

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Miss Fordyce Buchan, a niece of Sir John Ross. Miss Buchan arrived at New York with Major and Mrs Mainsel, and was met by the General on Saturday week, and the very next day was attacked by La Grippe. The effects of the disease, however, were not seriously felt until reaching Boston on Wednesday. At St. John and Moncton most unfortunate delays occurred, owing to some accident on the Railway, so that the General and his niece did not reach Halifax till 3. a. m. last Saturday morning. Miss Buchan was at once pronounced by the attendant physician to be in a most critical state, her constitution having never recovered from a severe attack of rheumatic fever some time ago. The night and day following, the disease developed so rapidly that at a consultation held by Doctors Oliver, Parker, and Deputy Surgeon-General MacDowell, very little hope was entertained of her recovery, and she passed away peacefully though suddenly at 11 o'clock on Tuesday night.

We sympathize most sincerely with Sir John Ross and the other relatives of Miss Buchan. The sad event as cast a gloom over our society world, which had been looking forward with feelings of pleasure to the arrival of the General and his niece at Bellevue.

The number of removals among society people this first of May is not quite so great as usual.

Mrs. Abbott has taken one of those pretty new houses on Church St., corner of Harvey St.

Mr. and Mrs. Stairs-Duffin have removed to Hollis St., though still not far from Morris St.

Capt. and Mrs. Alexander are taking the house now occupied by Capt. Boileau, who leaves for England *via* New York on Monday next.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jones leave in a short time for "Coburg," on the North West Arm, and we are expecting to hear soon that Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Corbett have opened house on the Arm again.

Possibly the "other side" may become more popular, when Mr. Eckshaw and his bride build the house we have heard so much about. Mr. Fleming's estate is still extensive and very beautiful, and offers half a dozen sites for country houses that could not be equalled in Canada.

Dr. Lawson and family have retired to their summer residence; Mrs. W. B. Reynolds and family are staying at Bedford; and Mr. and Mrs. Hensley intend spending the summer in Chester, as they did last year.

A series of three very delightful entertainments, gotten up by Mrs. Klingensfeld for charitable purposes, at the Mason Hall, closed last night, and proved a great success. The programmes provided for each evening were splendidly carried out. They consisted of a pupils' concert by Mr. Klingensfeld's pupil orchestra, which was a credit to the teacher as well as to the performers. The orchestra is of great advantage to the pupils, as it gives them opportunities of playing together, which they could not have otherwise. Miss Tremaine and little Miss Whidden played solos with much acceptance, and showed good progress in tone and style. Mrs. Klingensfeld, who is a highly educated musician, and a graduate of the Peabody Institute of Baltimore, sang several solos and took part in concerted parts; this lady has a fine, agreeable and highly cultivated voice, and sings with great taste and finish. Miss Page gave a fine piano solo, and Messrs. Wilson and Newman contributed songs which were appreciated by the audience. Some beautiful fancy articles were displayed on a side table, and marked at reasonable figures, not often found in bazaars. A great feature was the well appointed, and tastefully gotten up, China and Vienna tea and coffee houses, with very pretty and obliging mistresses, who dispensed excellent refreshments at reasonable prices.

Jarley's wax works, artist studio and shadow plays with music, formed the second evening's successful programme; and Tableaux Vivants, together with the other attractions, made up last night's entertainment, and a great deal of care and trouble must have been

bestowed on all these combinations, and were a very bold attempt on the part of the little ones to bring them to a successful issue. All honor is due to Mrs. Klingensfeld, as the several programmes were excellently carried out. There were about fifty young people engaged in these programmes, and everybody who has had to do with similar enterprises, knows the work entailed. All parties who took part may be congratulated on the success which crowned their efforts, and it is to be hoped that the financial result comes up to the promoter's expectation.

The "Mouse Entertainment," at the Ladies' College, was, as we predicted, a perfect success. Those whom we consider specially deserving of praise are Miss Eva Holmes, Miss Alida Seaman, Miss Edith Skinner, and Miss Ella McGillivray. The *Pied Piper of Hamelin*, which we venture to think is the only long poem of Browning's likely to be appreciated by young people, was excellently rendered by Misses Alida Seaman, Lida Mott, and Edna McKenzie. Miss McKenzie excels in strength of voice and clear pronunciation, but all were very good. We congratulate Miss McGarry most heartily on the success of her pupils. A "Tennyson Entertainment" is announced for June 5th.

Mr. W. I. Hutchins, the new organist for St. Paul's Church, is expected out next month by the "Caspian." Mr. Hutchins' testimonials are decidedly good, and none is more convincing than the fact that he was for some two years organist at the Alexandra Palace, which possesses one of the largest organs in England. We congratulate St. Paul's on having secured such a worthy successor to Mr. Porter.

Quite a pleasant evening was spent in Christ Church School-room, on Monday April 27th. Where Mr. Parker, who has been superintendent of the school for over sixteen years, and who is about leaving to reside at Rockingham, was presented with a very handsome marble mantel clock and testimonial from the teachers, officers and scholars, who were present with their friends.

Mr. Parker stated that he was very sorry to leave the school as he had always taken an active interest in its welfare. And he trusted that it would always prosper.

Since Mr. Parker took charge of the school three large additions have been added, and still the room is not large enough for the number of scholars.

The programme for the evening was a very enjoyable one; as all appeared to take quite an interest in making Mr. Parker's last evening among them, as pleasant as possible.

Mr. Parker is to be succeeded by Mr. Morrison, who we trust will be successful in the training of the little ones who are in his charge.

We conclude from recent debates in the Jamaica Legislative Assembly, that that Island has no system of Government schools, which fact is entirely new to us. Sir Henry Blake appears to be strongly opposed to legislation on the subject, which seems to indicate a state of society very different from any that exists in any of the old countries, or even in America. Not having been in the Island, we should be inclined to infer two leading facts: 1—That the number of really poor people is very small; and 2—That the

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