One of the brightest and most enjoyable dances of the season was that given by Mrs. Thomas Long of Jarvis street on Friday. On that evening "Woodlawn" was aglitter with lights, aflutter with guests, and sweet with the perfume of lovely flowers. The north and south drawing-rooms were used for dancing, the stately measures of the lancers or the gay, whirling movement of the vieux-temps being tripped to the seductive music of the minstrels. The sitting out places, deftly arranged with the aid of palms, draperies, cushions and rugs, were many and cosy, while the conservatory, which is one of the features of Woodlawn, made a delightful spot for a tete-a-tete. Webb served a very recherche supper in the dining-room, the tables being prettily arranged and laden with dainty morceaux and substantial viands. Mrs. Long, who is always delightfully hospitable, received in a beautiful gown of brown silk trimmed with vieux and rose, silk and chiffon. She was assisted by her charming and amiable daughter, who looked very sweet in cream silk, with trimmings of passementerie and chiffon, and carried a bouquet of pink roses and hyacinths; and also by Mrs. C. T. Long, who was becomingly gowned in black corded silk richly trimmed with jet. Among the guests I remarked Mr. and Mrs. Ince, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, Dr. and Mrs. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Magann, Mr. and Mrs. Scully, Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kappele, Dr. and Mrs. Norman Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anglin, Capt. and Mrs. Peuchin, Mr. and Mrs. McArthur, Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker, Mrs. Moffatt, Mrs. Greene, Misses Bowes, Hughes, Brock, Fraser, Morrison, Smith, Forsyth, McDermid, Langtry, Murphy, J. Fraser, Matthews, Taylor, Horetzky, Gurner, Ross, Dixon, Findlay of Hamilton; Palin, Reinhardt; Woodbridge of Michigan; Maldrew, Livingstone, Tilley, Miller, Smith, King, Merrick, Lee, Elmsley, Thompson, and Miss Larkin, of St. Catharines; Messrs. Forsyth Quernel, McCullough, F. Turner, A. C. Macdonald, A. Boyd, Ridley, Tripp, Arnoldi, Langtry, Creelman, Griffin, Morin, Leslie, O'Reilly, McCulloch, Maulson, J. Hughes, W. A. Smith, B. Hughes, I. Suckling, Tom Pyke, Brock, Cavanagh, V. Hughes, T. H. Morrison, Dixon, E. Matthews, D. Smith, H. Mason, W. Jones, T. F. MacGillivray, R. K. Barber, F. Lillie, J. W. Kerr, Pattullo, Gunther, Bond, Huston, Palin, Taylor, J. Y. Reid, jr., H. Brooke, Phillips, Garvin, Baxter, Carter, Hulme, King, Dineen, Drynan, George Ince, Fred Bendelari, Cooper, Reinhardt, Merrick, D. Scott, H. Galt, Mc. Leaming, Mr. John Long of Collingwood; Signor Pier Delasco, Dr. Murray Macfarlane, and Dr. Thistle.

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On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Macdougall of Carlton Lodge gave a young people's tea in St. George's Hall, which was one of the smartest and pleasantest affairs of the mid-winter season. One may always count on a function given for the unmarried folk as thoroughly enjoyed, and sure to go with a vive and vivre quite refreshing to us. On Saturday the hall was looking its prettiest and served as an excellent background for such a bright bevy of guests. Palms, ferns, foliage plants and delicately colored and sweet-smelling blossoms made a delightful mise-en-scene, over which the soft subdued lights cast a glow that gave an appearance of warmth and cosiness. At a beautifully-arranged buffet refreshments were very daintily served. Glionna's minstrels, stationed in the musicians' gallery, played sweetly all afternoon, and later, when outside the twilight shadows were falling and the grey creeping up told of departing day, cavaliers and maidens tripped a measure of a right merry dance, which made a delightful finale for a delightful function. Mrs. McDougall, who is a perfect hostess, received in a smart gown of black crepon, trimmed with green silk, and was assisted by her three charming daughters, who are quite as solicitous for the comfort and enjoyment of their guests as the hospitable lady of Oak Lodge. Miss Macdougall wore a dainty and becoming bodice of mauve silk; Miss Sheila Macdougall was in white silk, with trimmings of heliotrope velours, Miss Bertha Macdougall was also effectively gowned. Among the guests I noticed: Mr. Arthur Kirkpatrick, Miss Helen Kirkpatrick, Miss Kirkpatrick of Kingston, the Misses Holmstead, Miss Arthurs, Miss Edna Arthurs, the Misses Ferguson, Mr. Vaux Chadwick and the Misses Chadwick, the Misses Kingsmill, Miss Plummer, Miss Gzowski, Miss Mackenzie, Miss Gertrude Mackenzie, Mr. Humphrey Wood, Miss Wood, the Misses Janes, Miss Macdonald, Mr. and the Misses Strathy, Mr. Bertie Cawthra, Miss Cawthra, Miss Georgie Crombie, Miss Amy Laing, Miss Amy Beatty, Mr. C. H. Beatty, Miss Armour, Miss Columbus Greene, Mr. Greer, Miss Rowland, Mr. Moss, Miss Mab Moss, Miss McDonnel, Miss Mary Robinson, Miss Strickland, Mr. and Miss Boultbee, Miss Meredith, the Misses Jarvis, Walker, Brouse, Hoskins, Drayton, Parsons, Mackellar, Lash, Kemp, Osler, Wilkie, Howard, Mulock, Dalton, McMicking, Veals, Proudfoot, Wadsworth, Street, Messrs. Wadsworth, Brown, Badgerow, Osler, Stevenson, Rose, Scott and hosts of others.

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A pretty wedding took place at St. James' Cathedral on Wednesday morning, when Mr. Charles Wilmot Strathy of Winnipeg, son of the late Dr. G. W. Strathy, was married to Miss Helen M. Ritchie, daughter of the late John Ritchie of this city, the officiating clergyman being Rev. Canon DuMoulin. The bridesmaid was Miss Bertha Strathy, while Mr. Frank Strathy of Ottawa acted as best man. The happy young couple left by the afternoon train for a tour of the Eastern States. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Strathy will reside in Winnipeg.

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A pretty home wedding took place at the residence of Mr. W. C. Cunnington, of Rose Cottage, Mono Road, on Wednesday, when his daughter, Miss Sarah Cunnington, was married to Mr. Robert White of Orangeville, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. Meahan of Mono Road Methodist Church. The bride wore a beautiful gown of cream bengaline with trimmings of pearls of ostrich tips, the tulle veil being caught with a wreath of orange flowers. She carried a bouquet of white roses and hyacinths. The bridesmaid was Miss Mary Ward while Mr. T. A. White acted as best man. After the ceremony a dejeuner was served. Mr. and Mrs. White left during the afternoon for the east where they will spend the honeymoon.

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Another pretty wedding took place at the residence of Mr. Richard Donald, 64 Bloor-street west, on Thursday, when his daughter, Miss Margaret Donald, was married to Dr. E. P. Gordon, the officiating clergyman being Rev. Dr. McTavish of Central Presbyterian Church, assisted by Rev. J. McP. Scott of St. John's Presbyterian Church. The bride was beautifully gowned in white silk crepon, trimmed with Honiton lace, the Brussels net veil being held in place by a coronet of orange blossoms. The bridesmaid was Miss Peters, while Mr. Alexander Gordon was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held, when the happy young couple received the congratulations of their hosts of friends. Dr. and Mrs. Gordon left on the night train for New York, where they will spend their honeymoon.

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The presentation of Pinero's farce, "The Magistrate," by the Trinity Dramatic Club at the Academy of Music on Friday evening was a complete success and brought out one of the most fashionable audiences of the season. Rouge et noir was very much in evidence, the railings of the balcony and boxes being prettily festooned with it. Suspended from the flies over the centre of the stage was a red satin banner, with Trinity in gold letters, and on either side of this were draperies of black and red. The performance went off very smoothly, and there were no tedious waits or tiresome delays, which one always expects at amateur performances. Mrs. Cecil Gibson, who looked very sweet and dainty, made a great hit as Mrs. Posket. She wore a lovely gown of white and blue striped silk, with bodice of pale blue chiffon, with immense sleeves of chiffon prettily trimmed with silver, and corsage bouquet of violets. Over this gown was thrown a exquisite cloak of pale blue and gold brocade, with yoke of vieux rose velours, edged with sable. Miss Elinor Shanly, who also acted very charmingly, wore a gown of pale yellow, with sleeves of yellow watered silk, and girdle and corsage garniture of violets. In the last act Miss Shanly donned a costume of hunter's green cloth, made very prettily, with bodice of shot silk and ribbon trimmings. Mrs. Martin Cleworth, who was a bright and vivacious Beatie, wore a gown of white dotted muslin, with white silk ribbons, and white leghorn hat trimmed with ostrich tips. The part of Popham was admirably taken by Miss Tootie Heward, who was very delightful and chic in her pink gown, black velvet bows and smart little cap. At the conclusion of the last act this young lady received a lovely bouquet of crimson roses, tied with rouge et noir ribbons. Another bouquet of white roses also found its way over the footlights to Mrs. Cleworth. The Lieutenant-Governor, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Arthur Kirkpatrick, Miss Kirkpatrick and Master Eric Kirkpatrick occupied the Government House box, while the prompt box held a gay little party of society folk, and in two of the upper boxes was a merry party of Trinity boys. In the stalls I noticed: Mrs. Keeble Merritt, in black striped satin, with rhinestone buckles and heliotrope ribbons; Mr. Cecil Gibson, Mrs. Camer, in white and blue striped silk, trimmed with blue chiffon; Miss Walker, looking lovely in pale blue silk and chiffon, with pink feather boa; Mr. and Miss DuMoulin, the lady in cream satin and lace; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Denison, Miss Mary Robinson, in white satin and violets; Mrs. and Miss Cattanach, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simpson, the lady in black silk with old rose trimmings and pretty opera cloak; Mrs. Hamilton Merritt, looking exceedingly pretty in pale blue silk and chiffon and dainty white opera cloak; Mr. and Miss Beardmore, Mr. and Miss Shanley, the young ladies from Rolleston House, and Mrs. Neville and hosts of others.

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The annual at home of the Upper Canada College, which was held on Friday evening, was the bright and enjoyable affair it always is. The rooms were all prettily decorated, and the sitting out places innumerable and very cosy. Refreshments were served at a buffet and an orchestra played enchantingly for the hosts of graceful dancers who tripped over the highly polished floor. The last extra was danced shortly after 2 o'clock, when the enjoyable affair was pleasantly terminated. The patronesses were Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. G. W. Ross, Mrs. George Dickson, Mrs. E. Bristol, Mrs. A. Macdougall, Mrs. J. J. Kingsmill, Mrs. Hendrie, Mrs. George Henderson, Mrs. J. Waldie, Mrs. S. H. Gooderham, Mrs. Beatty, Mrs. W. S. Jackson, Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. T. H. Cameron, Mrs. G. F. Labatt.

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What gives promise of being a most enjoyable musicale will be given in the lower Massey Hall on Saturday evening next for the benefit of the poor patients of Grace Hospital, and given under the auspices of the ladies' auxiliary. A very delightful program has been prepared, and there will doubtless be a large attendance of those who appreciate good music and wish to aid a worthy institution at the same time.

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Cards are out for the Travellers' ball, which will be held in St. George's Hall on Monday evening.

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Mr. E. H. Sothern evidently knows "A Way to Win a Woman," if one could judge of the distinctly feminine and very smart audience which greeted the appearance of this popular and debonnaire gentleman in the production of Jerome's charming play on Wednesday afternoon. It was a bright, pretty, chattering house, but in the concluding scenes of the third act there was pathos which brought tears, and in consequence many a dainty cambric was freely used. The ladies in the cast wore some very charming gowns, among them being a visiting costume, in which Miss Grace Kimball appeared in the first act. It was of pale fawn Bedford cord, exquisitely trimmed with moss green velours, the bdice being entirely covered with rare old point. The chapeau was a Gainsboro of green and fawn shot felt, and was crimmed with valour; many lovely fawn ostrich tips and Rhinestone buckles. An evening gown, also worn by Miss Kimball, was composed of striped buttercup satin, with huge sleeves and bodice puffing of yellow chiffon, which material was used most effectively as skirt draperies. Another evening gown was of pearl grey Duchess satin with trimmings of grey silk gauze and silver. This toilet was daintily topped off by a large fan of grey ostrich feathers. A beautiful afternoon costume was of old rose satin with panels and sleeves of old rose brocade, and an immense collar of black moire and Irish point. The bonnet was of white lace and pink hyacinths, and the pretty trifle which did duty for a muff was also composed of lace and flowers. In the last act Miss Kimball donned a chic combination of black Duchess satin and hunter's green velours, the bolero jacket being of the latter material, with revers of black satin, which were trimmed with cream insertion and edged with beaver fur. The hat worn with this was of black satin, with insertion, and trimmings of green velours and black ostrich tips. In the stalls on Wednesday I remarked Mrs. Keeble Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Gibson, Miss Hugel, Mrs. and Miss Pearson, the Misses Clarke, Mrs. and Miss May, Miss Crombie, Mrs. and Miss Cowan, Miss Brough, Miss Jennie Smith, Mrs. Fraser Bryce, Miss Coffee and Miss Macdonald.

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The fourth of the twelve piano recitals by the pupils of Mr. Fisher was given on Thursday evening in the Conservatory Music Hall, which was crowded to the doors with a very appreciative audience. The pianists were Miss Edith A. Burson and Miss H. Ethel Shepherd. Miss Burson, who was prettily gowned in white silk trimmed with valenciennes lace and insertion, played Beethoven's Sonata "Appassionata" with much delicacy and feeling, while a double number, Moszhowski's "Air de Ballet" and "An Etude," by Chopin, were given very charmingly. Except in one or two instances, Miss Burson played entirely from memory. Miss Shepherd wore a dainty gown of white dotted muslin, with sleeves of buttercup satin, with buttercup ribbons. Her best number was Liszt's "Spielmlied," which was given with much effect, as was also a triple number by Raff. Miss Norman, A.T.C.M., played a violin solo. Mrs. J. Willson-Lawrence, Miss Jessie Caswall and Miss Richards, pupils of Signor D'Auria, sang several songs very sweetly, and were warmly encored. "Rondo Brilliante," a duo by Mendelssohn, which was played by Misses Burson and Shepherd, brought the excellent program to a close. The next concert will be given on Thursday evening.

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A ball, to be given by the Argonauts in St. George's Hall after Lent, is one of the pleasant events our le tapis, the anticipation of which will have a brightening effect during the long period of sackcloth and ashes. The charity ball, the horse show, and several other delightful functions will form a charming bonne bouche for Easter week.

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The Bachelors' ball, which is always a bright and pleasant affair, and which is looked forward to as the event par excellence of the season by the beau monde of Collingwood, will be held on Monday evening next, when an enjoyable dance is a foregone conclusion.

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Mrs. Matthew Wilkins of 112 Logan-avenue gave a most enjoyabel carpet dance on Thursday evening. Supper was served at midnight, and a very pleasant time was spent. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Froud, Miss Hackett, Mrs. Anice, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rilley, Misses Sugden, Wilkins, Rolston and Hillard; Messrs. F. Hughes, B. Hughes, Minchel, C. Vennal and Hackett.

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A woman who evidently knows what she is talkong about gives this excellent advice which many of us would be the better for following:

If you wish to enjoy the esteem of your fellow-beings, never express strong convictions on the subject of men or women or character. Your hearers invariably have a close relative who either illustrates or disproves your theory and you are either hated for your keenness or despised for your lack of it.

One of the most cheering opinions ever expressed by medical lights is that the monotony of domestic life shorteus household labor is that the drudgery of household labor ibs the worst thing possible for their health. Now every woman will feel that she has what she has long been seeking—a good excuse for neglecting her home work.

Do not expect too much of your friends. If you do you will find not only that your expectations are disappointed, but also that you have lost your friends in the process.

A very profitale view to take of the compliments and criticisms one receives is to believe all the pleasant things false and all the unpleasant ones true. In this way one will be continually spurred on to deserve the compliments and to escape the criticisms.

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The woman who makes the care of her complexion a fetich to be considered at all times finds ordinary Croton water not at all adapted to its needs. The ordinary water is too harsh and crude to be brought into contact with a skin of satiny softness. Morning dew would be better if morning dew were available. Filtered rain water would satisfy her if the good, Old Country fashion of catching raindrops in barrels prevailed in the city. But it does not, so she who disdains the hard liquid that flows from her faucets boils, it to render it soft enough to touch her dainty face. Sometimes she buys distilled waters and very frequently she pours a few drops of benzoin into her bath to soften the water.

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Jardinieres of China in large floral designs are new and effective. Naturally-colored pansies, pink and white azaleas, daisies and full blown roses are used to hold palms, divers pinks and ferns. They are a charming addition to a drawing-room. In sending a growing plant as a gift it is a pretty fancy to place it in one of the new floral jardinieres.

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Mrs. Edgar M. Clarke of 111 Dowling-avenue, Parkdale, gave a charming progressive euchre party on Monday evening last in honor of Miss Proctor of Brighton, her guest.

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A pleasant time was spent Wednesday evening, 13th inst., at a party given by the Misses Booth, 30 Morse-street. Among those present were: Misses. Clayton, Farr, Martin, Maunell, Hazelhurst, Boing, Somers, Humphrey, Heakes, E, and M. Hunter, Whitlam, C. and H. Bright, Callendar, Logan, F. and L. Nick, B. and L. Guest, Findaly, Mrs. and Miss McFadden, Messrs. Clayton, Stitt, Wilson, Madill, McMullen, Walton, G. and W. Martin, Hunter, Warren, Ross, Blong, Jupp, Murray, Willows, Heakes, Vick, C. and T. and G. Logan, Smith Humphrey, Guest, McFadden.

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Mrs. John McClung and the Misses McClung of 500 Church-street, gave a tea on Saturday last in honor of Rev. T. B. Hyde, the popular minister of the Northern Congregational Church. A few present were: Dr. and Mrs. McIntyre, Dr, and Mrs. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Tubby, Mr. and Mrs. O'Hara, Mr. and Mrs. Hodgetts, Mr. and Mrs. Copp, the Misses Copp, Dr. Winuett, Miss Sweetnam, Miss Aikens, Miss Tubby, Mrs. Hyde, Miss Shaw, and many others.

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Dr. Gaul's "Una," having created a sensation in England, will be produced by the Toronto Musical Festival chorus. It has all the fine elements pertaining to a cantata, and was especially written for the Norwich Musical Festival. Being a great success it will be heard for the first time in Toronto on March 7, at Massey Music Hall. Mrs. Wamson will take the soprano and Mrs. Bruce Wickston the alto part. Mrs. Walter H. Robinson will be the tenor, and Mr. Fred Warrington, the baritone.

A pleasant progressive euchre party was given by Mrs. Charles Ritchie in honor of her guest, Mrs. George Labatt of Peterbro.

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The bachelors of Orangeville gave a ball in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, which was very enjoyable and largely attended.

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Mrs. Macdonald of New York gave a very smart dance in St. George's Hall on Wednesday evening, which was one of the pleasantest events of a gay week. The hall, which by the way has been the scene of many of our most charming functions this season, was beautifully decorated with flowers, evergreens and palms, while prettily arranged nooks made ideal sitting out places. Refreshments were served by Webb and an orchestra stationed in the gallery played for the merry throng of dancers who tripped it gaily until the wee sma' hours brought the delightful affair to a close.

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On Thursday evening the annual Alpha at home was held in the Masonic Hall, Parkdale, when a most enjoyable time was spent.

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Mrs. Joseph Cawthra of Rosedale gave a charming tea on Thursday.

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The bal poudre will be the event par excellence of next week. A large number of society people have signified their intention of being present at this ball, which will make a brilliant finale of a gay season. The patronesses are: Mrs. Barwick, Mrs. A. Beardmore, Mrs. A. son, Mrs. FitzGibbon, Mrs. Gooderham, Cameron, Mrs. A. M. Cosby, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. J. D. Harp, Mrs. J. K. Kerr, Mrs. Hamilton Merritt, Mrs. H. Macdonald, Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. E. B. Osler, Mrs. Pellatt, Mrs. Sweny.

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The Octagon Club held another enjoyable dance at the Art Gallery on Tuesday evening which was quite as pleasant and bright as its predecessors and as largely attended. One charming feature of these hops is that they terminate at midnight so that one has an opportunity of bidding adieu to the festivities before they lose any of their charming features which, alas! is too often the case when one has become weary of the heated rooms and glittering lights. On Tuesday evening Glionna's orchestra played excellent dance music and refreshments were daintily served at a buffet. There were many pretty gowns, among them being that worn by Mrs. A. R. Dixon, which was of pink and black satin, Miss A. Wallace wore striped silk, Miss Flora Smyth was in pale pink, Miss Taylor looked dainty in pale green silk and Mrs. Briggs was becomingly gowned in white silk.

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The recital given by Mr. Kleiser at the College of Music on Thursday evening of last week was very enjoyable and a complete success. Mr. Kleiser's numbers, which were all given in his well known excellent style, comprised of "Scenes from King John," "The Hat," by Coquelin, "The Masquerade" (Saxe), Scenes from "Rip Van Winkle" and "On the Rappahannock," by Summerville. Mr. Kleiser was assisted by the senior pupils of Miss Norma Reynolds, who acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner. Miss Idle sang two numbers, the first being "In the Chimney Corner," and the other Mulder's Staccato Polka, a very difficult thing, but which was charmingly given. Mrs. Walter Smith, who made her first appearance at a college concert that evening, rendered "Star of My Heart" and Slaughter's "Dear Home Land," with much feeling. Mrs. Smith has studied in New York for some time, and will no doubt make one of our most delightful concert singers. Her gown, which was extremely pretty, was composed of cream silk crepon, with a pale green stripe, and daintily trimmed with lace. Gertrude Smith, who was also charmingly gowned, has a very promising mezzo-soprano voice, and sang Saint Saens' "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice" very effectively. Miss Ethel Husband played one of Chopin's polonnises with much feeling and accuracy.

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Such delightful affairs are the Athletic Club's dances that they are always looked forward to with much pleasant anticipation, especially by the younger members of society, who are certain of having a jolly time. The last of these hops before Easter will be held on Friday evening next, the 22nd inst.

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Another pleasant event for which great preparations are being made is the annual conversazione, which will be held at University College on Friday evening next. This will be one of the most brilliant social events of the season. For the friends of old Varsity are legion. Among the features of an interesting program will be psychological experiments in the psychological laboratory, physical and mathematical experiments by the Mathematical and Physical Society and an elaborate display by the Engineering Society. Graduates may obtain tickets from the following gentlemen: Messrs. J. M. Clarke, president of the society; Dr. W. Harley Smith, A. T. De Lury, G. K. Gaskin, C. A. Stuart, Major Manley, or from any member of the Finance Committee at the college building.

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Mrs. W. H. Cross of Walmer-road gave a progressive euchre party on Monday evening.

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Miss Morton, 15 Surrey-place, gave an evening on Wednesday.

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The following piece of poetry, which I read in the current number of Munsey, is a pretty and dainty tid-bit written anent afternoon tea by Mary Scudder:

FOUR TO SIX.

Candle dressed in tiny skirts
Prove themselves the worst of flirts;
Roses nod to violets near,
And smilax decks the chandelier,
When pretty little Mrs. Trix
Is at home from four to six.

Fifty looks forty and forty just right,
In the flattering glow of a rosy light;
And even a simple cup of tea,
A halo wears, it seems to me,
When pretty little Mrs. Trix
Is at home from four to six.

My little lady, with eyes of blue,
Is charmed to see you—"Just looking for you!"
And a tiny maiden smiles into your face,
And offers you bonbons, with daintiest grace,
When pretty little Mrs. Trix
Is at home from four to six.

Ladies trip in by the score;
Men? Oh, well, just three or four;
They talk of art, the latest book,
The weather, the departing cook,
When pretty little Mrs. Trix
Is at home from four to six.

Cupid doesn't come at all—
Saves himself for the evening ball;
Still life seems like a merry rhyme,
You don't miss Cupid for a time,
When pretty little Mrs. Trix
Is at home from four to six.

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A select coterie of Mrs. Earsman's friends were entertained by that lady on Thursday night last in Prof. S. M. Early's spacious parlors on Yonge-street. As all the guests appeared en masque there were many amusing mistakes made in the endeavor to recognize one and another without disclosing their own identity. Among those present were noticed: Miss Radford as Marguerite, Miss M. Foggett as a student, Miss Mackleston and Miss Punt as Night, Miss Judge as Topsy, Miss James a Greek Goddess, Miss Howden, Folly, the Misses Dudley as Queens of the Stars, Miss Harrison, Japanese, Miss Ethel Fairbank and Miss Sadie Dance as Two Little Girls in Blue, Miss Sinclair, Scotch Lassie, Miss Haines a Bride, Miss Curtain School Girl, Miss Pember a Nymph, Miss Maud Bell, Niobe, Miss Mathews an Angel, Miss B. Smith, Mary Queen of Scots, Miss Williams, Jester, Miss Lena Smith, Greek Maiden. Some of the gentlemen's costumes were very unique. Tasker served choice refreshments.

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A quiet but pretty wedding was celebrated on Thursday evening at 82 Bedford-road, the residence of the parents of the bride, Miss Prentice, who was united to Mr. John Murray, son of Mr. James Murray, of the Murray Printing Co., on Adelaide-street. The Rev. O. S. Wallace, pastor of Bloor-street Presbyterian church, officiated. Mr. Chris. Murray, brother of the groom, was best man. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Murray left on a trip to Florida.

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The annual smoker of the British America and Western Assurance companies took place at Forum Hall last Thursday evening, and was a great success. An excellent program was furnished, the following talent contributing to the same: Songs, Messrs. Fairweather, Wenbourne, Norrie, Barker, Garrow; Fencing, Messrs. Brough and Cartwright; Acrobatic, Messrs. Morgan, Thompson and Jones, and Boxing, Messrs. Furness and Norrie. Mr. H. Blackie recited in excellent style. Mr. Fairweather's rendering of the "Death of Nelson" was specially good. One of the most amusing features of the evening was Messrs. Norrie and Garrow's "Darkey Sketch," which made a great hit. Signor Napolitano's orchestra supplied the music, and Harry Webb the supper, the whole evening being pronounced a most successful one, and reflecting great credit on the committee. Special credit is due to Mr. Fairweather, who had charge of the program.

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St. John's Church choir gave a concert in Dawes' Hall on Friday evening in aid of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. After songs by Miss Hall, Bullock, Thring and Messrs. Redway, Collins and Schofield, Mr. T. Walk recited in an able manner and Miss Lamont danced the Highland Schottishe and Sailor's Hornpipe.

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Rumor hath it that an at home will be given shortly by the Caledonian Society, which will, it is said, surpass even the last affair of the kind in brightness and enjoyment.

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Miss Minnie Gaylord, so well and favorably known in Toronto musical circles as a very capable and talented young singer, scored a great success by her rendition of "Je Anis Titania" at the Buffalo Press Club concert, which was given in that city on Tuesday evening.

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An enjoyable song recital was given by the intermediate pupils of Miss Norma Reynolds at the College of Music on Thursday evening. Many of the pupils possess excellent voices, and by their rendition of the various numbers reflected great credit on themselves and their able instructress. Miss May O'Hara and Master Percy Milne, both pupils of Miss Sullivan, gave several piano solos most effectively. The others taking part were Miss M. Murray, Miss Florence Harris, Miss Clara Torrington, Miss Carrie Doherty, Miss May Mackenzie, Miss Nonan, Miss C. Idle, Miss Taylor, Miss Sullivan and Miss Reynolds; Mr. J. Richardson, Mr. R. J. Patrick, Mr. T. Allan and Master Willie Reburn.

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The choir of St. Simon's Church, Mr. J. W. F. Harrison, conductor, gave an excellent concert on Tuesday evening in Association Hall to a large audience. Of the scared music rendered, perhaps, the most enjoyable was Mendelssohn's duet and chorus, "I Waited for the Lord," although all the different choruses were given with the thoroughness that characterizes Mr. Harrison's work. Rev. E. J. Wood secured an enthusiastic encore for his song, "The Clang of the Forge," and Mr. Carlisle's comic songs proved very amusing. Valuable assistance was rendered by Messrs. Hutchinson, Cashmore and McCausland in the anthems, and by Messrs. Wenborne and Fairweather in the secular numbers. The solo boys, Masters Willie Wilson and Michael Young (treble) and Fred. Race (alto), sang with an unusual amount of precision and composure, and thoroughly deserved the applause accorded them. The choir was assisted by Miss Evelyn De Latre Street, whose two violin numbers were, as usual, thoroughly appreciated. Mr. E. J. Pierce made a very acceptable accompanist.

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The first rehearsal of the Church of England Choral Society will be held in Association Hall to-morrow evening under the direction of Mr. J. W. F. Harrison, conductor. Those desirous of joining should communicate with the secretary, Mr. A. C. Fairweather, in the hall, about a quarter of an hour before the rehearsal.

Comings and Goings.

Hon. Peter White, M.P., Speaker of the House of Commons, was in the city for a few days during the week.

Mr. J. Castell Hopkins returned on Monday from the Capital, where he spent a few days as the guest of Lord and Lady Aberdeen.

Miss Larkin of St. Catharines is the guest of Miss Long of Jarvis-street; Mr. John Long of Collingwood is also a guest at Woodlawn.

Miss Murray and Miss Mildred Murray of Bond-street have returned from Paris, where they have been attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Woods of Madoc are visiting friends in the city.

Mr. Nicol Kingsmill spent a few days at Ottawa during the week.

Mrs. Alfred Denison returned on Wednesday from a short visit to New York.

Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Kennedy of Guelph have gone to Florida to spend the remainder of the winter.

Mr. James Sutherland, M.P., was in town for a few days during the early part of the week.

Miss May Walker of St. Catharines is visiting friends in the city.

Sir Casimir and Lady Gzowski arrived home during the week by the Teutonic from England, where they have been absent for several months.

Mr. William McKenzie was in Ottawa for several days during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Cronyn of London left New York on Saturday for England.

Mrs. and the Misses Keddie of Bloor-street have left for Florida, where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

Col. Tisdale of Brantford was in town for a few days during the fore part of the week.

Mr. Harry McMaster returned from Europe during the week.

Mrs. Frank Malloch, Miss Malloch and Mr. Stewart Malloch of Hamilton sailed on Saturday from New York by the Normania to spend the remainder of the winter in Italy.

Mr. John Cameron of The London Advertiser was in town for several days during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleck of Ottawa are visiting friends in the city.

Mr. R. A. Muldrew left during the week for New York.

Mr. George W. Dawson, M.P. for Addington, is in town for a few days.

Mrs. A. S. Hardy of Brantford has been in the city for some time and will spend the remainder of the winter here.

Messrs. T. M. Scott and J. H. Horsey of the Dominion Bank, have left for a trip to the West Indias.

Messrs. J. W. Burns and G. E. Farquier have returned from a short visit to Ottawa.

Miss Davidson of Detroit is visiting friends in the city.

Mr. Robert Richardson of The Winnipeg Tribune was in town for a few days during the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Frasor Newhall will leave shortly for the South.

Mr. Robert Darling has returned from a visit to England.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Livingstone of Medicine Hat are visiting friends in town.

The following Toronto ladies attended the semi-annual meeting of the Church of England Women's Auxiliary to Missions, which was held in Lindsay on Tuesday: Mesdames Banks, Boyd, Helliwell, Willoughby, Cummings, Lye, Pridham, Worts, A. H. Wright and Miss Barter.

Mr. William McCabe of the North American Life left during the week for the Bahamas.

Miss Passmore of Rockwood is visiting her brother, Dr. Passmore of Queen-street.

Mr. Somerville of The Brantford Expositor was in the city for a few days during the latter part of the week.

Mrs. A. J. Devan of Utica, N.Y., who has been spending some time in the city visiting friends, returned home on Thursday.

Rev. W. J. McKay, B.A., B.D., pastor of the Stratford Baptist Church, was in town for a few days during the week.

The following Toronto people visited New York during the week: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chandler, Mr. J. E. Hill, Mr. A. A. Mulholland, Mr. J. W. Lester, Mr. A. W. Baker, Mr. S. M. Toy, Mr. W. Smith, Mr. G. T. Ferguson, Mr. J. McAllister.

Mr. Joseph E. Seagram of Waterloo spent a few days in town during the week.

Mrs. Frank Mackelcan of Hamilton, who has been visiting in the city, has returned home.

Miss Findlay of Hamilton is visiting friends in the city.

Mr. N. G. Savage of Mutual-street left during the week for a visit to friends in New Haven, Conn.

Mrs. R. Grimblett of Munroe-street has returned from a short visit to friends in Pickering.

Misses G. R. Renfrew and A. E. Renfrew sailed by the Teutonic for England during the week.

Sir Richard Carwright was in town for several days during the fore part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Scott of Listowel are visiting friends in the city.

Lieut.-Col. Graveley of Stanley barracks has returned from a short visit to Cobourg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clear of Brantford, who have been visiting friends in the city returned home during the week.

Mr. Aemilius Irving left during the week for Quebec.

Mr James H. Beatty of Sarnia was in town for a few days during the latter part of the week.

Miss Ince of New York spent a few days in the city during the week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ince of St. George-street.

Rev. Dr. Carman of Belleville is expecte din the city shortly, where he will in future reside.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Crossen of Cobourg are staying in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Crandall, of Lindsay, are visiting friends in the city.

Capt. McGillivray, of the 48th Highlanders, left on Thursday for London, where he will get a responsible position on the staff of the Bank of Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Brown of Belleville arrived in the city on Thursday evening, on a short visit.

Mr. George W. Dawson, M.P. for Addington, spent a few days in town during the latter part of the week.

Judge Kingsmill has returned from a short visit to the capital.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Senkler of Perth are visiting friendds in the city.

Mr. William Hendrie, jr., of Hamilton, was in town for a few days during the latter part of the week.

Mr. J .R. Stratton M.L.A., of Peterboro', is in town.

Mr. Thomas R. Wood, President of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, left on Thursday for a four months' tour on the Mediterranean.

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REMARKABLE SEASON IN BRITAIN.

How the Cold Weather Is Affecting the Country—Cessation of All Hunting Operations for Six Weeks.

London, Feb. 16.—The continued cold weather in Great Britain is having a most serious effect in all parts of the country. Aside from the suffering involved, the low temperature has caused a practical standstill of all horse-training operations and hunting during the last six weeks. A number of important race meetings, including the big military steeplechase at Sandown Park, fixed for yesterday, and the Manchester February meeting had to be entirely abandoned.

One distressing feature of the situation is that full two-thirds of the houses in London are entirely without their usual water supply in consequence of the freezing of the water. An extraordinary scene was witnessed on Wednesday last in front of the Mansion House, the official residence of the Lord Mayor, in connection with the intensely cold weather. A large number of persons gathered there in consequence of the circulation of a false report that the Lord Mayor had issued a proclamation warning the citizens of London of the near approach of an enormous blizzard which would impede all traffic and cause a cessation of business.

This was also reported that the proclamation urged the people to provide themselves with a full stock of provisions for three days, in order to be prepared for any emergency, and also warned all citizens to be within the doors of their residences before midnight on Thursday, in order to escape being overtaken by the elements. Skating, however, in England have never had such an excellent opportunity for indulging in sport on the ice, and the lakes and ponds, all of which are frozen over, are crowded day and night.

A Charitable Trust.

The annual meeting of the Toronto Savings Bank "Charitable Trust," was held at St. John's Grove, Sherbourne-st., on Feb. 14, His Grace the Archbishop, presiding. Eight hundred dollars was ordered to be set aside from the funds of the trust for distribution among the charities, and the treasurer, Mr. M. O'Connor, was requested to apportion the same as follows:

St. Michael's Hospital..	$200
Good Shepherds, Parkdale..	200
House of Providence..	100
St. Nicholas' Institute..	100
Orphanage at Sunnyside..	100
House of Industry..	100
	$800

Resolutions of condolence were offered to His Grace the Archbishop on the death of the late Very Reverend Monsignor Rooney, who for years had been chairman of the trust board.

And also to the family of the late George W. Kiely, who was a member of the trust and both of whom had died since the last meeting of the board.