

a dance. The Harpers, from London, played superbly. The decorations of the house and supper room were most elaborate. Mrs. Charles is such a charming hostess it is needless to add the whole was a grand success.

Mrs. John White, "The First," gave an At Home on Thursday evening, 3rd Feb., which was a very pleasant affair.

Mrs. Philip Strathy, who has been the guest of Mrs. McCraig, returned to her home in Toronto last week.

That charming young lady, Miss Kate Howitt, who has been on a visit with Mrs. D. Hughes Charles, returned to her home last Saturday. She will be greatly missed by all.

Mr. Howard J. Duncan, the enterprising barrister, has been spending a few weeks in New York.

The Woodstock Amateur Opera Co. have decided not to produce the Mascott, but have substituted, The Little Duke and Pinafore. The Mascott we know, with the Little Duke we are familiar, but what is Pinafore?

The Bachelors are busy arranging for their proposed Assembly.

HAMILTON.

Mrs. W. F. Burton, Victoria Terrace, gave a ladies' At Home on Wednesday, the 2nd. All the elite of the city were there, and several strangers. Mrs. Burton gave a very enjoyable progressive euchre party on Friday evening, the 5th. The inside decorations of the house, both floral and otherwise, were beautifully arranged, and the event was one of the affairs of the season. Among the guests were Mrs. and the Misses Hendrie, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Crerar, Dr. and Mrs. Cockburn, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hendrie, Mr. and Mrs. Stinson, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Crerar, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Ramsay, Misses Stuart, Parker, Brown, Crerar, Robertson, M. McGiverin, Mrs. Girouard, of Montreal; Messrs. R. B. Ferrie, Alex. Harvey, R. K. Hope, P. M. Bankier, Walter Ferrie, Geo. Hope, Geo. Gates, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mackelcan.

Mr. P. M. Bankier, who recently passed his barrister's examination so successfully, has returned to Hamilton. He goes into partnership with P. D. Crerar. Mr. Bankier will shortly become a benedict.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hendrie and the Misses Hendrie left Sunday night for the Montreal carnival. They will be absent all week.

Among the belles of the Yacht Club ball were Misses Kilvert and Domville, of Hamilton.

Captain G. H. Hill, who for the past six years has been rusticated in Galt, has recently returned to Hamilton. Mrs. Hill at one time was a very active member of the Garrick Club. The Captain is a fine fellow, and very popular with the boys.

Philip H. Stuart, Teller of Molson's Bank, has been promoted to that position in Toronto.

OUR INQUISITIVE BOY VISITS OTTAWA.

This is a pretty large town, father?

Yes, my son, it is.

It is larger than New York, isn't it father?

Many men think so, my son.

Father, what does that "wise" looking man do with A. D. C. marked on his handkerchief?

Carries a horn, my boy.

What kind of a horn, father?

A tandem-horn, my son.

Oh! Pa, where is that man with the big waxed moustache you told me so much about?

Do you mean Dickie Bird, my son?

Yes, father.

He has flown to his rocky fastness in the wilds, near Brockville, my boy.

Father, who is that fine-looking man?

That is Joe Edmonds, my boy.

Has he refused the throne of Bulgaria?

Yes, my son, he appointed J. H. L. P. O'Hanly in his place.

Father, who is that ordering all those silk hats?

That, my son, is the celebrated R. J. Devlin.

Will he go to heaven, father?

It is uncertain now, my boy; the 22nd will decide if he will mount the golden ladder, or be cast into outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Father, who is that prominent figure over there, who seems to be an absolute necessity to everybody?

That is Boardy, my son, the Scotchman.

That's hardly his fault, father, is it?

No, my son, though it is a great disadvantage.

What is he going to do, father?

He is going to marry—

Father, don't sing the Mikado here, people might think we were from Hamilton.

Father, who is this pretty girl coming across the street?

That is Mollie, my boy.

The young lady who writes for VANITY FAIR?

Yes, my son.

Well, father, I'm going to tell mother that I don't think you wanted government advertising at all, when I get home.

You had better run over to the hotel, my boy, Mollie may have some business to talk over with me.

All right, father, but I'll tell ma all the same.

HAMILTON.

CARNIVAL NOTES.

Among the distinguished guests present were Lieut. Gov. Robinson, guest of George Roach, Dr. Charles O'Reilly, Mr. and Mrs. John Leslie, Ned Hanlan and Fred. Worts, Toronto; Hon. D. McInnes, Cornwall; W. K. Muir, Detroit, guest of Wm. Hendrie; W. S. Jennings, of C. P. R., London, etc.

Thos. P. Webster, formerly of Bank of Hamilton here, now of Central Bank, Guelph, was in town on the 3rd. Tom, who is now a benedict, was looking as portly as an alderman.

Some of "the boys," prominent among whom were two well known young married men, serenaded the nice girls of Dr. Burns' Methodist Seminary at a late hour on the night of the 3rd.

THE HOTELS DURING CARNIVAL.

The Royal wore a very festive appearance both days. "Jimmie," the gentlemanly dispenser of "cocktails" connected with that establishment, opened the ball, by having his raven locks specially prepared for the occasion by a celebrated tonsorial artist imported from Dundas for the purpose.

Alex. Dunn, of the St. Nicholas, arose on the morning of the 2nd, wearing his largest shirt collar and most genial manner. Both hotels were filled to overflowing. Messrs. Young and Old, from Goderich, were at the St. Nick.