

There is a dearth of social gaieties just now, and the fad of the hour is the theatre. Everybody goes and the semi-weekly mannees are like aocial events on a large scale. All the world of society is there, and what a gay animated appearance the house has. The Valentine Stock company has made a decide. impression with all classes, and as for some of the male members of the aggregationwell the feminine four hundred look upon them : 8 decidedly "sweet". So much theatre going has of cour e interfered with the usual win er gaieties and beyond a quiet little whist par y, or small dinner one hears of nothing in that line.

Mrs. Harry Pundington gave a charming evening of whist on Tuesday which was immensely en-Joyed by those present and the deepest interest manifested in the games.

There have been one or two little dinners given for visitors, and several small theatre parties during the week. On the subject of dinners and dinner giving a well known hostess sends the following to PROGRESS and will no doubt be of interest to entertainers. "While in New York a few days ago," she writes, "I noticed something that might be of interest. It is an indispensible adjunct for the household in which much entertaining is done and is a little device recently designed, to avoid confusion at dinner parties. It consists of a miniature dining table, along the edges of which are places made to receive cards on which the names of guests are inserted in the order in which it is desired that they should be seated. This is placed in the hand of the servant ho waits, or else it is put iu some conspicuous place in the room where the guests assemble before going to the diring room. The model table is made adjustable to receive any number of cards from eight to twenty-four, so that it can be made to appear as a counterpart of the out his own place as soon as he enters the dining

What hostess has not felt the task of seating a party of guests as a most trying one with the effort to avoid anything approaching confusion or uncertainty. The success of a dinner is often largely influenced by tr.fl s and every hostess appreciates this fact. The method of putting the names of the guests on cards at the plates is effective, inasmuch as everyone does eventually get into the right place but it always results in a merry-go-round chase for

It causes the hostess no trifling amount of annoyance to watch a gentleman who evidently thought he would be placed at the head of the table, run the whole gamut of plates before he discovers he has been placed at the foot and so on.

The names of several St. John ladies appear in the presentations at the vice regal drawing room in Ottawa last Saturday. Mrs. Jam s Straton a well known and very popular lady was beautifully gowned in a lovely costum : of white duchess satin, the bottom of the skirt flounced with white chiffo accordeon-pleated, edged with white bebe satin ribbon, tunic of white Chantilly lace; the corsage to match with sleeves of filmy lace, and exqisite clusters of pink velvet roses on the shoulders, the same flowers effectively arranged on the train. She carried a shower bouquet of pink roses, and wore diamond and pearl ornaments and veil and feathers.

Miss Elizabeth Domville looked graceful and charming in white silk and pearl ornaments. She wore a veil and feathers and carried a beautiful

One of the prettiest and most interesting entertainments given here for some time was that which took place in St. Andrews chu ch on Tuesday even ing under the auspices of the ladies aid society. There was a delightfully rendered farce "The Garroters" the cast of which was as follows.

Mr. Roberts F. C. Macneill
Willis Campbell T. Dunning
Mr. BernisJ. Roy Thomson
Dr. Lawton
Alfred BernisDr. Macaulay
Mrs. Roberts
Mrs. Crashaw Miss Fannie Rainnie
Mrs. Bernis Miss Hazel Rainnie
Bella Miss Elia Macaulay
The various parts were all well taken and the
histrionic talent displayed was really remarkable.



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After the farce came a programme on which the numbers were as follows: Tableau; solo, Miss Mc-Claskey, tableau; vio in solo, Mr. Bowden; tableau; selection orchestra; tableau; solo, D. Pidet e Messrs. Bogart, Morgan, McKelvie and Beld- Richey of Petitcodiac.

Mrs. J. G. Shewan received her wedding callers on wednesday and Thuislay of this week at her home on Summer street.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Belyea were in Woodstock for a short time recently.

Mr. George McLeod who has been in England or several years arrived home a few days ago to

. it his parents. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Blair Jr., arrived home this

week from their wedding tour. When they left Ottawa on Saturday Mr. Blair's mether was much improved, though still in a serious condition. Miss Ellis M. Shewan of Montreal, is the guest for a short time of Mr. and Mrs. J G. Shewan of

Mr. Thomas Strothart who was summoned to Portland, Me., by the serious illness of his sister, has returned and reports Miss Strothart much im-

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Goudey of Montreal, were in

the city this week. Chief Justice Tuck spent a little while in Freder icton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Irvine and Miss Irvine of Nel son B. C., arrived here last week on a visited to

were in the city for a day or two recently. Mr. C. B. Rebertson of Daniel & Robertson, left

the beginning of the week for New York, and will sail today for England. Miss Bessie Irvine returned last Sa'urday from

an extended and pleasant stay in the west. Mr. P. L. Gleeson is on a visit to his parents after a four years absence in the West Indies.

A Fredericton paper announces that the marriage of Miss Gregory of that city and Mr. A. W. Macrae of St. John, will take place early next

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Golding Jr., will sympathize deeply with them in the loss of their bright ten months old baby, Harold Carey, which occurred on Monday evening last.

Rev. E. W. Keily, who has been sup; lying at the Main street baptist church, intended going to Eng land last week from whence he would return to his former mission work in Burmah, but he was obliged to give up the idea for a short time, as he is not well enough to travel at present,

Hon. A. T. Dunn returned Tuesday from a trip to Montreal.

the city for a day or two this week. Miss Alice Morgan left this week on a three

weeks visit to friends in Nova Scotia. Mr. L. B. Knight returned this week from a busi-

ness trip to Montreal. Mr. J. R. McConnell came down from Mar; svil e for a day or two in the carly part of the week. Mr. W. E. Mullaly, left this week on a visit to Nova Scotia.

Mr. R. A. Lawlor of Chatham made a brief stay in the city this week.

Miss Nellie and Master Guy Smythe of Halifax are on a visit to cousins on the west side.

Mr. Norman Leslie was in town a few d.ys ago to say good bye to his friends here before leaving for the Transvaal, with Lord Strathcona's mounted

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Maxwell and Miss Morris, Mrs. Maxwell's sister of Neva Scotia, are spending a day or two with relatives be ore leaving for Florida where they will spend the next two months. The merriest scene ever witnessed in the Victoria rink was the occasion of the R. K Y. C. carnival

on Wednesday evening when between three and four hundred skaters clad in costumes of every kind and description representing every condition of life, gyrated round and round in the whire of fun and joility. What a gay scene it was to be sure and what amusement the hundreds of spectators drew from it. It was a difficult task the judges had to d cide upon the merits of characterization, for, though, there many of the costumes that time has rendered familiar to every one, there were many new ones which showed ingenuity and thought in their execution and make up. The ladies decidedly made the best showing and their costumes w re worthy of every praise and commendation. Mrs. H. J. Andrews won the ladies prize for the third time this season her character on Wednesday even-

ing carrying out a bell buoy in every detail. The combination prize was won by H. C. Cochran and Miss Marion Lelacheur as Prospero and Mir. and their rerpesentation being especially well thought out and true. Miss Lillian Codner won a prize as Imperial Africa much originality being displayed in her costume. Mr. E. E. Ingraham was a representative Chief Walkemphast and as such was awa ded a prize.

The great combination prize was won by Compulsory Vaccination. Five medical gentlemen of color drew a sled in which a patient, with a life presever around his body was seated, saved from smallpox by vaccination. The doctors were: Arthur Melick, Dr. Hartley; Fred Lahey, Dr. Hilton: W. Dunlap, Dr. Smallpox; W. Hatfield, Dr. Hopewell; Robert O'Brien, Dr. Jackson, and J McDiarmid the patient.

The judges, Mrs. Robert Thompson, Miss M' Thompson, Mrs. Robert Jardine, J. J. Robinson and G. B. Hegan, awarded their prize to Miss An-

nie Ki patrick as the British E npire. Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Dykeman entertained a few friends very charmingly on Wednesday evening at their home on King street east. Crokinole and other games formed the chief amusement and a number of interesting questions were given on current topics which the guests were supposed to answer. Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sipprell were the prize winners in this contest. A dainty supper was served to the

guests among whom were: Rev. Wm. Tennant, Mrs. Tennant, Mrs. Colwell, Mr. Colwell, Mrs. Sipprell, Mr. E. M. Sipprell, Mrs. Dykeman, Mr. Chas. Dykeman, Mrs. Barnes, Mr. James Barnes, Mrs. Huestis, Mrs. Stamers, Mr. John Stamers, Mrs. Hudson, Mr. D. Hudson, Mrs. Jerdan, Mr. Jordan, Miss Elliott, Mrs. Reed, Miss Greyory, Miss Smith, Mr. Underhill. Mr. Geo. Smith,

Mr. Guy Smith. Last Friday evening Miss Lily Spears gave small whist party at her home and a verg pleasant evening was spent. Miss Abbott won the ladies' first prize, and the gentleman s prize went to Mr. Bradley, Miss McLaughlin and Mr. H. Regan carried off the consolation prizes. Among those

present were: Miss N. Harrison, Miss M Harrison, Miss J McLaughlin, Miss Josie Ritchie, Miss Abbott, Miss F Cody, Mr. L Bradley, Miss Pauley. Mr. N. Corkery, Mr. W Pine, Mr. F. Abbott, Mr. M Coady, Mr. H. Regan, Mr. W Fitzgerald, Mr. S Stevens.

Miss E. K. Adams of Chicago, is spending the winter with her aunt, Miss Eaton, Germain Street. During the first week in March Mr. Harry Turner of the Customs House will be married to Mrs. geou; tableau; selection orchestra; orili and quart- Price, a young wid w of Petitcodiac, formerly Miss

ST. STEPHEN AND OALAIS.

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Feb. 8.-Mrs. C. B. Kingston has returned from very pleasant visit in Bangor.

Mr. and Mcs. Wm. Dunbar of Cambridge are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Copeland. The popular whist club met with Miss Alice Graham on Thursday evening last. The prizes were won by Miss Berta Smith and Frank Washburn and Mrs. C. F. Beard and John Trimble. After the game there was some music and supper

Mrs. John Clarke Taylor is visiting Boston. The Traveliers club met at the residence of Mrs.

F T Waite last Monday afternoon. Charles F Beard is expected home from Boston the first of next week.

Miss Kate Shannon has been visiting Mrs. John Cummins during the past week. Mrs. Hamilton of Lube:, who has been visiting

Mrs. W H Nichols, has returned home. The next meeting of the Harmony club ; will be

held at Christ church rectory, Mrs. Newnham be-Mr. A. J. Melrose and Miss Melrose of Andover, ing a member of the club. Miss Annie King will give practical instruction in china painting at her home on Main St. Calais.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank V. Lee have gone on a pleasure trip to the southern States and; other cities. Miss Noe Clerke gave a very jolly drive about town on Thursday evening for the pleaure of her guest Miss Warner of St. John. On the return from the drive supper was served at Miss Clerke's

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Young did not leave for Nova Scotia until Monday of this week. Miss Arnie Bix by was the guest of Mr. and Mrs.

Fred Butler on a trip to Machias last Friday. Mrs. H. A. Wellington of Houlton was in Calais for a short visit during the past week and was the

guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Foster. Through the joint invitation of Daniel McCaw and Miss Mary McCaw the Young Woman's Guild of Christ church are to enjoy a moonlight sleigh drive on Monday evening next if the evening prov-

Mrs John Black entertained a small sparty of friends ai her residence Elm street on Tuesday

at tea on Wednesday evening. Mr and Mrs Wallace Brown expect to spend

some time this month travelling in the western Miss Ethel McAllister has returned from a visit

in New York City. Mr and Mrs George A. Curran left for Florida last Friday evening.

Mrs. Ernst T. Lee and Miss Carrie Washburn were recently guests of Mr and Mrs Joseph Mendenhall at a home party given by them at their home

in Providence, Rhode Island. Miss Florence Sullivan is visiting friends in Hal-Miss Grace Robin on has returned from California

and is visiting her brother, Joseph W. Robinson, on King street. Mrs. Frank Paine of Eastport is visiting friends

in Calais. Miss Mary C. Abbot has been quite ill and confined to her home during the past week.

The Harm my club met at the residence fof Mrs. John F. Grant on Monday and enjoyed a most pleasant evening. Mrs. Hazen Grimmer ; has been spending a few days in St. J.hn, the guest of Mrs. Harding.

Henry F. Todd and Mrs. F. P. MacNichol, who have been visiting Boston have arrived home. Miss Ida Hunter has gone to Minneapolis to

make an extended visit with relatives, Dr. R. K. Ross is improving daily from his ill-

Mr. W. E. Clark and Miss Ada McAndrews daughter of R McAndrews, Paradise Row, were wedded Tuesday evening at the home of the bride's father. The bridesmaids were Miss Addie Mc-Andrews of Calais and Miss Annie Heans of this city. Rev. R. P. McKim performed the ceremony.

#### ST. ANDREWS,

Feb. 8,-Miss Lou Rideout of Calais, is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. Malcolm McFarlane, and daughter Gladys, of Elmsv.lie, who have been visiting at Mr. Robt. Shaw's, have returned home. Rev. A. W. Mahon was confined to his house by

an attack of influenza on Sunday, hence there was no service in the Presbyterian church, Capt. P. Britt, who came home from Boston

few weeks ago suffering from illness, is rapidly convalescing. J. W. Richardson, barrister, John Ross, of St.

Stephen, drove down to St. Andrews on Sunday. Mr. Chas. O'Neill has been ill for a day or two causing his family some anxiety. Rev. John D. Pickles has received a call to the

methodist church at Westfield, Mass. Mr. Pickles is a native of St. Anirews.

#### MONCTON.

[Progress is for sale in Moncton at Miss Hattie Tweedie's Bookstore and M. B. Jones' Bookstore.] FEB. 8.—The death occured at Pugwash River on Thursday of last week of Mrs. Thomas Fraser, one of the most highly respected ladies of that section of Cumberland County. While attending to her household duties she was taken suddenly ill and died within forty eight hours. The deceased was a beautiful Christian character. A husband, Mr. Thomas Fraser, one son, and one daughter. Mrs. Sutherland, wife of Rev. Mr. Sutherland jare left to

Mr. J. R. McDonald returned Monday from New

The Misses Maud and Hattie Brown accompanied by Miss Etta Walker, of Lakeville, are in the city, the guests of Mrs. J. A. Lockhart, Railway

Miss Maggie Tingley, of Pt. de Bute who has been visiting her brother, Chief of Police Tingley returned hom a Monday morning, Miss Winnie Stockall left last week to attend the

Provincial Normal school at Fredericton. Mr. W. D. Martin states that he will be a candidate for aldeaman-at-large in the coming election Mr. Wm. Lyons, barrister, of Halifax, spent Sunday in Moncton with his brother, Mr. J. M. Lyons,

general passenger agent I. C R. Harry Willett, son of Mr. G. B. Willett, has taken a position with the Ossekeag Stamping Co. at Hampton as billing clerk. Mrs. Daniel, wife of George W. Daniel manager

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# Penny-Wise.

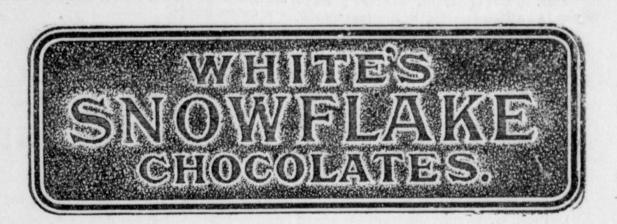
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