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DAILY DOINGS IN STRATHROY

Success of St. John's Church Ladies' Bazar and High Tea—College Concert.

[Advertiser's Special Correspondence.]

Strathroy, Dec. 3.—Mr. E. Crooks, of Chicago, is visiting relatives here.

Dr. J. R. McCabe is in Toronto attending the medical examinations, the doctor being on the board as examiner.

Miss Orchard, of Brandon, is visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Greenlaw, of Woodstock, will give a musical programme in the Baptist Church, Dec. 7. Popular prices arranged.

Rev. J. Schram, of Buffalo, preached in the Methodist Church on Sunday last.

Mrs. J. C. Becker, of London, is home on a visit to her parents.

Mrs. J. Neil and family have moved to Sarnia to reside.

Mr. Isaac Neil, who has been employed with Messrs. Geddes Bros. for a number of years, left last week for Sarnia to take a position with Mr. T. Symington.

The high tea and bazar given in the parish rooms on Thursday by the ladies of the Working Society of St. John's Church was a great success.

The tea was par excellence, and everything was in abundance. The young ladies, who acted as waiters, kept everyone in good humor by their pleasant and tempting viands. And the boys, how they did make the good things disappear. We understand that the sum was largely to help pay off the debt on the parish room.

Those who did not take in the Collegiate concert last Friday evening missed a rare treat. Miss Morgan is all that is claimed for her, as being today one of the best soprano singers in Canada. She is doubtless a great singer ever heard in our town, and Principal Wetherill is to be congratulated upon securing artists of such high standing for his concert.

It is evident that Miss Morgan's efforts as a larger crowd never assembled in the Lyceum for a concert. Every available seat, upstairs and downstairs, was filled with a number of persons stood during the performance. Every number was fine.

Miss J. Alexander is an old favorite here, as is also Mr. McGee, and they need no comment. Miss Morgan's voice was very clear and sweet, and any attempt to describe her singing would not do her justice. You must hear her to appreciate all the sweetness of her bird-like notes. Mr. T. Robinson, K. C., of Toronto, an ex-pupil of Strathroy Collegiate Institute, gave a splendid address on "Books," to the outgoing class of students, who received their diplomas, and those who were not students also enjoyed the address, because it was logical and full of sound advice.

Mr. J. McCoubrey, of Detroit, visited here this week and left for the Coast on Thursday.

Mr. Wm. Ballantyne was quietly married to Miss E. Jarvis at the residence of the bride's uncle, Mr. O. E. Fortner, on Wednesday evening, by Rev. D. Duck. The bride was the recipient of many useful presents from her friends. Mr. and Mrs. Ballantyne will reside on Richmond street.

Mr. Charles Ashwell, of Calgary, is home on a visit.

The union of the St. Andrew's Young Men's Club and the "Alhambra" Club is being talked of, and such a union will be advantageous in a great many ways.

Miss Morgan gave to Principal Wetherill \$25 as a donation to the reading-room and library fund of the school. Miss Morgan is the first to give a donation to the school for this purpose. Mr. Robinson advised Principal Wetherill that the National Anti-Slavery Society, commencing with 1905, as a prize for debating. Regulations, etc., will be decided later. This will no doubt stimulate debating in the school and will be appreciated by both scholars and friends of the school.

The English Melster Glee Quartet gave a fine concert on Wednesday evening at the Lyceum. A fair-sized audience greeted the company, and all seemed to enjoy the music and other specialties very much.

Mr. W. A. Ogden has disposed of his harness shop on Frank street to A. L. Jacques, of Chatham, who will take possession the 1st of February.

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Rev. H. M. Langford attended the recent synod meetings in London.

Mr. Hinds, Chatham, is the guest of his son, W. H. Hinds.

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Mr. A. E. Davis has returned from attending the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Moses, in Ohio.

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MEISTER SINGERS WERE DELIGHTFUL

English Organization Appears at the Auditorium in a Fine Programme.

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Strathroy, Dec. 3.—The English organization of glee singers, drew a very small but hilariously demonstrative audience in the Auditorium last night. The company comprised the glee club proper, a male quartet, consisting of Wm. Sexton (alto), Ager Grover (tenor), Alfred Cunningham (baritone), and Ford Ward (bass), an eclectician, Miss Ethel Henry, and Roland Henry, accompanist and humorous sketch artist.

Their programme was thoroughly popular in style, consisting of humorous sketches, popular sentimental ballads, and comic songs, and humorous and descriptive choruses.

Miss Henry, the reader, fulfilled every expectation as far as physical charms are concerned, and if she did not in art and in her voice, she was a success. The advance bills made rather extravagant claims for her. Her voice is of beautiful smooth quality, her manner in humorous passages not too broad, while she handles heavier work with sufficient restraint to prevent the least of badly sung quality from being, as too often is the case, nauseating. Her charming naïveté put the audience in good humor with itself, and the number of persons stood during the performance, while the applause increased with each reappearance.

Better individual voices have often been heard here in male quartets, but at all, has better team work than that of the Meisters. Not only was their intonation so perfect that they seemed equally divided, but their achievement, in the lighter passages, a quite remarkable resonance. Their selections were all light in character, but exceptionally well sung, good phrasing, distinct articulation, and varied expression being additional features of their singing.

"Sunny Jim," his face and actions, was present under the nom de guerre of Roland Henry. His musical burlesques were especially funny, his stories equally so, although they varied in both ease and quality, ranging from the pathetic history of that young boy-legged man who sold his soul for a chasm with a board when he held his lady-love on his knee, down to our old familiar plaudits to the one with the plume, a day's journey apart. It was a refreshing experience to listen to a man so naturally comical, and so completely free from the slightest taint of vulgarity, even in its broad sense.

Among the three soloists—Mr. Sexton took part only in the quartet—handed out equally divided, Mr. Wm. Sexton, perhaps, the most accomplished as far as tone production was concerned. His bass voice is of a very excellent smooth in quality, but of exceptional resonance, while his conception of the song is sufficiently free to be both interesting and infectious in humor.

Mr. Grover and Mr. Cunningham sang with more restraint, but in an artistic manner in interpretation.

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At Warthenstein, Germany, there is a unique botanical library. Outwardly the books present the common appearance of a block of wood, but a careful examination reveals that each is a complete history of the particular tree which it represents. At the back of the book the bark has been removed for a space which allows the scientific and common names of the tree to be placed as a title.

Mary Cann, who personally saved the lives of six helpless passengers of the General Slocum, is to get a gold medal and a purse. She is scarcely 17, and at the time had been out of the hospital only a few days.

U. S. FLEET HELD AT PANAMA CITY

The New Republic is Threatened With a Revolution by a Band of Plotters.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 2.—The integrity of the Republic of Panama is gravely threatened. A great revolution, demanding the utilization of United States war vessels and marines, is menacing Panama.

After conferences between the White House, state department and the navy department, Admiral Goodrich was cabled peremptory orders to hold his squadron at Panama, where it arrived on Tuesday, until further orders.

Special orders were also cabled to Capt. Merriam, in command of the Dixie, in Colon. They were sent by Secretary Morton himself, who sent them first to the state department. At the state department it is learned that the statement cabled to Capt. Merriam was in cipher, but was substantially as follows:

"In case of insurrection or riot at Colon or Panama, utilize all your resources, including marines, in support of the present Government. Do not permit the office of marines to act at once according to these orders upon the request of the President of Panama."

The forces thus put at the discretion of the President of Panama are the Pacific squadron, consisting of the York, Boston, Marblehead and gunboat Bennington, the Dixie, at Colon, and about 400 marines now on the isthmus.

It thus appears that the state department has news of the insurrection, which it has not given to the public. A semi-official statement was given out by the state department, that there was a conspiracy had been discovered some time ago against President Amador, but that it had been nipped in the bud.

According to what was given out by the state department, it was the purpose of the conspirators to seize the Government to take charge of the unexpended balance of the \$100,000 paid to the Republic of Panama by the United States.

The state department was busy privately on another story. It learned of grave dangers, and asked the navy department for help. The navy department shows that the Pacific squadron was held up suddenly and all the other precautions taken as given above.

Secretary of War Taft is going to Panama on the Columbia, which will be accompanied by the Dolphin, the Detroit or the Bancroft, now in Caribbean waters, if their assistance be needed.

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