



The Albani concert at the Opera House on Friday evening last is still the topic of conversation. The popularity of Madame Albani and her claim to the affections of the people of St. John was evinced on that evening, when at her every appearance she was greeted with a tremendous cheer of enthusiasm and applause. Her beautiful voice seemed to fill every nook and crevice of the building and the audience listened in spell bound admiration. During the rendering of Angels Ever Bright and Fair and Home Sweet Home perfect silence reigned and it is no exaggeration to say that one could have heard the proverbial pin drop.

Miss Muriel Foster's beautiful contralto voice was also much admired and her every note was loudly applauded. She responded to several encores.

Madame Albani had many callers at her hotel on Saturday. To them she was all graciousness and related many interesting stories of her travels and experiences since her last visit here. The singer and her concert troupe left here on Saturday night's train. They arrived in Montreal on Tuesday evening.

The Montreal Star in its Tuesday issue, gives an account of an interview with Mr St. Louis, Madame Albani's father. The old gentleman came in from Chambly, where he resides, to meet his famous daughter, whom he has not seen for some years. Many facts relative to Madame Albani's early life and musical training were told by the old gentleman in the quaint but musical dialect of the Acadia people.

Dr and Mrs J Reynolds of England are expected to arrive at Quebec early next week. Mrs Reynolds was formerly Miss Florrie King daughter of Judge King who now resides at Ottawa. As Mrs Reynolds intends paying a long visit to her parents she will probably come to St John before returning to England.

Mr and Mrs George West Jones went to New York on Saturday last. From there they will go to England, where they expect to remain for some few months.

A fashionable and pretty wedding in which St John people were deeply interested took place at Chatham on Tuesday evening, when Miss Mary Helen Russell daughter of the late Thomas G Russell and granddaughter of the late Senator Munroe was united in marriage with Mr Thomas P Pugsley, son of Attorney General Pugsley of this city.

The ceremony was performed at St Andrews church, the pastor, the Rev Duncan Henderson officiating. The bride who entered the church leaning on the arm of Premier Tweedie was attired in a beautiful gown of white silk, elaborately trimmed with lace and chiffon. She wore a bridal veil fastened with orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of pink roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Ada Russell wore a pretty dress of mauve and white silk. Mr Alex McMillan of this city ably supported the groom.

After the ceremony the bridal party returned to the residence of the bride's parents, where a reception was held and luncheon served.

Mr and Mrs Pugsley left on the late train for an extended tour through western cities. On their return they will reside in St John.

The bride received many handsome and costly presents. The groom's gift was a gold bracelet set with diamonds and a ring, the setting of which was of diamonds and opals.

Mrs Pugsley has made many friends here during her several visits to our city and will be quite an acquisition to St John's social circles.

The parlor concert held at the residence of Mr and Mrs James H Armstrong, Waterloo street on Monday evening was quite a pleasant little social event. A small admission fee was charged, the proceeds being for the benefit of an aged couple. The programme was excellent and was thoroughly enjoyed. Refreshments were served and the pleasant evening brought to a close by the singing of the national anthem.

Miss Mabel Pugsley has returned to her home in Amherst after making an extended and pleasant visit to friends in the city and vicinity.

Mrs W J Duncan of Restigouche arrived in the city on Tuesday and will remain here for some weeks the guest of friends.

Mr and Mrs P S McNutt left this week for New York and Atlantic City, where they will remain for some weeks.

Miss M L Connell of Chatham is in the city for a few days as a guest at the Royal.

Miss Annie Lugin who has been very ill for some time, left this week for Boston, where she will undergo special medical treatment. She was accom-

panied by Miss Constance Vail, who will remain with her while at the Hub.

The many friends of Mrs Thos L Lunney are grieved to hear of her continued serious illness, at present her condition is considered quite serious.

Miss Theodora Morse of Amherst who has been here for some weeks as the guest of the Misses Munro, returned last week to her home. Miss Morse made many friends during her stay in the city and should she return will be sure of a warm welcome.

Mr and Mrs S Hayward of this city were among a party of tourists who sailed from New York last week. The steamer goes direct to France and after spending sometime there the travellers will cruise along the Mediterranean. They will also visit Italy and return by way of England. Mr Ryan, brother of Mrs Hayward was also one of the party.

Miss Lou McAvity gave a thimble party for the entertainment of a few of her lady friends on Wednesday afternoon. A dainty collation was served and the time passed in a most pleasant manner.

The Monday evening skating club met this week for the last time this season. The prizes for the recent waltzing competition which were won by Miss Daisy Fairweather and Mr. H. E. C. Surdee, Miss Mabel Thomson and Mr. H. F. Puddington, were presented by Mrs. J. H. Thomson. Many of the skaters express regret that the season is over and are enthusiastic over the club.

Tea, coffee and refreshments were served on Monday evening, the tea room being presided over by Mrs. J. H. Thomson and Mrs. Harry Puddington.

Mrs H H McLean entertained a number of her friends at a dinner party on Tuesday evening. Mrs McLean is an ideal hostess and her guests are always sure of enjoying everything provided for their entertainment. The party of Tuesday is said to have passed off most pleasantly.

Just now the coming of Dr Drummond, the talented and learned lecturer of Montreal is a much talked of event in literary circles. He is expected here sometime during the latter part of March and during his stay will lecture, on one or two evenings at the Mechanics Institute.

The ladies of the Red Cross Society and Soldiers Wives League made and distributed among the boys who left here on Monday evening to join the Baden-Powell constabulary, over one hundred housewives. These will do doubt prove very useful to the young Canadians as they contain thread, needles, buttons and such small but very important trifles which are not likely to be found on the African veldt.

The ladies of the different societies with which the late Miss Francis Murray was connected are contemplating some methods of perpetuating the memory of one so deeply and energetically interested in all things relative to the good of humanity. Just what form the memorial will take has not, as yet, been fully decided.

A concert of a most interesting nature will be given in St Andrews church on next Tuesday evening. The affair promises to be most enjoyable, and as the names on the programme include some of our best local talent, the concert will no doubt be profitable as well as pleasant. One interesting feature of the evening will be the grandfather's album.

Mrs J. De Wolfe Spurr is entertaining Miss Jessie Fleming of Chatham.

Mrs. J. A. Gregory has returned from a trip to Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fraser intend moving to Sydney, C. B., where Mr. Fraser has accepted a lucrative position.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baird arrived this week from Boston where they have been spending a short vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Stetson have returned from a pleasant trip to New York and Boston.

The first rehearsal of Rossini's Stabat Mater was held in the church of England institute rooms on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Mr Collinson will direct the rehearsals of both the choruses and the principal parts. The solos will be sung by Miss Frances Travers, Miss Grace Manning, Mr Robert Seeley and Mr J A Kelly.

Miss Nan McDonald left for New York on Monday afternoon. She will study nursing at St Luke's hospital training school. A number of her friends were at the depot to bid her farewell and wish her success with her studies.

Mr Lance Campbell left on the same day for Putnam, Conn., where he has received a good position and intends locating.

Miss Ida Berryman who has been visiting friends here for some weeks, has returned to her home in St. Stephen.

Miss Maud Curran of this city is visiting friends in Bridgetown, N. S.

Miss Margaret Black left this week for Boston and New York, where she will visit friends.

Dr. and Mrs. Pugsley and sons Willie and Jack Mrs. D. Pugsley and Mr. W. C. Whittaker were in Chatham this week attending the marriage of Mr. Thomas P. Pugsley.

The death of Miss Aggie Mullin which occurred on Monday at the home of her parents on the Old Westmorland Road, a short distance from the city has occasioned much sorrow among those who knew and appreciated her gentle disposition and winning manner. Miss Mullin was a graduate of

the Victoria school and had many young friends in the city.

The ladies Association of the Natural History Society had a very interesting meeting on Thursday afternoon. Mr G U Hay was present and gave an address of some length. His subject was Nature of Literature. The connection which Canadian literature, especially in the earlier stages had with the scenery of the country was ably and clearly demonstrated by the scholarly gentleman.

Miss Maud Cline is visiting her parents, Pilot and Mrs. Cline, St. James street. Miss Cline has been studying at the General Hospital at Fall River, Mass., and has been most successful with her examinations. She received her diploma last week.

Rev. Thomas F. McGoldrick of Dorchester, Mass who was here to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. P. McGoldrick, is quite seriously ill with an attack of a gripe. Father McGoldrick is a brother of Warden J. McGoldrick.

The Misses Thompson of Fredericton were among the visitors in the city. This week Miss Thompson has gone to Ottawa to visit her sister, Mrs. A. G. Blair.

R. Clarke Lewin of London, Eng., a son of the late Senator Lewin is at the Royal. Mr. Lewin is being warmly welcomed home by many old friends. Mr. Jas. S. Neill and Mr. H. H. Pitts of Fredericton were in the city this week.

Mrs. H. G. Fenety has gone to Fredericton to visit Mrs. G. E. Fenety at Windsor Hall. Mrs. E. S. Carter who has been visiting Miss Carter at St. Stephen and her mother Mrs. G. E. Fenety of Fredericton has returned home.

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MAR. 14.—What promises to be an excellent entertainment is the concert to be given on Friday evening by the graduating class of the Calais Hill School.

Mr and Mrs Arthur Dixon have returned from Hampton, where they have been residing for some time.

Miss Sadie Ryan is contemplating a trip to Boston in the near future.

Friends of Mrs John F Grant are grieved to hear of her serious illness.

Mrs Spence returned from a visit to her son, Harry who is studying at Rethesay.

Miss Hazen Grimmer is visiting St John and St Andrews.

Mrs Ruddick has been quite ill with grip during the past week, but is now recovering.

The St. Croix whist club is to be entertained at the Windsor hotel this evening by the gentlemen of the club.

Dr and Mrs Franklin Eaton and Miss Irene Eaton have gone to Providence, Rhode Island, where they will visit for several weeks.

Mrs W Millidge attended the Albani concert at St. John last week.

Mrs Wilfred L Eaton and Mrs Frank P Woods have returned from Boston.

Mr and Mrs I R Todd are visiting in Boston and vicinity.

Mr and Mrs George Downes are guests at the St Croix Exchange.

Mrs George Sands went to Moncton this week.

Miss Ida Berryman has returned from an extended visit with relatives in St John.

Mrs Russell of Eastport is the guest of Mrs Corey in Calais.

W C H Grimmer was suddenly called to St Andrews last week on account of the illness of his mother, Mrs G S Grimmer.

Miss Bessie Porter has returned from a visit to St John.

Mrs Alanson Eard has returned to her home in Boston.

Charles B Lowell is the guest of Mr and Mrs Elwell Lowell.

**ST. ANDREWS.**

MAR. 13.—Mrs Wm Cummings of Cummings Cove came to St Andrews this week for medical treatment. Her daughter, Miss Agnes Cummings, is with her.

Mrs G Lamb who was prostrated with a gripe is now reported improving.

Mrs G S Grimmer's condition has improved.

Mrs James Stoop has developed pneumonia and her friends are very anxious concerning her.

Mrs B F Estes has gone to Sydney to join her husband.

**The Iceberg.**

The Aurora decks my brow with flame,  
How red my crystals burn;  
Out of the eternal ice I came,  
And to the deep return.

Borne to the herald winds I go;  
The trumpets of the dead I blow;  
And round my heart I wear the mantle of the snow.

Yet by the Polar moonbeams kissed,  
A stately robe is mine;  
The silken raiment of the mist  
Enshrouds me for a sign.

I am the eldest child of death,  
As that pale venture witnesseth;  
The unresisting wave grows still before my frozen breath.

And landsmen, far on Norway's coast,  
Have seen my pinions white,  
And wondering asked what strange sea ghost,  
Went by them in the night.

As down those racing slides I fled,  
A specter from a world more dread,  
Darkening a thousand stars with my tremendous head.

Sometimes 'to my forlorn domain  
There comes a lonely sail;  
The rangers of the untraveled main  
Who follow the great whale.

When the gray fog lies dark and cold,  
Along a lumbering ocean rolled,  
Into its shades they steer, with jocund heart and bold.

Till breaking through that fatal veil,  
Athwart their bows I loom;  
And the leaves their drooping sail  
Before the impending doom.

Even as those pale mist reveal  
The foe their wavering folds conceal,  
My ponderous bulk descends upon their shattered keel.

With crash of many a rending beam  
And shriek of drowning men,  
As the green billow's stifling stream  
Floods the forecastle's pen;

While I, of ignorant soul and blind,  
Mute slave of a diviner mind,  
Leave my yet grasping prey, nor cast one glance behind.

Still southward, ever southward pressed,  
By hurrying currents driven;  
Till on serene seas I rest,  
Beneath a bluer heaven.

And as some guilty spirit dies  
Before our Lord's accusing eyes,  
Into the wave I sink, watched by those cloudless skies.

Edward Sydney Tyler.

'For, look you, my friend Van Tank  
has a treasure of a wife! Sayest thou so?'  
'In truth, he has! For, when he goeth  
out with a friend and getteth a jag, she  
blameth it all on the friend!'

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