

WHITBY.

Among those who attended the Oshawa Ball from here were, Mr. and Mrs. Ormiston, Miss Ormiston, Miss Bambridge, Miss Perry, Judge and Miss Dartnoll, Mrs. D. C. Macdonell, Miss Macdonell, Tom Greenwood, Harry Lander, Miss Howard, D. McGillivray, Mr. and Miss Billings, Mr. Dawney.

Miss Campbell, of Toronto, is the guest of Dr. Parsons.

Mr. John Ferguson has recovered from his recent illness, and is about again.

Mr. House left on Monday for the Carnival at Montreal.

Miss Edith Gross left for Montreal on Friday evening, by C. P. R., to attend the Carnival. She intends making her debut at the Windsor Ball, and, judging from the pretty costumes she has taken with her, added to her personal charms, the fair Edith will make sad havoc with the hearts of the sterner sex.

Mr. Ernest Gross accompanied his sister.

Mr. George Ross and Mr. Hatch also left on Monday.

Mrs. Alloway is visiting her mother, Mrs. Cormack.

The Hon. Edward Blake was the guest of Mr. David Ormiston last week.

DORA.

ST. MARY'S

Miss O'Conner, of Ingersoll, is the guest of Mrs. Robert Moore.

Miss Smith, of Toronto, daughter of Mr. G. B. Smith, M.P.P., is visiting Mrs. J. H. Mathieson.

Mrs. A. Carman gave a very pleasant "At Home" last Thursday evening.

A sleighing party from Stratford enlivened our town last Thursday evening. After an elaborate supper at the National, the party adjourned to the large ball room, and together with several of our town people spent a charming evening. Among those present we noticed Mrs. J. H. Mathieson, Misses Sanderson, Miss Wright and General Goldie.

Our young ladies persist in wearing tobogganning suits and yet we haven't any slide nor anything in the shape of a toboggan, except a few old wooden sleighs and one bob sleigh (the admiration and envy of the town). The suits are very pretty and becoming, and we are glad to learn the Young Men's B. and P. Club intend investing in a few toboggans, it is said General Goldie will build the slide.

BOWMANVILLE.

Society here has sustained a severe loss in the death of Mrs. William Jones, wife of the manager of the standard Bank and it will be long ere her many friends will cease to miss her.

The deputation from this town to the Oshawa assembly was very small, no doubt out of respect to the family of the deceased lady.

Mr. Rhys Fairbairn, accompanied by Mr. R. C. Donald, of Toronto, came down on Saturday and remained over Sunday at his home.

It is said that a new combination is soon to be heard of in our little society here and may properly represent a mixture of law and medicine.

The reports of the Oshawa Assembly which have reached this town have had their effect, and it is said 'twill not be long ere the strains of the music will be

heard, and the friends will gather themselves together and then Oshawa may look to her laurels.

A concert was given on Monday night at which Miss Howden, of Millbrook, was the star. It was a great success.

ST. CATHARINES.

Whether the malarial nature of the atmosphere here produces that state of melancholy which is conducive to poetry or not I cannot say, but the fact remains that we have quite a number of local poetasters, and I am credibly informed that several of them are now at work writing poems on the Queen's Jubilee to compete for the prize of one hundred dollars offered by *The Week*.

I mention this fact so that any other aspirants for the prize may desist from their laudable literary labor in time, as I feel certain that no one could produce anything like the verses of our local poet Laureate "Truthful James."

The Evening Star (a one cent paper) has lately made its appearance in the journalistic firmament here. It blows the Conservative trumpet with no uncertain blast, and is also prepared to sound a note in the interest of the Temperance cause. Its birth being concurrent with the commencement of the political fight now going on led me to suppose it was merely a campaign sheet, and I felt further convinced of this by the way it pounced upon the aspiring young barrister who is the Reform candidate for this county.

I hear, however, that the printing establishment from which the paper is issued has just put in steam power and a new Gordon press, and the proprietor declares that the *Star* is a fixed one.

The standard of politics here is not a particularly high one—in fact, it is quite the reverse—and we would more gladly have welcomed an independent paper, free to discuss the questions of the day from a non-partisan and unbiased stand-point, and edited by an intelligent man possessing backbone enough to express his honest opinions regardless of whether he may be treading on the political corns of either Grit or Tory.

This has been an unusually dull season in the theatrical line so far, and the Opera House has hardly been opened lately except for political meetings. Wm. Patterson, M. P. of Brant, and the Hon. Tom White are the only "footlight favorites" that have been on the boards for some time. They drew immense houses at popular prices—reserved seats without extra charge.

The Philharmonic Society's concert is booked for the 15th inst. Besides Rossini's "Stabat Mater" there will be a miscellaneous programme. The following soloists are coming from Hamilton: Mrs. Martin-Murphy, Miss Robbins, Mr. Geo. Clarke and Mr. F. W. Wodell. They are all good singers and ought to make a fine quartette. The Society will give the last chorus, the "Amen," in the "Stabat Mater" in its entirety. Outside of Toronto, Canadian audiences have rarely, if ever, had the privilege of hearing the chorus complete.

Miss Caldwell, of the Boston Conservatory of Music, is visiting relatives in the city. Her singing was the leading attraction of the "Pink Social" given by St. Thomas Church on Tuesday evening.

One of the most enjoyable parties of the season was given by Mrs. Haynes on Wednesday evening. Her handsome rooms were well filled with the youth and beauty of the town, all of whom seemed to be enjoying themselves to the fullest extent.