



Social Notes of the Week

The annual meetings of several patriotic societies have taken place this week, and in many cases with various changes on the executive. Plans for the coming year's work promise to go forward with renewed activity. From Tuesday to Friday the meetings of the Andover Synod took place in Trinity church school room and were attended by many. On Wednesday evening His Lordship Bishop Richardson and Mrs. Richardson held a reception for the visiting delegates and were assisted in receiving their guests by Mrs. C. E. L. Jarvis, Mrs. F. J. G. Knowlton and the Rev. L. Ralph Sherman. The Synod closed its meetings on Friday after a most successful session. The usual social functions preceding Lent have and are still taking place, and although on no large a scale as formerly, are none the less enjoyable.

Mrs. Reginald R. Bradley entertained at her residence, Carmarthen street, on Thursday at a most enjoyable tea.

Miss Jessie Thwait was the charming hostess at a delightful bridge on Monday evening, at her home Carleton. Among those present were Mrs. G. E. Hart, Miss Mabel Lockhart, Miss Vroom, Miss Bailey, Miss Ryan, Miss Gale and Miss Gantner.

The delightful concert given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Sayre, 19 Queen Square, under the auspices of the Valcartier Chapter, I. O. E., was a great success, and much praise given to the chapter for the very enjoyable evening's entertainment. Those taking part were Miss Louise Anderson, Miss Marion Cruikshank, Miss Constance Bwing, Miss Mary White, Miss Dorothy Bayard, Miss Valde Fenton, Mrs. T. J. Gunn, Miss Climo, Miss Brown Carmichael, Miss Thompson. Mr. Walter Pidgeon and Mr. A. C. Smith.

Mrs. Percy W. Thomson was hostess on Tuesday afternoon at her residence, Germain street, at a most enjoyable tea. Mrs. Thomson received her guests in a very becoming gown of white crepe de chene. The special drinks room with its handsome furnishings of mahogany, was radiant with pink carnations. Mrs. Stewart Skinner and Mrs. F. Caverhill Jones presided at the daintily appointed tea table, assisted by Miss Edith Skinner, Mrs. L. W. Barker, Mrs. Alexander White, Mrs. T. E. Ryder, Mrs. M. P. White, Mrs. H. B. Robinson, Miss Lois Grimmer, Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley, Mrs. H. C. Schofield and Miss Brigham, Cambridge.

Mrs. Guy Robinson arrived in the city on Wednesday, and is a guest of her mother, Mrs. George P. Smith, Union street.

Mrs. T. Carleton Allen, Fredericton, was a guest in the city on Monday. Mrs. Allen left on Friday for Winnipeg to visit her son.

Word has been received from Lieutenant Douglas White by his parents, Dr. W. White, Sydney street, that he is now at the front with the Prince Edward Island Siege Battery, France. Lieutenant White has many friends in the city.

A cable has been received that Captain J. A. McCarthy and Captain Alexander Macdonald, formerly with the 8th Field Ambulance, have arrived safely in England.

Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Black and Mrs. Fawcett, Sackville, were guests at the Royal this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Estabrooks and Mrs. W. I. Fenton, who have been visiting at Toronto, arrived home on Friday.

Mrs. E. Atherton Smith gave her illustrated lecture, "Belgium, Then and Now" before a large and appreciative audience in the Edmund street.

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church, on Monday evening. Hon. John E. Wilson, president of the Provincial Relief Fund, was chairman, who in moving the vote of thanks paid a splendid tribute to Mrs. Smith for her untiring efforts on behalf of the Belgians.

Mrs. Frederick Sancton was hostess on Monday evening at a very enjoyable sewing party at her residence, Germain street in honor of Mrs. Hedley V. Cooper, Brookline. Among the guests were, Mrs. W. H. Purdy, Mrs. W. Albert Lockhart, Mrs. G. F. Fisher, Mrs. Clarence deForest, Miss Prichard and Mrs. Samuel Girvan.

Mrs. G. W. Campbell and Miss Constance Campbell returned home on Tuesday after a two weeks' visit in Amherst. Miss Constance Campbell took part in the "Empire Theatre" of the Daughters of the Empire Tuesday, January 30th, and in the Army on February 2nd. Miss Campbell won great praise for her graceful dancing and received a large bouquet of red roses. On Monday Mrs. and Miss Campbell were guests at a dinner given in honor of Miss Campbell at the Terrace Hotel.

Mrs. J. Fenwick Fraser entertained at one of the patriotic chain parties for the Military Ambulance, under the auspices of the Royal Standard Chapter, on Monday evening. The evening was spent by the guest giving an illustrated "Short History" of each lady present. Small books decorated with flags were given to the guests with a number of characteristic questions which were answered by clippings of pictures from magazines and pasted in the books, all when finished showing great originality and causing much amusement. This party was the chain of light. The guests were, Mrs. C. J. Coster, Mrs. M. B. Edwards, Mrs. S. S. McAvity, Mrs. T. E. Girvan, Mrs. Alexander Wilson, Mrs. A. S. Bowman, Mrs. J. F. Harding, Mrs. J. G. Knowlton and Mrs. Wetmore. Mrs. J. F. Harding will entertain a party of four.

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Mrs. J. W. McKean, who has been visiting in Halifax, returned home on Friday of last week and left again on Wednesday for Ottawa, where she will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Arthur Hannay.

Mrs. Heber Vroom entertained very informally on Wednesday, in honor of Mrs. E. A. Smith of Shediac. The guests were Mrs. P. W. Thomson, Mrs. P. S. White, Mrs. Stewart Skinner, Mrs. H. C. Schofield and Mrs. James D. Seely.

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