

## Provincial Notes.

**DARIMOUTH.** The entertainment, consisting of tableaux and music, for the benefit of Christ's Church organ fund, was given in the Sunday-school room on Thursday evening. It was a great success, the building being crowded to overflowing. All who witnessed it expressed themselves as highly pleased. A number were present from the city. The music was furnished by the Italian Harpist with one piano voluntary. The different scenes were introduced and explained in a very neat and appropriate way by Mr. Chas. E. Creighton. The first picture entitled "Moccoli," was a balcony scene, representing six Italian ladies, each with a candle on the eve of Ash Wednesday, illustrating an Italian ceremony. The ladies who took part were Misses Strong, Drake, Collins, Finlay, Bishop, and Parker. This was one of the best. The second and third were represented by Miss Parker and Mr. J. Creighton as Priscilla and John Alden first "Why don't you speak for yourself John;" and second, John entangled holding the skein of yarn. These were also excellent. The fourth, "Army and Navy Civil Service" by Miss Winnie Creighton, Dr. Gow and F. Stevens. The fifth and sixth, "The Fortuneteller" and fortune told with cards before a ball by Miss Creighton and Miss Collins; first "Telling," second "Told." The seventh or central picture represented Longfellow's poem "The Consecration of Pulaski's Banner," with Mr. Prescott Johnson as the bishop, and Mr. Henry Creighton as Pulaski, a dozen young ladies as nuns, and Miss Dewar as Sister Superior. During the scene Mr. W. R. Foster's fine voice was heard singing the "Hymn." This was perhaps the best number on the programme. Dr. W. F. Smith next represented "The Inconvenience of Single Life," and the difficulty of an old bachelor in threading a needle. The ninth was entitled Rebecca at the steak. Beef steak it proved to be, the audience expected something tragic. The next two scenes representing Bunthorne and 20 Lovesick Maidens, with Mr. Harry Creighton as the hero were among the five best pictures. Then came four scenes from I. Russell Lowell's poem of Hulda and Zekel, which were given in a very realistic way by Miss Winnie Creighton and Dr. Gow. The sixteenth and last picture, "Britannia," included with that personification all the ladies and gentlemen in their characters who had previously taken part. Some of the scenes were very greatly enhanced by beautiful colored lights; through the assistance of Mr. W. H. Stevens. The only two drawbacks to the complete success of the representations were that the stage was rather low to be seen by those at a distance, and that there were no footlights. The latter was almost a calamity, as the facial expressions in the different pictures often could not be seen at all. The ladies and gentlemen who gave the entertainment deserve great credit for its success, particularly Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Foster. It was to be repeated on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Allison returned from New York on Tuesday

**CHARLOTTETOWN,** April 5th. The event of the week was the ball at Government House on Easter Tuesday. A large number of well dressed guests, brightly decorated halls and the excellence of the music furnished by the band, contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the guests.

It is needless to remark that His Honor and Mrs. Carvell are ideal host and hostess, and that the good things lavishly provided at supper-time and during the evening were worthy the house and its occupants. Dancing was prolonged far into the morning, but the intervals between the dances were longer than usual; indeed, had they been shorter it would have been possible for the guests to keep all their dancing engagements. It is almost unfair to mention this, when every feature contributed to make the ball thoroughly enjoyed by all the guests.

There were some new faces there as is usual at such a large ball at Government House, and a few guests were present from elsewhere.

Miss Hunt of Summerside was Mrs. Carvell's guest during her visit for the occasion.

During the evening Mrs. Carvell extended verbal invitations to a few guests for a small party on Thursday evening.

Col. Irving, A. D. C., has gone to Halifax, to join General Herbert in some militia business.

The engagement is announced of the Honorable Daniel Davies to Miss Emily Stewart, which lady is receiving the sincere congratulations of her many friends. Mr. Davies' early return from England is expected. It is said that the marriage is arranged for next month.

As is usual in such cases, following upon the announcement are rumors of several other engagements, some very desirable, some very absurd—all probably born of the imagination and officiousness of certain people who, having little else to do, attempt to manage other people's affairs.

The following ladies and gentlemen are to take part in the dramatic part of the Lawn Tennis entertainment:—Mrs. Malcolm Macleod, Mrs. Blanchard and Mrs. Bartlett, Dr. Blanchard, Mr. F. H. Arnaud, and Mr. W. F. H. Carvell.

"Rex" has another letter in one of our daily papers, dealing with society doings, in which the writer (not as happily as in the former letter, perhaps, but with caustic truthfulness) deplores the want of grace evident in our dancing. What "Rex" says is perfectly true in many particulars. Our grandfathers and grandmothers—yes, and even our parents—could well express regret that the old dignified carriage of the dancers of their day has to a great degree disappeared. Here in Charlottetown a figure of the Lancers is begun at any part of the music, and it is a very common occurrence for the people of one set to have finished the figure some minutes before those in a set of the same number of dancers. This must necessarily rob dancing of much of the charm which comes from sympathy with the music, and is as great an eye sore to appreciative lookers on as it would be to see a company of soldiers out of step or marching in wrong time. But it is the vulgar exaggeration of motion that "Rex" complains of. He begs his readers to abandon the Berlin, and is almost as severe in his denunciations of the "Militaire." There are two ways of dancing the latter dance here: by one set of dancers it is made, a graceful movement, charming to spectators, who see in it relief from too constant repetition of one short step, by others it is a kicking match scarcely fit for a play ground, and we are sorry to have to confess that the latter class is largely represented among us.

**APRIL 13TH.**—As St. George's Day draws nearer the Tennis entertainment elicits more comment. Costumes have been decided upon and are now in-making. Nightly practices are held for the play, and all is in good shape for the successful representation on the 23rd. Mr. Percy Pope has charge of all stage arrangements, costumes, &c., so that nothing which good taste and diligent attention to detail can secure, will be found lacking when the play is put on the boards. There is every reason for anticipating as emphatic a success as the club's last venture to invite the public to its entertainment. Saturday next is the date fixed for a full dress rehearsal.

Mr. Vinnicombe's concert to-night Monday, is likely to be well patronized. Mr. Vinnicombe is our self-educated violinist, and during the many years of his residence among us, has by dint of constant application and practice so improved himself in his branch of the divine art as now to possess skill and ability much beyond the ordinary. Mr. Vinnicombe's name on a programme always attracts, and he is always willing to lend a helping hand to any good cause. He now has an orchestra club whose playing is exceptionally good, and while it must of necessity fall far short of your Halifax Quintette Club, it answers the same purpose here, and charms us whenever it plays. For all these reasons Mr. Vinnicombe deserves, and will assuredly secure, a large audience at his annual concert to-night.

We regret to learn that Rev. Fred J. Lloyd will not be able to sing, owing to a cold which confines him to bed.

Mrs. John Longworth arrived last week, upon a visit to her mother Mrs. Frank Beer, wife of Dr. Beer, who, we are glad to learn is so far recovered from her long illness as to be able to move about by the aid of walking sticks, &c.

There was a small card party at Dr. Anderson's (Prince of Wales College) on Saturday night, and at the same time a small party dined at Mr. R. R. Fitzgerald's.

The harbour is just clearing of ice. The "Stanley" is expected at any moment.

The identity of "Rex" who has been writing certain letters to the *Daily Examiner* has been made known, and as all such gratuitous expression of influence vanishes as soon as its sentiments become those of any certain person, we will probably not have any further letter from the same source. It is almost needless to say that when a secret is so soon divulged, it is one of the fairer sex who is responsible.

There is a movement on hand to secure the building of a first-class hotel. The committee appointed by the Board of Trade for the purpose, modestly suggest that the Government hand over Government House grounds for the purpose. The situation certainly is beautiful, but very inconvenient for the travelling public, and not far enough away from the city for summer visiting.