



The New Year opened auspiciously so far as social amusements are concerned and there has scarcely been a day this week which has not witnessed some pleasant little gathering. Last week too had its share of gaieties, so with one thing and another there is little chance to complain of social dullness. Mrs. Geo. F. Smith's tea last Friday was largely attended despite the severe storm which prevailed, and the ladies who braved it felt well repaid for any little personal discomfort they experienced, in the delightful hospitality extended. The tea tables were beautifully decorated, and the young ladies who assisted the hostess did all in their power to make the gathering one to be remembered.

During his stay in town Mr. Simeon Jones was hospitably entertained. At a whist party given by Mrs. Kette Jones last Thursday he met many of his old friends. Mrs. George Jones gave a dinner in his honor on Tuesday evening to a small but thoroughly congenial party. The table decorations were very pretty and tasteful.

Mrs. E. I. Simonds entertains her friends at a tea this afternoon from five to seven o'clock. At the Mission church hall, Paradise Row, Miss Clinch gives the first of her series of talks on music. Musical people are anticipating much pleasure from these events.

An event of social as well as musical importance is anticipated in the concerts by the Redpath Concert Company on February 1 and 2, under the local management of Mr. Fred Spencer. The personnel of the company is unquestionably the best ever brought to this city and includes Eleanor Meredith of New York, soprano, Mary Louise Cary, Contralto, E. C. Towne, tenor and Carl Duft, basso. The pianiste is Miss Rober of Chicago and the violinist: Miss Helen Von Fursch of Germany who came to Chicago about a year ago. Such an event cannot fail to create much interest and Mr. Spencer will undoubtedly duplicate former successes.

The marriage is announced to take place in Trinity Church next Wednesday at 2:30 o'clock of Miss Margaret Holden daughter of Dr. Holden, and Mr. A. G. Blair, Jr.

The Young People's ball having taken place on Friday evening of last week, I was unable to go into details, and the list of those present was about the only thing possible to publish in connection with it; it is however an event of too great importance to pass over in that way and it is therefore pleasing to say that the guests were unanimous in their verdict that the ball was one of the most brilliant and enjoyable events that has taken place for a long time.

The dancing facilities were excellent, and consisted of sitting out nooks were arranged comfortably for the dancing, supper rooms and the hall. The floor was glass like in its smoothness and Harrison provided the most enchanting dance music for the following order of dances.

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| 1. Valse, | 2. Valse, |
| 3. Lancers, | 4. Two-Step, |
| 5. Valse, | 6. Two-Step, |
| 7. Galop, | 8. Valse, |
| 9. Two-Step, | 10. Valse, |
| 11. Two-Step, | 12. Valse, |

Supper (1. Miltair, 2. Two-Step, 3. Valse, 13. Two-Step, 14. Valse, 15. Two-Step, 16. Valse.

In the supper room the decorations were in pink and green, while pretty colored lights and candles were generously used. The ball room walls were draped with flags; mistletoe and evergreen were effectively brought into play, being combined in a huge wishbone which was suspended from the ceiling.

Despite the severe storm which prevailed there were a large number of guests present, and many new and pretty gowns graced the occasion, of which he following were noted particularly:

Mrs. W. F. Harrison wore a handsome gown of black satin heavily trimmed with lace and jet. Mrs. George West Jones, rich black silk gown, had a spaced trimming effectively arranged. A lovely and becoming pink silk with black trimming enhanced Mrs. Charlie Harrison's always lovely appearance. Mrs. Stuart Skinner also wore pink silk prettily arranged with black lace.



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Mrs. E. T. Stardee wore black silk lace and jet. Miss Carrie Tibbitts wore a lovely white silk that elicited many admiring comments.

Miss Nellie Thorne looked very dainty in blue and white organdie trimmed with blue ribbons; corsage bouquet of pink roses.

Miss Bertie Armstrong pale blue muslin. Miss Bessie Armstrong, white muslin, lace and ribbon, corsage bouquet of pink carnations.

Miss Warner, blue and white silk prettily trimmed with chiffon.

Miss Sutherland, white muslin and lace, pink carnations.

Miss C. Smith, white brocade satin, lace and pink flowers.

Miss Troop, wore white silk with black net overdress.

Miss Kimball, pretty pink organdie and white silk, white lace trimmings.

Miss Belyea, heliotrope muslin, lace and flowers.

Miss Frances Stead, nice green silk with white tulle overdress.

Miss Nan McDonald, pale blue organdie trimmed with white.

Miss Gillis, white silk heavily trimmed with lace.

Miss Viola Gillis, pink muslin and white lace.

Miss Adams, looked very pretty in white muslin with pearl trimmings.

Miss Lou Robertson wore a pretty blue muslin.

Misses Titus, were both in white muslin, with pretty lace and satin trimmings.

Miss Cruikshanks, white muslin dress prettily arranged with pink satin of a delicate and most becoming shade.

Miss Macaulay, wore pink silk with white organdie overdress.

Miss Allan, white muslin and lace.

Miss Etta Fenjoy, heliotrope muslin, the bodice of which was trimmed with ribbon.

Miss Lawton, wore an effective and becoming yellow cashmere gown trimmed with black lace and black velvet.

Miss Girvan, pale blue cashmere and black velvet.

Miss Gladys Campbell, was charming and pretty in white muslin and lace.

Miss Lou McAvity wore pink silk with chiffon trimmings.

The Misses Barnaby were in pretty pink and white muslin gowns trimmed with blue and carried flowers.

Miss Smith, black net over pink silk, pink trimmings.

Miss E. Hegan, white silk combined with crimson velvet.

Miss May Fanjoy, white muslin and pink.

Miss Payne, white organdie, lace and ribbon trimmings.

Miss Vail, white silk, black trimmings.

Miss Alice Lockhart, white muslin, lace and ribbons.

Miss Roberts, Liverpool, Eng., white satin elaborately trimmed with chiffon and white satin.

Miss Schofield, black silk and crimson velvet.

Miss Bridges, pale blue muslin, black velvet and chiffon trimmings.

Miss Nellie McAvity, white and heliotrope muslin.

Miss Amy Smith, white organdie over pale blue silk beautifully trimmed with black velvet.

Miss Kathleen Robertson, white muslin, lace and ribbon trimmings.

Miss Marion Inches, pink silk and white lace.

Miss Hazel Ratione, heliotrope muslin, purple ribbons and corsage bouquet of purple flowers.

Miss Matthews looked exceedingly pretty and graceful in a blue silk with overdress of white mousseline de soie.

Miss Thompson wore a dainty white muslin trimmed with pink silk.

Miss Mabel Schofield, white muslin, erise and white trimmings.

Miss Hall had on a pretty hellelope gown which was most becoming.

Miss Gladys McLaughlin, looked very pretty in a lovely pale blue silk gown with bouquet of carnations.

Miss Dick, white organdie pale blue trimmings.

Miss Grace Fairweather, blue silk draped with white muslin, and white ribbon trimmings.

Miss Parker pretty white dress with pink carnations adorning the bodice.

De. H. D. Friez is the recipient of many happy congratulations this week, the occasion being the arrival of a son on New Year's eve.

News of the death of Mrs. R. J. Leck at Neweastle-on-Tyne on Sunday morning was received by cable the same day by her daughter Mrs. A. E. Frieze. Mrs. Leck resided here for many years with her father Mr. John Byers but with the latter and her daughters went to England in 1867. No particulars have been received by Mrs. Frieze. Mrs. Leck leaves a grown up family of three sons and three daughters who have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

Miss E. Payne of Duke street is entertaining Miss Ethel Waterbury of Calais this week.

Mrs. P. W. Borden of Canaan, N. S., and her son Major H. L. Borden spent part of this week in the city.

Mrs. R. L. Douglas and Mrs. L. A. Gates of Sackville were among the week's visitors to the city.

Among the Canadians registered at the High Commissioner's office in London during December were Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Robertson and Miss Robertson of this city, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Tyrrel of Ottawa. Mrs. Tyrrel is a daughter of the late Rev. G. M. W. Carey for many years pastor of Brussels street church.

Mrs. (Capt.) Potter received her wedding calls on Thursday and Friday of this week at her home on St. James street.

The particularly severe storm of Monday night did not prevent the Monday evening Skating club from holding its first meeting at the Queens rink, nor did it interfere in any way with the enjoyment of the rink. About one hundred skaters were on the ice and many spectators watched their graceful work from the promenade. The music by the Athletic band which besides the ten regular numbers included a set of lancers, which was very successfully skated through by those who took part. A little after nine o'clock the tea room was opened and made a cosy little retreat for many at intervals during the evening. Mrs. E. T. Stardee, Mrs. W. W. White, Mrs. P. Thomson and Mrs. Rankine, presided and they and their assistants were kept busy until eleven o'clock dispensing fragrant hot coffee. The first meeting of the club was decidedly successful and pleasant and the members are anticipating a most enjoyable season. They met on Wednesday morning to practice the figures of the lancers and one or two other little things in which they find themselves a trifle lacking.

Quite in the nature of a social function was the annual treat and Christmas tree at the Reform school on Tuesday evening. A large number of guests were conveyed out in two large sleighs; the short drive to the school was thoroughly enjoyed, as the night was delightfully fine and mild and the party beguiled the time in merry chat and social intercourse. The school building was en fete for the occasion and the decorations were exceedingly pretty and tasteful. Lady Tilley, who has a deep interest in the institution, received the guests in her charmingly graceful manner, and was assisted by Mrs. R. C. Skinner both of whom, assisted by a bevy of young ladies had been hard at work all day decorating a large Christmas tree for the pleasure of the boys of the school.

Later in the evening the tree was divested of its generous supply of gifts and the boys were made happy in the possession of presents that delight boyish hearts, the useful being happily combined with those that will assist in the amusement of the boys during the winter evenings.

It was quite half past ten o'clock before the speech making was concluded and then refreshments were served. The return drive was exceedingly pleasant and the city was reached about midnight. Among the guests were:

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| Mrs. R. C. Skinner, | Lady Tilley. |
| Judge Ritchie, | Mrs. Ritchie. |
| Rev. J. deSoyres, | Mrs. deSoyres. |
| Mayor Sears, | Mrs. Sears. |
| Miss Sears, | Mrs. E. L. Breese. |
| Dr. Skinner, | Mrs. Skinner. |
| Miss Furlong, | Misses Skinner. |
| Dr. W. W. White, | Mrs. White. |
| Miss Troop, | Miss Burpee. |
| Count deBurr, | Miss deBurr. |
| Mr. A. Macaulay, | Mrs. Macaulay. |
| Miss Macaulay, | Misses Reynolds. |
| Mr. W. H. Millican, | Mr. Peter Clinch. |
| Miss Millican, | Misses McGaffigan. |
| Dr. W. S. Morrisson, | Miss Morrisson. |
| S. D. Scott, | Mrs. Scott. |
| Misses Sidney Smith, | Mrs. H. H. McLeah. |
| Mr. J. V. Ellis, | Mrs. Ellis. |
| Mr. Knodell, | Mrs. Knodell. |
| Miss Millet, | Miss Lynch. |
| Mr. Roy Skinner, | Mr. Irvine. |
| Mr. H. Duns, | S. Fairweather. |
| Mrs. J. Dever, | Mr. Peter Gordon. |
| L. P. D. Tilley, | H. C. Tilley. |
| Mr. John Bullock, | Mrs. Bullock. |

Miss Dunn and many others. Miss Cummings of Calais arrived last Wednesday on a visit to her sister, Mrs. P. Brennan Winter street.

Mrs. C. A. Murray received her friends on Thursday and Friday of this week at her home on Paradise row.

Mr. Simeon Jones who spent Christmas and New Years with his family here returned to New York this week.

Mrs. John Thomson was a hostess of Thursday afternoon at a large tea. The rooms were beautifully decorated with smilax and potted plants, and the tables looked exceedingly tasteful and pretty in green and white. Miss Muriel received the guests with her mother. Mrs. Geo. F. Smith and Mrs. Robt. Thomson poured tea and coffee, and among those who otherwise assisted were Mrs. H. Paddington, Mrs. J. Harding, the Misses Smith, Misses Barnaby, Miss Lou McMillan, Miss Tucker. In the evening a delightful whist party was given for the friends of Miss Muriel Thomson.

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Jan. 4—Miss Clara Leighton is visiting friends at St. Stephen.

Miss Allen, St. John, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Connell last week.

Fred Munro, Halifax, spent his Xmas here, with his parents.

Dr. Stanley Neales, spent Christmas with his parents here.

M. S. Sutton, Anover, spent Christmas with his parents here.

Rev. Miles Trafton, St. John, spent Christmas with friends in Woodstock.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Snow are spending the holidays with friends in St. Andrews.

Miss Ethel Bird is home from the Ladies College, Sackville, for the Xmas vacation.

Miss Lou Smith is home from Newport hospital, Newport R. I. for the Christmas holidays.

H. A. Bailey, of the People's bank, Halifax, is the guest of his mother, Mrs. R. M. Bailey.

Ven. Archbishop Neale left on Tuesday for Newport, R. I. to visit his daughter, Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. Arthur Bailey left on Wednesday for Fredericton. Before returning she will visit Boston.

Master Helms Lindsey is home from the educational institution for the blind, Halifax, to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead Ebbet, Middle Simonds, spent Tuesday of this week in town, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Chas. Whemman.

Mrs. Williamson Fisher has returned from Montreal, she was accompanied on her return by Mrs. (Dr.) Kilburn, who has been undergoing medical treatment.

Miss Louise McCormac left on Saturday for a protracted visit to Portland, Me., and Boston, Mass. She is forced to take treatment for a throat affection.

Miss Sarah McKeen Williams, teacher of piano, and Miss Edna Van Vleet Migley, vocal teacher of Mt. Allison Lady's college, Sackville, are at Cousin Bennison's.

The First of January.

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