



The pretty comic opera *Nell Gwynne* under the management of the Neptune Rowing Club will be the attraction at the opera house on next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Rehearsals of the principal parts and of the choruses have been conducted by Prof. Ford. A full dress rehearsal was held on Thursday evening at which everything passed off smoothly. Indications are that the Neptune Club will be as successful with their production as were the R. B. Y. club with their *Zephra*.

The story of the beautiful and romantic *Nell Gwynne* as told in song is indeed most interesting.

Act I. discloses an old royalist noble, dying, bequeaths to Charles II., the guardianship of his only child, *Clare*. Her royal tutor, bored by the trust and wishing to marry her off, proposes her hand to Rochester, who has never seen the country heiress, and who rejects the match. For this he is banished the court. On her side, *Clare* secretly loves her cousin *Talbot*; but the king, chafed by the favorite's refusal, will hear of no other match. In this dilemma *Clare* appeals to her foster-sister, *Nell Gwynne*, now beginning her successful career at the King's Theatre, and in high favor with *Charles*. *Nell* has also a slight to avenge. *Buckingham* has written a court masque, in which the king wishes *Nell* to play the leading character; but the noble author is pledged to little *Moll Davies*, *Nell's* rival, and declines to alter his caste. He is also banished the court for his contumacy; and *Charles* impetunated by his daughter *Miss Lillian Markham*, left this week for New York. *Miss Markham* will remain for some weeks with friends.

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An event which will attract much attention is the skating competition among the members of the Monday Evening Skating Club, which takes place at the next meeting. Judges have been appointed and suitable prizes will be awarded.

The annual meeting of the Women's Council was held yesterday afternoon. In the evening there was a public meeting in the Orange Hall. Sanitation was the subject of discussion. An able paper was prepared by *Dr Wm Bayard*, *Dr Mary McLeod* and *Dr Clara Olding* also took part in the discussion.

On Tuesday evening a number of ladies and gentlemen drove out from the city to the home of *Mr and Mrs Frank Radforty*, at *Brookville*, where a pleasant surprise party was held. The young people took complete charge of the house and soon cleared the large rooms for dancing, which amusement was the principal feature of the evening. A beautiful supper was served at midnight and the return to the city was made at an early hour in the morning.

The marriage will take place at the Cathedral on Tuesday February 19th of *Miss Gertrude Dever*, daughter of *Senator Dever* and *Capt J Leslie*, who has recently returned from *South Africa*. *Miss Dever* is one of our leading society ladies and her coming marriage is causing much interest in social circles.

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Memorial services were held in several of the churches on Sunday evening, *St George's* and *Grace Methodist* church being appropriately draped. The rector of the *St George's* preached an interesting sermon from the text 'David having served his generation in the wisdom of God, fell in sleep.' 'On the Resurrection Morning', was one of the hymns and the congregation stood while 'The Dead March in Saul' was played. There was an elaborate service in the Methodist church. The 'Recessional' and 'Crossing the Bar' were sung, the latter as a solo, very sweetly, by *Miss Florence Corbett*.

The Hon J W Longley's lecture on 'The Three Parliaments' gave much pleasure to a fairly large audience in *St George's* hall on Friday evening. This is the first lecture of the school course and the proceeds go to the school library fund.

The Waragraph at the Opera house on Thursday and Friday evenings drew good audiences.

Capt Nordly and *Mr A W Copp* have both been for some time under the doctor's care.

Mrs A W Weld gave a party on Wednesday evening and *Mrs H McKenna* on Saturday evening. *Mrs B L Tacket* was one of the hostesses of the previous week.

Mr and Mrs N Killam are guests of *Mr Killam's* sister *Mrs Price*.

Miss Agnes McCabe has taken *Mr C H B Hill* coats place as organist of *St George's* church. *Mr Hillcoat* having resigned the position and returned home to *Amherst*.

Mr and Miss Thompson of *Oxford* also *Mr T Thompson* lately returned from *South Africa*, are guests of *Dr and Mrs Smith* at hotel *Evangeline*. *Mrs Smith's* invitations were out for quite a large dance for last evening, but she was unfortunately seized with an attack of influenza, in consequence of which the invitations had to be cancelled.

Mr and Mrs Newton Pansley are in *St John* this week.

Feb. 7.—*Miss Kate Currie*, one of our popular school teachers, has been called home to *Fredericton* owing to the illness of her parents. *Mrs Sproul* is in the meantime taking up the school work for *Miss Currie*.

Mr Frank Allard of *Carleton*, was in town this week.

Miss Aggie Patterson left Saturday morning to spend a few weeks' vacation, visiting in *Moncton* and parts through *Kings county*.

Miss Cressdale of *Moncton*, has been visiting *Miss Ruth Chandler*.

Miss Nash is visiting at *Mrs Reynolds*. *Mr John Estabrore* was very sick with la grippe last week, but is improving.

Mrs D L Geitchell arrived on the express on Saturday. *Mr Geitchell* has been back from *Port Fairfield* for some time.

Rev. J. Spencer is ill with la grippe. *Mr E W Chandler* of the Telephone is having his turn of la grippe but is on the mend.

Dr and Mrs Crockett of *Dalhousie*, entertained a number of their *Campbellton* friends on Tuesday evening, a very pleasant time being spent.

ST. GEORGE.
Feb. 6th 1901.—The funeral of the late *Mr Wellington Douglas* took place from his home on Sunday afternoon and was very largely attended. The services at the house were conducted by *Rev. H. A. Savers* and at the grave by the *Foresters*.

Miss Dick accompanies her grand-parents, *Senator and Mrs. Gilmor* to *Ottawa* this winter.

Mr A. Meating has returned from a trip to *New York* and *Boston*.

Memorial services for *Queen Victoria* were held in the Roman Catholic and Episcopal churches on Saturday and in the Baptist church on Sunday.

Miss Fannie Smith has returned from a lengthy visit in *Digby*.

Mrs William Mersereau of *Eastport* has been visiting her parents for a few days.

The mails are still very irregular it is hoped there be an improvement before long.

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A Chinaman's Good Sermon.
The Chinese character is full of intellectual surprises. A convert to Christianity was called upon to give an illustration of the sacred Scripture, 'Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.'

'You say that it is hard to worship a God who cannot be seen' said he, 'and that you have no inward evidence of His actuality. A mirror from which all the quicksilver had dropped away might as well complain that it could find no trace of the objects placed before it. Clean thoughts, clean affections, clean desires have the same function in human nature as the quicksilver on the back of the mirror. When the heart is filled once more with holy thoughts, the perfect image of God will again be seen there.'

Perplexingly Funny.
One of those persons who are said to 'hear with their elbows' recently went to a country entertainment which had been announced by the poetic effusion:
'From half past eight to half past ten
You'll laugh and laugh and laugh again.'
This announcement was exceedingly pleasing to the visitor, who went home, and burst in on the family with the words: 'And what do you think they had on the program? 'From eight-thirty to ten-thirty you'll laugh and laugh'—no, that wasn't it. Why, it was so funny! What could it have been? Well, anyway, it was something like that, and we did laugh!'

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