

Social Notes of the Week



With the Christmas season and the coming of Santa Claus the feeling of excitement even to the grown ups is eager anticipation of the holiday time when wherever possible families are united around the festive board.

The hallowed feeling of domestic love and attachment, the pleasant memories of the past and the joyous anticipations of the future, all cluster round these family gatherings and tend to call forth a realization of the angelic message to the shepherds in Bethlehem, "Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth Peace Good will toward Men."

Miss Maude McLean arrived home from Boston on Thursday and is a guest of her brother, Col. H. H. McLean, Horsfield street.

Miss F. Powers arrived home on Tuesday from Providence, R. I., to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. T. F. Powers, Princess street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Newham and little daughter arrived in the city on Thursday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Newham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kaye.

The members of the Soldiers' Wives League and the helpers must have felt fully repaid for all their work and trouble when they saw the happiness on the faces of 900 little children as they assembled in the Knights of Columbus Hall on Tuesday afternoon. The wonderful tree with Santa Claus in full view and the well filled stockings presented to each child will long linger in the child's memory and will also help cheer the heart of the dear loved father who has left his home and loved ones to the care of our generous and thoughtful citizens, and to know that Christmas was made as merry one for his children. Mrs. W. White, the convener, of the Christmas treat, and to whom great credit is given when speaking of the success of Tuesday's entertainment was loud in her praises for all the members and ladies who had worked so hard and untiringly to make it a success. Mr. Usher Miller, Mr. Gibson (Uncle Dick) gave the ladies the greatest assistance.

The convener of the different committees were Mrs. W. W. White, Miss Skinner, Mrs. David Pidgeon, Miss Jarvis, Miss Mary Harrison and Mrs. Morrissey. Miss Maud Addy with 20 lady assistants served the ice cream. Much praise was given to the beautiful confections which were all made by Lockner, Sydney street, two thousand frosted Christmas cakes. The generous donations of toys, nuts and raisins and oranges from the wholesale and retail merchants were fully appreciated by those who had the affair in charge.

Mr. J. U. Thomas of New York arrived in the city on Thursday and is a guest for Christmas of his sister, Mrs. C. W. deForest.

Miss Lou Robinson, Miss Mary White, Miss Barbara Jack and Miss Grace Keating, students at Havergill School for Girls at Toronto, returned

home this week to spend Christmas vacation with their families.

Mrs. D. King, Hasen and little daughter left last week and will spend Christmas with Mrs. Hasen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Creighton, Newcastle.

Mrs. H. C. Groul, who has been spending a few days last week in Boston returned home on Wednesday.

Miss Dolly Brown, who spent a few days in Fredericton, last week, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pugsley arrived home from Montreal on Tuesday to spend Christmas and later will go to Ottawa to reside during Parliament. The many friends of Mrs. Melick, Elliot Row, will be glad to hear she has returned from Boston where she had undergone an operation in the Newton Hospital and is daily convalescing.

An engagement of much social interest has been announced that of Miss Marion Kenny Frink, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Frink, to Captain Roderick French MacLachlan, 104th Batt., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. MacLachlan. The marriage to take in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Alward arrived home from Montreal to spend Christmas with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Silas Alward, Mount Pleasant.

Mr. Stewart McLeod, Mr. Harold C. Barker and Mr. Fred Foster, arrived in the city on Saturday last from the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont.

Miss Ruth Coster, Miss Gertrude Coster, Miss Dorothy Jones and Miss Jean Somerville, arrived home from McDonald College on Saturday last to spend Christmas with their parents.

Mrs. Shirley Peters and children leave shortly after the New Year for the West where she will spend a few months visiting relatives.

Mrs. E. Atherton Smith arrived home on Monday from River du Loup, where she has been visiting her sister and left on Tuesday to join Mr. Smith in Boston, where they will spend Christmas.

The ladies committee of the Soldiers' Club, including Mrs. G. A. Kuhring, Mrs. James F. Robertson, Mrs. W. A. Harrison and Mrs. A. V. Adams, have succeeded through subscriptions and donations in furnishing two recruiting rooms for the men quartered at Partridge Island. One room was furnished outright by Mr. James F. Robertson.

R. K. Jones, leaves on January 2nd for Quebec to take a military course in the training school in that city.

Mrs. John B. Meyer, of Alisa Craig, Ont., arrived in the city this week and will spend the winter a guest of her sister, Mrs. Robert L. Smith, Queen street.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hooper left this week for Quebec to spend the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. Gory, Mrs. Hooper's sister.

Mrs. William A. Lockhart, Jr., left this week to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cole.

Mrs. Murray MacLaren's many friends were glad to welcome her home after her recent visit in England.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Schofield arrived home on Saturday last from England.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison, Fredericton, were guests in the city on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Elkin left today for Sydney, C. B., to spend Christmas with Mrs. Elkin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frazier.

Lieut.-Col. J. L. McAvity and Major T. Malcolm McAvity intend spending the New Year in England, having a nine days leave.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Read and little daughter, are the guests of Mrs. Read's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Willard Smith, King street east. Miss Jean Smith has also returned from Mount Allison, Sackville, to spend her vacation.

Mrs. R. L. Rising and little daughter are spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Humphrey, Moncton.

The Junior branch of the Red Cross Society intend giving a play "The Allies' Christmas Party" on Tuesday evening in St. John (Stone) church school room. The young ladies have been very busy preparing this interesting play, and as the admission is only fifteen cents, no doubt a large audience will greet them.

Miss Ada Burns has received the appointment of the new Conscience Home which now has put on a very home-like appearance. The ladies of the different committees of the Canadian Club were busy all week furnishing and arranging the different rooms for various purposes. Next week the committee concerned with the comfort of the bed rooms, dining room and parlour will soon have all in running order.

Major-General Benson, who spent a few days in the city left for Halifax Dec. 21st.

Lieutenant T. William Barnes, Mrs. Barnes and the Misses Barnes are guests at the Clifton for Christmas.

The many friends of Miss Audrey McLeod were sorry to hear of her illness at Havergill Girls' School, Toronto. Mrs. McLeod left for Toronto on Tuesday to stay with her daughter.

Mrs. D. L. Purvis, Pictou, N. S., was in the city on Wednesday, a guest at the Clifton. Mrs. Purvis left on Thursday to spend the winter in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Kimball left on Thursday evening for Montreal where they will spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. J. G. Dodd.

The primary class of the Main Street Baptist church enjoyed their annual Xmas treat on Tuesday afternoon when sixteen children from the Protestant Home were their guests. A delicious supper was served and thoroughly enjoyed by those present. The larger children of the Home will be the guests of the church classes next Thursday.

Miss Amelia Green, who has been visiting in Boston, has returned home.

Lieutenant Eber Turnbull is at home from Quebec for Christmas.

On Tuesday Mrs. L. W. Barker and Mrs. R. A. Ring paid a visit to Partridge Island and surprised the members of the Siege Battery with Christmas gifts. Each man received a parcel bearing his name, containing socks, scarfs, wristlets and many other useful articles. The kind thoughtfulness was made possible by the generosity of people throughout the province. The members of the battery thoroughly appreciated the gifts and gave the ladies three rousing cheers.

Hon. J. D. Hasen and Mrs. Hasen arrived from Ottawa on Tuesday and will spend the Christmas holidays at home.

Miss Ethel Wigmore, daughter of Commissioner Wigmore, who secured her M. A. degree from Acadia University this spring, returned on Wednesday from Simmonds College, Boston, where she was qualifying for the degree of Bachelor of Library Science.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Sayre will be hostesses on Christmas Day at a family dinner, when covers will be laid for twenty-six.

Rev. F. S. Dowling, who has been supervising the pupils of St. Andrew's

church, Gormain street, since November 1st, was formally inducted into the pastorate on Tuesday evening. Rev. Gordon Dickie, Rev. J. A. MacKeigan and Rev. T. F. Drummond took part in the service. Mr. and Mrs. Dowling and children are residing at 104 Carmarthen street.

The Badminton Club of St. Andrew's church entertained their president, Mr. J. McNaughton Steeves who intends going overseas, in the church parlor on Wednesday and during the evening presented him with a gold watch as a token of the esteem in which he is held.

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