lately returned from South Africa, was a most enjoyable event. The supper room was handsomely decorated with bunting and flags, and the boys received every possible attention from the ladies in charge and their assistants. The Artillery band was present and entertained the proceedings with their excellent music. A splendid musical programme was also carried out. Those taking part being Miss Bessie Farmer, Messrs Davidson, Holder, Morgan, Belding, McKelvie, Bogart, Cooper, J. Brayley, E. Spencer, and Masters F. Hersey, W. W. Letham and W. Campbell.

The ladies of St. Peter's church will hold their annual high tea and fancy sale in St. Peter's Hall on next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The hall is being artistically decorated for the occasion and the ladies and gentlemen of this parish are doing all in their power to make this year's tea as pleasant and successful as all the others have been.

Good vocal and instrumental music will be furnished each evening by some of our city talent; bands will be in attendance and altogether the affair promises to be most enjoyable.

There will be two supper tables besides the fancy table, ice cream table, doll table, etc.

Green and white—This is a supper table which will be presided over by Mrs. T. Daley, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. McCarthy, and Miss Lynch, who will have as assistants, Misses Carlin, Miss M. McMillan, Miss K. McMillan, Misses Buckley, Misses Mullin, Misses Kelly, Misses McMahon, Miss Pauline Delaney, Miss Bird McCormick, Miss Minnie Leonard, Miss May Doherty, Miss Annie Gormery, Miss Bessie Dalton, Miss Minnie McGuire, Miss May Kelly.

Red and white—Also a supper table, in charge of Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Mahoney, Mrs. Quinn assisted by Miss Minnie McMurray, Miss Mary McMurray, Misses McCarthy, Miss Agnes McCarthy, Miss

Katie McCann, Miss Agnes Mahar, Miss Minnie McCann, Miss Clara Maloney, Miss Annie Tierney, Miss Gertrude Maloney, Miss Pauline O'Prey, Miss Helen Dalton, Miss Nellie Harrington and Miss Jennie Lloyd.

Ice cream table—Miss Annie B. McInnis, Miss Laura McCormick, Miss Nellie Keenan, Miss Mary McInnis, Miss Eva Doherty, Miss Josephine Mahar, Miss Maggie McPeake and Miss Mary McSherry.

Fancy table—Miss Martha Lynch, Mrs. P. Mc Murray, Miss Maggie Tierney, Miss Agnes McPeake, Miss Fanny Gallagher, Miss Minnie O'Brien.

Doll table—Miss Nellie Kervin, Miss May Collins, Miss Josie Tierney.

Fish Pond—Misses Edie Kiervin, and Ruby Delaney.

Amusements—Messrs J. McHugh, S. McCormick and John McCormick.

On Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Edward Riley were treated to a genuine surprise when about forty of their friends assembled at their home on the Marsh Road, to congratulate them on the thirtieth anniversary of their marriage; quite a number driving out from the city to participate in the celebration. During the evening on behalf of the company, Mr. M. Carroll, in a neat speech, presented Mr. and Mrs. Riley with a handsome couch as a slight token of the esteem in which they are held by their friends. Mr. Riley responded with a few well chosen remarks. Dancing and games were indulged in by the young people. About midnight a bountiful supper was served, and the party broke up in the "wee sma'" hours of the morning, all hands present voting it the most enjoyable affair of the season.

On Wednesday morning at the Cathedral Rev. F. J. McMurray united in marriage Mr. Robert S. Bowses of the Merchants' and Miners' Steamship Company and Miss Nellie Haney daughter of Mr. John Haney of this city. Only the immediate relatives and friends of the contracting parties were present at the ceremony. The bride wore a becoming travelling suit of blue cloth with white trimmings and hat to match. The bridesmaid, Miss Annie Haney, wore mauve and white. Mr. M. Bowses supported the groom. The young couple received many handsome and useful presents from friends in this city and in the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Bowses left on the C. P. R. train for Boston, where they will, for the present, reside.

The church of the Assumption, West end, will be the scene of an interesting event on Monday next when the Rev. J. J. O'Donovan will unite in marriage Mr. E. J. Murphy and Miss Julia Haley, daughter of Capt. F. T. Haley. Owing to a recent death in the bride's family, the wedding will be a very quiet one. Both young people are well known and popular and are receiving the good wishes of their numerous friends for a long and happy married life.

Dr. Preston announces the engagement of his daughter, Miss Jennie to Mr. George Moore of New York.

Miss Hattie L. Ketchum who entered the South Farmingham Hospital in March on probation has been accepted and will complete the required course.

St. Mary's church held its annual Harvest Supper Thursday evening, and was in every way a brilliant success. The supper room in the basement where tea was served from 6 to 8 was tastefully draped with red, white and blue bunting; the tables, three in number, were pure white and daintily decorated with cut flowers. The ladies in charge were, Mrs. W. O. Raymond, Mrs. E. V. Godfrey, Mrs. S. G. Olive, Mrs. F. J. Wright, Mrs. A. W. Golding, Mrs. S. H. Givan, Mrs. W. Essington, Mrs. B. Boyer, Mrs. J. N. Rodgers, Mrs. J. Davis, Mrs. Foley, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Chas. Fiewelling, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. R. Doce, Mrs. J. N. Wetmore, Mrs. Wickham. These were assisted by an efficient corps of young ladies. The refreshment table in charge of Miss Stevens assisted by Misses Ida Barton, Clara Grant, and Winifred Raymond was in the upper room, where from 8 until 10 a highly interesting programme both musical and literary was carried out.

Mr. Sherwood of Ottawa passed through the city this week on her way to Kari to attend the funeral of her father Mr. James Toole.

Mr. Israel Moore who has spent the past five months with his grandfather at Hempstead, left on Thursday for his home in Brooklyn, New York.

Mrs. Robertson of Philadelphia is visiting her sister Mrs. John McAvity, Orange St. She is accompanied by her little daughter.

Mrs. J. E. Stecker of Oromocto, was in the city this week visiting friends.

Mrs. Isaac Brown of Union street returned Saturday from St. Martins, where she attended the funeral of her father, Mr. Wm. Bradshaw, an old and respected resident of that place.

Mr. Frank Colwell's many friends will be glad to learn that he is able to be out again.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sinclair and family of Leinster street on account of the death of their daughter, Mrs. J. Forbes of Montreal, which occurred Monday, 19th. The remains were brought to the city on Wednesday, and interred at Fernhill. The funeral was held from the depot.

Miss May Donkin who has been a guest at the Kings' Daughters Guild for a number of weeks past, returned to her home in Amherst on Wednesday.

Mr. W. B. Quinton of the Sun staff is seriously ill at his boarding house Princess street.

Mrs. Frank Rankine gave a large and enjoyable At Home, at her residence Germain street on Thursday afternoon.

The Harmony Club have reorganized and will hold a reception about the tenth of next month for Phillips one of the second Contingent who is expected to arrive about that time. The band will, with as many of the returned boys as possible parade to the depot in Khaki uniforms, returning to the club room for alight lunch about six o'clock. A reception will be held later in the evening and from the preparations promises to be a brilliant one. The club are trying to plan for the putting on of a couple of good shows during the winter, which if carried out will no doubt be up to the usual high standard of all work done by that clever and musical aggregation.

A number of the wholesale house especially on the wharves have taken up with the idea suggested by "Progress" last week in regard to Associated Charities doing away with imposters of which even our little town has so many, and have decided to fill out the slips supplied by that organization and send them to the secretary when calls are received from their long lists of professional mendicants, both male and female.

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