

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Mr. Geo. Strachan, a Winnipeg commercial man is at the Hotel Victoria.

Mr. E. J. Miller, collector of inland revenue, Vancouver, is in the city on a visit.

Mrs. Percy Wollaston, gave a most enjoyable children's party last Monday evening.

The Thistle club gave their regular dance at Harmony Hall, last evening. There was a good attendance.

A very pleasant party was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dee, Rupert street, last evening.

An enjoyable party was given, Thursday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shotbolt, 59 Johnson street.

The Iolanthe club meet in Harmony Hall, next Wednesday evening, 11th inst., for their semi-monthly dance.

A very pleasant children's party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Davey, Burnside road, on Thursday afternoon.

A surprise party was given at the residence of Mr. Farquhar Gilchrist, King's Road, Monday evening. There were about 50 in attendance.

Mr. W. Spencer Hampson, proprietor of the Stanley House, left, last Wednesday week, on a purchasing trip to England; he expects to return early in February.

Capt. and Mrs. Barnes, of Second street, gave an enjoyable party, last Wednesday. The evening was spent at cards, music and dancing, which was kept up until 3 a.m. The affair was quite sociable.

Mr. T. G. Moody, jr., will leave early in February for Toronto to enter the employ of W. A. Murray & Co., a well known dry goods house. Mr. Moody's friends propose tendering him a party shortly before he starts for the east.

Mrs. R. L. Drury, organist of the Metropolitan Methodist church, Pandora Avenue, entertained the choir of the church and a few friends, last Wednesday evening, at her residence 42 South Turner street. A pleasant evening was spent in games, music, etc.

A most enjoyable children's party was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Redfern, Thursday evening. A large Christmas tree formed one of the attractions, each little guest receiving a gift off it at the close of the event. Over fifty children were present.

Cloverdale school house was crowded, last Wednesday evening, on the occasion of the concert social and dance given that evening. The tableaux gotten up by Mrs. Foster and the Misses Hemp were very fine and will probably be repeated at an early date in the Blue Ribbon Hall.

A successful Christmas tree entertainment was given in the Forester's Hall, last evening, by Court Northern Light, A. O. F. Santa Claus was represented by Mr. John Trace, who distributed presents. The entertainment was gotten up specially for the junior branch of the order and for children of Forresters.

The last night of the year 1892 was celebrated by the members of Sir William Wallace Society of this city by a Hogmonay concert, in the Philharmonic Hall. The members and their friends turned out in large numbers and filled the hall. The programme was an excellent one as will be seen from the following. Mr. Wolfe opened with that well known overture "Poet and Peasant," as a piano solo, but the instrument was not such as would show the beauties of a selection like this. Miss O'Neil then sang, in a very creditable manner, "The Dream of Love." Mr. Brown then sang "Jessie's Dream," receiving an *encore* but did not respond. Then followed the dancing of the Highland Fling by a little girl, Miss McKenzie, which was vociferously applauded. Madame Laird, teacher of vocal music at the Victoria Conservatory, then sang that beautiful Scotch ballad "Auld Robin Gray." Madame Laird has a voice of surprising sweetness, and yet contains a reserve fund of power that is remarkable, and her singing of this song was enthusiastically received. This was Madame Laird's first appearance in concert singing in Victoria, and she will no doubt always receive a warm welcome. Mr. Kinnaid's singing of "Afton Water" was not up to his usual meritorious work—seemingly a trifle flat all the way through. Miss Jamieson's singing of "Caller Herrin" was first rate in every particular but one—her phrasing of the words. Otherwise her effort was a good one and she deserved the

encore to which she responded with "Bonnie Charlie." The point she scored her greatest success upon was her imitation of the fishwife's cry "Caller Herrin." Miss Lawson, in her Scotch reading, was in her element, and her genial kindly manner and her well known ability assures her always of a good reception. Miss Wolff sang "My Sailor Love" in excellent style receiving much applause. Mr. Brown's singing of "The Auld Scotch Songs" was the piece of the evening, being recalled to the platform three times, and at last having to sing again in order to appease the audience, with whom he evidently was a great favorite. Mr. E. Wolff's violin solo was a rare treat. He is apparently a master of this instrument and is always worth hearing. Mr. P. Gordon's song the "Star of Bethlehem," an exceedingly hard song to sing, which landed Mr. Gordon in difficulties before he had finished. He is possessed of a fine bass voice, not brought to a high state of culture, yet the material is there and more may yet be heard of him. There is only one Scotch elocutionist and reader in Victoria and that is Mr. W. Allan. Wherever he goes he is sure to bring down the house. On "Hogmonay night" he fairly excelled himself in "Jeems Kaye at the Calico Ball." The duett "Larboard Watch," between Messrs. Brownie and Gordon, was a very fine number, their voices blending well together. The sword dance by Master McKenzie, songs by Miss O'Neil and Madame Laird were all well received. "Auld Lang Syne" then brought this very excellent programme to a close. Very many and grievous were the complaints regarding the coldness of the hall by the audience, and I understand some of the performers have made a vow never to sing again in that hall, owing to the want of accoustic properties.

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