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Aunt Sophronia at College

High School Students Give Splendid Entertainment

On Tuesday evening at the Opera House the High School students presented their 3 Act Comedy "Aunt Sophronia at College", before a large and appreciative audience. So well were the parts played, so far were the various members of the cast from anything savoring of playing-acting or conscious affectation, that no special attention can be made. Those present are unanimous in the opinion that all were leading ladies and that all were stars and that the play as a whole was far better than many experienced stock companies have presented in this town.

Among the star features of a high class programme were the Misses Marion and Jessie Bishop whose beautifully rendered Piano Duets were especially well received.

A rural scene presented by a number of the High School Boys was marked by a splendid vocal chorus and by some specially interesting hayseed face fungus. Worthy of particular mention in this scene was a magnificent Plymouth Rock rooster who is alleged to have been the recently resurrected Chronicle Rooster. We cannot vouch for this but of course it might have been.

A splendid drill by the High School girls attired in brilliantly colored costumes received a generous ovation—as did also the solo and chorus "Cuckoo in the Orchard" presented by five of the girls.

An impressive and fitting conclusion to the Programme was a Patriotic scene in which Miss K. Lockhart, appropriately attired, played the part of Canada and was supported by the entire cast grouped around and behind her. With the Canadian National Anthem and "God Save the King" the Programme ended.

To those who contributed to the success of the enterprise we offer our congratulations—with all present we join in appreciation—to those not present we make this recommendation—"Next time—present."

OUR BOARD OF COUNCILLORS

To the Editor of THE ACADIAN.

Dear Sir:—All honor and praise to our Council board who administer and transact the business of our town. It is true to say that not one of them would stoop to give other than a square and honest deal in any personal business transactions. Should we expect less from them when as a board they transact the business of our town? I know that their work calls for a committee with a chairman for each department, who by the way is a sort of autocrat and does not like to be interfered with.

When it comes to throwing away our money it is not worth while for every one of the board just to know how the money is spent. The money spent on the Western sewer for the last fifteen years under a proper engineer would have made a permanent job and paid damages for the annoyance and loss I have sustained.

Does the board believe that they are free from all moral obligation by a scrap of paper which was secured from me under a false misrepresentation by the acting town clerk at that time.

At the present time of writing the salt water and sewerage are pouring from the manholes, notwithstanding the money expended this present season. The western sewer as a business proposition under a board of management covering a period of twenty years is the most disgraceful, if not criminal, transaction to be found anywhere. Let our citizens be the judges.

Yours truly,
E. C. JOHNSON

Those descendants of the United Empire Loyalists who desire to be enrolled in the Canadian Order of the United Empire should address the Canadian College of Arms, Wolfville.



Special School Board Meeting

New Building will be Formally Opened Next Week

A special meeting of the School Board was convened at the Council chamber on Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock with the chairman, Councillor Moore, Councillors Shaw and Sutherland, and Commissioner Bars present.

The formal opening of the new school building, which is now nearing completion, was one of the matters discussed. It was proposed to hold this opening some evening between Christmas and New Years, and Chairman Moore with Councillors Sutherland and Shaw were appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements.

Councillor Shaw suggested the turning of the original school building into an assembly hall for the use of the school. This building is 75 feet by 33 feet and should afford ample accommodation for the use proposed. Mr. Shaw stated that the expense of making the necessary changes would not be great and that likely voluntary services could be secured if the work could be done during the Christmas holidays. The proposition received favorable consideration and a committee composed of Councillors Sutherland and Shaw and Mr. E. Percy Brown was appointed to go fully into the matter and report as soon as possible to the Board.

It was decided that the salary of the new janitor of the schools, Mr. Harry Ferris, be \$600 per annum, and the Town Clerk was instructed to draw up the necessary contract stating duties, etc.

DOINGS AT ACADIA

In the basket ball series the Senior girls beat the Junior girls 28-9, and the Sophettes beat the Freshettes, 15-5. The Sophomore boys beat the Academy, 36-9. In the Freshmen-Academy game the Freshmen did better shooting and had better combination work, beating the Cads 25-12.

The Sophomores and Senior teams showed about equal combination work but the Sophomores shot much better. The game was remarkable in that there was not a personal foul. The score ended in favor of the Sophomores, 32-17.

In the Engineer-Junior game the Engineers played their best game of the series, upsetting the "dope" by winning 18-13. It was a fast game, especially the last five minutes.

The men in Willett Hall held their annual Christmas stag party Saturday evening. It was the usual big event with a Christmas tree and a present for each one. Every man had to buy a present not costing over 25 cents, and when the tree was stripped the presents were drawn for. There was plenty to eat, with smokes and abundance of music, stunts and games.

As has been the custom a chosen few of the Sems early Sunday morning of the last Sunday before the Christmas holidays went about the streets singing Christmas carols.

On Saturday the Sems had their annual Christmas dinner. The tables were beautifully decorated and the teachers and guests of honor were seated at a long table in the centre of the room. The guests were Dr. and Mrs. DeWolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Marsh, Mr. Jones and Miss R. Archibald.

The Junior Sems had their Christmas tree and celebration Friday evening at the Juniors' residence. There were presents for each of the pupils and under the guidance of Mrs. Hardy, who is in charge of the department, a pleasant evening was spent.

The guests were Dr. and Mrs. DeWolfe, Dr. and Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. W. A. Coit, Miss Palmer, Mrs. A. Grant, Mrs. L. E. Shaw. The children marched in as Eskimos from the North Pole, and Miss Irene Cox, of the Seminary, as Santa Claus, gave out the presents. A few words were spoken by Dr. DeWolfe and Dr. MacDonald and Miss Palmer, Vice-Principal of the Seminary.

WHITE XMAS PROMISED

Weather predictions in the current issue of Belcher's Almanac hold promise of a "white" Christmas this year. The forecast calls for snow and sleet during the early part of the month up to the twelfth, promising much dampness, followed with blizzards to the 16th, when we are to have, it declares, fair weather until the 20th; thereafter, to the end of the year, the forecast is for continued storms, Christmas day not excepted, snow and sleet alternating, accompanied by high winds.

Season's Greetings

The whirligig of time has once more brought us to that season which, above all others, calls for the interchange of good wishes and kind thoughts. The Editor and the staff of The Acadian tender to their many friends the sincere wish for a Happy Christmas, and for a year of prosperity and content.

Christmas

Christmas again! with the well worn but very welcome greetings—gifts, generosity and joy—for no matter what intervenes some portion of Christmas cheer must filter through the most lonely life. For many years iconoclastic commentators have endeavored to prove to us that we are all wrong, and the 25th of December should in reality be in January or June or some other month where we simply don't propose having it. Right here and now, we celebrate the spirit of all ages and unite the customs of all creeds. We use the evergreen and holly and gifts, as did the ancient Romans during their Saturnalia. We sing the hymns of the Nativity, as did the early Christians in the Catcombs. The Northern Vandals used a fir tree on the feast day of the sun, ornamenting it with the symbols of light and nature. The tree represented the universe, and the animals and fruits of the earth.

The Druids used the mistletoe, the Anglo-Saxons made a feast and fired the Yule log, the Elizabethians gave charades, dramatic entertainments and mummery to celebrate these days, and in all corners of this side of the world's waters, from the "Mayflower" wanderers to the Colonial settlers of the South, we find no discontinuation of any of these rites and ceremonies.

The home gifts this year may be small, perhaps of less intrinsic worth than before, but what matter the ship if our face is turned towards home! What matters the gift if it represents the one thing in life that really is worth while—the love of which Christmas is the outcome and embodiment.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Once Upon A Time

My child comes to my knee,
And tugging pleads that he may climb
Into my lap and hear me tell
The Christmas tale he loves so well—
A tale my mother told to me,
Beginning, "Once upon a time."

It is a tale of skies that rang
With angel rhapsodies sublime;
Of that great host serene and white,
The shepherds saw one winter night—
And of the glorious stars that sang
An anthem, once upon a time.

This story of the hallowed years
Tells of the sacrifice sublime;
Of one who prayed alone and wept
While his aweared followers slept—
And how his blood and Mary's tears
Commingled, once upon a time.

And now my darling at my side
And echoes of the distant chime,
Bring that sweet story back to me
Of Bethlehem and Calvary,
And of the gentle Christ that died
For sinners, once upon a time.

The mighty deeds that men have told
In ponderous tones or flowing rhyme
Like misty shadows fade away—
But this sweet story bides for aye,
And like the stars that song of old,
We sing of "Once upon a time."

—Eugene Field.

Splendid Concert

Given by Kindergarten Pupils of Public School

"In praise of little children I will say,
God first made man then found a better way
For woman, and his third way was the best,
Of all created things the loveliest
And most divine are children."

The children of the kindergarten made their first bow before a Wolfville audience in the Opera House on Saturday afternoon, and we are sure that those who were privileged to attend that entertainment, came away with something of the sentiment expressed above, in their hearts. The concert was delightful from first to last number, and what largely contributed to its success was the utter unconsciousness of self displayed by the little folks, and the real pleasure they took in their entertainment.

In addition to recitations, choruses and songs, the children gave an exhibition of folk dancing which was much applauded and at the end a Christmas pantomime which as the work of five year olds was really wonderful. Master Leon Shaw as Santa Claus in this number deserves special mention, and Miss Shirley Elliott, as the Sand Man in the song of that name, brought much applause.

The net proceeds which amounted to about sixty-five dollars will be used toward the purchase of a piano, and we understand that the I. O. D. E. are going to make it possible for the piano to be placed in the kindergarten at the beginning of the year.

We feel that much credit is due Miss Haley, who has had the kindergarten in charge for one year, and who has shown us what faithful work coupled with patience and understanding can do for little children.

VALLEY LIFE UNDERWRITERS

Held Interesting Session at Wolfville

The regular quarterly meeting of the Valley Life Underwriters Association was held on Monday evening at the Acacia Villa Hotel. "Mine Host" Rockwell had prepared an excellent dinner to which all did full justice.

At the close of the dinner, Mr. R. H. Seton, of the Great West Life Assurance Co., gave a most instructive address on "Business Insurance." An interesting address was also given by Rev. J. H. MacDonald, D. D., his subject being, "Some lessons I have learned on the baseball diamond."

The Valley Life Underwriters Association is now in a very prosperous condition, practically all the full time life insurance men in the Valley being members. All take such an interest in the meetings that they are willing to drive forty and fifty miles to attend.

The next meeting, which will be the annual meeting, will be held at Middleton in February. At that meeting new officers will be elected.

BURNED TO DEATH

A most distressing happening occurred at Three Mile Plains, near Windsor, on Saturday evening last, when Mrs. Reuben Johnson, colored, and her six children were burned to death in their home. The father, who had left the house about two hours earlier to assist a neighbor whose chimney was on fire, and who had called upon another neighbor on the way home heard the cry of "fire" and rushed out to find his own home in flames. It is supposed that the fire started in the kitchen and the victims made an effort to escape through the front door which they were unable to open and were overcome by smoke. Mrs. Johnson was forty-four years old and the three boys and three girls ranged from five to fifteen years.

NOT A PUBLIC CHARITY

To the Editor of THE ACADIAN

Dear Sir:—In a recent issue of THE ACADIAN I read a request for a donation of dictionaries for the use of the public school. Has it come to that? Has our much vaunted school with its lavish expenditures for new buildings become a suppliant for public charity? May I suggest, as one deeply interested in the welfare of the school, that the School Board ought to be in a position to secure all the requirements for the carrying on of the school in a legitimate way without recourse to the generosity of citizens. As a ratepayer, I beg to record a protest against such a penny-wise policy.

PARENT

Christmas Cantata

By Baptist Church Choir Greatly Enjoyed

The musical programme rendered last Sunday night at the Baptist Church was greatly enjoyed by the large congregation of expectant worshippers. The "Adoration" by George Nevin, a Christmas Cantata of singular classical beauty, warmth and melody, was the chief feature. The solos by Miss Duncanson, Miss Harris, Mr. Parsons and Mr. Vincent were well rendered and the choruses were exceptionally well done. Mr. Frank Marsh who has had charge of the music for the past three months has done excellent work. In order to provide accommodation for the increased choir, the Choir Loft has been extended and a new interest has been awakened in the music of the Church. Following is the order of service:

Prelude—"Nazareth" Gounod.
Hymn—"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
Invocation
Contralto Solo—"O Babe Divine" Hamblen.
MISS ERDINE MACGOWAN.
Prayer
Vocal Duet—"The Guiding Star" Bragdon

MISS MABEL NICHOLS
MISS ISABEL MACPHAIL
Scripture Reading
Violin Solo—Andante in D. Bach
MISS BEATRICE JANET LANGLEY
Offeratory—"Serenade" Schubert
"The Adoration" George B. Nevin
Baptist Church Choir

SOLOISTS
MISS EVELYN DUNCANSON, Soprano
MISS JOSEPHINE HARRIS, Contralto
MR. GORDON VINCENT, Tenor
MR. HIBBERT PARSONS, Bass.
Benediction
Postlude "March aus Athalia" Mendelssohn

RECEPTION TO E. W. ROBINSON

A reception was given in Nickett Hall, Kentville, on Monday evening, by the Liberal Club of Kentville, to E. W. Robinson, the member elect for Kings County, and Mrs. Robinson. The hall was well filled with friends of the party who extended congratulations to Mr. Robinson on his victory.

Decorations consisted of evergreens, bunched at the back of the stage with the Union Jack in the centre, and green boughs hung around the walls. A. P. Munton acted as chairman. Addresses were given by Hon. H. H. Wickwire, M. P., John A. McDonald, M. P., E. J. Hilly, M. P., and J. P. Outhit, K. C. and Mr. Robinson and Miss M. Chase. Vocal solos were rendered by A. J. Mason, Mrs. W. D. Withrow and Miss Evelyn Duncanson of Wolfville, and by Mrs. A. G. Embree, Mrs. Ramey and Frank Bailey, of Kentville.

MARRIED AT HALIFAX

A quiet wedding was solemnized Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones, 28 Mott Street, Halifax, when their daughter Muriel was united in marriage with Mr. Norman MacRae, of Grand Pre. The house was very pretty decorated for the occasion and the bride was the recipient of many useful and pretty gifts. Mr. and Mrs. MacRae will reside at Grand Pre. THE ACADIAN joins a host of friends in best wishes for their happiness.

NEXT SUNDAY AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Next Sunday evening the services at the Baptist Church will be in charge of the Sunday School. The children will furnish the programme, all of which will be in keeping with the spirit of the day. The collection will be devoted to the Russian Famine Fund. Two hundred dollars is asked for.

Tell your neighbors about the Big Rural Betterment meeting on the 19th. See the ad.

