

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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the Hon R R Emmerson which occurred at Dorchester on Sunday was heard with sincere regret throughout the city. Mrs. Emmerson was well known and very highly esteemed and respected by people in all grades of life. The interment was made in on Wednesday.

The 'at home' held in St. George's church on last Thursday evening was a very pleasant little affair. Quite a number were in attendance and during the evening a splendid musical and literary programme was carried out adding much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Miss Mary McCarthy returned last week from Boston where she has been spending the past few weeks.

Mrs S A Rand, Lutz street, lies seriously ill in Backville, where she went to attend the funeral of her father, Mr C W Smith.

The sale in St. Paul's school-room Tuesday night of last week was a pleasant affair, and the young ladies netted a little over fifty dollars from their labors.

The marriage took place at Moncton on April 15th, by Rev H A Mehan, of Mr John Sullivan, son of Michael Sullivan to Miss Lena Smith. The bride was attended by Miss Mary Colburn, and the groom was supported by Mr Munro Milton. The presents were costly and numerous. The happy couple leave in a few days for their future home in the west.

Mrs Wm Donald leaves this week with her mother Mrs F B Ferguson for Montserrat Falls, Que, where Mr Donald is employed with the Dominion Cotton Co.'s master mechanic.

Miss Hazel Lawson of Amherst is in the city the guest of Mrs H L Bass.

Miss Greta McDougall entertained a large number of her young friends to a birthday party at her home on Park street on Tuesday afternoon. A pleasant time was spent and Miss Greta received many nice presents.

## WOODSTOCK.

April 17.—Mr and Mrs William R Snow spent Easter at St. Andrews.

Mrs D H Nixon, Brighton, was a guest at the Victoria recently.

A B Brown and Mrs Brown, Smyrna, Me, were in town last week.

Miss Beniah Phillips, Bristol, spent Easter here with her friend, Miss Celia Traton.

H Paxton Baird and his daughter, Miss Ethel Baird made a trip to Montreal last week. They returned Tuesday night.

Rev A F and Mrs Baker have been spending some days with Mrs Baker's parents, Mr and Mrs James Sutton.

Mrs C J and Master Elmo Tabor have arrived home after their Easter visit amongst friends in Fairville, St John.

Miss Dibble of Woodstock has been visiting in Fox, Fairfield, Me.

Miss Nellie Blackie has returned from St John where she has completed a course of study and typewriting at the Currier Business University.

Mr and Mrs W B Jewett and Mr and Mrs Fred Harrison returned from Buffalo, N Y, last week. The two gentlemen named intend opening a jewelry store at Houlton so we understand. They were both in town on Friday.

Mr and Mrs B W Clark of Butte, Montana, reached here on Wednesday of last week. Mr Clark is undecided as to whether he will remain here or after visiting his old home at Lower Walsfield return to Montana.

The home of George Quick, Lansdowne, was the scene of a happy event on Wednesday, April 10th. When his eldest daughter Evelina was married to Howard L Sargent of Bridgewater, Me. The ceremony was performed by Rev A H Hayward.

The bride was becomingly gowned in pale blue cashmere trimmed with white satin and chiffon. About fifty guests were present and a very nice time was spent. The bride received many beautiful and useful presents.

At the annual meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Woodstock golf club held last week, Mrs Sprague was elected president, Mrs B Harry Smith, vice president and Miss Denison, secretary. Mrs Dimmock, Mrs William Dibble and Miss Rankin were made the committee on golf teas.

The Lady Minstrels from Houlton gave a performance to a crowded house in the opera house last Friday evening. The music was good and sometimes better. The local hits which were never severe, were highly entertaining. A special feature of the show the religious editor says he is in favor of the abolition of the color line. The young lady who sang 'Lady Arica' made a hit, she had a walk over.

## NEWCASTLE.

April 18.—Mr and Mrs Layton had a very pleasant gathering of young ladies and gentlemen at their home on Wednesday evening.

Mrs I Chisholm has returned to Dalhousie. Miss Pina Utican of Jack's River, who recently graduated from the U R B and was visiting Miss McEwen, returned to her home last week.

Mr M C Morrissey, who was visiting Mrs Quinn, left by last Tuesday's express for his home in Montreal. Mr Morrissey made numerous friends during his brief visit, a number of whom assembled at Mrs Quinn's prior to the departure of the train and spent a pleasant evening.

Mr and Mrs Stables entertained the young people at their home one evening last week.

Mrs Samuel Miller, who has been spending the winter with her daughter at Dorchester, Mass, returned last Thursday night.

Mrs P C Robinson, who was visiting her home in St John has returned.

Miss Aggie Ryan has returned from Boston. Dr and Mrs W H Irvine of Boletown N B, are receiving the congratulations of their many friends over the arrival of a young daughter in their home on the 8th inst.

## Dangerous Rapids.

In 'The Yangtze Valley' Mrs. Isabella L. Bishop gives a vivid account of boating in the rapids of the upper Yangtze. The rapids themselves she describes as 'a bill of raging water with a white waterfall at the top, sharp, black rocks pushing their vicious heads through the foam. Forty big junks were waiting their turn to ascend.'

My attention was occupied by a big junk dragged by three hundred men, which in two hours made hardly perceptible progress, slipping back constantly, although the drums were frantically beaten and the gangers rushed madly along the lines of struggling trackers, bringing their bamboo whips down on them with more sound than force.

Suddenly the junk shivered, both tow

ropes snapped, the lines of trackers went down on their faces, and in a moment the big craft was spinning down the rapid; and before she could be recovered by the bow sweep she flew up into the air as if she had exploded, a mass of spars and planks with heads bobbing about in the breakers.

Quick as thought the red life boats were on the spot; and if the drowning wretches did not bless this most efficient of the charities of China, I did most heartily, for of the fourteen souls on board all but the three were saved.

This was one of two fatal disasters that I saw on the Yangtze, but to judge from the enormous quantity of cotton drying at the Yeh-tan and the timbers wedged among the rocks, many a junk must have had a hole knocked in her bottom.

## CANNEL COAL AND HICKORY WOOD

Feels That are Used for Luxurious Canal Fires and for Purposes of Utility.

'The best canal coal,' said a coal dealer, 'still comes from England, though with in the past few years there has been mined American canal that is pretty nearly as good, and that is a good deal better than the poorer English canals. The best English canal sells at retail at \$16 a ton, the best American at \$12 and when you come to count in that considerable difference in the cost there are buyers who prefer the American to the English.'

'The canal coal is largely an article of luxury, though it has uses of utility, too: canal is used, for instance, as fuel for steam fire engines.'

'Notwithstanding the city's increase in population and wealth, the consumption of canal coal in New York, while it is of course, in the aggregate considerable, is not so great now as it once was. This, of course, is due in very great measure to the introduction of modern methods of heating, the use of steam, of gas logs and so on. The people who buy canal coal for grate fires nowadays are chiefly of the older New York families who have bought canal coal of us continuously ever since the firm started business, now more than half a century ago.'

'Hickory wood is another fuel that, as used in grate fires, has now long been counted a luxury. It is less used now than formerly, for the same reasons that apply in the case of canal coal and also in some measure, no doubt, on account of its cost. Seasoned hickory sells now in the city for \$16 a cord, or for \$5 a load, which would be equal to about \$20 a cord. The hickory burned in the city in grate fires still comes from this state. The price tempts some wood choppers occasionally to mix in with the hickory a stick or two of maple or chestnut.'

'Only seasoned hickory, of course, is suitable for grate fires; green hickory is used to some extent, however, by meat cures for smoking purposes.'

## Getting Persons.

The favorite Scottish method of dealing with sleepers in church was publicly to denounce the delinquents. The Christian Leader tells this story:

When the Rev. Walter Dunlop, minister of a United Presbyterian Church in Dumfries, saw a member of his flock nodding while he was preaching, he stopped suddenly and said:

'I doot some o' ye hae taen ower mony whey porridge the day. Sit up, or I'll name ye out!'

Another Caledonian preacher, on like provocation, cried out: 'Hold up your heads, my friends, and mind that neither saints nor sinners are sleeping in the next world.'

Then, finding that this general exhortation was insufficient to deter a certain well known member of the church from getting his night's rest forward, the reverend gentleman turned toward the offender and said:

'James Stewart, this is the second time I have stopped to waken ye. If I need to stop a third time, I'll expose ye by name to the whole congregation.'

## Drainage Greece's Greatest Lake.

Lake Copais, the largest sheet of water in Greece, and one of the natural features of that country, has recently been nearly all drained off by an English company, and its former bed is now being cultivated with gratifying results, the soil being fertile and well suited for cotton, melons, colza, beets and other vegetables. The lake formerly covered about 60 square miles, at low water, in the centre of Boeotia, and now it was one of the ancient oracles of Apollo. It had only subterranean outlets, although all the principal streams of Boeotia fell into it.

## Electrical Treatment.

Even the birds are coming in for a share of the benefits of modern science.

An ostrich in the Cincinnati Zoological Gardens was last summer a victim of paralysis. The bird, which is a remarkably fine one, had both legs affected. It occurred to the superintendent to try the

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effect of electricity. A special tackle was arranged, the switch was placed in it, and the application began.

At first the bird showed no sign of feeling the current, but after a time the good effects became apparent. The ostrich was able to swing first one leg and then another and in less than two weeks was on the road to complete recovery.

## A Confusion of Ideas.

Sir Henry Howarth, who was formerly a member of parliament, is a writer of mark, certainly of research, for his 'History of the Mongols' took many years of steady and arduous inquiry.

A good story Sir Henry tells against himself in regard to this work. One evening, while taking in to dinner a lady who had been lightly primed as to his great subject, there was a strange conversation.

'I understand, Sir Henry,' the lady said, 'that you are fond of dogs; so am I!'

'Dogs, madam,' was the reply. 'I really must plead guiltyless; I know nothing at all of them.'

'Indeed! And they told me you had written a famous history of mongrels.'

## Wanted to be Sure.

An old woman of undeniable Celtic origin entered a provincial savings bank the other day and walked up to the desk.

'Do you want to withdraw or deposit?' asked the clerk.

'Now or deant, Oi wants to put some in,' was the reply.

The clerk pushed up the book for her signature, and indicating the place, said, 'Sign on this line, please.'

'Above it or below it?'

'Me whole name?'

'Yes.'

'Before Oi was married?'

'No, juss as it is now.'

'Oi can't write,'—London King.

## Thought It Went Without Saying.

The man with the subscription paper stepped into the office of the leading professional man of the place.

'Mr. Hunkes,' he said, 'some of our young men are trying to organize a brass band. How much are you willing to subscribe?'

'I'll give \$20,' replied old Mr. Hunkes. 'That will please the boys, I know,' rejoined the caller. 'If everybody else does as well they'll soon have their instruments and be ready to begin.'

'Great Scott!' interrupted old Hunkes. 'You don't get a cent out of me for any such purpose as that! I thought you were raising money to buy them off!'

Mistress (to the new servant, who has overstepped herself)—How about breakfast, Bridget?—Ye naden't trouble teh bring me up anything, ma'am; I ain't feeling very hungry this mornin'.

Old friend—And so both of your children are studying professions?

Hostess—Yes, my daughter is in a polytechnic college studying mechanical engineering, and my son is in Paris, learning dressmaking.

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## NEWS OF THE PASSING WEEK.

(Continued from Page Four.)

Sir Henry's first entrance was greeted lasted fully a minute, while Miss Terry was received with almost equal enthusiasm. In the title role Irving has a part which, in the general opinion, suits him exactly and the critics predict a successful run.

Among the passengers who arrived in New York, Tuesday, per steamer Mexican, from Havana, was Mr. Chamberlain, who is undertaking the task of raising the Maine. Mr. Chamberlain says he will have all his material on hand to commence work within 30 days. He expects to build a brush coffer dam about the sunken craft similar to those used in building the jetties on the Mississippi and put bulkheads across such portions of the hull as the conditions will permit and float them to the new dry dock where they will be put together.

It was announced in New York, Tuesday, that the chances for an international athletic meeting between the athletes of Yale and Harvard on one side and Oxford and Cambridge on the other are particularly bright. An important meeting of the committee from Yale and Harvard was held at the University club, Tuesday night, and it was agreed to have the games take place in this country in September as stipulated by the Englishmen, provided the athletes from Oxford and Cambridge cannot be induced to arrange for an earlier date.

## How Butchers Did It.

More than half a century ago a group of merchants, while lunching in a little old-fashioned barroom at the corner of Market and Monroe streets, left their tables to view a parade of prize live stock which was passing by the tavern.

In those days the leading butchers of the city used to advertise their beef during the holiday seasons by marching their selected cattle, just before slaughter, through the city's principal streets. The butcher's advertisement announced that decorated animals would be carved up into juicy steaks on the following day.

Bindid—That man Numskell isn't right, is he?

Bildad—Why not?

Bindid—He kept bothering me for books and I gave him the first volume of my encyclopedia.

Bildad—Well?

Bindid—Well, he brought it back and said he liked the story tip top because it was continued, and wanted the other 29 volumes.

Her age—How old are you, Frau Pletchinger?

Has Frau von Wiesinger given her age, your honor?

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