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SACKVILLE.

(Progress is for sale in Sackville by W. J. Goodwin.)

April 13.—Thursday last a party was being talked up for an expedition to the woods but it rather fell through. First one obstacle presented itself, and then another till finally the prime mover, Messrs. Fred Dixon and Fred Hart, stood no longer upon the order of their going but just went. Their destination was the sugar camp of Wellington Davis, Leinster, some ten miles the other side of Amherst. They found excellent roads all the way, a warm welcome at the journey's end and sampled maple in all its various stages from fresh sap to hard sugar. No time to rest of the party intend surely to go.

Saturday evening a reception was held at the ladies' college. This is only the second that has been held there and there will not be another gathering of the sort till the "year" is closing. As a number of the students of both sexes were away the drawing rooms were not as full as is usual on these occasions but a pleasant evening was spent with the ever present "topic." The last topic was discussed around small tables in the dining room under the hospitality of Mrs. Borden had provided sandwiches, coffee and cake.

Sunday was a particularly fine day and all the churches had large congregations. The Easter head gear and gala attire generally were much in evidence. The Methodist church was a mass of bloom within the communion rails. The front of the pulpit was covered with white, bearing the inscription "Fear ye not, He is risen" worked in pale blue, on either side were palms and foliage plants, colored flowers and tall Easter lilies in pots. The effect was extremely pleasing. The music which is under the leadership of Prof. Chisholm, was excellent though simple in character. Miss Florence Webb the organist filled her part at both services extremely well. The anthem was "If we believe that Jesus died" by Caleb Simpson. There was a scholarly discourse by Dr. Stewart chaplain of the university. The evening service was under the auspices of the Woman's missionary society. The chief features of the programme were the scripture lesson by Mrs. Borden, a paper on China by Miss Stewart and the Easter address from Mr. Howard the pastor, in which he made grateful reference to woman's leading place in Christianity from the earliest time, "being last at the cross, first at the grave." Beside suitable hymns the choir rendered beautiful "Praise ye the Father" most acceptably. The most noticeable musical feature was the quartette by Messrs. Robson, Duall, Fulton and Crossman. The music was the old familiar "Nearer my God to Thee" arranged in this form by Mr. A. Crossman. It was creditable alike in its setting and rendering. The music altogether considered the best the congregation have enjoyed for some time.

In St. Paul's church there was early communion, the eleven o'clock service being held at St. Ann's Westwood. In the afternoon there was a Christian service in St. Paul's when Mrs. S. Taylor's infant received the name of Edmund Stevens. This young gentleman who is considered the show baby of the place, was as good as gold and as pretty as a picture. In the evening there was a semi-choral service given to a large congregation. The church was handsomely decorated chiefly through the efforts of Miss Robinson. The seat was covered with moss and tastefully arranged blooming plants with a calla lily in the centre. There were Easter lilies in pots before the reading desk and altar and on the latter was a beautiful cross of white carnations. The music was very good the psalms and canticles in particular showing a marked improvement.

The anthem by E. V. Hall was most melodious, the hymns 498 and 499 well sustained. The "piece de resistance" was the duet from Stainer's "Daughter of Jairus," by Miss Jeanette Estabrooke and Mr. Murray it was much enjoyed by all and will be repeated next Sunday by request. Miss Estabrooke who is not yet very far along in her teens and has received but little instruction carried through her part well, taking G. with great ease.



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Her voice is a fresh sweet soprano of good compass. Mr. Murray was in magnificent voice all through the service so much so that one could forgive the few places where he did not strike his note quite truly. The eloquent address of the Rev. C. F. Higgins was entirely in keeping with the day.

Monday appeared to be kept a holiday by more than the usual number, many being out "for" wheel or for "whoa" enjoying the bright sun and dry roads. There was a very entertaining party given in the evening by Mrs. George Black. The guests, many of whom belong to the senior class were, Miss Sprague, Miss Webb, Miss Brockton, Miss Harrison, Miss C. Webb, Miss Sherwood, Miss Bowles, Miss Maxwell, Miss L. Hart, Miss Paisley and Messrs. A. Lyon, Johnson, Craig, Porter, Steeves, Pagley, McNeill and Egan. The amusements consisted of a large variety of progressive games, including crokinole, bean bags and spooning potatoes till at last the party "progressed" to the supper table where something more attractive than potatoes were spooned.

Another batch of invalids are making their appearance. Woodford Turner is at business again. Arthur Copp is out and on a trip to St. John. Howard Alward who has not recovered as well as his friends would wish is at his home in Bay Verte.

Every one regrets hearing of Miss Segie Copp's illness.

Mrs. Archibald has taken several short drives. Miss Hester Wood who has been kept in for some weeks with bronchial trouble is out again.

Miss Annie Bulmer has returned from Moncton and will be in her own home in two weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. Langstroth have been the guests of Mrs. Chas. Pichard.

Walter Black, Moncton, and Robert King, Sussex, two young school teachers spent the Easter holidays in Sackville.

Mrs. Robinson was in Dorchester for Sunday.

Miss Grace Tower was the guest of Mrs. Wm. Prescott and Miss Alice McHaffey of Mrs. Hm. Prescott, Bala Verde at Easter.

Miss McMurray from Havelock is in Sackville. H. C. Read has been on a business trip to Bala Verde.

Mrs. Christie and Master Lyrind, Amherst, were visiting Mrs. H. C. Read last week.

A. H. McCordy has been a few days in St. John.

Mrs. Harry Dixon arrived from the West Monday evening. Her brother, Frank Read returned a fortnight ago.

Messrs. Fred Smith and Fred Walker have taken advantage of the bank holidays to be in Sackville.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Goodwin and Miss Elsie Turner were in Bala Verde over Sunday.

Mr. Harry Black, Amherst was the guest of Mrs. Pichard Trueman the same day.

Mrs. Gross, Moncton, has been visiting Mrs. Humphreys, Wedding street.

Miss Robinson left the first of the week for Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. Moulton, who have two sons at the Academy returned home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Milner and children passed through on Tuesday on their return to Point de Bute.

Ephraim Chapman, barrister of St. John spent Sunday in Port Eggle.

Herbert Archibald, Shediac was in Sackville from Friday till Monday.

Raymond Archibald is not expected from Harvard till Saturday.

[The Rev. John Prince and Mrs. Prince are making a round of visits among their friends here.

Charles Read of Port Eggle, who is connected with the business firm of Geo. McKean St. John, is receiving congratulations on an addition to his family.

Mrs. Palmer's sister and cousin, the Misses Van Deene Fredericks are staying at the Academy a few weeks.

Mrs. Cooke of the ladies' college spent Easter with Mrs. Robert Borden, Moncton.

Work was resumed at the ladies' college Tuesday. Preparations for closing are already on foot. In the conservatory department some of the finest so a work yet given is anticipated.

ST STEPHEN AND GALLAGHER.

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APRIL 13.—Easter Sunday was bright and spring-like, and crowds of people filled the different churches which were beautifully adorned with flowers and plants, and the spirit of Easter was manifest in the many and special services. Spring costumes and Easter bonnets, were most noticeable, and many of them were exceedingly handsome and stylish. Everybody seemed bright and gay and Easter of 1898, will be remembered as a particularly happy day.

The young ladies of Christ church have arranged a gramophone and poster party in the schoolroom on Thursday evening. The school room is to be elaborately decorated and cakes, jellies and other dainties are to be sold on the European plan. Mrs. O. S. Newham entertained at the Rectory on Monday evening very pleasantly the members of the young women's Guild.

Mrs. Percy Lord gave a very pleasant whilst party at her home on evening last week.

On Easter Sunday afternoon, Rev. O. S. Newham baptised in St. Peter's church, Milford, his little grand daughter, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Deacon, giving her the pretty name of Edith Victoria.

Miss Little Eaton, is visiting friends in Lakewood New Jersey.

Mr. Frank Dunstan of New Brunswick University is spending his holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dunstan.

Miss Agnes Alcar, of St. Andrews, made a brief visit in town on Monday, she was the guest of her sister Mrs. Dunstan.

Mrs. Hazen Grimmer is visiting Boston this week where she will meet her sister, Mrs. G. H. Raymond who has been in that city for some weeks.

Mrs. Patterson of Eastport is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Bedenquest.

Mr. Arthur Dixon of Hampton is visiting relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Stickney of St. Andrews were in town on Monday.

The engagement of Miss Katherine Copeland to Mr. Dunbar of Cambridge, Mass., was announced on Monday, and also that their wedding day will be early in June.

Miss Grace Nichols has arrived from Boston for a short visit with her parents.

Miss Daisy Hanson spent her Easter holidays in St. John.

The Misses Broad children of Mr. Wallace Broad leave next week for London England, and will take passage from the city, for Capetown, South Africa.

Mr. Broad has been in Capetown for the past two or three years, and has sent for his children to join him. During his absence they have been residing with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Balkam.

Mr. and Mrs. John McIninch of Woodstock have been visiting relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Beard and Miss Berie Smith have decided to return from Boston about the third week.

Mr. Frank Grimmer expects to soon leave for the Pacific coast where he expects to make with his family his future home.

Mrs. Harold Moran has returned to her home in St. John.

Mrs. John C. Taylor has returned from an extended visit to Boston.

The engagement of Mr. James B. Crist of New York city to Miss Alice Nichols was announced last week, and is most pleasantly discussed among their friends, who most heartily congratulate them on their happiness.

Mrs. Charles Lyford has returned from Boston.

Mr. Harry Smith of St. John has been in town during this week and has been the guest of Mr. E. G. Vroom.

Letters from Mr. Thomas Main announce his safe arrival in Vancouver, B. C. and that he already feels much benefited in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert W. Ganson, came from Ottawa to spend the Easter holidays, and returned to the capital on Tuesday. During their stay, they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Robinson, Mrs. Ganson's parents.

Mrs. Jean Shute, of Fredericton is the guest of her sister Miss Fanny Moore.

Mrs. Constance Chipman's young friends met cordially welcomed her home on Friday last.

Mr. Frank F. Fowler of Boston spent Easter in Galt and has extended his visit into the last of this week.

Mrs. W. J. Rose, has been spending a few days at the "old place" with her friend Miss Chipman.

Mrs. Emma Grimmer has returned from Boston.

Mrs. Thomas A. Vaughan, intends to leave tomorrow for Boston, after an extended visit of several weeks with her aunt Miss Grant.

Mrs. Keating, is visiting her daughters in Boston and expects to stay a month or more.

Mrs. Wellington Seives, of Woodstock is in town the guest of her sister Mrs. Charles Vanstone.

Miss Florrie Cullinan, has come to Moncton, to visit her brother Mr. Alexander Cullinan.

FREDERICTON.

(Progress is for sale in Fredericton by Messrs W. T. H. Fenety and J. H. Hawthorne.)

APRIL 13.—The Easter concert, to which we all have been looking forward, with a good deal of anticipation, came off in the Opera house on Monday evening and met with wonderful success. The opening piece, Trio for Piano and Violin, by William T. H. Fenety, by Miss Carmichael, Miss Alice Day and Prof. Bristow was beautifully rendered and showed that the performers fully caught the spirit of the author.

Next on the program was the duet "Maying" by Mrs. Stephen Dixon and Prof. Bristow. Mrs. Dixon sang very sweetly and was well received, her voice blending with the rich tenor of Prof. Bristow's making perfect harmony.

The third number brought Ole Taebaldi to the stage and he was welcomed with much enthusiasm, but for the most part was very disappointing; as he had been looked upon as the great drawing card, much was expected of him. A Norwegian tone, landscape could scarcely be expected to have much appreciation from a Canadian audience. The artist was certainly unhappy in his selections. That he is a fine executionist all may see, which was particularly noticeable in his singing, but he had only given some sweet melody, how he could have appealed to the senses, where his descriptive pieces found no response in his audience. His quartette accompaniment was a truly wonderful piece of execution.

Mrs. Stephen Dixon's duet was much appreciated and very sweetly sang.

Mr. came Miss Nan Thompson, her song—When the Heart is Young, showed off her voice to the fullest; the rich tones met with a warm appreciative audience, Miss Thompson fairly eclipsed all former efforts as she never sang to better advantage.

Mrs. Jaffray captured the audience with her song, "Ashore"—by Co-wan, Mrs. Jaffray's enunciation was perfect, and was the great charm of her singing and was for her a warm place in the hearts of the musical world.

Prof. Bristow's tenor solo, Anbach Serenade was a delight to his audience. Mr. Bristow sang with an ease that is delightful to his hearers always. To Mr. Bristow is due the credit of the wonderful success of the concert.

Miss Winifred Johnston has been home from Sackville, for Easter holidays.

Mr. A. R. Tibbitt spent Easter in St. John a guest at Mrs. and Mr. J. D. Hazen.

Mr. W. P. Flavel is still in St. John visiting his sister.

Mr. Helen Todd, a Boston artist is visiting his aunt Mrs. Geo. Inch.

Mrs. Benson of Chatham is the guest of Mrs. B. Orr.

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. VanWart on the birth of a baby daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen are also being congratulated on the arrival of a son and heir.

The Misses Minnie and Leticia Vandine spent Easter in Sackville the guests of Prof. and Mrs. Palmer.

Major Edwards and Mr. Robt. Edwards of Halifax have been spending a few days in town, visiting relatives.

Miss E. A. York of St. John has been spending the Easter holidays with her parents here.

Miss Hamilton of Brookshank has returned from a long visit with her cousin Miss Crookshank at St. John.

Dr. Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Kirkpatrick of Woodstock spent the holidays here with the doctors' parents.

Miss Jessie Everett is spending this week with her parents here.

The Amherst mistress will give their entertainments in the opera house under the auspices of the King's daughters on Tuesday April 19, apart from the fact that the proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to some charitable purpose, the boys are all well and favorably known and that of itself should command a good house.

Mr. A. G. Burt Jr., and Miss Marion Blair of Ottawa have been spending a few days here visiting their sister Mrs. Robt. F. Randolph.

Miss Lizzie Perley of Oromocto is spending a few days in the city.

Mr. Walter Scott of Montreal is among the visitors in town.

Mrs. M. S. Hall of St. John having gone to be present at the marriage of her niece, the Misses Jennie and Katie Hall of St. John.

Miss Elsie Armstrong of Boston is visiting her sister here.



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Mrs. John Hattaway and lady friend of St. John spent Easter here with Miss Perkins.

Mr. Arthur Wood of Boston is spending a few days with friends here.

Mr. Chas. Carter of St. John is in town.

Mrs. John Fairley of Sackville is visiting friends here.

Mr. George G. Thompson of Montreal is among the visitors to the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Branscombe spent Easter here the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel O'Leary.

Mr. A. Daniels of Montreal is in town and Mr. Daniels of Montreal is visiting his home here.

Mr. Lewis Blair, was married to Miss Dibble of Woodstock. Miss Blair's many friends here extend congratulations.

Mr. Frank Shuman has returned from a very enjoyable visit to Boston.

The sad news which was received here yesterday of the death of Mr. Walter Casnat, was left with Mr. Black's party for the Yacon on the 1st March has cast a gloom over the whole community. Mr. Casnat was a special favorite among his associates and his sudden and early death was a great shock to all. To his family and friends is extended the heartfelt sympathy of the whole city. CANTON.

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