

married lady looked remarkably well. What a lot of young married women there are in Halifax!

There were other pretty gowns too many to mention, so we will not try to pick out any. We think everybody seemed to enjoy themselves; there is one advantage of an entertainment like the Fan Drill, it does not interfere with conversation. Mrs. Fred Jones had a large supper afterwards, sending out invitations for over thirty, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Sir John Ross also had a gay and festive gathering at Bellvue; where he entertained the "minuetters" and a few others, Mrs. J. Kenny and Mrs. J. Morrow, receiving the guests.

Full accounts of the Fan Drill performance and the R. A. Concert will be found in the usual place. Apropos of the former it is a pity something cannot be done to make the stage more comfortable for performers. The ladies complain very much of the draughts, and one at least has been laid up with neuralgia ever since Monday night.

A second performance of the Fan Drill, etc., is advertised for to-morrow, (Saturday) afternoon, at 2.30, in the Academy. The committee have made a wise move in reducing the prices of seats to 35c. and 25c., thus throwing it open to a larger public, and more especially to the children. The venture is rather a rash one, but we wish it every success, and hope those who have seen the performance themselves will take the opportunity of giving their children a treat.

In support of the Unadorned Subscription Fund, we have decided to get up a variety entertainment sometime in January. We do not doubt that we can secure the services of our best vocalists, none of whom are ever found wanting in a good cause; and we have besides an idea of something quite new, which would perhaps be more attractive than anything yet put before a Halifax audience. By next week we hope to be able to give full details.

It is a wonder that some enterprising bookseller does not display among his Xmas goods the 'Figaro Illastre'. No other Christmas Number is to be compared to it in the matter of illustrations and get-up generally. Even the advertisements are worth framing—they are so artistic. The Birthday number of the Daily Graphic is a most interesting one, containing a full account of how this—the only Illustrated Daily in the world—is got through the press and on to the market.

Mr. Rupert J. Chipman, a medical student of McGill University, Montreal, is spending his winter vacation with his old friends at Hillside Hall.

Sporting Notes.

The Curlers, "At Home" on Saturday evening was a great success. The notice was necessarily short, but the "Knights of the broom" had bestirred themselves to make the rink look attractive. The Entrance Hall, Smoking and Refreshment Rooms were gay with bunting and the whole place had a cosy, homelike appearance. The ice was simply perfect, having been made the night previous.

The guests, numbering probably 150, were received by the president, A. C. Edwards, and shortly after eight, four rinks composed of members of the club, skipped by Messrs Edwards, Smith, Kerr and Howe took possession of the ice, and exhibited the beauties of the game to the minutest. The fun was greatly enjoyed by the onlookers, and when at the end of half an hour it was proposed to form rinks among the visitors, there was no lack

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of volunteers. Among those willing to try their skill in "slippery game," we noticed His Honor the Lieut.-Governor seemed to enjoy himself as much as if he were on the field. Several military gentlemen also took part and that they would soon master the rudiments of the game, and practice become as good curlers as those "jolly good fellows" the Artillery, Engineers, 87th, &c., who formerly represented service in this branch of sport. The evening passed off quickly. Those who took part in the games appeared to be themselves amazingly, and those who did not, wished for an "At Home" that they might try their skill. Of the refreshment department it is sufficient to say that "Street" was in charge.

The visitors were much interested in the prizes for which the Club compete yearly. The "Davis" and "Drummond" with the names of the winners for 40 years engraved on them were particularly noticed. The "Peters" Cup, which has not been finally won, was much admired, as was also the "Alfred" Cup presented to the Club by Mr. DeZee, formerly Consul at Halifax, which is now the property of Mr. S. H. having won it twice.

The Club House, lit by electricity, is convenient and capable of accommodating many more players, and we confidently anticipate a large addition to the roll of members. There seems to be prospect of a good season, the rink being ready for play two fortnight earlier than usual.

We would strongly urge our young and middle-aged men to wish exercise during the winter to join the Club, as we know at better amusement, and we have often wondered why Halifax only one Curling Club, while St. John supports two, (both of them) and almost every Canadian City has several.

There are a number of clubs throughout the Province in which Halifax yearly engages in friendly competition, and in former years Halifax has not feared to send players to Montreal and even Ottawa, to compete with the best players of all Canada.

The history of the Halifax Curling Club contains many matters of interest, and we hope at some future time to give notice of some of the men who founded it, as well as of some of the matches in which they took part.

Theatrical and Musical.

The gunners are indeed to be congratulated on the excellent entertainment that they put on the boards at the Orpheus on Tuesday. It was indeed a rollicking, jolly and Christmas show, in which everyone did well. We think the honors of the evening were carried off by Gr. Waters in his two songs. His first one was sung and danced in style worthy of Dutchess and in his second he almost surpassed the great humorist Eugene Stratton. The overture by the R. A. Musical Society was good. The band has improved much since we first heard it. Williams Lake. Capt. Mullins sang "Poly" in a pleasant manner. Gr. Bloomfield's jig was grand (it is a pity some of the lads in the fan-drill had not taken a lesson or two from him) and danced with determination, and spared not himself for the pleasure of the audience. We have already mentioned Gr. Waters in the

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