



There were several little events last week in Society, chiefly afternoon teas, and some of them very large, though all particularly pleasant and enjoyable as such gatherings usually are.

Mrs. Tillotson of York House also entertained a few friends very pleasantly the last of the week and there were one or two quiet little whist parties, at which all seemed to have an especially agreeable time.

A society column usually gets muddled with all sorts of letters, suggestions and enquiries but the most interesting thing received so far this week was regarding a "surprise" party.

The letter is too long and too detailed to make publication possible but the idea seems to be too good to be entirely omitted, and so for the benefit of those who are seeking after something original it may be explained that the "surprise party" is a sort of combination of dinner and party.

All the men go to one room, the ladies to another, there to find a collection of costumes, or rather pieces of costumes, lengths of stuff, flowers, gold braid beads etc. a supply of make-up materials and pins of all sorts and sizes.

Out of these materials fancy dresses must be improvised in the space of half an hour. After dinner prizes are given for the two best dresses.

One might have rather an amusing childrens party on the same line, or the idea might be elaborated upon and made intensely interesting.

Mrs. D. W. McCormack who was taken suddenly ill last Saturday is reported as much improved.

Mr. A. H. Stuart who has been spending a few weeks with his wife, Miss Bonstelle of the Valentine Stock company, left this week for Bermuda for the benefit of his health, which has not been satisfactory of late.

Mr. Collingwood Schrieber with a party of relatives and friends was here this week enroute to Halifax.

St. John friends of Mrs. George C. Hunt of Fredericton will regret to hear of her very serious illness. She had a stroke of paralysis a few days ago and her condition is critical.

A Toronto paper chronicles the fact that Rev. Dr. Bruce, formerly of this city but now principal of St. Andrews college, Toronto, has been ill from overwork and left on Friday of last week on a trip to Texas. His friends here will hope to hear of his speedy recovery.

Mr. Charles Fawcett of Sackville was in the city for a day or two this week.

Miss May Fielding of Windsor is spending a few days with city friends.

The death occurred on Sunday morning of Hon. Senator James Davies Lewin at his home at Lancaster Heights, this city. Senator Lewin contracted a slight cold some time ago which developed into bronchitis and later pneumonia, and the patient's condition was watched with much anxiety by his friends, and the various reports were eagerly awaited by his many friends throughout the city.

On Friday last there was a hope, that, despite all, he might yet pull safely through but, on Saturday this was abandoned, and death came on Sunday morning. The Senator wanted but three weeks of being 88 but up to a short time ago was hale and hearty.

The family home on Lancaster Heights was one of the most hospitable in the city and in its spacious grounds were many evidences of the owner's taste and skill in gardening.

He leaves two children, Percy Lewin of Schoenectady, N. Y., and a daughter Mrs. Elizabeth Cook; Mrs. Lewin died twelve years ago.

The attendance at the funeral on Tuesday was very large, among those who attended being the

directors and staff of the Bank of New Brunswick and the members of the board of trustees of the Methodist church. The pall bearers were the clerks of the bank. Rev. Job Shinton officiated and the choir of the Methodist church of Fairville sang the usual impressive hymns.

Mrs. D. McLoughlin of Princess street gave a very delightful book tea on Thursday afternoon for the entertainment of Mrs. Babbitt of Fredericton. The ladies all wore some badge or combination that would denote the title of a certain book and though some were a trifle far fetched there was much amusement occasioned and the affair proved most interesting.

A whist party of seven tables, was given by Mrs. H. deForest on Wednesday evening in honor of her guest Miss Palmer of Dorchester. The first prize, a dainty and beautiful piece of bric-a-brac was won by Mrs. Rankine while the consolation prize fell to the lot of Miss Nelson. Among the guests were: Mr. Jas. Manchester, Mrs. Manchester, Mr. Rankine, Mrs. Rankine, Mr. Holly, Mrs. Holly, Mr. Tillotson, Mrs. Tillotson, Mr. J. DeW. Spurr, Mrs. Spurr, Mr. Miles, Mrs. Miles, Mrs. King, Mrs. Patterson, Miss deForest, Miss Nelscn, Mr. C. deForest, Mrs. deForest, Mr. Mills, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. J. Purdy, Mr. Graham, Miss McAvity, Miss Furlong, Mr. J. R. Campbell, Mrs. Campbell.

Mrs. James Dever returned this week from a visit to her daughter Mrs. Barbeau of Montreal, who left later for Europe where she will spend the next three months.

Miss Troop gave a large and very pleasant whist party on Friday of this week.

Miss Palmer who has been Miss deForest's guest since the end of January returned to Dorchester this week.

Rev. A. J. O'Neill of the Palace has been entertaining Rev. Father Cushion and Mr. Manahan of New York for a few days.

A pleasant meeting of the W. H. M. S. of the Presbytery of St. John was held in St. Davids church school room on Monday afternoon, and though it was chiefly of a business nature those who attended experienced much satisfaction in being present. Mrs. E. A. Smith was appointed to represent the president at the women's local council, and delegates for the local council were appointed.

Miss Hettie Marsh returned last Tuesday from a very pleasant visit to her sisters in New York.

Mr. J. R. Douglas of Amherst was in the city for a day or two this week.

Iolanthe is the all absorbing topic of music lovers and the performances of next Wednesday and Thursday in aid of the Soldiers Wives league are being looked forward to with much pleasure. The role of Phyllis will be assumed by Marie Van Zehn Lyman who has frequently been heard here lately in concert. The tenors Messrs. Kelly and McClaskey will sing the parts of Lord Lolloilo and Strephon respectively. In Lord Montarante Mr. Cairns's excellent baritone will have full scope. Prof. Collinson is director.

Mr. H. B. McDonald of the Bank of British North America left last Saturday to take charge of the Rossland, B. C. agency.

Mrs. Henry F. Todd and Mrs. F. P. McNichol of St. Stephen were in the city the beginning of the week.

Rev. J. J. Walsh of Holy Trinity church has been quite ill with bronchitis.

Mr. J. M. Smith and the Misses Smith of Windsor were in the city for a little while this week.

Mrs. Jane Ingraham of St. Martins was among recent city visitors.

Capt. D. F. Tapley who has been confined to his residence with a severe cold is improving rapidly.

Lieut. Col. Jones this week entertained Captain Sharples who has been given a captaincy in the Canadian contingent which will Garrison Halifax.

Miss Jessie Willis of West Newton arrived this week on a visit to relatives in the West end.

Mrs. George Archibald is able to be around again after being a prisoner for some weeks from grip and bronchitis.

Mr. Frederick La Forest M. P. P. was here for a short time this week on his way to the capital.

Mrs. I. J. D. Landry's friends will be glad to hear that she is recovering from her recent severe indisposition, and expects to be out again shortly.

Mr. J. V. Russell went to Montreal the beginning of the week for a brief stay.

The death occurred this week of Mrs. Hannah Albin, widow of James Albin, well known in this city years ago. Mrs. Albin though 83 years of age enjoyed good health until a severe cold was contracted from which Mrs. Albin was unable to rally. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. James Myles and Mrs. Andrew Myles. Years ago Mrs. Albin was an active and energetic member of Exmouth street church.

Messrs Wm. Gunter and Gilbert McMullin of Indian town made a visit to up river parties on Monday and Tuesday last returning Thursday.

Fred McPherson of St. John, who has been working on several New York and New England papers for some years, has resumed his former place on the staff of the Worcester Telegram.

The following clipping from the Wilkes-Barre Pa News tells of the death of F. B. McInnis, a native of this city and a young man well and favorably known:—

"After an illness of one month of Bright's disease F. B. McInnis died yesterday morning at his home, 61 South street, at the age of 40 years. Deceased came to Wilkes-Barre about five years ago and accepted a position with Simon Long's Sons, going about three years ago with Finberg & Co. He was born in St. John, New Brunswick, and is survived by his wife, his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McInnis of Windsor, N. S., one brother, W. H. of Windsor, and one sister, Mrs. W. S. Carter of St. John, N. B.

Mr. McInnis made many friends during his residence in Wilkes-Barre and became popular with all of them. He was genial and whole souled and in business as well as in social life was pleasant and cordial.

In a later issue the News refers to the funeral as follows:—"The funeral of the late F. B. McInnis took place from his late home on West South street a large number of friends attended. Rev. V. H. Lukens, of the First presbyterian church officiated and a male quartet composed of Richard Williams, Isaiah Williams, A. E. Burnford and W. E. Woodruff sang Nearer My God to Thee and Consolation.

There were several very pretty floral offerings, among them a large pillow of lilies and white carnations, a wreath of white roses and several large bunches of exquisite white and pink roses artistically arranged about the room. The pall bearers were F. H. Stephens, George Culbert, J. G. Jayne, and A. C. Jackson. Interment was made in Hollenback cemetery."

A number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Irvine called at their residence last Tuesday evening and spent a very pleasant evening indulging in whist, music and dancing. A light supper was served and the party disbanded at an early hour Wednesday morning. Those present were:

Miss Flossie Thomas, Mr. Fred Tapley, Miss Mabel Crockett, Mr. Lou Spragg.

Miss A. McQuarrie, Miss L. Irvine, Miss Long, Miss T. McDaid, Miss Ethel Thomas, Miss L. Percy, Misses McQuarrie, Misses Megarthy, Mrs. H. McDaid, Mrs. C. Clark, Mrs. Robt. Wilkins, Mrs. John McKelvey, Mrs. Jenny McKelvey, Mrs. J. Irvine, Mrs. Thos. Dean, Miss Dean, Mr. Geo. McKinney, Mr. D. McQuarrie, Mr. G. Irvine, Mr. A. Kerr, Mr. Len Gregg, Mr. Jack McKelvey, Mr. Arthur King, Mr. H. McDaid, Mr. C. Clark, Mr. Robt. Wilkins, Mr. John McKelvey, Mr. J. McKelvey, Harry Simmons, Frank Tafts, J. Irvine, Thos. Dean.

Mrs. E. bridge Haines and child of St. Mary's N. B., are visiting relatives in North end, Mr. Wm. Gray Mrs. Haines's father and Mrs. Jas. V. Russell.

ST. GEORGE.

MAR. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. Sutton Clark gave on Friday evening a dinner party at their pleasant home. Covers were laid for fourteen. The dining room looked very bright and pretty. The dinner was daintily served, nothing being left undone which would in anyway add to the pleasure of their guests. Those present were, Miss Wilson, Miss Marsh, Miss Soley, Miss Seelye, Miss B. O'Brien, Miss Taylor and Miss Parks. Dr. Alexander, Mr. Veasey, Mr. W. Seelye, Mr. Smith and Mr. H. McGee.

Miss Josephine MacVicar is visiting friends at Clarence Ridge.

The funeral of Mr. T. O'Malley took place from the R. C. church on Saturday morning. Solemn high mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Lavery at nine o'clock. Mr. O'Malley has been in failing health for several months, but during the past few weeks bodily weakness triumphed over the strong will and cheerful spirits. Mr. O'Malley was one of the oldest school teachers in the county and was greatly beloved by everyone. The procession was the largest seen in St. George for some time, ninety-five school children walked from the house to the church headed by the principal Mr. Veasey. Among the floral offerings was a handsome cross from the teachers and scholars of the school. The deceased leaves a widow, one daughter and two sons.

Miss Bessie Parks has returned from a pleasant trip to St. Stephen.

Mr. Joseph McCormick and family [and Mr. Joseph Murray, who have been living in the United States for a few years, have returned to town.

Miss Edith Baldwin is visiting friends on Deer Island.

Miss Nellie Douglas, who has been seriously ill with acute rheumatism is much better.

ST. STEPHEN AND CALAIS.

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MAR. 15.—Mrs. Stephen Webber gave a five o'clock tea on Saturday afternoon to a number of young ladies, friends of Miss Flora Cooke who was the guest of honor.

Miss Genevieve Hogan has returned to her home in Calais after a pleasant visit with friends in St. John.

Miss Parks of St. George spent a few days last week with friends in St. Stephen.

Mrs. Robert Webber is in Eastport visiting Mrs. Chapman Greene.

The Harmony club enjoyed a pleasant meeting last week at the residence of John Murchie, Milltown, Mrs. Carrie Porter being the hostess.

The engagement of Miss Flora Cooke of Calais to Mr. W. A. Mills was announced this week and pleasantly discussed by their numerous friends.

Stephen Payne of St. John spent Sunday in Calais, the guest of Mrs. Waterbury.

Mrs. Alfred Saunderson gave a very pretty party last Wednesday evening at her residence for the pleasure and entertainment of her young daughter, Marie, and her friends.

Miss Nellie Stuart and Miss Minnie Burton of St. Andrews made a brief visit in town during the past week.

Miss Cora Maxwell gave a small party one evening last week at her home for the pleasure of Miss Brainard of Robbinston.

Miss Ida Todd has returned from Boston.

Mrs. W. A. Henry has arranged to give the social club and their friends a concert and dance on April 19th. Prof. Pullen of Baagor will furnish the music. The invitations are to be limited and tickets will be sold at an early date. Much pleasure is anticipated from this entertainment.

Mrs. C. J. Lyford has arrived home from Boston.

Mrs. William Boardman is the guest of Mrs. Andrew DeWolfe on Union street.

Miss Winter McAllister has returned from an extended visit in New York city.

Mayor S. D. Leavitt of Eastport, made a brief visit in Calais during the past week.

The whist club of which Mrs. Joseph H. Meredith is a member, was entertained by her last Thursday evening.

Miss Lydia Keith has gone to Fredericton to visit Mrs. Frederick Edgecombe.

Mrs. Charles F. Eaton of Princeton, was in town for a brief visit, one day during this week.

Horace Trimble has been visiting New York city on a business trip.

Miss Vera Young gave a very delightful party last Wednesday evening to the Young cottage at Oak Bay. On the arrival of the party a supper was served and games and dancing filled in the remaining hours most pleasantly.

Miss Sadie Rideout has been spending a few days with Mrs. G. W. Lord.

Miss May Brainard of Robbinston, is the guest of Miss Cora Maxwell.

Mrs. W. F. Boardman has been quite ill with an affection of the throat.

Mrs. W. B. Ganong is visiting Boston.

Miss Jennie Kennedy was a guest of the Misses Short during several days last week, returning to her home in St. Andrews Tuesday.

The Popular Whist club was entertained last week by Wilfred Eaton at the American House. The prizes were won by Miss Mabel Murchie and A. Knight and the second prizes by Mrs. C. F. Beard and W. C. Hazen Gilmour. After the game was finished and the prizes awarded a sumptuous course dinner was served. The club meet tonight in Milltown where they will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dexter.

Mrs. Percy Gilmour left yesterday for New York to spend several weeks during the absence of her husband in British Columbia.

Miss Sadie Rideout has returned to Lowell Mass.

Mrs. M. S. Main entertained a number of friends on Tuesday evening.

Chas. A. Boardman, American consul at Rimonska, Quebec, has arrived in Calais for a visit to his father, Geo. A. Boardman.

Mrs. Percy Lord entertained a party of young

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