

life is inexcusable under any circumstances. Women of exceptional ability have taken refuge behind the plea of genius from time immemorial. It's time it was stopped. It isn't only the actresses. Look at George Eliot, for instance. What was George Eliot but —" A half-suppressed groan of dismay sped around the table. At mention of George Eliot's name the hostess began to make imploring telegraphic messages to Mr. Kendal. Mr. Kendal, in a cold perspiration, was groping under the table with his right hand, trying ineffectually to make an impression on one of his wife's pedal members. But Mrs. Kendal, strong in the sense of her own verbosity, went headlong to her doom.

"Now, what was George Eliot but —" "Stop, madam!" rang out the voice of the man sitting next to her. "That lady was my wife."

The man was J. W. Cross.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

On Saturday, at 4 p. m., at Christ Church Cathedral, there was a very quiet wedding performed by Rev. Canon Beaudais, the principals being Russel Howard McMullen, a popular commission merchant of Victoria, and Miss Florier K. White, youngest daughter of Madame Laird. The groom was attended by Mr. R. E. Cooper, and Miss Leontine Hartnagle was bridesmaid. The bride looked lovely in a going away gown of tan and blue and grey, and tan hat with pink roses. She carried a bouquet of lillies. Miss Hartnagle, the bridesmaid, wore pongee gown trimmed with green, and light hat. She also carried a bouquet of Nile lillies. Mrs. McMullen is one of the handsomest young women in Victoria, and not least of her many accomplishments is her proficiency as a housewife. Mr. and Mrs. McMullen are spending their honeymoon in California.

The A. O. U. W. Hall, Yates street, was opened, last evening, by a grand ball given by the Order. The attendance was very good, and many very favorable remarks were passed regarding the conveniences of the new hall for entertainments and dances. The balcony proved an attraction for those who preferred to be onlookers instead of dancers. The Bantly Orchestra had charge of the music, and delighted the dancers with their sweet music.

The Victoria Quadrille Club, which meets in the Hebrew Ladies' Hall, Blanchard street, corner of Pandora avenue, have changed their evening of meeting from Wednesday to Tuesday.

The Ladies' True Blue Lodge gave an entertainment and dance at the Sir

William Wallace Hall, on Wednesday evening. The Bantly Orchestra were in attendance.

A fashionable private ball is on the tapis for next Thursday evening.

SPORTING GOSSIP.

THE lacrosse match between the Victoria seniors and the Vancouver seniors, at the latter place last Saturday, has been aptly termed a practice match. At no stage of the game did the Vancouvers play as if they could win. It was defence for them from beginning to end, and when the time was up, the score stood 6 to 1 in favor of Victoria. Mr. J. H. Senkler acted as referee, and gave satisfaction to both sides.

At the time of writing arrangements for the match with Westminster have not been completed, but it is expected it will be played at Vancouver, in which event it is quite probable that a dollar excursion will be run to the Terminal city.

The final match of the year in the Intermediate lacrosse series, for the championship of British Columbia and the handsome trophies presented by the Victoria Lacrosse Club, was played in this city last Saturday afternoon and won after a fine exhibition of clean fast play by the James Bays of this city. Their opponents were the Ninetieths of Vancouver. The game from beginning to end, was a series of brilliant plays, and was acknowledged by all present to have been the most scientific game of lacrosse ever witnessed in this city. There was not a weak position on the team. The Bay's four games were scored respectively by Marshall, F. Smith (second and third), and Bland. George Tite refereed the match in a generally satisfactory manner, only one decision being at all challenged, and it being in the interest of true sport. The Ninetieths themselves say that they could not have wrested victory from the Bays except by sheer luck, not while the youngsters of the capital play such lacrosse as they did last Saturday.

The Star lacrosse club, of Victoria, won from the Vancouver juniors at the Exhibition grounds Thursday. The game, which was good throughout, was won by the Stars by a score of 4 to 2.

If the enthusiasm shown at the annual general meeting of the Victoria Rugby Football Club, held 26th ult., is any index, we venture to predict that the season we are entering upon will be satisfactory to our local team. We understand that last year's strength will be increased by several players of reputa-

tion, and we will be disappointed if the end of the season does not see Victoria in the lead. One clause of the annual report is worthy of note, and that is that Victoria should be represented in its full strength in matches played away from home. If attention is paid to this, we have no doubt that at the end of the season we will have the pleasure of offering our congratulations as we now have of offering our good wishes.

The Victoria Rugby Football Club has been materially strengthened by the addition of Mr. Locke Robertson, the famous hurricane half back, who intends playing with the team this season. Mr. Robertson goes into training next week.

The baseball players of Victoria and Seattle are not fair-weather ducklings. The contest on America day was unique in many respects. The game was called in a heavy down-pour, and though the players were soaked to the skin, their enthusiasm was not by any means dampened. It was only intended to engage in a few innings and call the game, and after a couple of innings had been played, both nines agreed to leave the field, but the spectators were persistent in their calls for play. After slight hesitation the teams continued the match. Two of the Victoria nine were absent and their places were filled by outsiders. This crippled the efficiency of the home team to a great extent. The visitors obtained three runs off Schultz in the first inning. Franklin was substituted, and his speed was a factor in striking out many of the Seattle batters. The game was a see-saw one, and at one time it looked as if Victoria had on winning clothes, but, in the eighth inning, the visitors hit out four runs and obtained a lead which the home team could not retrieve. The score stood 11 to 8 in favor of Seattle. Duck and Schultz, the legal men in the home team, batted hard, the former securing a triple to right field. Smith caught a grand game. The Seattle nine are a splendid, athletic looking lot of young fellows, most of them having played ball for Eastern college teams. Manager Phil. F. Kelley states that the Seattle Athletic Club will have a strong nine for next year, as one of Princeton's crack twirlers will reside permanently in the Hilly City.

Lozenby Bros., general merchants, Port Hammond and Hatzic Prairie, have sold out the former business.

Turner & Kirkpatrick have purchased the grocery, hardware, crockery and glassware business of J. Fred Hume & Co., general merchants, Nelson, and took charge Oct. 1.