

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

GOOD ADVICE FROM MARY'S FACILE PEN.

Events in Social Circles in Town and Fredericton, Moncton, Woodstock and St. Andrews—Talk About People.

My DEAR JANET: It seems to me that the longer you are away from St. John, the bigger it seems to grow in your imagination. Now you never seemed to think quite so much of it while you were here; then it used to be Boston that was the place. I wonder whether you would develop this sort of posthumous patriotism with regard to Woodentown, if you should leave that interesting village for one still smaller.

The intellect of St. John seems to be taking a few days rest after the wonderful outburst of activity that we had last week, but this is only to last for a very short time. The air is full of rumors; concerts, weddings, and all sorts of delightful things.

Now aren't you really too severe in what you say about poor women not knowing how to look after their houses and their cooking and that sort of thing. It's all very well, but you know its very hard (as you express it) to infuse beauty into life and its surroundings, where the work is so very hard. It takes a very strong mind indeed to endure the drudgery of scrubbing and sweeping, and washing, with poetry, and I'm afraid that a missionary attempt in the direction of introducing aesthetic ideals into the homes of very hard worked people would not prove a success—still there may perhaps be a chance that our district visitors might do a little to make mothers keep their children's faces a little cleaner. Little reforms (perhaps you would call them big reforms) like that would form a good starting point for something better.

Now there is one thing they might do further and that is, teach people to cook. Average cooking among people who are very hard at work is terribly bad, and yet with proper knowledge, good cooking would take no longer. This would be much more effectual for good than offering confused sort of tracts, with wonderful stories of drunken husbands.

Another thing, too, in which perhaps they might learn an indirect (a very indirect) lesson from the Salvation army, and that is to sing to people. There is nothing like music in the power of exciting sentiment. Morbid music will of course excite morbid sentiment, but good, bright, healthy songs will cheer the heart, and have an impression of sweetness even when surroundings are chill and saddening. Now you see that although I am not a philosopher, I do think of some things besides parties.

I suppose you know that we are to have an amateur minstrel performance sometime this summer. It is being got up in aid of the Oratorio society, for the special purpose of enabling them to get good soloists for this year's work.

There's one thing in the way of music that I do think ought to be done here. Why don't a number of the girls who play arrange to meet say once a week or so, and have some one play good music to them by way of an ideal. There are certainly two or three of the musicians here who both could and would undertake it. I only wish you were here with your energy and cleverness in organizing things.

And now about this wedding you are so interested in! Why not suggest to your friend that her bridesmaids wear white dresses made of some pretty soft material, and the trimmings of silver, which is so fashionable now you know, on account of the Prince of Wales' silver wedding. You can get lovely silver flowers, and white feathers silver tipped. Don't you think it would look very pretty and effective especially if they wore little bonnets and lace muffs trimmed in the same way.

I quite agree with you, that it is almost a nuisance to be invited to a swell wedding, for one never knows what to wear, and yet I suppose we should not like to be left out. If you really intend to get something new for it, I'll try and describe to you a very charming little gown I saw the other day, and I think something of the same style would suit you. It was in lawn colored cloth, of a peculiarly bright golden tinge, and made with a Figaro jacket of velvet in a slightly deeper tone of color; with large, cut steel buttons (but of course it is not meant to fasten) and the front of the dress was filled in with cream colored crepe, gathered in one large tuck up the centre. Doesn't that sound pretty? and don't trim your bonnet high up in front as we have been doing—the trimming must be put on at the very back, almost resting on the hair, and fall over to the front, leaving the sides quite bare. This looks soft and pretty if you use two to shades of ribbon. It seems as if red were to be the color this spring, it is shown in such a variety of materials, woolen goods and cottons, as well as pretty nets for evening dresses.

By the way—to change the subject somewhat abruptly—I hear that not only is there to be a fine new grand stand on the cricket grounds for the ladies, but also the members of the club are to have the privilege of inviting their lady friends to play tennis on the club ground. That's good news, isn't it?

Now before I close this I must tell you about the Weber Quartette concert of last Thursday night. This time there was a soprano, Miss Hunt, as well as the male quartette, which made quite a pleasant change, though, of course, the quartettes were by far the nicest. The first was the "Hunter's Joy," which was very prettily sung, especially in the soft parts. Then the counter-tenor sang the "Cradle Song," and illustrated the truth of your often-expressed opinion, that this sort of voice doesn't do for solos. Mr. Paine's voice is perfectly trained, and sounds delightful in the quartettes, but is scarcely pleasant by itself. After this came really the best thing of the evening, "Remember now thy Creator." They sang it exquisitely, with the most perfect shading and rare feeling. Like pretty nearly everything else, it was encored, and for the encore they gave us, "Nearer, my God, to Thee," which was nicely done, but with a certain lack of delicacy. Next came Miss Hunt's first song, "Una voce poco fa," by Rossini. She got through all the runs and trills quite cleverly, though without much feeling. She has a nice fresh sort of voice, which, where the music she chose gave it a chance, sounded sweet.

After an interval of the usual sort of comic songs, the baritone, Mr. Walker, sang "The Tar's Farewell." He has a delightfully rich voice, and for an encore sang "Dressing" most beautifully. The trio, "Te sol quest anima," was disappointing, and, like the final quintette, "Oh, World, thou art so wondrous fair," gave one the impression that Miss Hunt and the members of the male quartette were not thoroughly accustomed to singing together. The tenor wasn't so pleasing as the rest. However, I am sure you would have enjoyed the concert as a whole very much.

Next week Whitecar has promised us a theatrical treat. I will tell you all about it in my next.

Yours,

MARY.

IN TOWN AND OUT.

(Items of news intended for this department should reach this office not later than Thursday night.)

Mrs. F. T. C. Burpee and her daughter, Miss Kate Burpee, who have been in Europe for more than a year, will leave on their return voyage June 9th.

The celebrated Van der Heyden collection of oriental china is on its way to the United States, and is now exhibiting in London. It is said to comprise a number of very choice pieces in famille verte, famille rose, blue and white, and other varieties; notably a pair of jars in black and green, of the largest model, a vase of green hawthorn pattern and several garnitures of unusual quality.

Prof. A. D. Smith, of Mount Allison, has received the degree of LL.D. from Victoria University, Coburg.

Mrs. and Miss Sterling, of Fredericton, were in the city, Thursday.

The family of Mr. J. Hearle Wagstaff, superintendent of the Nova Scotia Bell Telephone company, has removed to Halifax, where his office will be located for the future.

Two popular young men are soon to say farewell to St. John, Messrs. John L. Thomas and Frank Peters. They will enter the employ of a well-known firm of extensive lumber operators, Mr. Thomas going to the Calais and Mr. Peters to the New York office.

The lady friends of the members of the St. John C. & A. club who wield the racket, will be glad to learn that at a recent meeting of the managing committee of that body permission was given to them to issue invitations to the fair sex to play on the lawn tennis grounds.

The Bangor Commercial says that Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Burpee and Miss Louise Burpee, who have been passing several weeks in Washington, returned home Tuesday evening. Mrs. Burpee's uncle, Mr. Alfred Godfrey, and Mrs. Godfrey, of Boston, came with them to pass some weeks in that city.

CHICAGO SOCIETY.—Much regret was expressed in prominent society circles when it was learned yesterday that Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt did not bring his \$10,000 cook to Chicago with him. This is the severest blow local culture has had since J. Maurice Calkins fell off his bicycle and tore his trousers.—Chicago News.

There will be a sale and high tea at Mr. William Hazen's residence next Wednesday evening, the proceeds of which will go toward defraying the expenditure upon the interior of St. Barnabas chapel.

While Hon. Joseph Chamberlain was in Washington he conducted a delicate negotiation on his own behalf, and it is hinted that he was so far successful that the other party conceded everything. They say that he and Miss Endicott, daughter of the cabinet minister, are to be married in June.

CELESTIAL GOSPEL.

FREDERICTON, May 10.—It is whispered around that one or two fashionable weddings will take place early in the leafy month of June. Of this I may have more to tell you a little later.

There are to be a number of new buildings erected in Fredericton this summer, besides the new departmental building. Mr. W. T. H. Fenety is going to build a handsome residence on St. John street, and Mr. Henry Chestnut on the corner of Waterloo and Lansdowne streets.

Mr. Daniel Jordan has gone to Woodstock for a few days, on business.

Mr. George Parkin and family have been obliged to leave their pleasant residence, on the corner of Brunswick and Sunbury streets, owing to the new railway going through their drawing-room. Strange to say, they do not appear to appreciate the convenience of having the train so near. They are at present boarding at Mrs. Tippet's, Queen street.

A number of persons here have received invitations to the wedding of H. Best Ellis, M. D., formerly a Fredericton boy, son of the late Dr. Ellis, dentist, to Miss Lula Talbot, M. D., of Los Angeles, California. The young couple left immediately after the wedding for Vienna, where they will complete their medical studies.

Dr. Harrison, of the university, entertained a number of the normal students, at the observatory, a few evenings ago, looking at Saturn and other celestial bodies. A very enjoyable evening was spent. Dr. Harrison takes pleasure in showing those who are interested the wonders to be seen through the telescope.

Mrs. David Hatt has returned from her trip to Boston.

Dr. Bailey has been delivering a very interesting course of lectures on geology and mineralogy, at his own residence, to a large private class, consisting of young ladies and gentlemen. These lectures have been illustrated by very fine specimens and magic lantern views. The class are looking forward to some very enjoyable field-lays during this month and the early summer.

Mr. Stopford has bought a farm on Maryland hill, opposite Mr. Fred. Hilliard's, where they have moved.

Mrs. Hilyard and Miss Temple have just returned from Ottawa, where they have been visiting their father, Mr. Thomas Temple, M. P., and enjoying the gaiety of the capital.

A large and appreciative audience welcomed Mrs. Scott-Siddons, Tuesday evening, but there seemed to be a murmur of disappointment through the building when it was announced that Mr. Henry Waller would not appear in Fredericton.

Miss Julia Manger is very ill, in England. Her mother, Mrs. Hugo, has gone to her from Boston.

Mr. R. D. Wilson, of the Bank of British North America, spent last Sunday with his friends in Fredericton.

Dr. Kingdon, the coadjutor bishop, leaves this week for England, to attend the Pan-Anglican synod.

Mr. Parkin, the principal of the high school, leaves early in June for England, where he will spend the summer.

Miss Bessie Hunt will entertain her young friends, at her father's residence, Regent street, Friday evening. A very enjoyable evening is anticipated.

STELLA.

ST. ANDREWS NOTES.

ST. ANDREWS, May 9.—St. Andrews still booms. The syndicate, including its president, Sir Leonard Tilley, spent Sunday here. There are many rumors afloat, but it is certain that the company are still buying largely and others, besides some St. John men have invested largely and have refused to sell though offered a large advance. The real estate owners in the town have not gone off the handle, but continue to offer their property at comparatively reasonable figures, thus rendering it possible to carry on the boom.

Mr. Henry Osborne and family intend going to England in July to remain, perhaps, permanently, though it is stated that if possible the Land company will secure Mr. Osborne's services as manager.

An offer has been made for the rectory by the company. The church corporation will probably sell and purchase Dr. Parker's place, which is now vacant, the doctor and his family having gone to England.

Mr. D. H. Maxwell, of St. Stephen, has been engaged by the company and will probably come to St. Andrews to live.

The weather during this week has been delightful. There is something about the air of St. Andrews peculiarly favorable to longevity and activity in old age. An excellent example of this may be pointed out in the person of Harris Hatch, Esq., who, at the age of 79, seems as vigorous and well preserved as a quarter of a century ago. He has already outlived several generations of his would-be successors in office, and gives promise of continuing to do so. St. Andrews possesses a maiden lady of over 80 who attends the dancing parties and enjoys tripping the light fantastic as keenly as any.

If St. Andrews ever expects to arrive at eminence as a city and possess grain elevators, deep sea termini and dry docks, she must remove that bell around which dogs delight to congregate and assist in the hideous clamor which it produces so early in the morning, greatly to the discomfort of the man with a clear conscience who sleeps late.

Inspector Carter is visiting the schools here this week. He is accompanied by Mrs. Carter.

Mr. Walter Clarke has returned from the Medical college, New York, and will spend the summer in St. Andrews. Rumor says that a rising young barrister of this place contemplates joining the beneficiaries at an early date.

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