

Provincial Notes.

ÆSOP UP-TO-DATE.

TRURO.—Doctor. W. S. Muir entertained all the medical men at dinner on Friday evening. There were present. Drs. Bent, Page, Mackay, D. H. Muir, Rent, Yorston, Walker, also Drs. Stewart of Pictou, D. Campbell of Halifax and Hallet of Sydney. Dr. W. S. Muir accompanied by Doctor Stewart left on Saturday for England. We all joined most heartily with the choir of St. John Church on Sunday last in singing "For those in peril on the sea."

I am sure all our young people will be glad to know that the attractive and accomplished Miss Gliska of Halifax, is about forming a dancing class here. I would advise all our young men and maidens who wish to become proficient in "tripping the light fantastic" to join the class, as this is an opportunity no one should miss. The terms are very reasonable and Miss Gliska is considered the best teacher in the province.

Rev. Mr. Lutz who has been here for the last three months, left last week to take charge of the Episcopal Church in Amherst, in the absence of Rev. Mr. Harris.

Col. A. E. Curren of Halifax was in Truro for a few hours on Tuesday.

The concert under the management of Mr. G. B. Faulkner on Thursday evening, in aid of St. John's Church, was a very enjoyable affair and was deserving of a much larger audience. The cornet solo by Mr. Rosedale was excellent. Mr. Sobeski of Halifax, as usual, was most enthusiastically received, and his whistling song with auto-harp accompaniment, was fully appreciated. The ladies all did well, especially Miss L. Tupper whose sweet song with violin accompaniment called forth an encore. The "Skippers of St. Ives," sung by our departed medical friend, was greeted with loud applause.

Mrs. J. H. McKay gave a large and very pleasant euchre party on Thursday evening. About forty guests were present.

Mr. White, director of the rolling mill at Acadia Mines, spent last Sunday with friends in Truro.

Miss Hill, of Sydney, C. B., is visiting Mrs. C. McLellan, Queen St.

Mrs. A. W. McLellan, who has been spending some months with her son, Mr. T. E. McLellan, leaves on Saturday for England.

Mr. A. Burns, of Halifax, who has been a student at the experimental farm during the winter months, left for Ontario on Monday.

Rev. J. Robbins of the first Presbyterian, will preach in Halifax, at St. Matthew's on Sunday next.

Great preparations are being made for a childrens' floral concert, in aid of the new building. It is to take place early in May.

Mrs. N. V. Harris, of Amherst, is spending a few weeks in Truro, at the Maitland House.

The juvenile dancing class will meet this week at "Scrivelsby Manor." Last Friday evening the little ones gathered at the residence of Mrs. W. S. Muir to receive their first instructions from Miss Gliska.

I was glad to see Our Society come out in its new spring wrap. Just the fashionable shade of green tint.

"Mrs. Grundy" returned on Monday last from Halifax after spending two very pleasant weeks at the hotel Queen.

Mrs. J. B. Dickie, Prince Street, has issued cards for a large progressive euchre party on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Grundy.

LIVERPOOL ITEMS.—Mrs. A. W. Moore was disappointed in her proposed trip to Jamaica. Her physician at Halifax strongly advised her to avoid the excitement and climatic influences, so she returned to the quiet life of home in Liverpool instead.

Queen's County is losing one of the old standard families, the Nelys of Port Medway, who are going to the Pacific Coast, where Mr. Arthur Seely joins his brother in an important business, the latter has established at Seattle. The loss of a family so deservedly liked will be much felt by numerous friends in Liverpool as well as Port Medway.

Miss Lizzie McNutt has been very dangerously ill, but is now happily on the improving hand.

Miss Hattie Moore has returned home after a prolonged visit to Kentville.

The spring weather is very welcome.

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A certain man had heard of the "Advent of Spring" which our contemporaries have been booming somewhat lately, and being a conscientious and worthy citizen he thought the glorious circumstance should be fitly celebrated. He hadn't any bunting to hang out, and he couldn't go on a big "bust" for just then he was sitting on a "keg" of the most pronounced type. After consulting his own particular private friend he decided that he would paint the fence between his little front-garden and the side-walk. With this fell purpose in mind, he went to the men who deal in such things, and for a consideration, became the owner of three pots of paint (common or garden paint, so to speak). Each was of the most striking and vivid shade of the colour he could lay his hands on. Secretly by night and alone, he decorated each stake of his fence, paying the utmost attentions to orderly and regular sequence in the colours.

The effect was superb. Passengers along the side-walk halted in their fevered rush after filthy lucre, or in their haste to reach the bonnet shops, held spell-bound, to gaze upon his handiwork, to gaze upon which was to admire. "Lady Jane" induced her friend to come all the way from Japan to give his "photography in natural colours" a chance.

Meanwhile the talented author of the idea took it all in, chuckled to himself visibly, and washed his hands in glee.

But alas! the end was soon to come. Two days later about four bells, there chanced to pass that way two simple minded honest Newfoundlanders "just out" whose gorge rose at the sight, and in whose nostrils the hated tricolor stank. They pulled up, and made for the owner of the fence, pointing out that the combination of colours was objectionable, in a manner that left no doubts as to their sincerity. What further took place at this interview will never be known. It is a secret greater far than any in the possession of a cabinet minister. All that we outsiders know is that the whole fence is a mediterranean blue.

MORAL.

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