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I think I can fairly say that the performance of the Amateurs was a success, that is generally speaking. The first piece was a difficult task, the piece is old fashioned to a degree. Heavy words and slow, the action is strained and also false; it is above all particularly uninteresting to amateurs who are inclined to account for all those faults. I think it was not the fault of the individual players it was not a success. The fault lies thus, an audience well acquainted in daily life, who are relations, friends and otherwise of those on the stage, refuses to soar to heights of sentiment, they will descend to any depths of comedy, but will not second. This is a fact proven again and again in the history of amateurs. Whoever chose the play of "Sheep in Wolf's Clothing," made a great mistake. Such individual worked hard. Mrs. Fred Jones was good. She at first was very nervous, evidently, but improved as she went on, although she did not at any time allow herself to be natural, she was perhaps better in the latter scene than any other time. Capt. Duffus was excellent and showed a better piece of acting than he has yet shown, he was not overdrawn but was perfectly natural. Capt. Vowel was disappointing, his costume lacked completeness, he was stagey and spluttered out his words at a most terrific rate. Mr. Currie was not suited to the part in the faintest degree, he made Kelle an irascible old man instead of what he ought to have been, he did not grasp the character of Kelle in the slightest. Capt. Tarry was perhaps the best of all, of course his part was very small, but he was to my mind more what he was supposed to be, and looked extremely like the portrait of the great Duke of Marlborough. Mrs. Alexander Doull looked exceedingly pretty as the waiting maid.

As regards the second piece, I can say nothing but praise. It lost somewhat in not being let in costume but that was a detail. Perhaps the prettiest piece of acting during the whole evening was the scene between L. Blackader (Kinston), and Miss Rose (Mortimer). It was wonderfully fresh and natural. Mr. Currie was smiling down to the ground and gave some clever bits of acting. Miss Roberts looked exceedingly well, wearing a very handsome dress. Too great praise cannot be given to Capt. Peacock and Mr. Doull as the landlord and servant, the point which I must refer to, is the time of the play was altered from the original, the words ought to have been altered as well.

The furious rain storm of Tuesday darkened the festivities of the week as far as outdoor sports were concerned. On Saturday all the world was out sleighing, on Sunday half the world whose conscience would not say it may and on Monday the Leicestershire regiments gave a drive which was followed by others if the weather had not been unkind.

As it is the very pleasant sleighing party given by Colonel Rolph and the officers of the regiment had no rival. The afternoon was a most successful one, and about thirty sleighs left the barracks square at three o'clock, drove some miles out on the Margate's Bay road, then turned back to town and went round the park, finishing up at Wellington barracks. The weather was cold, if fine, and no one was sorry to be provided with hot tea and mulligatawny in the warm and comfortable mess room. Among the guests at the drive were Sir John and Miss Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Daly, Colonel North, Colonel Hill, the officers, R. A. and R. E., Mrs. J. F. Kenny, Mrs. James Morrow, Mrs. M. R. Morrow, Mrs. Freeman, Mr. Lawson and many other ladies whom it was hard to recognize, so well were their faces muffled up from the cold. I hear the R. A. and the R. E. are thinking of giving a similar drive as soon as Halifax experiences another snow storm.

The children's party given at Bellevue, on Friday, was a great success, the children enjoying themselves apparently quite as well as their elders are wont to do at Bellevue. There were several other parties given during the week, chiefly for children of a larger growth, of whom there is a large contingent home for the holidays and making hay in the way of amusements while the sun shines. Among the parties given for these latter, one of the pleasantest was Mrs. Corbett's tea.

I hear that the sun realized by the Amateur Dramatic Club last week, was a very considerable one, which will be put at the service of the directors of the Academy of Music. The company was not only noteworthy, but very much to be praised.

The great excitement in the musical world proper will be the Orpheus Club's concert, which comes off on Tuesday next. The programme is a very promising one.

If the rumors of the production of "Norma" in the coming spring by the Orpheus Club and the Ladies' Auxiliary have their foundation in fact, we shall have something to look forward to during Lent. Miss Homer will make an admirable Norma, and the chorus will of course be excellent. I have not heard who is to be prime tenor. Mr. Gillis and Mr. MacDonald have both proved their steel in this role. If we are to voice, Mr. MacDonald as stage presence, manner and acting. There is no want of talent in the Orpheus club, and if they decide to produce Norma, they will certainly do it in a manner worth hearing.

Among the engagements which have lately been announced is that of Mr. Arthur Troop, of Dartmouth, and Miss Agnes Burns, second daughter of the Rev. Dr. Burns, for so long in charge of Fort Massey church. Miss Burns' wedding is not to take place for some time.

The marriage of Miss Dora Clarkson and Colonel Hill R. E., will take place on Tuesday, February the fourteenth, (Valentine's day) at St. Luke's Cathedral. I hear that it is possible that the Rev. W. B. King will come from Cambridge to perform the ceremony. The wedding will not be a large one, but is sure to be one of the prettiest and smartest for a long time.

Miss Kenny and Miss K. Kenny left on Monday, for Yarmouth, where they are to be bridesmaids to Miss Baker, whose wedding with the Hon. Walter Stopford takes place this week.

Miss Biney, of Yarmouth, is spending the winter with Mrs. Alexander Doull, and is an acquisition to the link, where her pretty skating is much admired. Very few Halifax girls, by the way, seem to go in for skating just now. The young married women are very much in the ascendant at the private afternoon parties.

The rink party, which the Rev. F. B. Norman-Lee is getting up for Wednesday evening next, is for the benefit of the Garrison chapel, which is in need of funds. Tickets are to be bought from various Hackmore Cures Coughs and Colds.

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ous ladies in the congregation, but I have not heard whether their price of fifty cents includes refreshments or if these are to be extra. At all events there is not likely to be anything else doing, and it is to be hoped Mr. Norman-Lee's will prove a lucrative one.

The calico ball, announced for the twenty-fifth has had its borders very widely enlarged by the committee, so that people owning fancy dresses which are not calico may not be obliged to stay away. Uniforms are admitted, and silks and satins and powdered heads are to be allowed to add to the scene. The tickets too are anything but dear, and a quarter for ladies, fifty cents more for men. The tickets should be well filled at those moderate prices, and people have some over for paying for their tickets, to purchase calling costumes.

The Red Cap Snowshoe club were rather unfortunate last Saturday as they put off the drive they were to have had on that day on account of the bad sleighing, a thing which was no sooner done than there was a heavy fall of snow, but too late for arrangements to be made for so large a party.

The marriage of Mr. Hughes, band master of the Leicestershire regiment, is to take place at St. Mark's church in the last week in January. Mr. Hughes is the only one of the regiment over the rank of sergeant who has entered into the bonds of matrimony during his sojourn here. The last regiment carried off one of the most charming of Halifax girls and this one would also have taken a heavy toll from the ranks of the fancies concerned, as it was in his papers on making a lucky stroke in the way of a gold mine in a trip to Chicago and the west. I hear that it is quite true that Mr. Stockwell has left the regiment, and that he will return to Halifax for an indefinite period.

The "small and early" dance which took place at Government House, on Wednesday evening, was to the elite the event of the week. It was not really very large and was particularly cheery. It is odd by the way how during this month there will be some sort of festival every Wednesday, a dance, a rink party, and a fancy ball in succession.

The skating carnival is fixed for the last week, in January, and it is to be hoped that people will go in for it with some jest and make it less of a dismal failure than last year's. It would be better for every one to go in costumes of red and blue calico, than to feebly go and look on at the few people who have energy to get up costumes for skating.

**MORRIS GRANVILLE.**

**AMHERST.**

[Progress is for sale at Amherst, by George Douglas and H. A. Hillcock.]

JAN. 11.—Hon. D. C. Fraser gave an interesting lecture on Monday evening, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. A. R. Dickey, M. P., introduced the speaker to the large audience.

Among the regretted departures of the week is that of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, who left by Tuesday evening's train en route for California, with the hope that the climate will be beneficial to Mr. Miller whose constitution is unequal to an Amherst winter.

Mrs. Ratchford, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ratchford, for a few weeks, left on Monday for her home in Halifax.

Miss Little Oley, of Oxford, was the guest of Miss Edna Moffat for a few days.

Mr. J. A. Dickey has returned to his business in Cornwall, Ont.

Mr. Maurio McKinnon went to Halifax on Tuesday to resume his studies at Dalhousie college.

Mrs. Thorne, of St. John, is visiting her parents.

### YARMOUTH.

JAN. 11.—The many friends of Mr. Harold Robertson will regret his departure for Guatemala on Wednesday last. He held a responsible position in the Bank of U. S., for several years, and has now accepted a position with M. J. T. Anderson, formerly of Yarmouth.

Mr. Stephen McLoughlin has gone to the Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Miss Jessie Hearts, who has been spending the holiday season with her parents, returned to New York. Miss Hearts has been attending a Musical College for several years, and her course will soon be completed.

Miss Clements has gone to Boston, to be maid of honor at a large wedding to be held there.

Mr. Geo. Cullen, student of Wolfville Academy, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Treby, at Milton.

Mr. Walter Holly has returned to St. John.

Mr. K. Putnam, M. P., for Hants Co., spent a few days in Yarmouth, last week.

The Hon. W. G. Stopford, R. N., arrived in Yarmouth on Saturday. He is a guest of the Queen Hotel. His marriage with Miss Florence Baker, is to take place in Holy Trinity Church.

Miss Baker's friends will deeply regret her departure from Yarmouth.

Mr. Jas. R. Rogers has gone to New York.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Cartwright entertained a number of the young people of the parish, on Thursday evening. The reverend doctor and his wife are famed for their hospitality and art of entertaining.

Mr. Arthur Brown, has returned to Springfield to resume his studies.

On Thursday evening a talk on "What to Be" will be given by the Hon. T. B. Flint to the members and gentlemen friends of the Y. M. C. A. The Ladies' Guild of Trinity parish, will be sociable in their school room on Monday evening.

A very excellent programme was rendered; Mrs. B. B. Flint's solo received a hearty round of applause. The quartet consisted of Mrs. Wm. Dineen, Mrs. W. H. Moody, and a humorous selection. In the absence of one of the performers, Mr. Moody accepted the request for a song. This song, though not strictly in accordance with the rules of harmony, displayed a talent in this gentleman, hitherto unknown to the public.

**NEW GLASGOW.**

[Progress is for sale in New Glasgow by W. H. Torry, A. O. Pritchard and H. H. Henderson.]

JAN. 10.—Mr. F. R. F. Brown, mechanical superintendent of the Intercolonial railway, was in town on Thursday of last week.

Mr. Hugh M. Chisholm, of Antigonish, was in town this week.

Mrs. Lewis Robertson has gone to Boston to spend a fortnight with friends there.

Mr. K. Ferguson, of Sydney, C. B., was in town on Saturday.

Mr. H. H. McCurdy of Antigonish was in town on Monday.

On Monday night there was a pleasant confusion of merry voices, laughter and gleeful bells, on the way to Orion Farm where a large number of young folks were entertained at the residence of Mr. Geo. McDougall. The rooms were brilliantly lighted and were prettily decorated with flowers. The piano and violin was played in the hall and played by Miss Graham and Mr. McDonald, afforded sufficient music for the rooms on both sides of the hall, and dancing was enjoyed by the greater number of the guests. Other amusements were provided upstairs for those who did not dance. Those present were Miss Annie Graham, Miss Jean Fraser, Miss Maggie Thompson, Miss Sutherland of Sackville, Miss Marie Ross, Miss Esther Eastwood, Miss Isola Graham, Misses Gray, Miss Addie Bent, Miss Ella Bowman, Miss Eva Grant, Mrs. W. B. Moore, Mrs. A. C. Thompson, Mrs. Fraser, Miss Jean Patterson, Miss Dancy Bell, Miss Mabel McDonald, the Misses McCannoch, Miss Rachel Eastwood, Miss Anne Fraser, Miss Gertrude McQueen, Miss Sadie Fraser, Miss Isabel May, Miss Anna Stacey, Messrs. Basil and John Bell, Archie Bowman, A. D. Grant, Jack Grant, Clarence Hoyt, Gordon Graham, Moore, Robert, McGregory, Ed. Fraser, Frank McNeill, Clifford McLean, Will Graham, Wall Jackson, George Thompson, Geo. Fraser, J. G. McDougall, J. W. Grant, Adam Bell, G. Chisholm, Hubert McGregory. Luncheon was served at 10.30. The party broke up at twelve.

**PARRBORO.**

[Progress is for sale at Parrboro Bookstore.]

JAN. 11.—The sudden death of Mr. Fred Losby was a shock to the community. Mr. Losby had a host of friends and every sympathy is felt for his sorrowing family. The remains were brought from Springfield on Friday evening and the funeral on Saturday was largely attended. A special train from Springfield brought a large number of friends. The Springfield band played at the service in the church and a funeral march on the way to the grave.

St. Bridget's church was the scene of a wedding this morning when Miss Annie Clancy was united to Mr. Johnstone of St. John. The bride wore a pretty gray travelling dress, and Miss Mary Tucker the bridesmaid, a blue dress. The couple left by the morning train. The large number of wedding presents testified to the esteem in which the bride is held here.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Jenks entertained a large party of young people, Miss Mary Jenks' friends, on Wednesday evening.

Miss Beattie Upham has gone to St. John to spend a few weeks.

A progressive euchre party greatly enjoyed by every one present was given by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Corbett on Wednesday evening.

The young people's quadrille club met at Dr. Townshend's on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith returned to Halifax to attend the business college.

Miss Blanche Wotton returned on Saturday to Mount Allison and Mr. Harry Woodworth went on Monday.

Miss Corbett has been home from the Ladies' college, Halifax, spending the vacation.

Mr. E. Gillespie returned today from St. John. Miss Ginter of Newville is visiting at Mr. Young's, CHOCOLATE.

**DIGBY, N. S.**

[Progress is for sale in Yarmouth at the stores of E. Vickert, Harris & Guest and Dr. Lovitt's Drug Store.]

JAN. 10.—Monday evening the young people of Trinity church gave an entertainment at Academy hall. "Above the Clouds," a very pretty drama was well put on. All took their parts so well that it was hard to particularize, but I think Miss Maud Munsford, by her natural and easy acting, was very pleasing, and possesses good talent for an amateur.

Mr. J. D. Pibbadoe was very good, as were also Mr. Cyril, Merkle, Lloyd Guppli, C. Jamieson. Master Harry Ambrose kept the audience convulsed in laughter, but then Harry was very funny off the stage as well as on. Miss Oliver and Robinson, had difficult parts assigned them which they got through very creditably. It is to be hoped the performance will be repeated at an early date.

Tuesday evening there was a very pleasant dance at Acadia Villa. Mrs. Melkie has a way of making her guests thoroughly enjoy themselves that leaves her no room for improvement. It was a very pleasant evening, and the young people were very much pleased.

When cards of invitations to a dance are issued from "Linden Terrace," the pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Green, everyone is sure of a delightful evening, as was the case on Thursday evening, when a large number of guests assembled, and danced into the "Wee sma hours," of the stormiest morning we have had this winter.

Mr. Harry Viet has returned to McAdam.

Mr. Frank Bacon, has returned also to the same place.

Capt. Oscar Dakin of the Cruiser "Vigilant" is home for the winter.

Mr. Arthur Ellis returned to St. John last week. The evening previous to his departure there was a large gathering of his young friends at his father's residence. Games of all kinds and dancing wildered away a very pleasant evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker have returned to their home in Cambridgeport, Mass.

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