

We are glad to be able to state that Bishop Courtney is still progressing favorably, though he has been confined to his bed ever since his relapse.

Mrs. Matt. Morrow and Miss Ball are both steadily improving, and we hope to see them out again before long. Anxious inquiries about Miss Ball have reached us from Charlottetown, and we have great pleasure in being able to re-assure her numerous friends there.

Mrs. W. B. Torrance gave a dance at her house in Inglis street on Wednesday, the 21st inst.

Mrs. S. M. Brookfield returned in the *Polynesian* on Sunday.

The *S.S. Alpha* reached Jamaica on Sunday evening.

Deputy Inspector General Henry Hadloes is appointed to the Naval Hospital, Bermuda.

Mrs. Duncanson, Church St., gives a dance to-night. About sixty invitations are out.

The many friends of Mrs. Omar Just, who left Halifax in October last, for Orleans, Fla., will be glad to learn that she has greatly improved in health since her sojourn there.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dimock arrived in Windsor last Saturday, after having spent three months in New York, where they were the guests of Mrs. Vincent C. King and Mrs. Walter Duncan Buchanan. They express themselves as being charmed with the New York winter season, having attended the "Charity Ball" and numerous other society events.

The first of a series of entertainments to be given this winter to help to raise a fund for a new organ in Christ Church, took place in the Sunday school room on Tuesday evening, under the management of Mr. F. W. Drake, the organist. Altho' there was also on that evening an entertainment of the Dartmouth firemen in the skating rink, a large drive from here and dance at Waverley, and a social in the Methodist church, Christ Church school room was filled, and an attractive programme was carried out. The following was the programme:

1. Piano Duett.....Misses Annie Drake and Bessie Parker.
2. Song, "The heart bowed down".....Dr. W. F. Smith.
3. Instrumental.....Messrs. H. Drake, Orman and S. Drake.
4. Song, "The Diver".....Mr. Shute.
5. Recitation, "The Society upon the Stanislaus".....Dr. M. A. B. Smith.
6. Song, "In Old Madrid".....Mr. W. R. Foster.
7. Recitation, "The Jackdaw of Rheims".....Mrs. H. S. Creighton.
8. Violin and Flute Duett.....Misses Bannister and Drake.
9. Song, "The Friar".....Mr. Shute.
10. Instrumental.....Messrs. H. Drake, Ormon and S. Drake.
11. Song, "London Tower".....Mr. Bannister.
12. Recitation, "The Settlers Story".....Miss Bessie Parker.
13. Song, "Waiting".....Mr. S. Drake.
14. Quartette.....Messrs. Shute, Creighton, W. F. Smith and Drake.

Those who received encores were Dr. M. A. B. Smith, Mr. W. R. Foster, Mrs. H. S. Creighton and Mr. Bannister. The proceeds will amount to \$25 or \$30. The next concert will take place on Shrove Tuesday evening, under the management of Mr. W. R. Foster.

Mr. J. W. Allison, who was ill last week, has so far recovered as to be at his place of business.

Miss Emily Dustan, who has been qualifying as a professional nurse in one of the Boston hospitals, is expected home for a visit about the 1st of February.

Miss Nellie Dustan is now in Moncton.

Such a night for tobogganaing as Tuesday was—good going, although in places a little bumpy, but then Collins' Hill is always that—moon bright, although not very early, and Chinese lanterns to mark the course, and everyone out, bent on enjoying themselves. Very exhilarating and pleasant it was. One or two people came to grief, but not badly. It is sincerely to be hoped that we will not have a repetition of the serious accident which occurred last year.

The minuet, we believe, is responsible for many things, hard words and ill feeling all round. Fair friends have almost come to blows over it, and many an unkind word has been said. But let us hope that all has been arranged satisfactorily, and that it will be a success, as in a way it deserves to be, for it must have been hard work for some of those engaged. Remember, ladies, that those who were engaged at the eleventh hour were paid as much and received as much reward as those who toiled from the first. The spectacle of a gentleman in a smock-frock dancing a minuet along side of a gentleman from Japan will be unique to say the least of it.

The annual sleigh drive of the "13" Club came off on Wednesday, and was a real success. The guests speak highly of the management, and only hope that they may be "there" again. Music was provided by "The Harpers." Therefore nothing was wanting in this respect to make the trip enjoyable.

Mrs. J. F. Kenny gave a dinner on Tuesday night. On the same night Mrs. Findlay-Dalziel entertained a few of her many friends at a small euchre party. A great pity it came on a night when there was such good tobogganaing.

The sleighing has been excellent during the week, and many people took advantage of it. Good sleighing in this land of sleet being somewhat of a rarity. One party in particular, who went down the road on Wednesday night, had a glorious time, judging from the lateness of the hour at which they returned. In a former number we spoke disparagingly of the quality of the sleighs in Halifax; since then we have seen some sleighs that were more or less a credit. We noticed a large sleigh with bear robes and everything complete, but the whole thing was spoilt by the robes being trimmed with blue and the occupant dressed in red. It is a difficult thing to have anything out complete in every detail.

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