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Clara Donnelly, Eliza Wilkinson and Bessie Jeffery, who recited "The Curfew Bell." Bessie as a tragedienne is possibly not a success, but she stuck bravely to her task, undaunted by the explosions of laughter with which the audience received her sentimental passages. We feared at one time she was going to leave the young man in prison, but she landed him at last at the bell with his head still on his shoulders,



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and doubtless they were happy ever after. The musical part of the programme was adorned with solos by Edith Storr, the prima donna of the evening, Florence Earl, Mary Peterson and Ada Newland, a duet by Gertrude and Beatrice Storr, and a trio by Clara Donnelly, Nellie Hammond and Charlotte King. Full justice was done to Mr. French's ice cream and other dainties, and, altogether, we hope that

our young friends really enjoyed themselves as much as they appeared to do. One very pleasing feature of the entertainment was the presentation to Miss Kennedy of a gold locket from a number of the older girls, and which we hoped she would accept as a little tribute to the affectionate regard in which she is held amongst all our Toronto family.

As last year, the younger girls had a party to themselves on Tuesday, December 30th, and were very much delighted after tea by a visit from Santa Claus, who came to us in the correct costume, though all were too much engrossed with the presents which he brought to remember to go to the door to look for his sleigh. The evening was spent in music and games, and our little visitors went home about nine o'clock in the best of spirits.

In the group accompanying this are Helena Melhuish, who came out in May, 1902, and is a big, strong girl and learns her work well; Emma Dyson, who is a sterling, good girl and very much liked and appreciated in her place; the two sisters Haarle, Laura, who has been four years in Toronto, three years and a half of that time in one situation, and who is a good, faithful little maid, and has learned how to do nearly everything in connection with house-work, and Daisy, who came to the city six months ago, and is doing very well. She is only a little girl, and, so far, her principal duty is to mind the baby. We hope she will do even that thoroughly. Lizzie Drury has been with us nearly a year, and earned a good recommendation already and is a first-class girl. Eliza Wilkinson came out with the last party, and is getting into Canadian ways very quickly and seems immensely happy in her place, where there are just two to care for.

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