



We are right in the midst of the Christmas holidays and the winter social season is in full swing.

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However interesting such subject may be to talk about the society reprier must return to modern, everyday affairs and talk of the things that are, not of those that were, and the way in which social life is changing just now.

An ideal home for a large dance is Pembroke House the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. Herbert Ruel. The spacious parlour, large roomy hall with their handsome furniture and unexpected cosy nooks, and the various other rooms which can be utilized upon such an occasion make it quite the best home in the city for a dance like the one given by Mr. and Mrs. Ruel on Thursday of this week.

It was a real Christmas party and the elaborate decorations were in keeping with the season. The drawing room mantles, the pictures, and statuary, chandeliers, the halls and staircases, were draped in greens and holly. Quantities of mistletoe were brought into requisition, and disposed around cosy corners, sitting out rooms; in fact peeped out from the most unexpected places, so that there was really no excuse for the young man who did not take advantage of the privilege which the mistletoe brings with it. It however afforded a great deal of amusement to the young folk and kept every one merry.

Dancing took place in the drawing room, the glass like floor, and the excellent music of Harrison's orchestra stationed in one of the bay windows with a back ground of green and gold, and the tripping of the fantastic polka, the plaudits, the Indian and Turkish music, with its soft divans piled high with cushions, its comfortable easy chairs, softly shaded lights dainty bric-a-brac, and graceful palms, was a dream of comfort and good taste. It was utilized as a sitting out room and was a great attraction to the guests, and indeed was a powerful rival of the ball room downstairs. There was no dearth of sitting out nooks for two other rooms were also used and those who have been entertained at Mrs. Ruel's lovely home know just how charming a spot the "Gibson" room is, and intensely interesting too, papered entirely as it is with pictures from Gibson's drawings. The upper hall was beautifully decorated with Christmas greens and holly and draped with the yucca club flags and pennants.

Supper was served in the dining room and kitchen, this last important apartment being fairly transformed, with its gay decorations and pretty furnishings. The table was tastefully arranged with graceful bunches of holly and at the corners were large bows of scarlet ribbon. Wax candles were used wholly in lighting the dining room and all the lights through the house had crimson shades.

Though Mrs. Ruel has entertained quite extensively since she came a bride to St. John, it was her first large dance, and the success which attended it must be very gratifying to the lady herself, and pleasing as well to her numerous friends.

Mrs. Ruel's gown was of rich white satin and chiffon, with elbow sleeves and white fichu. It was copied from an old picture and was exceedingly quaint and lovely. As a hostess she excelled in graciousness and charm of manner, with an unusual amount of tact, and thoughtfulness. No attention however small was neglected, and this combined with the exceptional facilities which her home affords made the dance a great success. The affair closed with Sir Roger De Coverley, just previous to which the guests donned the fantastic caps which came in the Christmas crackers pressed to them. At the close of this number a loving cup gallily bedecked with holly and scarlet ribbons was passed around and the guests sang *God Save the Queen*. Following is the order of dances and list of guests. The programmes were pretty little affairs in white and scarlet on the back of which was a spray of mistletoe and a verse from "The Mistletoe Bough". The front cover had the family crest and the date of the dance.

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| 1. Waltz. | 7. Waltz. |
| 2. Waltz. | 8. Waltz. |
| 3. Lancers. | 9. Two Step. |
| 4. Two Step. | 10. Waltz. |
| 5. Waltz. | 11. Mistletoe. |
| 6. Polka. | 12. Waltz. |

LADIES SUPPER EXTRA.
SUPPER EXTRA: 1. Waltz, 2. Two Step, 3. Waltz, 13. Polka, 14. Waltz 15. Two Step.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon Blair,
Mr. R. M. Braggs,
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Coster,
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell,
Mr. and Mrs. J. Chipman,
Mr. Walter Clarke,
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Fairweather,
Mr. W. E. Foster,
Miss M. Harrison,
Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Jones,
Mr. and Mrs. G. West Jones,
Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Puddington,
Mr. and Mrs. M. S. L. Richey,
Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Sayre,
Mr. and Mrs. S. A. M. Skinner,
Mr. and Mrs. James J. Auld,
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jack.

Mr. A. W. Adams, Miss Adams,
Mr. Bev. Armstrong, Mr. Albright,
Miss Oella Armstrong, Miss Allison,
Mr. A. Geo. Blair, Mr. C. E. Burpee,
Miss Burpee, Miss Louise Burpee,
Mr. Peter Clinch, Mr. C. V. DeBury,
Mr. C. DeBury, Misses Domville,
Misses DeBury, Miss Devere,
Mr. H. H. Fairweather, Mr. S. Fairweather,
Mr. Percy Fairweather, Mr. C. D. Freeman,
Mr. and Mrs. W. Green, Mr. H. B. Godard,
Mr. W. F. T. Harrison, Mr. A. B. Harrison,
Mr. J. T. Hart, Mr. F. H. Hart,
Mr. J. G. Harrison, Mr. H. H. Harward,
Misses Holden, Misses Hamilton,
Mr. R. F. Jones, Mr. F. Caverhill Jones,
Mr. Simpson A. Jones, Miss Jack,
Miss Allison Jones, Mrs. J. G. Keator,
Mrs. F. Keator, Miss Keator,
Mr. J. L. Lewis, Mrs. D. B. Lawson,
Mr. A. McMillan, Mr. H. McLeod,
Mr. A. McLeod, Misses McLeod,
Miss Ostrum, Miss Nicholson,
Miss Puddington, Mr. A. R. Page,
Mr. Hal Robinson, Mr. E. R. Ritchie,
Mr. Guy Robinson, Mr. B. B. Robinson,
Mr. John L. Robinson, Mr. J. M. Robinson, Jr.,
Miss Robinson, Dr. Stewart Skinner,
Miss Randolph, Mr. Spencey,
Mr. G. B. Shannon, Mrs. Sessions,
Mr. E. D. N. Seay, Misses Skinner,
Miss Mand Skinner, Misses Skinner,
Miss Louise Skinner, Mr. Perry Thomson,
Mr. C. M. L. Troop, Mr. H. Thornell,
Mr. W. H. Thorne, Misses Thomson,
Mr. F. Tippet, Mr. Haber Vroom,
Miss Tuck, Mr. T. Dyeon Walker,
Mr. John Wright, Misses Walker,
Mr. John Warner, Miss Vroom,
Misses Warner, Dr. and Mrs. Walter W. White.

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This afternoon Mrs. Ruel entertained about 125 of her lady friends at a five o'clock tea.

The young people ball was an event of Friday evening but too late for an account in this issue of Progress.

Mrs. B. S. Carter and children went to Fredericton Tuesday to spend a few days with her parents at "Linden Hall."

Mrs. C. W. Weston who has confined to the house for some time through severe illness is convalescent.

Mrs. J. W. Quillip spent a part of the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Alison at Robeson.

Mr. Duncan Arnold who is studying at McGill college Montreal, is home for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Fowler is visiting her sister at the Victoria hospital, Fredericton, this week.

Mr. N. H. Athos, organist of St. Luke's church Halifax spent part of this week in St. John. This city has a wonderfully powerful and pretty attraction for Mr. Athos now, in the person of Miss Elia.

Mr. Athos has been here since. The engagement is quite a recent event, and numerous good wishes are being showered upon the newly engaged pair, who have been of friends here.

Mr. George Banks, Jr., came from Boston to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. George Banks of Spring street.

Dr. Quillip spent a short time in Newcastle lately with his sisters the Misses Quillip.

Mr. and Mrs. John Short went to Richibucto this week to play a visit to their son Mr. W. W. Short.

One of the interesting events of this week was the marriage of Mr. J. McMurray Reid and Jessie Reid, daughter of Mr. James Reid, who took place in St. David's church on Wednesday morning. Rev. Dr. Bruce performed the ceremony, and a full choir sang hymns appropriate to the occasion. The church was beautifully decorated with potted plants and cut flowers, and as the wedding pair left the church Miss Godard played the wedding march. The bride who was unattended, wore a handsome dark blue tailor gown, with a most becoming hat to match her costume. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Reid left for New York and other American cities. An unusually large number of elegant gifts testified to the popularity of the contract parties.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Borden of Halifax spent a little while in the city this week.

Word comes from Wickham of the supposed drowning of Miss Spill Jones, well known in this city. On Tuesday Miss Jones started to skate across the river from the vicinity of Case's creek to attend a meeting on the opposite side. This is the last that was seen of the young lady, but it is thought that she was drowned in an hole on the river. Miss Jones has several relatives in this city.

Among the happiest of the Christmas celebrations was the one at the Boys Industrial home on Wednesday evening. Though the night was stormy and cold it did not prevent those who are interested in the institution from driving out and gladdening the hearts of the young inmates with real Christmas cheer; though excellent speeches were made by the Mayor, Magistrate Ritchie, Judge Barker, Rev. Mr. Hoyt, L. F. D. Tully and J. E. Irvine, perhaps the boys best enjoyed the numerous good things that were distributed among them. An excellent programme was rendered during the evening and greatly enjoyed by those present among whom were: Judge and Mrs. Barker, Police Magistrate and Mrs. Ritchie, Mrs. G. F. Smith and Miss Smith, Lady Tully, Misses Reynolds, Miss Lynch, David Lynch, Jr., Edward Ritchie, Miss Wilson, Mrs. D. Brown, Wm. Gibson, the Mayor, Mrs. Sears and Daisy Sears, Miss Scamwell, Mrs. B. Macaulay, Mr. and Mrs. John Bullock, and Miss Bullock, Mrs. McKillop, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Mott, E. C. Woods, and Mrs. Woods, J. E. Irvine, Mrs. Irving, and Miss Irvine, Mrs. C. N. Skinner and daughter, Mrs. A. A. Stockton, L. P. D. Tully, H. H. Pickett, James Hannay, and Rev. Mr. Hoyt and Mrs. Hoyt.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Worden gave a charming little musicale in the of the week for the entertainment of Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Boston who spent Christmas at Mr. Worden's home. The evening was delightfully spent by the guests and a recheche little supper was served. The following are a few of those present:

Mr. Page, Mr. A. Lindsay,
Mr. and Mrs. Robson, Mr. and Mrs. Laechler,
Mr. Robert Seely, Miss May Fleming,
Miss Nita Oulton, Miss Macaulay,
Miss Fowler, Miss Gunn,
Mr. Geo. Dole, Mr. G. Warwick,
Miss Edwards, Mr. J. O. Edwards,
Misses Laechler, Mr. F. Burpee,
Mr. F. McNeil, Mr. J. Rennie,
Mr. F. J. Gunn,
Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Boston,
Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Baird,
Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Spencer,
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Young,
Mr. and Mrs. L. White.

Lady Tully and Miss Howland returned from St. Stephen this week, having spent Christmas with the former mother, Madame Chipman.

Mr. W. G. MacFarlane some time has been on the editorial staff of the Daily Record left Thursday to enter Harvard University for a special course of study. On the afternoon of his departure Mr. MacFarlane was presented by members of the editorial staff with a pearl scarf-pin and an address. Mr. MacFarlane has hosts of friends here who will wish him every success in his new work.

The death of Mr. A. L. Goodwin, which occurred on Christmas eve was a sad blow to the family and friends of the deceased gentleman. Though Mr. Goodwin had been in poor health for some time the end was wholly unexpected and coming at a time when the world is gay with Christmas-tide festivities was particularly crushing. Mr. Goodwin leaves a widow, three young sons and three sisters all of whom have the deepest sympathy of those who knew the deceased.

The funeral was held on Monday afternoon at 3 p.m. from his late residence. His remains were followed by a large concourse of people, and interment took place at Fairville.

The baroque full of beautiful floral offerings sent by business men, relatives and friends testified silently, but with much force the esteem in which he was held. A particularly handsome piece in the form of a crown was a crown resting on a vase came from Messrs. Simpson, Anderson & Co., Boston. A large crescent star and bar with words "At Rest" from brother-in-law; beautiful pillow with "Faith" in purple lettering; large anchor (CONTINUED ON EIGHTEEN PAGE.)

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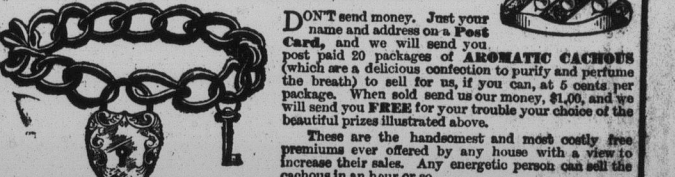
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