

VALENTINE PARTY HELD BY ABERDEEN MOTHERS

S. F. Lawrason Compares the Schools of England With Schools of Canada.

The members of the Aberdeen mothers' club were the hostesses of a most successful valentine party held in the school last night. The kindergarten, which was the scene of the event, was gaily decorated with hearts. Tall red candles lit the supper tables, which were effectively arranged in red and white. Special guests of the occasion were S. F. Lawrason, chairman of the board of education; the Rev. R. D. Mess, Principal Brown of the school and the members of the staff.

The program included a brief comparison between the schools of England and the schools of Canada by Mr. Lawrason, who pointed out that the Canadian schools had by far the best part of the bargain. Rev. R. D. Mess and Principal Brown also spoke briefly.

The members were pleasantly surprised when Mrs. J. Walton, the president, announced that the members of the school teaching staff had presented the club with a goody sum to help carry on relief work in the district.

A very fine program included violin and piano number by Miss Mary Dodding and Nell Dodding; vocal solos by Mrs. Cornhill; readings by Miss Leas; piano numbers by Miss Hilda Desand; vocal solos by Mr. Callard; a dance number by Miss Shirley Byrnes, Neil and Mary Dodding acting as accompanists. The success of the evening was due to the energetic work of the committee, headed by Mrs. Duckworth and Mrs. Blackwell. Brief speeches of appreciation were made by Principal Brown and B. Wherry.

CHAS. BARNARD CONVALESCING
Charles Barnard, Hyman street, who has been ill in St. Joseph's hospital for the past three weeks, following a serious operation, is much better and returned to his home yesterday.

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WOMEN and THE HOME

FETHERSTON RECITAL TO BE GIVEN MONDAY

Miss Merlyn Pococke, D. Fetherston and Mrs. Fetherston To Furnish Program.

Many music lovers are looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to the recital which is to be given in the central collegiate auditorium on Monday evening by Douglas Fetherston, violinist; Miss Merlyn Pococke, soprano, and Mrs. Howard Fetherston, pianist. All artists are well known in London, although they are heard on the concert stage only too rarely.

The program which they will present is interesting and varied, the numbers follow:

Sonata for violin and piano, Caesar Frank, Allegretto ben Moderato, Allegretto Mosso; (a) Dedication, Schumann; (b) The Linden Tree, Schubert; (c) The Greeting, Brahms; (d) Nocturne in D Flat, Chopin-Wilhelm; (e) Fairy Sailing, Cecil Burrell; (f) Spanish Dance (Opus 21), Sarasate; (g) In the Silence of Night, Rachmaninoff; (h) Soft - Footed, Snow, Lie; (i) There Are Fairies in Our Garden, There's a Lark in My Heart, Spross; (j) The Dew is Sparkling, Rubenstein-Eiman; (k) Humoresque in D, Leo Aulin; (l) Sicilian and Rigaudon, Francour-Kreiser.

This recital was given in Stratford this week to the delight of a large audience there.

TUNIC POPULAR.

New York, Feb. 12.—The ensemble is incomplete without the tunic and as a result this feature now is presented in infinite variety. One may wear either the short, peplum tunic or the long slit tunic but in either case the colors usually are so bright as to be almost glaring.

Mr. Jack Whaley spent the week-end with friends in Woodstock.

Miss May Clendenen is a guest at the King Edward hotel in Toronto.

Miss Wilhena Foster spent the week-end at her home in Scotland.

Mrs. A. Bough has been visiting with Mrs. John Smith in St. Thomas. Miss Pearl Patterson of Seaford was a recent visitor with friends in town.

Mrs. Adam Blandford of Eastwood has been spending a few days in town.

The members of the Pudney orchestra are going to Sarnia on Thursday to play.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Blackall and family spent the week-end with friends in Chatham.

Miss Jean Henderson has been a guest with Miss Annie Chesney in Inverkeithing this week.

Mr. Donald F. Downey of Osgoode hall, Toronto, is spending the week-end with friends in the city.

Mrs. F. McCutcheon has been a guest with her mother, Mrs. S. R. Knechtel in New Hamburg.

Mrs. A. H. Dwyer, Piccadilly street, has returned to town after a pleasant trip to Windsor and Detroit.

Miss Rita Thomas is entertaining tomorrow afternoon at a bridge tea at her home on William street.

Mrs. M. Perkins has returned to town from Detroit, where she has been a guest for some time.

Mr. Ivan Frayne, of Forest, is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. William Gow, Barker street.

Mrs. George A. Thompson and son, Billy, of St. Marys, are visiting with Mrs. Charles Coupland, Emery street.

Miss Flora Robson spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robson, Aldboro East town-line.

Mrs. Fred C. Field, Richmond street north, is entertaining at a bridge and ball mong party this afternoon.

Mrs. J. J. Bullis of St. Paul, Minn., is spending a few days with his brother, Mr. W. J. Bullis, and family, of this city.

Mrs. William Joyce, of Regina, Sask., was a recent guest with Mrs. Cooper, King street, and with other friends in town.

Dr. Elizabeth Kitley, of the Ontario department of education, is leaving today for Toronto after spending the past fortnight in town.

Mrs. Powell has been in Windsor attending the funeral of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Dan Thompson, the late wife of the chief of police of that city.

Miss Hamilton, organizer of home nursing classes for the Ontario division of the Red Cross Society, is in town from Toronto on an official visit.

Mrs. A. I. McCall has returned to her home in Chatham, after spending a short time with her son, Mr. E. R. McCall, and Mrs. McCall, Stanley street.

Mrs. Hunter of Goderich has been a much feted guest in the city for the past week, visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. R. A. Bayly, Piccadilly street.

Mrs. E. R. Seabrook was the hostess of a delightful informal bridge on Wednesday afternoon, entertaining

the home of Mrs. George McNeill, Queen's avenue, was yesterday the scene of a delightful bridge given under the auspices of the Isabel Hamilton chapter, I. O. O. F. E. The house was attractively arranged with spring flowers and daffodils centered the pretty tea table, over which Miss Grace Fairley and Mrs. Thomas presided. Eighteen tables were in play, and the pretty prizes were won by Mrs. W. E. Fuller and Mrs. F. R. Clegg. Mrs. McNeill, who is the new regent of the chapter, welcomed the guests.

Mrs. Peter Russell, Hydro street, entertained yesterday afternoon at a pretty arranged trousseau tea in honor of her daughter, Miss Jessie Russell, whose marriage takes place tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Hamilton road Presbyterian church. The tea table was attractively decorated in mauve and yellow. Mrs. Mantle presiding over the tea cups, assisted by Miss Ethel Lewis and Miss Edna Mantle. Miss Elva Davidson and Miss Elva Hancock displayed the pretty trousseau and many gifts.

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Social and Personal

ing at her home on Elmwood avenue. Two tables were in play.

Miss Monica Etherington, R. N., was the guest of Mrs. E. McCordie in Stratford on Tuesday night, and attended the euchre and dance in the Winter Garden there.

Miss Agnes Downey, R. N., was a guest in Stratford on Tuesday, when she attended the Catholic social club party. She was guest with her sister, Miss Emily Downey.

Miss Geraldine Hyland and Miss Bessie Montgomery of Chatham were recent guests in the city with the latter's sister, Miss Lila Montgomery, who is attending the Normal school.

Mrs. Ed Killingsworth poured tea on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Butler, St. Thomas, when she entertained in aid of the hospital fund of the Catholic Women's league.

Mrs. R. E. Gregory, Askew street, entertained at a delightful informal afternoon tea at her home this week, and a novel idea was carried out in a riddle, in which the names of the guests were worked out. Mrs. J. W. Andrews was the prize-winner.

A delightful valentine party was held last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Dwyer, Duquesne avenue. Cards were enjoyed, the prizes being won by Mrs. George Farr, Miss M. Tule, and Mr. H. Down, Jun., after a delightful supper was served.

Mrs. C. C. Bonnell, of Woodlawn avenue, Chicago, who has been visiting with friends in town, has gone to Stratford to be a guest with her mother, Mrs. S. L. Field, Mrs. H. W. Burns, of Stanley street, Miss Gladys L. Herd and Miss Hazel Tupholme, Askew street, were also recent guests with Mrs. Herd in Stratford.

A most enjoyable euchre party claimed Mrs. Curtis, William street north, as hostess last evening, when she entertained 45 members of the women's guild. Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Harding and Mrs. O'Brien were the prize winners. Mrs. Curtis was assisted by her two daughters, Helen and Margaret, and Mrs. Hunt.

Recent guests with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ferguson, Maitland street, were Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Spears of Toronto and Messrs. Owen and Lawrence Ferguson of Windsor. Among those who entertained Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Spears prior to their departure for New Zealand, Australia and South Africa were Mrs. C. L. Ferguson, Maitland street; Miss Betty Reid, Oxford street, and Mrs. Percy Ferguson, Adelaide street. Mrs. Spears was formerly Miss Ivy Ferguson, of this city.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Davidson, Lambeth, recently, in the form of a presentation, when Mrs. Davidson, a bride of recent date, was presented with twelve beautiful cut glass short classed by the choir of which she has been a faithful member. The address was read by Mrs. Will Pack, and the presentation was made by Miss Eva Vandewater.

Music and games were features of the evening, after which a dainty lunch was served to about forty guests.

Sergeant of Police Thomas MacDonald and Mrs. MacDonald, Colborne street, received the congratulations of many friends this week when they celebrated the 30th anniversary of their wedding. Mrs. MacDonald's gifts included a handsome offering from the Loch Lomond chapter, of which she is a popular and active member. Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald were married at Kippure, Ontario, in 1895, and have resided in London since that time. Mrs. MacDonald was formerly Miss Grace Anderson.

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on Richmond street north. Plans were discussed for this term, and tea was served in the dining-room, where Mrs. W. R. Urrin poured tea at the pretty tea table arranged with blue candles in silver holders, their glowing flames forming the only light in the room. Miss Kelso cut the ices and Miss Mary Macpherson assisted the hostess in looking after the girls, who numbered about 15.

The members of form 20 of the South London collegiate enjoyed a delightful party at the Blue Dragon last night. Miss Edith Willis and Miss Ruth Hickman acted as chaperones, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dinsmore were special guests of the evening, which was spent in jolly games and dancing, after which dainty refreshments were served.

Among the guests were the Misses M. Dicknoether, C. Douglas, H. Leonard, H. Milne, L. Crawford, L. Smoothy, J. Nelson, B. Clarke and J. White, C. Horn, F. Guthrie, J. Holmes, G. Ford, C. Hancock, V. Hesdon and O. Hutchison.

A very enjoyable time was spent when members of the C. E. F. returned chapter, I. O. O. F. E., gathered recently at the home of Mrs. Alex. Wootton, Maitland street, to wish "good speed" to their late regent, Mrs. B. J. Dunley, who is leaving the city to take up her residence in Walkerville. During the evening they presented her with a token of appreciation in the form of a pretty sude purse and the presentation was made by Mrs. A. Henderson, while a short address was read by Mrs. W. Hurrell. The rest of the evening was spent in playing euchre, after which a dainty supper was served by the hostess, Mrs. Dunley leaves for her new home on Saturday, and will be greatly missed by the members of her chapter.

Mrs. J. A. Moffatt, Adelaide street, entertained at a delightful party last night in honor of her young daughter, Miss Marjorie Moffatt, and the nine other principal characters in recent King Winter's Carnival given by the Lord Roberts school children. The decorations carried out the ideas of the valentine season. Hearts and cupid were used effectively on the supper table and about the house. Each place was marked by a cupid place card, while tiny baskets of candy served as favors.

The evening was a very enjoyable game, those present being Miss Margaret Hamilton Culbert, Miss May Andrews, Miss Allen Reason, Miss Frances Ridder, Miss Daniel Johnston, Harold Hunter, Alan McNaughton, Donald Adams, Bernard Cottle, Jack Symonds and Clark Smith.

Pof. W. J. Patterson and Miss Hester Patterson, Hellmuth avenue, last night entertained at a delightfully arranged valentine party in honor of the graduating class in mathematics of the University of Western Ontario. A feature of the evening was an old-fashioned spelling match, in which Prof. H. R. Kingston and Prof. Woods acted as captains, and the host made an admirable teacher. Progressive euchre and fortune telling also had a place in the evening's plans, and a dainty supper was served by the hostess, at which time a clever idea was carried out for her assistants. At each table each player was given a heart, and the one receiving the heart with a "W" on it acted as waiter. Mrs. Kingston received with the hostess, and assisted her in looking after the 20 young people, who greatly enjoyed the evening.

Mrs. W. E. Mitchell entertained at one of the jolliest of birthday parties at her new home on Wortley road south this week in honor of her daughter, Miss Daisy Mitchell. The guests were received by Miss Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell, the former in peach satin with touches of ostrich feathers and the latter in beige cotton and brocade crepe. Dancing and games amused the young folks until midnight, when a delicious birthday supper was served. The table was arranged with pink and blue streamers, pink for the girls and blue for the boys. Tiny baskets of candy and place cards marked each place. The birthday cake centered the table and above hung a dainty pink umbrella with blue streamers, under which the lights were concealed. Roses and carnations were the flowers used as decorations for the table. After supper, dancing was enjoyed. The guests included Miss Eunice Stansell, Miss Marie McSorgan, Miss Ma Wilkey, Miss Mary Coles, Miss Rose Boatman, Miss Beryl Young, Leonard Maynard, Ross Noel, Donald Durand, Wilfred McLaren, Bill Rowe, and Garry Chase of St. Catharines.

PRESBYTERIAN ANNUAL IS HELD NEXT WEDNESDAY

An important event of next week will be the annual meeting of the London presbyterian, which is being held in Knox church, St. Thomas, on Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs. J. M. McEvoy of this city will preside, and it is hoped that many delegates will attend the sessions.

Blacky Crow Visits the Henhouse On Farmer Brown's Land For a Meal

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

Blacky the Crow was one of those who were having a hard time. Many a time he wished that he had gone South instead of spending the winter up there where there was so much snow and ice. He had been able to get along after a fashion until that hard, icy crust formed over everything. Then he could get nothing to eat.

Now, Blacky is a most suspicious person. Especially does he suspect the two-legged creatures called men. Of course, he had learned long since that Farmer Brown's boy was a friend of all the little people of the Green Forest and the Green Meadows. He wasn't afraid of Farmer Brown's boy. Still he never was able to bring himself to be friendly to some of the other feathered folk. He always kept at a safe distance.

But now things were different. Yes, indeed, things were very different. He simply must have something to eat or he would starve. He knew that Farmer Brown's chickens had plenty to eat, and he wondered if he might get a share of that food. If only they were fed outside the henhouse, he might have a chance. But he knew that they were being fed inside the henhouse this bad weather.

Blacky flew over where from the top of a tree in the Old Orchard he



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could watch all that went on around Farmer Brown's house. He saw his cousin, Sammy Jay, stuffing himself with good things from a shelf on the windowsill of Farmer Brown's house. He saw Tommy Tit the Chickadee, Yank Yank the Nuthatch and Drummer the Woodpecker stuffing themselves. But he couldn't quite get up courage enough to go so close to Farmer Brown's house. Hungry as he was he couldn't quite do it. Then Blacky noticed that Farmer

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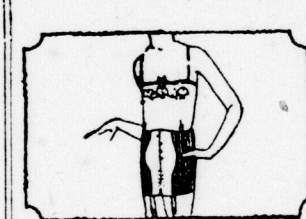
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