

## Provincial Notes.

DARTMOUTH is not a very social place, although the contrary opinion seems to prevail on the other side of the water. It appears to have its years of active society life followed by a year or two when a social party of any size is quite a rare event. The present year has been a very quiet one in Dartmouth society. The last dance, Mrs. Harry Creighton's was so long ago that it is almost forgotten. Still there is, as elsewhere, we may suppose, an undercurrent of gossip which to those in touch with the movers on the Dartmouth social stage is interesting enough. We will endeavour to indicate the direction of this current from time to time, striving however, to avoid scandal or giving offence.

Mr. T. M. Cutler has been absent for one week in Montreal. He returned to Dartmouth on Wednesday.

Mrs. W. R. Foster and others are contemplating starting some entertainments this winter in the school-room of Christ Church. It is proposed to produce two plays, "Comrades" and "Esmeralda," and also musical evenings with tableaux, etc. The proceeds will be for the Christ Church improvement fund. Some of the ladies are assembled every day this week preparing for the Christmas decoration of the church. The gentlemen occasionally find it pleasant to happen in at tea time. An effort is being made to obtain a new organ for this church, to cost between \$2,000 and \$2,500.

There was a small dance at the house of Mrs. Gow on Tuesday evening. About twenty guests were present, including some from Halifax. The half-past 11 boat to the city generally hurries these things to a conclusion, as in this case. There is unfortunately some prospect that Mr. Gow and family will move permanently to Halifax in the spring.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Mr. Beverly Newberry, eldest son of Mr. F. T. Newberry, leaves Charlottetown on the 10th instant, for the neighbouring Republic, whither he goes, like the hero of the olden tale, "to seek his fortune," among the American people. The exact locality of his new home must depend upon future circumstances, but where ever it be, Mr. Newberry carries with him the regrets of his many friends, and their best wishes for his prosperity and happiness—*bon voyage*.

Government House, 'tis known, had gradually been allowed to fall into such a condition of delapidation as to render it impossible for the Lieutenant Governor to occupy it in the late unsatisfactory condition of his health. We are glad to find that the authorities have so far remedied defects by the making of repairs and the introduction of suitable heating apparatus as to allow us to state that the official residence will be occupied by the Lieutenant Governor and his household during the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Macleod, returned from their visit to the Southern States on Saturday 29th ult.

Mrs. Rankin and Mrs. Bartlet arrived here from their visit to New York on Tuesday 2nd instant.

Mr. Justice Peters has been allowed extended leave of absence, and, with Miss Peters will, in a few days, take a holiday in Washington and other American cities.

Mr. Harry Bayfield, who came here a short time ago from Kingston Military College to undergo an operation upon one of his knees, is rapidly progressing towards complete recovery.

St. Andrew's Dinner, under the auspices of the Caledonian Club, was this year tabled at the "Osborne House"—the President of the Club, Col. Irving, A. D. C., was "mine host." The dinner was successful in accomplishing the objects aimed at: and was, no doubt, very satisfactory to all who dined under the red lion of Scotland.

A daughter is born in the family of the Rector of Charlottetown—Rev. W. Handyn.

Mr. and Mrs. George Peake have lost a dear child, Mirian, and in their sorrow have the sincere sympathy of the community. Consequent upon the anxiety of the sick-room and the blow of the bereavement, Mr.

Peake was for days seriously ill. We are more than happy to be able to say that Mr. Peake is just recovering from his nervous prostration.

Mrs. Beer—wife of Dr. Beer, and niece of the late Chief Justice Palmer—is seriously ill, stricken with paralysis. Her daughters—Mrs. John Longworth and Mrs. Alexander Anderson—have been called to her bedside from the United States. Most sincerely is it hoped that Mrs. Beer will be restored to her family, whose anxiety is shared by a large circle of friends.

Government pond—the fashionable haunt for skaters long ago—was black with skaters after the late frost, but too crowded to entice some people from more congenial society at home with their friends.

Miss Minnie Palmer is again at home for a short interval during her visit to Mrs. John Richards at Biddeford, where Master Kenneth Richards slowly recovers from his late illness.

We are snow clad and almost ice bound. Winter seems here to stay—all too soon. We are isolated and outsiders say we grow to think too much of ourselves—"A small room is cosy."

YARMOUTH.—Mrs. James Farish (late of Yarmouth,) but now of Annapolis, visited at Mrs. E. K. Spinney's last week.

Mrs. George Farish gave a very pleasant progressive Euchre party Monday evening for her sister-in-law Miss Bertha Farish, who has been visiting them for some time, but intends to return to Liverpool before Christmas.

Mrs. E. K. Spinney gave a card party last Thursday evening which was of course a success, as her parties always are.

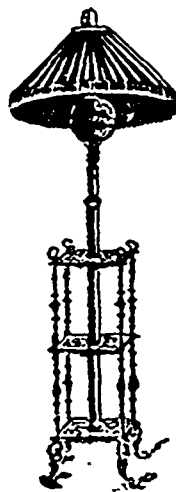
Mr. and Miss Baker went over in the Boston Saturday evening to attend the reception given on board the new steamer.

A FACT! A little girl in St. John recently while saying her prayers asked the Lord to make her like "Royal Baking Powder." When asked by her mother why she made such a singular request replied: "Because I want to be absolutely pure."

Mr. Law advertizes at auction some time before Christmas, another consignment of Japanese goods. I am afraid the men will feel when it is over as if they had been victims of the Baring failure.

KENTVILLE:—The new Club here is a grand success in every way. We have a reading-room supplied with about 45 periodicals, including Times, Field Forest and Stream, Harper's, Punch, Century, Forum, etc.

A Whist room with two tables, in which some of the A 1 players of the Province battle every night for superiority in brain power, or, as outsiders ungenerously say, for luck and ten cents. A working room in which a racy story may always be heard, or a brandy and soda drunk "sans peur et sans reproche," and a billiard room, in which members of the Committee are always willing to relieve strangers of any unearned



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