

PARAGRAPHS ABOUT PEOPLE.

IN THE USUAL SENSE of the word, society has been a cypher this week, Christmas having proved sufficient diversion in all circles. Dances, teas, receptions, and similar indulgences were forgotten in a series of congenial dinners and the good old-fashioned assemblies known as family reunions, all of a strictly private nature and hinging on the yuletide festivities. An unusually large number of old friends returned for the holidays, and the Garrison City extended them all a cordial welcome. In the majority of cases the visit was of the shortest duration, but nevertheless a visit of the most pleasant nature.

Mr. William Anderson, son of Willoughby Anderson, who has been a resident of the West for a number of years, is home from Seattle on a visit, accompanied by his wife. Harold Anderson, of Amherst, and Charlie Anderson, a student of McGill, also sons of Willoughby Anderson, are spending their vacation at home.

Allan P. Laing son of Rev. Robert Laing, is home from McGill for the holidays after a successful term's work. Mr. Laing is sustaining the reputation he made in winning a bursary of \$125 on his matriculation examinations.

Reginald Ritchie, son of Judge Ritchie, is spending the holidays at home.

A delightful event for the participants was the dinner given on Christmas day, at Wellington Barracks, by the officers of the R. C. A., to the married officers of the regiment and their wives. The mess room and tables were beautifully decorated, and due attention was paid to the time-honored observances of the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennison, of New Glasgow, returned home Monday, after a visit of some days to Mrs. Jennison's parents, Judge and Mrs. DesBarres.

Mr. C. H. Porter, manager of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, is paying a short visit to New York. Owing to his absence the special Christmas music for St. Matthew's was postponed until the Sunday following his return.

The committee of St. George's Lawn Tennis Club has decided to give the ball in honor of Lieut. John Oland on the fifteenth of January. The invitations will be issued next week.

Mr. John Curry, of Rhodes, Curry & Company, spent Christmas in Windsor.

Walter Romans, of the Union Bank, North Sydney; Reginald Milson, of the Union Bank, Sydney; Miss Hattie McLellan, of Amherst; Harry Thorne, Toronto, and Miss Blanche Pauley, Amherst, were among the young Dartmouthians who spent Christmas at their homes.

Harry Stevens returned to Sydney on Thursday, after spending a short vacation with his father, Ex-Mayor Stevens.

Louis Wood, of Campbellton, N. B., visited his parents on Fenwick Street during his Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Gandier left Wednesday afternoon for Toronto, the new field for Mr. Gandier's labors.

J. W. C. McConnell, of the I.C.R., has gone to Montreal, where he will spend New Year's.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Northup spent Christmas in Brooklyn, Hants County. Mr. Ernest Cochrane, Inspector of the People's Bank, also spent Christmas in Brooklyn.

John Strachan, a student of St. Andrew's, Toronto, is at home in Rockingham for the holidays.

Miss Margaret Cornelius, who left for New York about a month ago to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. Elliot, is enjoying a thorough change, which, her many friends will be pleased to learn, will no doubt have a strong beneficial effect upon her health.

Miss Janie Wickwire is paying her sister, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, a short visit, and is receiving a cordial reception from a large number of young people in this city.

Gordon Creighton, a popular young Halifaxian, is home from McGill for the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Jamieson, of Windsor, spent Christmas in town, the guest of her sister, Mrs. (Dr.) Jacques.

The engagement of Miss Elizabeth Flagler to Dr. George McKeen, of Baddeck, C. B., which was recently announced in Washington society by Miss Flagler, has given rise to comments in many papers that cannot fail to be more or less a source of annoyance to the many friends of the lady concerned. Miss Flagler's sojourns in this province have been distorted into periods of retirement as an explanation for the unfortunate accident she met with some years ago in the wholly involuntary shooting of a negro boy trespasser; whereas she is merely imbued, in common with many Americans, with the charms of

Nova Scotia, especially in rural districts. Under such circumstances it is not surprising that she should choose to make her home here. A host of Nova Scotian friends will be pleased to learn that the marriage will doubtless be consummated in June, and will offer Dr. McKeen, the clever Cape Breton practitioner, congratulations on this score.

Dr. B. F. MacDonald, of Taunton, Mass., is in the city accompanied by his wife. They are guests of E. H. Cunningham, Birmingham Street.

Mr. R. W. Wright, of Sydney, C. B., spent Christmas in the city with relatives.

The notice in last week's Bluenose concerning the tea given by Mrs. Smith to the Valentine Stock Company was somewhat indefinite owing to there being two Mrs. Smiths residing on Brenton Street. It should have read Mrs. Chas. E. Smith.

At a meeting held last Sunday evening at the Church of the Redeemer, the congregation unanimously decided to call Rev. Frank F. Eddy, of Oakland, Maine, to the pastorate. The call will in all probability be accepted, as Mr. Eddy discussed the question with the church members during his visit here when he officiated at several services. He is a good extemporaneous speaker, and a man of pleasing address.

Mrs. Curry, wife of Rev. Dr. Curry, of Pinehill left for Montreal on the Maritime Express, Wednesday afternoon. Senator MacKeen also left Wednesday for Upper Canada.

Prof. J. M. Lanos has gone to Weymouth Bridge on business. He will be absent a week.

The residence of Mr. John R. Creed, Hollis Street, was the scene of a bright home wedding on Wednesday morning, when Miss Sophie Creed was married to Stephen W. Mack, a well-known mill owner, of Maxwelton, Digby County. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. C. Chute, of the First Baptist Church. Miss Creed, sister of the bride, acting as bridesmaid, with Mr. Jason Creed in the capacity of groomsman. The young couple are enjoying a trip through the provinces.

Among the popular bank clerks who have recently left Halifax for new centres is Mr. James Turnbull, who was in the employ of the Halifax Banking Company for eleven years.

Alderman Musgrave spent Christmas in Wolfville with his family.