

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

(FOR AMUSEMENT, SOCIETY NEWS SEE FIFTH AND SIXTH PAGES.)

TALKS ABOUT HALIFAX.

On Friday evening, March 17th, the Leicester-Street band gave their first concert at the Academy of Music. They were greeted by a large audience, and the musical people being present. The programme was long—commencing at 8 p. m., and ending over 11—but no one felt fatigued. This is certainly the finest band which has ever been in the garrison, surpassing in sweetness even the celebrated 104th; the selections, too, were happily chosen. Among the best pieces were the "Hunting Song," "The Last Chord," "The Music of the former being of that order known as the rollicking, mirthful, and of the latter, a very poem in music, sad, solemn, and slow. This concert we understand is but the forerunner of a series to be given after Easter.

Society is *triste*, over a lot of losing for an indefinite period one of its greatest favorites, Mrs. J. F. Kenney, who shortly leaves for an extended European tour. Come and Mrs. H. B. Clarke also go about the same time to visit relatives in England.

Captain Jenkins, A. D. C., left on Monday last for New York. On his way, he will extend his trip to Mexico and Canada. Wherever he roams, the genial captain will make many friends, and his absence will create a great gap in society during the amusements following Easter.

Notwithstanding that the fashionable people are (or at least are supposed to be) on their knees doing penance during these last days preceding Easter, there have been several parties of a grander nature than the usual ones. The "inner circle" sort of affairs, Mr. Harvey gave one of these "Teas" at his residence the "Oak" on Wednesday last.

Mrs. Jack Stairs gave also an entertainment of this description on the same evening. "At home" which came off during the last season of Lent, several military bands of the Leicestershire regiment were present. We will merely remark, *en passant*, that the greater number of the new officers are unmarried; add to the young and good looking, then will you not admit that a brilliant season is in prospect for Halifax society?

I had almost forgotten to mention Mrs. Augustus Wootton's tea—a charming gathering of the youth and beauty of our city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wylie have left the city for Bedford, taking up their residence at the Bedford hotel. Mrs. Wylie leaves shortly for London, where she intends visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dixon.

Mrs. W. B. Reynolds, who a few days ago, went to visit friends in the upper provinces, has been suddenly and sadly recalled home by the death of her youngest child.

During the present week the churches of St. Luke and St. Paul are holding a sort of mission given by the resident clergymen of the churches, and the service will be held at St. Luke's on Monday and Tuesday.

In St. Paul's the mission will be continued each evening during the week, the officiating clergymen being Rev. Dyson Hague and Rev. Laurence Shey.

Many fair maidens and gallant swains are looking forward with much anticipation to a novel entertainment to be given on the 31st of March, at the "Oak," by Messrs. Gordon & Keith. This wealthy firm intend to celebrate the opening of their new buildings on Grandville street by holding a grand reception. We understand about 500 invitations have been issued. On the afternoon of the 31st, the evening will be held at "at home" to 3 to 6. In the evening there will be a grand ball. The Leicestershire band has been engaged to play at the grand affair of the kind ever given in the city, and we wish it every success.

The ladies of St. Stephen's congregation are to hold a bazaar in the church of England Institute on Wednesday, in aid of their work. As some of our readers lady acquaintances have lately been devoting much of their free time to the making of some charming articles of fancy work we would urge those who wish to purchase something new and pretty for the drawing room to come early and make their selections.

On dit that a ripple is again in our midst; we trust that this is but a rumor sent abroad by some of those people who are always on the alert to circulate any story which may excite the curiosity of the town. In St. Mary's R. C. cathedral 250 persons received confirmation on Sunday afternoon. The exercises of the mission closed in the evening, the church being crowded to its very doors. Rev. Father Macdonald, S. J., presided at the closing service, "perseverance," and the Archbishop gave benediction.

A few days ago Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harvey, Dartmouth, celebrated their wedding, a large number of their friends being present to congratulate the happy pair, and wish them well for the future.

Mrs. Gilbert Shaw, at her residence, Main street, very successfully entertained a large party of friends on Thursday evening, on Thursday evening of last week. Characters were on the table, at the close of the theatricals, after a sumptuous repast, the guests departed for their homes, and the evening. Among those present, we may mention Miss Laura Starr, Miss Shaffer, Miss Whiston, Miss McLellan, Miss G. McLellan, Miss Coffin, Miss Harris, Miss Lily Sweet, Miss Lillian Dunn, Mrs. Rufus Sweet, the Misses, Messrs. Messrs. Messrs. Miss Lou MacPherson, Mr. Bell, Mr. Westcott, Mr. Luccetti, Mr. DeWolfe, Mr. Fred Harris, Mr. A. H. Smith, Mr. Edwards, returned home on Friday.

Among the pleasant social events of last week we must not omit the quadrille party given on Thursday by Mrs. W. F. Pickering, South Park street. These quadrille parties have been of our mention, the winter months at the residences of a number of prominent social people. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Clarke, Miss Boreas, Miss McNutt, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. G. C. Kelley, Mrs. G. C. Frazee, Miss Kate Priest, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. J. Harris, Miss May Kelley, the Misses Johnson, the Misses Somers.

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Miss Alice Estabrooks made a short visit to Dorchester on Friday, when she stayed with her sister, Mrs. A. E. Oulton. Mr. and Mrs. Oulton returned to the city on the following Sunday, which they spent in Halifax with Mrs. Oulton's mother at the Brunswick.

Mr. Wm. Cochran left last week for a visit of some weeks to British Columbia, whither he is called by important business.

Mr. H. W. Wells spent Thursday last week in Dorchester, and also Monday of this week. I was glad to learn that he has almost recovered from his ill-health, and has been able to give up the trip to a southern country which he determined upon last week. He should spend more time in the healthy climate of Dorchester, on our coast, as well as his own.

Mr. M. G. Teed spent Friday in Moncton, but took great care to suppress that fatal electric smile when passing the *Transcript* office. Like the smile of the Nile who had a most beautiful smile, when he said "Smile again," he replied, "I'm not smiling, but I really think I can smile. But he never smiled again in Moncton, all the same. (Perhaps the readers of *Transcript* office of Dorchester and Moncton don't understand the allusion to Mr. Teed's smile. It refers to a leading editorial in recent issue of the *Transcript*, which began somewhat after this fashion: "Mr. M. G. Teed of Dorchester was in Moncton on Monday, and when passing the *Transcript* office he glanced at its dingy front and smiled.")

Mr. John B. Foster, penitentiary warden, went to St. John on Tuesday last, returning on Thursday.

The teachers and pupils of the superior school are preparing daily for a public entertainment to be given in the hall at an early date, under the management of Principal George E. Oulton, the management of which will be a greater success than similar ones in the past.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Allison, of Sackville, spent Sunday in Dorchester, at the George Chas. hotel, at Moncton.

Mr. W. F. Campbell, tutor at King's college, returned home on Friday last, to give his Easter vacation. Mr. Campbell left on Monday for Spring, where he will spend a week studying the practical side of mining engineering.

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ST. STEPHEN.

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Every one was shocked on Monday morning by the report of the sudden death of Mr. Newton Worden. Mr. Worden has many friends here, who sympathize deeply with his wife and relatives in their sad loss and great sorrow. The funeral took place this afternoon, with Pythian ceremonies.

Mrs. A. E. Neill has returned from Clifton Springs, N. Y. Colonel Neill is still away. His many friends here are very glad to hear of his improved health.

Miss Emma Harris has returned from New York city, and is the guest of her son, Mr. Frank Todd. Mrs. C. H. Eaton, of Lexington, Mass., is visiting friends in Milton and Calais.

Miss Nellie Smith has returned home after a visit of three months among friends in Moncton and Halifax. Miss Smith is a general favorite here and her numerous friends warmly welcome her back.

Mr. C. R. Whidden of Calais has gone to New York city for a short visit.

Miss Gussie Britain returned from Boston on Monday.

Mr. John D. Chipman and Miss Connie Chipman spent a few days in St. John last week.

Mr. F. W. Andrews left yesterday for a trip to Boston.

Mrs. T. J. Smith entertained a small party of friends with a most pleasant evening. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bradner, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jones, Dr. and Mrs. R. K. Ross, Miss Mrs. Newman, Mr. John D. Chipman and Mr. Pettit.

Miss Cora Maxwell and Miss Millie Maxwell have returned to their home in a most pleasant trip to Dexter, Me.

The Misses Bailey are entertaining a small party of friends in Dorchester on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Clarke left this morning for St. John. Mr. Clarke will also visit the Windsor Hotel, where he will spend a few days.

Mrs. Newman, of Moncton, is at the Windsor Hotel, where she will spend a few days.

The Ladies interested in the Public Library Fund gave a snowball race and supper at the "Gore" on Friday night, for the benefit of the library. Snow was very scarce, but the supper was plentiful and the concert very enjoyable. The place of the snowball race was in the morning did the guests.

Mr. C. N. Vroom was elected mayor on Monday, Tuesday of last week. Mr. Vroom takes an important part in an interesting ceremony in Christ church on Tuesday next.

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SACKVILLE.

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March 24—Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Borden's drawing room was the scene of another gay and festive throng on Tuesday evening. This party was mostly composed of unmarried people, but they looked just as happy as if they were married. A new game was introduced at least I think it is new in this district called "Tiddly-winks." It was well on to twelve o'clock before the party dispersed. Among the guests were Dr. and Mrs. Andrews, Prof. and Mrs. Hutton, Miss Treiman, Miss Cogswell, Miss Minnie Cogswell, Miss Ogden, Miss Ayer, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, Miss Black, Miss Jennie Black, Miss King, Mr. and Mrs. Berton Black, Miss Leanders, Prof. and Mrs. Mack, Miss Mack, Miss Stewart, Miss Inch, Miss Vroom, Mr. and Mrs. F. Macdonald, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Boreas, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Grunland, Mr. F. Black, Mr. C. Macdonald, Mr. Treedie, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Foster. Mrs. Borden was attended in a dark dress and was assisting in receiving the guests by her charming young sister, Miss Black, who to use the expression of one of the fair sex did look sweet in a black lace dress with no ornaments.

Mr. Andrews, a rose-colored silk with white lace.

Mrs. Ryan, a costly dress of green plush, pale blue trimmings.

Mrs. Macdonald, black lace.

Mrs. Cogswell, pale green with green trimmings.

Mrs. Mack, grey broadcloth with garnet velvet trimmings.

Mrs. Ayer, black lace pale blue sash.

Mrs. Black, indescribable shade of grey satin very pretty.

Miss Minnie Cogswell, a becoming dress of bright red velvet trimmings.

Miss Jennie Black, light green broadcloth with velvet sleeves and sash.

Miss Treiman, black velvet with silver passementerie.

Miss King, a rich black silk with no ornaments but her beautiful brown hair.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Inch are giving a series of parties which the young pronounce as awfully nice.

Mr. Moore, of Amherst, was in town on Tuesday.

Mr. J. McLaren, inspector of customs, spent a few days in the village last week.

Mrs. and Mrs. J. F. Allison, Master Bev. Allison, spent Sunday in Dorchester.

Mrs. Jarvis, inspector of the Merchants Bank, spent four or five days in the village last week.

Prof. Sterne was in town on Friday.

Mrs. and Mrs. H. B. Allison and Capt. and Mrs. Moore took advantage of the good sleighing on Friday to drive to Amherst.

Mrs. Eranson, widow of the late Col. Eranson, is visiting Mrs. H. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fawcett have returned from a trip to the United States.

Mr. Murphy, of Cape Tormentine, was in town on Monday.

I regret to hear that the young son of Mr. Fred Ryan has a slight attack of scarlet fever. I believe Mr. Horace Fawcett's son is also victim to this disease.

The music loving public are eagerly looking forward to the concert in the Conservatory of Music on Wednesday evening. Mr. Klingsfeldt, Mr. and Mrs. Doering are the talented artists, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Inch.

The entertainment given by the Ecclesiastical Society of the Ladies' College in the new conservatory is of the Spring festival, the performers acquiring themselves very creditably. A neat little sum was realized, which was handed over to the committee for the benefit of the subscriptions. Too much cannot be said of the generous way the colleges have responded both promptly and liberally to the call of the suffering.

Mrs. C. W. Harrison leaves this week for St. John to take part in a grand concert to be held in the Mechanics' Institute on Thursday evening.

Now that Spring is approaching after the long winter, Cupid seems to have been drawing his arrow with an untidy hand, and no one is sure who will be the next victim. Oh! to Cupid, who you should be so sickle.—COPPERFIELD.

The sewing guild of the church of England is progressing rapidly under the skillful and neat fingers of the ladies of Sackville. As in all sewing guilds they are making fancy articles of all descriptions, besides an abundant supply of substantial goods to be sold at a "fancy sale" or bazaar. The proceeds go toward painting the church and rectory.

Mrs. Sheehan spent the past few weeks in St. John, where she will be visiting her friends.

I am sorry to hear that Mr. J. B. Benson's illness, and hope she will soon be out again.

Miss Annie Boreas, who has been visiting friends in Sackville, returned to Amherst on Wednesday week.

We are all glad to see Mr. Bruce back again.

Miss Mary Williston, of Bay Du Vin, was visiting in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Neale left on Saturday for Fredericton, where they will make a short visit.

AMHERST.

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