

## PARAGRAPHS ABOUT PEOPLE.

Prof. MacDonald, of Dalhousie College, entertained the members of the graduating class last evening at his home on Carleton street. There were present, besides, lady students of other classes and some friends not directly connected with the college. Prof. MacDonald's receptions are always most enjoyable, and this was no exception to the rule.

The wedding was celebrated at the Navy Station, Mare Island, California, November 7, of Miss Margaret Marie Pitts and Richard M. Cutts, first lieutenant of the United States Marine Corps. The bride is well known in Halifax, having been educated at Mount Saint Vincent, Rockingham. She is a daughter of the late James Harris Pitts, M.D. The wedding was a very fashionable and brilliant affair.

Mrs. W. J. Stairs gave a most pleasant evening's entertainment on Thursday to the members of the family connections and others at her residence, South street. This was a special evening, for it was the family welcome back to their gallant representative, Captain H. B. Stairs, who so worthily upheld the name and gained the highest encomiums of praise and good wishes for himself in South Africa.

The many friends in Halifax of the Rev. Alfred Towend, son-in-law of Hon. William J. Stairs, were glad to learn by an item which appeared in one of the morning papers that he has been selected to accompany the composite guard of honor to Australia which will meet and escort the Duke and Duchess of York on their arrival there.

A small and very delightful euchre party was given by Colonel and Mrs. Wilkinson at the "Waverley" on Monday evening. Those present were: Mrs. Middlemas, Major and Mrs. Peake, Miss Harvey, Miss R. Almon, Miss R. Hansard, Miss E. White, Miss Wyld, Miss Wade, Miss Norton-Taylor, Miss Slayter, Captain Alderson, Captain Betty, Colonel Skinner, Major Stimpson, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Garnet, Mr. Ponsonby and Mr. Wyld.

Mrs. and Miss Delaney have gone to Portsmouth, N.H., to visit relatives until after the Xmas holidays.

The dinner dance at Wellington Barracks on Saturday evening was a most enjoyable affair. The officers as usual proved themselves delightful hosts, and everything was done for the pleasure of the guests. The menu cards were very original, and furnished considerable amusement during the course of the dinner. A number of people were asked after dinner to dance, and when twelve o'clock struck, and the band played

"God Save the Queen," which it did very promptly, many regretful sighs were heard. Few married people were bidden, indeed I believe only those who were fortunate enough to belong to the regiment were there.

Mrs. White wore a handsome dress of black brocade and white lace, and Mrs. Sharples looked exceedingly well in pink satin. Miss Harvey, who has just returned from a visit to New York, was attired in a most becoming gown of black satin, and Miss Rita Hansard in a very dainty frock of soft white lace made over a foundation of green silk, looked charming. There were many white dresses worn, among them being Miss O'Brien's very smart gown of satin, with bodice and sleeves covered with all-over lace. Miss Tremaine looked well in ivory satin; Miss Cameron and Miss Lockyer were both in white satin. Miss Violet Bullock and Miss Slayter, the former in pink and the latter in black, were much admired. Among others present were Miss Albrow, Miss Bullock, Miss Sircom, Miss Holmes, Miss Crofton, Miss Cady, Miss Biscoe, Miss Graham, the Misses Owen, Miss Fielding, Miss Farrell, Miss Graveley, members of the Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers' mess, officers of H.M.S. Charybdis, Mr. H. M. Wyld, Captain Stairs, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Worsley and Mr. Cady.

On Tuesday afternoon a number of ladies assembled in Mrs. John Duffus' large drawing-rooms in response to her invitation for a "thimble party," and after a couple of hours spent in sewing on all sorts of dainty needlework, they repaired to the dining room, where tea and muffins, cake and sweets were partaken of.

Among those present may be mentioned the Misses Scott, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Bonner, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Drysdale, Mrs. McGhee, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Moore, Miss Sutherland, Miss Mackenzie.

The gracious hostess outdid herself in making attractive this novel entertainment. The mirth and jollity that prevailed throughout the entire afternoon attested to her well-deserved character as an all-round hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pickford have returned to their Inglis street residence for the winter. It must seem delightful to them to be back at home once more after such a long time abroad. This time last season they were in Italy.

Major and Mrs. Clement are once more in Halifax, and are being warmly welcomed by their many friends. Major Clement has been through the campaign in South Africa since leaving Halifax.

Miss Robinson and Miss Barron, of Bermuda, who have been spending the past few months in Halifax, sailed for home on the steamship Beta on Tuesday last.

There will be a large banquet at the Queen Hotel early next month, tendered to Sir Wilfred Laurier and other members of the Cabinet. A large and brilliant gathering is expected to be present.

Mr. D. W. P. Grant, who has been appointed Deputy Naval Storekeeper, West India Docks, London, leaves Halifax next Thursday to assume his new charge.

Mrs. J. T. Twining is visiting friends in Boston. She will be absent several weeks.

Mrs. C. H. MacKinlay gave a large and very successful "At Home" on Thursday afternoon. She was assisted in her duties as hostess by Mrs. James Mitchell.

This is the season of the year when feminine fingers are much occupied with the preparation of things for Xmas.

A very useful as well as enjoyable innovation of the times is the "Thimble party," of which Halifax society has had several of late.

Mrs. Brookfield gave one which was largely attended on Saturday last, and we have heard of others this week. Mrs. Campbell's singing of several charming Scotch ballads at Mrs. Brookfield's "Thimble party" was especially delightful.

The Misses MacGregor have returned to the city and are staying at Hillside Hall.

Campbell McDonald, lance corporal H Company, has been visiting friends in Sydney and Glace Bay. He is now in Halifax, and intends to resume his studies at Dalhousie University. Mr. Norman Murray, also of H Company, is attending the Dalhousie Law School.

Bishop Cameron, of Antigonish, is visiting in Montreal at present.

The Dartmouth Literary Society held its annual organization meeting last week. The following officers were elected: President, William R. Foster; Vice-President, John Wilson; Sec.-Treas., Miss Ellis; Executive Committee, Mrs. (Dr.) Smith, Miss Laura Elliot, B. H. Eaton and C. E. Creighton.

An item appeared in The Evening Mail of Wednesday, copied from the London Daily Mail, stating that Captain Stewart, a son of an esteemed Halifax citizen, Colonel Stewart, was returning to England from the seat of war, with the rank of Colonel. His numerous friends in this city are delighted to hear of what nowadays may well be regarded as a most extraordinarily swift promotion. A father might well be proud of such a son.

F. A. Huntress, the very efficient and popular manager of the Halifax Tramway Company, Limited, has gone to Boston on a short business trip, and expects to be absent about ten days. Mr. James W. Crosby, the assistant manager, is in charge of the company's interests during his absence. Both are very popular officials.

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