

## ★THE ANTIDOTE★

The Hon W. H. Smith and Mrs. Smith have arrived from Ottawa on a visit to their son, Dr. Laphorne Smith, Bishop street.

Miss Ida Brauchaud will shortly leave for Springfield, Mass., on a visit to her aunt, Miss Kane, thence to visit friends in New York, proceeding later to Chicago to visit the World's Fair.

Mr. Edward Rawlings, Mrs. Rawlings and Miss Rawlings, have returned from New York, where they have been spending Easter.

Prince Roland Bonaparte may visit Montreal on the occasion of the feast of St. Jean Baptiste in June. After visiting Chicago he will take in California and British Columbia and return by the C. P. R. to Montreal.

Mr. Chas. de Martigny is at Venice; Mr. and Mme. H. Beaugrand at Nice; Mme. Gelinas, Mlle. Rodier at Lorange; Messrs. F. X. Dion, A. Toussaint at Rome; Mrs. Phillips at Cannes; Miss R. W. Simons at Athens.

Mr. L. M. Spackman, a well-known member of the Montreal Hunt Club, met with an unfortunate accident recently in the Transvaal, where he was visiting his brother. While out riding his horse stumbled, with the result that Mr. Spackman was thrown and had his knee severely twisted.

Sir John Abbott, with his daughter and sister-in-law, have returned from their six months' sojourn in Europe, where they visited Paris, Rome, the Riviera and Naples. The hon. gentleman reports an extremely pleasant passage, with the exception of the last two or three days; still he expressed himself as being much improved by the voyage and his long rest, and seemed in cheerful spirits.

Amongst the Montrealers who have spent Easter week in New York were Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Meredith, Mr. E. S. Clouston, Dr. Mrs. and the Misses Wheeler, Mrs. and Miss Waddell, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stephens, Mrs. Louis Sutherland, Miss Grace and Miss Amy Murphy, Mr. J. A. Strachy, Mr. Ernest Stuart and Mrs. Stuart, Mr. Hector Mackenzie, Lieut.-Col. F. Henshaw, Mr. Vivian Dowker, who sailed for Europe by the "Teutonic," and many others too numerous to mention.

A fashionable wedding will be solemnized to-day, when Miss Hettie Penfold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Penfold, of Argyle avenue, Cote St. Antoine, will be married to Mr. Fred Crawford, of the Bank of Commerce, New York.

A large gathering responded to the invitation of Mrs. Hannaford on Tuesday afternoon, when their spacious house, on St. Catherine street, was the scene of a most enjoyable at home. About 100 guests assembled, many of whom wore pretty and stylish gowns.

Mrs. Leech gave a most enjoyable and successful dance at her residence. The decorations and arrangements were exceptionally good.

The St. Lawrence Curling Club had a pleasant re-union at the City Club last Tuesday evening. Music, vocal and instrumental, including the pibroch, together with toasts and sentiments enlivened the occasion.

The younger society element had a very enjoyable time at Mrs. J. J. Curran's, Hutchison street, Thursday evening, where a large number of bright and happy children went in for a "real good time." The scene in the prettily decorated rooms was all that could be desired.

The marriage of Mr. John G. Savage, of Montreal, to Miss Helen Lizers, daughter of the late John Galt, Esq., of "The Ridge," Goderich, Ont., was performed on Thursday at Fredericton, N. B. The bride wore a gown of cream satin, with French cord and point lace trimmings, and carried tulips.

A highly successful "at home" was held on Wednesday last by Mrs. E. W. Smith, of Sherbrooke street, the floral decorations, in which were intermixed fairy lamps, were much admired. Mrs. Smith received her guests, looking charming in a shrimp-pink crepon, elaborate with handsome lace. Mrs. Pennington, the mother of the young hostess, looked well in black brocaded silk.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Hannaford, St. Catherine street, gave a brilliant ball on Wednesday evening, at which over 200 guests were present. A sumptuous supper was served, and dancing was carried on with unabated spirit. The rooms and conservatory were effectively arranged and decorated, the whole presenting a lovely scene.

One of the most important weddings of Easter week was at St. Paul's church on Thursday, the bride being Miss McCulloch, niece of Mr. Andrew McCulloch, the groom was Mr. Galloway Cheston, of Boston. The bride was gowned in a robe of white duchesse satin made en-traine, and with corsage trimming of point lace. The tulle veil was held in place by a wreath of orange blossoms, and fell to the hem of the gown. She carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley. A large number of guests were present.

And now the social whirligig has begun to spin again after the wabbling and uneven method of revolving which of necessity marks its career during the Lenten season. People in society are fully aware how much mockery there is growing to be of this Lenten season devotion, and a good deal has been said and written about the hollowness of it, but let it be plainly understood that, take it all in all, the genuine and sincere religious observations

of the season of sackcloth and ashes (by the way, what a nice, long line, satisfactory line, that season of sackcloth and ashes is to the space filling scribbler on social chattering is), so far as Montreal is concerned, very praiseworthy, and far more noticeable than the same type of fashionable people exercise in Toronto and Hamilton. However, what difference does it make from the standpoint of the average reader? Why just a little less than none, save that there are not as many parties to be described in threadbare platitudes, and that the lists of "among those present" are not so extensive.

What with flowers in the home, around the chancel, and on the hats, the place has become a conservatory of bloom. Everybody is glad that Easter has come, for it is the harbinger of many things. There is a prospect now that the days will not succeed one another in quiet monotony, and the realization will replace retrospect and anticipation. With the spring comes gossip of a kindly nature, and wondering as to this and that. Prospective brides will receive their share of attention, and the world will laugh as it moves toward the bright, warm days when activity will be out of the question.

The spring season of the local fashionable world opens at Easter, with the usual annual Easter Sunday millinery and dressmaking parade, to say nothing of the masculine brigade of newly spring-suited callow youths and tailor-made men of tender years. This parade was first in motion after the morning service, more or less all over the city; but its most glittering battalions marched up and down Sherbrooke street (on the south pavement for preference) until past one o'clock, when it disintegrated and melted away until the afternoon, when, in less solid array, it played a second inning on the same ground, but penetrated into the wild fastnesses of West Montreal, and in the very numerous instances of spoony combinations, sought the most secluded thoroughfares of that delightful place, Cote St. Antoine. Other parts of the town naturally had their own little shows of new frocks and finery, but the Sherbrooke street display was certainly the finest.

### At the Kennels.

The last Hunt ball took place Thursday evening at the Kennels. The dance was well attended, and was most bright and successful. The rooms were beautifully decorated with flags and flowers, and the orchestra supplied excellent music. Many lovely dresses were worn, bright color being in pleasant evidence, but no sign of the dreaded crinoline.

The following are the subscribers to the ball:—

Ladies' List.—Mrs. Hugh A. Allan, Mrs. Andrew A. Allan, Miss E. Angus, Miss Arntson, Miss Baumgarten, Miss Cantile, Miss Corbett, Miss Campbell, Miss E. Campbell, Miss Dunlop, Miss Drinkwater, Mrs. J. M. Fortier, Miss Fanteux, Mrs. Hugh Graham, Miss Hall, Miss F. Hall, Miss Hope, Miss Harvey, Miss Ibbotson, Miss Amy Judah, Mrs. W. Kerby, Miss Lamoinie, Mrs. A. Le Duc, Miss Lowe, Mrs. Hector Mackenzie, Miss Mackenzie, Mrs. W. L. Maltby, Mrs. Maltby, Mrs. McPherson, Mrs. D. McIntyre, Jr., Miss O'Brien, Misses E. M. and E. Rae, Miss Robertson, Miss W. Ryland,