



So far the Christmas season has not been marked by any notable social function. To the majority of people the intervening week of Christmas and New Year's is a time of happy reunion, when the boys and girls are home from school and college, when the grown up members of the family take a well earned rest from their various occupations and duties and when the quiet evenings and pleasant chats seem to tighten the bond of affection between father, mother, brother and sister.

But the young people do not always look upon the quiet evenings with such contentment as do their elders and it is most fitting that after the dull monotony of the months of school work that some entertainment should be forth coming. As St. John mothers are usually very indulgent in this respect no doubt many pleasant little parties and teas will be arranged during the remaining days of "holiday time."

Christmas day passed off quietly enough. The different churches throughout the city were well attended and special Christmas music rendered by the respective choirs. At the cathedral the music was of the usual high order and the church was crowded at every service.

The Monday evening skating club had its first meeting of the season at the Queens rink on Wednesday evening. All the members were present and a delightful evening was spent. Coffee and light refreshments were served by several club ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. Steeves of Fredericton accompanied by their three children arrived in the city on Saturday last and are visiting Mrs. Steeves' parents Mr. and Mrs. Chief Clarke.

Miss Annie Phair who has been spending some time in the city returned to her home in Fredericton on Saturday last.

Miss Desbrisay of Petit Roche and her father Mr. S. Desbrisay were in the city during the early part of the week and while here were guests at the Dufferin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robertson and little daughter spent Christmas in Fredericton with Mrs. Robertson's mother, Mrs. McKee. Mrs. Robertson will remain with her relatives for a few weeks.

A pleasant afternoon tea was given yesterday by Mrs. George F. Smith at her residence on Union street. A large number of invitations had been issued and the spacious parlors were soon filled with the friends of the hostess and her charming daughter. The affair was for the purpose of formally introducing Miss Annie Smith. The very pretty debutante was becomingly gowned in white. Misses Constance and Leslie Smith and several young lady friends assisted the hostess in pouring tea and otherwise dispensing hospitality.

Just now a much talked of event in social circles, is the coming marriage of Miss Louise Holden, daughter of Dr. Holden with Mr. Phillips Robinson manager of the Newcastle bank of Nova Scotia. The ceremony, it is understood will be performed in Trinity church early in the new year, probably during the second week in January. Miss Holden is very popular among the young people of the city and is receiving the good wishes of her hosts and friends. Mr. Robinson is at present in the city and is being overwhelmed with congratulations.

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Mrs. M. Power, formerly of this city but now of Boston, is spending a short vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Geary, Harrison street. She returns to Boston on Monday next. Mr. H. C. Stockton went to Annapolis on Saturday last, returning on Wednesday. Mrs. C. Smith of Boston is in the city for the holidays. She is staying with her mother, Mrs. C. Gleeson, Germain street.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ratter have returned from a short visit to the capital. While there they were the guests of Prof. and Mrs. Brittain.

Mr. Fred Schwartz of Merrill Bros. and Mr. E. J. Fleetwood of the Amos Holden Co. went to Moncton on Saturday last and remained with their relatives in that city until Wednesday.

Miss Violet Palmer of Yarmouth, is visiting friends in the city. Miss Smith of Moncton, spent Monday and Tuesday in the city, returning to her home on Wednesday morning.

Mr. C. A. Steeves and Miss Steeves of Moncton, spent Christmas day here. They were the guests of their relatives. Lady Tilley and Mr. L. P. D. Tilley, went to St. Andrews on Saturday where they spent Christmas with friends, returning home on Wednesday.

Prof. Layton of Newcastle, was here during the early part of the week. Dr. and Mrs. Curry of Halifax, spent Christmas in the city, guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Robertson. They returned home on Wednesday.

Miss Florence Hunter came home from Boston last week and intends remaining here for the winter. Mr. D. O'Keefe of the Montreal Gazette, is spending the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. P. J. O'Keefe of the West end.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McNichol came down from Boston last week and are spending the holidays with relatives in the North End. Mrs. Joseph Gleeson of Montreal is paying a visit to her mother in-law Mrs. F. Gleeson, Richmond street.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lewis of Halifax spent Christmas in the city with Mrs. Lewis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Lynch of Paradise row.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Burpee of Moncton passed through here on Monday. They were going to McAdam to spend part of the holidays with friends. Miss Gertrude McDonald is receiving the congratulations of her many friends on her recent appointment as special court stenographer.

Mr. Samuel Kerr the well known principal and proprietor of the St. John Business college was quietly married at Canning, N. S., on Christmas day to Miss Julia McDonald of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr are now enjoying a short trip through Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and will be in the city before the reopening of the college.

Wednesday was a gala day at the Alms House when the one hundred and forty inmates of the institution were given their annual Christmas treat. It was a day long to be remembered by both old and young. Quite a number of ladies and gentlemen interested in the institution drove out from the city. They were received by Superintendent and Mrs. Woods and conducted to the large hall, where the inmates had already assembled and where a very large and heavily laden Christmas tree seemed to be the centre of attraction. After a short musical programme, consisting chiefly of patriotic songs, the tree was stripped of its useful and pretty articles and both children and grown folks were rendered happy by the presentation of the little gifts. Short speeches were made by several gentlemen present and superintendent and Mrs. Woods complimented on the excellent condition of the institution and on the very neat and bright appearance of the children. The progress of the school was dwelt upon at length by Mr. W. S. Carter who spoke in glowing terms of the improvement of the children and the efficiency of their teacher, Miss Moran. After a thorough inspection of the building and grounds the guests of the day were driven to the city, all thoroughly satisfied with the workings of this great public institution and feeling, no doubt, the better for the pleasure which they had in a measure bestowed on the poor and unfortunate. Among those who drove out from the city were, Rev. W. O. and Mrs. Raymond, Rev. Stanley and Mrs. Hunter, Mayor Daniel, Mrs. Daniel, Ald. McGoldrick, Mrs. McEldrick, Mrs. E. A. Smith, Mrs. E. C. Elkin, Mr. Skinner, Miss Beatrice Skinner, Mrs. Struan Robertson, Mr. and Miss Barbour, Miss Moran, Miss Burdett, Miss McInerney, Miss Duval, Miss Jennie McKeivry, Mr. Collins, Miss Collins, Mr. Knudell, Mrs. Knudell, Dr. Mary McLeod, Mr. W. S. and Mrs. Carter, Mr. W. C. R. and Mrs. Allan.

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Mr. James Leslie went to Newcastle on Saturday last, and enjoyed part of the holidays with old friends and relatives in that town.

On Christmas morning the residence of Mr. Geo. T. Black was the scene of an interesting event, when his niece, Miss Flora Palkingham was united in marriage with Mr. Wm. Sprag. The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. David Long of the Victoria street Baptist church. The bride, who was unattended, was becomingly gowned in blue-gray cloth with hat to match. After the ceremony hearty congratulations were extended. A dainty breakfast was served and the happy couple took the noon train for a short wedding trip. On their return they will reside on Victoria street. Both young people are well known in the North end and have the best wishes of their friends for a long and happy married life.

ST. ANDREWS. Dec. 27.—Miss Eliza Smith is spending her Christmas holidays in St. John. Miss Elsie Armstrong is in St. John for the Christmas tide. Mr. John Nesbit, of Boston, spent Christmas in St. Andrews.

J. W. Richardson, barrister, of St. Stephen, spent his Christmas holidays in St. Andrews. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Worrell, of Fairville, were in town for Christmas.

Miss Annie Richardson has resigned from the St. Andrews school staff in order to take up educational work in the United States. Dr. H. T. Armstrong, of Baltimore, Md., is visiting his family in St. Andrews.

Mrs. R. Wheelock, of Shanghai, China, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. M. Gove. Mr. Marguerite Parker, pupil at Edgehill, Windsor, spent Christmas in St. Andrews.

Miss Wade went to St. John on Wednesday. She will remain for a few days. Frank Dow ate his Christmas turkey at Watt Junction.

Mr. John Campbell, of Moncton, was in St. Andrews for Christmas. Mrs. Wm. Johnson, of Wawig, went to Gerham, N. H., to spend Christmas with her relatives.

The annual reunion of the Wade family took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Wade, Miss Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Ceuzle, the Misses Gangle, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Wade, of St. John, and Dr. and Mrs. Wade, of St. Andrews, were present. Miss May Hunt, who has had charge of the school at Roxbury, is home for Christmas.

ST. STEPHEN AND CALAIS. Dec. 27.—Miss Addie McKenzie is recovering from her illness and will soon be restored to health. Lady Tilley, Mrs. William DeWolfe and Leonard Tilley, are at the "Cedars," guests of Madam Chipman.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Tilley of St. John, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Chipman. Miss Dora Rounsley, who is a student at Wellesley college, is home for the holidays.

Miss Florence Bradley has returned from Boston. Mr. and Mrs. J. Rankine Brown of Woodstock, are guests of Judge Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gibbs of Cambridge and their children, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. King.

Franklin Eaton, son of W. L. Eaton, has gone to Washington, D. C., to become a pupil in a private school in that city.

Miss Constance Chipman and Arthur Chipman have arrived home from their respective schools for the Xmas holidays.

Will Kierstead has returned from Wolfville, Nova Scotia, where he attends school. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Trimble have returned from Bangor.

Rev. O. S. Newnam and family spent Christmas in Milltown, the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Deacon. Mrs. Robert Wubbar has returned from Essoport. Thomas Irvin and Mrs. Thompson left yesterday for Arizona where they will visit J. Watson's rancho and Mr. Irvine will look after some mining interests.

Miss Katherine Grant is slowly recovering from her injuries sustained by a fall. Dr. and Mrs. Byrne are in Sussex spending the week with relatives.

Mrs. A. A. L. has been helping to sell Christmas goods at the store of G. S. Wall during the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Richmond Dooe of St. John are spending Christmas in town.

Miss Kittle Cummins has been assisting in the store of Saunders & Co in Calais. Miss Berna Main was most cordially welcomed by all her friends on her return from Vancouver, B. C. last week where she has spent the past six months with her sister, Mrs. Harry Mowatt.

Misses Celia Craig and George Manzer have returned from Fredericton. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wadsworth of Eastport have recently been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Eaton.

Mrs. Irving Hubbard has returned to her home in Washington, D. C. after a pleasant visit in Calais. Mr. D. G. Smith left on Friday last for her home in Canham after a visit of several weeks in town.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Young and Miss Vera Young arrived home on Thursday of last week. Miss Ebbie Todd arrived from Portland last week, Miss Todd is a pupil in Miss Agnes Lowell's school in that city.

Miss Hanson and Miss Carter have gone to their respective homes to spend Christmas. John Black, Don Grimmer and Norman Mungall, who attend school at Rothesay, are home for a short holiday.

Mrs. Harry Wellington has returned to her home in Houlton. Cassius Bates is home from Waterville, Me, where he is a student at the Coburn classical institute.

Prof. J. W. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson of Waterville are in Calais to spend the Christmas holidays. Miss Grace Deinstadt has returned from Sackville where she is a pupil at Mount Allison college. Miss Ganong who is one of the staff of teachers at the ladies' college, Halifax is at home for the Christmas season.

Miss Marion Rockwood is home from Houlton for Christmas week. Mr. and Mrs. H. Owen and their son of Portland, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. Crilley.

Miss Addie Calder, who has been teaching school at Canterbury, was in town this week enroute to her home at Fair Haven to spend Christmas. Miss Etsa DeWolfe spent Christmas with Rev. Harry DeWolfe at Foxboro, Mass.

D. F. Maxwell arrived from Sydney C. B., to spend Christmas with his family. Mrs. Waterbury, accompanied by Miss Ethel

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