

SOCIETY REVIEWED.

There is to be quite a successful dance at the Turkish Paths this evening.

The card parties of the week occurred daily. One was given by Mrs. Henry, of Bishop street.

Sir Alexander Galt and Lady Galt intend to leave shortly for Lakewood, New Jersey, for a few weeks' change.

Everybody thinks his own violin, like his own wife, the best; or if he doesn't he ought to.

The "Vics" intend giving another dance before the season is over, although the date has not as yet been decided on.

Miss Arnton's dance comes off on the 23rd and a very enjoyable time is expected; over two hundred invitations were issued.

There will be another masquerade held at the Victoria Skating Rink, shortly, and ladies are already planning original and unique costumes for the coming festivity.

The biggest Valentine of the 14th was presented to Mr. Donald Macmaster, the distinguished lawyer and M.P.P.; it weighed several pounds, and is daily increasing.

The many friends of Lady Smith will be glad to hear that her health has sufficiently improved to permit of her taking a little out-door exercise occasionally, although she is not yet quite convalescent.

The young man with the blonde moustache, who waits from 8 to 9 on a certain corner of St. Catherine street, for the appointed tryst with a lovely French Canadian nurse-girl, has somebody after him with a blackthorn.

The tea of last Saturday, given by Madam Ethier, was extended to young people and young married couples, and the pretty parlors were thronged during the hours between 4 and 7, while a few guests remained for the evening.

Who is that handsome lady who is seen these fine afternoons driving along St. James street, handling the lines after the approved fashion, behind a pair of spanking bays? The beauty of the horse does not detract the attention of the pedestrian from the fair one.

Lady Lacoste gave a most enjoyable and successful ball at her residence, St. Hubert street, on the 13th inst. About 150 guests assembled, many of whom wore pretty and stylish gowns. The reception rooms were effectively arranged and decorated, the whole presenting a lively scene.

On dit that the lady without the hyphen in her name, who is the petto of Boston church goers,—and they are many—is still tugging at the heart-strings of a popular Montreal doctor, whose ardour was not at all cooled on hearing her

"voice roll forth in song" at a recent concert in this city.

It is quite the proper thing in fashionable society to make theatricals a popular form of entertainment during Lent, and a mid-Lent play is recognized as correct dissipation. In this connection the entertainment next week, which is to be given at the Academy of Music, will doubtless be a leading event of the Lenten season.

On Monday evening Mrs. Albert D. Nelson's dance came off very successfully. Her daughter, Mrs. Creamer, of San Francisco received with her, and was charmingly gowned, doing the honors with her usual grace. The earlier part of the evening was spent at a game of Progressive Euchre, the prizes being exceptionally beautiful.

The gay whirl is at an end, the mad chase after pleasure is to cease for a time and the ball room will be deserted for the nonce. Cupid has been subdued of late, and there is not even a new engagement to start the Lenten ball of gossip. The week has witnessed several large dances, a trio of afternoon teas, a brace of luncheons, a dinner or two, and card-parties galore.

What with the icy weather, which induces all who can do so to go south and enjoy a little warmth, the Panama affair and various political events, society will be rather at a standstill—that is to say no balls, fetes, nor grand entertainments taking place, but only dinner parties, a few afternoon "At homes with tea," and the theatre. The futurities for next week give small prospect of anything but a few teas and card parties.

Mrs. R. B. Angus' ball on the 14th inst. was one of the most brilliant private dances given this season, everything was on a magnificent scale. The orchestral platform being very effectively and cleverly decorated. Mrs. Angus and her daughters received their numerous guests, in the centre of the corridor, Mrs. Angus wearing a handsome dress of pale yellow brocade, with darker coloured velvet sleeves, her ornaments being diamonds. The supper tables were daintily set out, decorated with flowers. Every detail was the perfection of elegance and good taste.

Mrs. R. L. Gault's ball took place on the eve of St. Valentine's day. It was attended by nearly 200 people, and was a bright and pleasant gathering, the music being admirable. White greatly predominated among the dresses, though many were relieved by the pretty new shades of pink, pale green, and vivid yellow; the sleeves, of course were a most noticeable feature. Mrs. Gault wore a handsome combination of cinnamon and vieux-rose brocade, with ruby and diamond ornaments. Miss Gault wore a white corded silk draped with Brussels lace, and dia-

mond ornaments. Miss Ethel Gault's gown was a rich white satin, prettily outlined in pearls.

Mrs. Baumgarten's dinner on Thursday was a brilliant success. The decorations quite discounted in splendor and expense Cleopatra's rose-wreath feast with its pear consommé. Wreaths of violets tied with violet ribbons was massed in the centre of the table, and a half wreath of the same flowers, framing each plate, was tied in the centre with a ribbon bearing the name of the lady who occupies the seat. The wine glasses were wreathed also with the flowers. The room was lighted with the soft glimmer of candles. Mrs. Baumgarten wore a handsome gown of deep violet Lyons velvet, trimmed with handsome lace; diamond ornaments. Her sister Mrs. Elmenhorst wore a white corded silk with immense sleeves of velvet in a pale shade of violet, and profusely trimmed with violets.

Miss Irwin, of Belmont Park, gave a very enjoyable and successful Valentine luncheon on the 14th inst. in honor of her friends Miss Macdonald, (of Prince Edward Island) and Miss Murphy (of Ottawa). Everything was charmingly arranged, the decorations were superb, choice exotics mingling with ferns. All was rose-coloured suited to the occasion. Pink candles, with pink shades, cast a faint rose-color glow over the table. Hospitality was lavish, and Miss Irwin proved herself unrivalled in the art of doing the honours. She wore a dainty gown of cream silk, with leaf-green velvet trimmed with handsome lace, and pearls. In the course of the afternoon Miss Ethel Irwin danced several pretty fancy dances in charming style, the tambourine dance being especially artistic with its whirling figures and ribbon-decorated tambourine.

A FLABBERGASTED FOX.

Reynard.—"That is a strange looking bird; but I must fascinate it, and get it for my lunch."

Escaped Parrot.—"What the—are you staring at me for?—!—!!—!!!—* Sic'im. Watch! Sic'im! Sic'im!" Exit Reynard, at a terrible pace.

A LABOR OF LOVE.

Time 5 a. m.—A crowd of fine ladies and gentlemen are coming away from a charity ball. A poor woman stands at the outer door, asking alms. A lady appears, attired in a white satin wrap, and quickly enters her carriage.

"Would you be so kind as to give me a trifle?"

The lady pulls up the window: "Impossible! I have been dancing for you the whole night."

Florida has to take her orange money to buy herself an overcoat this year.