

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Robbin have returned from their wedding trip and have taken up their residence for the present at 801 Dorchester street.

IT IS small wonder that freethinkers, and persons of unorthodox views, feel themselves at liberty to scoff at those members of religious bodies who hold themselves as vastly superior, when we are called upon to read such accounts as have lately been published in connection with the troubles of a certain Presbyterian church. It certainly seems a pity that the press was not excluded, for such a meeting as was described would infinitely better have been hushed up. In fact, the whole affair, in regard to language and general behaviour, savors more of a political meeting, where bad eggs express feelings when words fail, than of a church gathering.

MR. AND MRS. G. LINDSAY, and Miss Lindsay, of Winnipeg, are visiting Mrs. L. O. Armstrong, Milton street.

The latest industry for women, we learn from an English paper, though the idea sounds more like Yankee originality, is that of "dinner taster." A lady, possessed of a keen palate, goes from house to house where she has been engaged to do so, and "tastes and adds to the various sweets and savouries and sauces. She whispers some new idea to the cook and suggests how to make the menu more novel." First catch your cook and then whisper to her! The average sovereign of the kitchen would meet such confidences with the rolling-pin; and to have a stranger following her about as she shook in the pepper, strained the gravy, or added vanilla to the pudding, would, I do not hesitate to say, evoke a rebellious spirit in the most goodnatured of the species. But women must work, or, rather, they must make money in some way or another. About the only industry as yet untried is that of a remover of domestic jars. A lady might visit her various clients, say at breakfast time, when everyone was late and ruffled, or at dinner, when the head of the family was tired and cross, and with her persuasive arts reduce the family broil to a quiet simmer—for remuneration, of course! Her life might occasionally be in danger, but, as a rule, her course would be effective. For outsiders always know our affairs better than we do ourselves! Consequently, they are more fitted to arbitrate!

THE gallant Hon. Ralph Pomeroy, of the 5th Dragoon Guards, who has distinguished himself recently in the war by his courageous rescue of a wounded trooper, is a son of that Lady Harberton, the advocate of the divided skirt. Last year, it will be remembered, she caused quite a stir by her action against an innkeeper who refused to admit her into his parlor, on account of her costume. Both mother and son therefore are well equipped with courage, it would seem. It is regrettable that the former should not turn it to as estimable account as the latter.

It has almost come to this, that it would be a positive relief to speak to someone who had never even heard of "Janice Meredith." Perhaps it was the most popular Christmas present this year. Numberless people received two and three copies of this novel. Though some find it difficult to explain the evident fascination it holds for its readers. After all, books are very like human beings. A good word spoken by one who is supposed to be a judge brings the one as easily as the other into an inexplicable popularity. It is only when the excitement has subsided everyone begins to ask themselves why they raved, with so little provocation. For, though I have little desire to detract from the merits of the book in question, unbiassed enthusiasm is apt to become wearisome.

MISS BUCK, of Quebec, has been spending some days in Montreal visiting Mrs. W. M. Dobell, Crescent street.

On Monday afternoon, Mrs. Sherwood, Shuter street, gave a very pleasant farewell tea for her sister, Miss Grace Henderson, whose marriage took place on Wednesday. Among the guests were: The Misses Buchanan, Miss Dunlop, Miss Hampson, the Misses Brock, the Misses Botterell, Miss Finley, the Misses Waud, the Misses Williams, Miss G. Cundill, the Misses Williams, the Misses Henderson, Miss Parker, Miss E. Armstrong, Miss E. McRae, Miss Kingston, Miss Caro Brainerd.

On Friday afternoon, Mrs. R. Stanley Bagg gave a large and very pleasant euchre party. Another afternoon euchre was that given by Mrs. L. Papineau, Mountain street, on Thursday.

The marriage of Miss Botterell, daughter of Mr. E. H. Botterell, to Mr. Arthur Fry, has been arranged to take place on January 24.

This evening, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Graham, Sherbrooke street, are entertaining a number of friends at dinner.

On Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. N. W. Trenholme, "Rosemount," gave a large and successful "At Home."

Miss Annie Napier, who is spending the winter in Peterborough, has been making a short visit in town, the guest of Mrs. E. H. King, Dorchester street.

QUITE a number of people came up from Quebec for the purpose of being present at the Bachelors' ball. Among them were: Miss L. Casault, Miss Pacaud, Miss Hope Sewell, Miss Dobell, and Miss E. Dobell. Imagine, after a day, more or less, of traveling, being ready to dance till 3 or 4 a.m!

The idea of the Montreal Hunt, of having fortnightly afternoon musicales, on Saturday, sounded most pleasant when it was first suggested; and, judging from the various opinions expressed apropos of the initial entertainment on Saturday last, the enterprise of the hunting men bids fair to be most successful. To begin with, the day was about as perfect as it is possible for man to consider anything he has not made himself. It was bright and sunny, and the air, though mild, was sufficiently crisp. Consequently, a large number of people rode, drove, and walked out to enjoy an excellent cup of tea, and a very pleasing programme of music provided by the Ladies' Mandolin Club. Among those present were: The M.F.H., Mr. G. R. Hooper, Mrs. Hooper, Miss Wilder (Boston), Mrs. Bell, Miss Arnton, the Misses Gillespie, Mr. G. Gillespie, Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Yates, Mr. W. R. Miller, Miss Miller, Mr. and Mrs. J. Peck, the Messrs. Peck, Mr. D. Brainerd, Miss C. Brainerd, Mr. A. E. Ogilvie, Mr. A. W. Hooper, Mr. J. Try Davies, Mr. G. Strathy, Miss E. Strathy, Mr. G. Farmer, Mr. G. W. Stephens, jr.; Miss E. Gault, Mr. and Mrs. D. Morrice, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Macpherson, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Bell, Dr. C. McEachran, Mrs. W. Peterson, Miss Sise, Miss Stearns, and Mr. Colin Campbell.

Miss Clara Harrington, daughter of Dr. J. B. Harrington, who has been studying abroad for some time, returned this week.

Mr. R. Henderson, of Toronto, has been spending a few days in town, the guest of his sister, Mrs. Newnham, Prince Arthur street.

On Monday afternoon, Lady Hickson, Mountain street, entertained a number of friends at tea. Another tea on Monday, was that given by Miss Davidson, Peel street, for Miss Thistle, Ottawa.

ON Wednesday morning at an early hour, the marriage took place, at St. George's Church, of Miss Grace Henderson, third daughter of the late Canon Henderson, for many years Principal of the Theological College, and Mr. Reginald R. Wallace, of the Bank of Montreal, New York, and formerly of Halifax. The Very Rev. Dean Carmichael performed the ceremony, and the bride was attended by her sister, Miss Kathleen Henderson, while the best man was Mr. Hazen Prissick. Only the immediate relatives and a few very intimate friends were present, and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace went direct from the church to the station, leaving for Halifax, where they will spend some weeks. On their return, they will live on Staten Island, that very pretty and popular home of so many New York business men. Mrs. Wallace has spent nearly all her life in Montreal, and will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends.

The news has recently been received of the marriage of Mr. Percy Armstrong, third son of Mr. C. N. Armstrong, Peel street, to a young English lady, whom he met while on a short visit on the other side. Mr. Armstrong is a graduate of the R.M.C., but is engaged in business in Montreal, in connection with which he was obliged to take this trip. This sudden step came as a surprise to his friends, but nowadays, when the sudden marriages of departing soldiers occur every day, one is not surprised at civilians following suit.

Miss Mabel Taylor has left town to spend some weeks in Atlantic City.

On Tuesday morning, the Misses Angus, Drummond street, held a meeting at their house, to endeavor to arrange some scheme of work for the benefit of our soldiers. Quite a number of friends were present, and several plans were thought of, which, while occasioning small trouble to willing workers, will be the means of providing very material comfort to the brave upholders of the British cause.

Mrs. A. E. Ellis, Sherbrooke street, is giving a large dance next week for her daughter, Miss Ellis, who is one of this season's debutantes.