

What Society is doing

Mrs. George Stevens of Simcoe is the guest of Mrs. Olive, Lorne Crescent.

Lieut. Ransome Wilkes, Toronto, spent the week-end at the parental home, Darling St.

Mrs. Brandcombe of Picton, is the guest of Mrs. W. F. Paterson, Charlotte St.

Dr. Charles Leeming and Mrs. Dorothy Leeming have returned from a trip to Chicago, Illinois.

The Duchess of Devonshire has accepted the Presidency of the V.A.D. of the City of Ottawa.

Mrs. Holmes of Owen Sound, who has been the guest of Mrs. E. H. Newman, Queen St., returned home on Thursday.

Mrs. Ernest McRae and Miss Mauda McRae of Toronto, are the week-end guests of Mrs. F. D. Reville, Dufferin Ave.

Mrs. Boyd and Miss Marian Boyd of Ridgeway are in the city, the guests of Mrs. W. S. Brewster, Chestnut Ave.

Miss Grace Foster has returned from Asheville, N.C., where she has been the guest of her brother, Mr. Frank Foster and Mrs. Foster, for the past six months.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bennett are expected in the city the first of the week from the far West, and will spend Christmas with Miss Bennett, Brant Avenue.

His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, the Duchess of Devonshire, the Ladies Maud and Blanche Cavendish and the vice-regal staff have gone to Montreal and will spend ten days at "Ravenscrag," which has been put at their disposal.

Mr. Fred Mann was in Toronto this week on business.

Mr. E. J. Mabon, Manager of The Bank of Nova Scotia was in St. Thomas this week attending the International Shooting Association.

Miss Lawra Schultz, Paris Rd., has returned from Calgary, Alta., where she has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Wood, for the past year. Mrs. Wood and little daughter returned with Miss Schultz and will spend Xmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Schultz, Paris Rd.

Mrs. Jos. Stratford is spending the month of December with her daughter Mrs. R. G. O. Thompson, Toronto. Mrs. Stratford sails for England, Jan. 6th and will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. Kerr Osborne at Bournemouth.

Miss "Dot" Roberts is up from Toronto spending her "last leave" with her father and sister, Miss "Dot" Roberts who has been a nursing sister at the Base Hospital in Toronto since last February is leaving for service overseas in a week's time.

All Brantfordites who travel on the main line of the Grand Trunk between Brantford and Toronto and Brantford to Detroit, know Conductor Fluke, the big genial collector of tickets on the International and the Flyer. Conductor Fluke is 68 years young and on January 5th next will have completed 50 years service with the Grand Trunk, a half century of uninterrupted and faithful service which is worthy of every recognition. This surely must constitute a railway record.

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A. E. Reeder was in Toronto yesterday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Aird and Mrs. H. C. Allen were visitors in Toronto for a couple of days this week.

Mrs. Graham Stratford was a week-end visitor from Toronto, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace, Nelson St.

Miss Dolly Bartle who has been the guest of the Misses Disby, Wellington St. for the past few weeks has returned to her home in Niagara Falls.

Miss Marie Beatty, of Calgary was the week-end guest of Miss Maude Cockshutt, coming up from "MacDonald Hall," Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Preston entertained Mr. Roberson and the Boston Cadet Ladies' Orchestra, at the tea hour the first of the week at their charming home on Dufferin Ave.

Several little Teas of a very informal nature were given the first of the week for out of town guests in the city, among those entertaining were, Miss Maude Cockshutt, Miss Margaret Cockshutt and the Misses Buck.

Mrs. Mosly, who recently underwent a very serious operation at the Brantford Hospital, many friends will be glad to hear, is making favorable progress.

Mrs. Brethour of Burford entertained informally at luncheon Thursday, several ladies from Brantford going up to Burford for the occasion. Mrs. W. C. Livingstone, Brant Ave., Miss R. Wye, and Mrs. David Waterhouse being among the guests present.

The annual Y. W. C. A. talent tea is being held this afternoon in the club rooms from 3-6 o'clock. Tea will be served and home-made dainties and fancy articles will be for sale. At the tea table, the convener, Mrs. James Cockshutt, and Mrs. John Ott; the cake table, convener, Mrs. G. P. Buck, Mrs. W. R. Turnbull; bread table, convener, Mrs. D. Waterous and Mrs. J. L. Sutherland; banner table, convener, Mrs. James Adams; Mrs. Young, the candy table is in charge of the I Will Trust Club. A short musical program will be given during the afternoon. The Literary Club will hold their meeting in the reading room before the tea rooms are opened to the public. A large attendance is expected.

One of the "undesigned coincidences" of the recent visit of the Duchess of Devonshire to Toronto centred around a scrap-booking sent in the Toronto Red Cross the day before her Grace visited the rooms in King street. Glancing over it Mrs. Stearnes Hicks, who is in charge there, noticed a picture of one of the famous ice palaces in Montreal, where an arch of horsehoes was one of the notable features. Beneath it were the then Governor-General and his wife, the Marquis and Marchioness of Lansdowne, and with them was the little girl who now as Her Grace, the Duchess of Devonshire, has placed her feet in her mother's steps. Thinking it might be of momentary interest to the Duchess Mrs. Hicks showed the book to one of the aides and he very quickly said, he was sure the Duchess would be glad to have it. Later Mrs. Hicks took it to Government House and the delight of the Ladies Maud and Blanche Cavendish at finding "grandfather" and "grandmother" and their own mother in such novel surroundings was unbounded, and the Duchess said she well remembered the horsehoe arch. The book went off to Rideau Hall with the Vice-Regal party, and yesterday Mrs. Hicks received from the Duchess's secretary, a very charming note of thanks for the gift.

Maid and Old Maids I lately heard an amusing new definition of the term "old maid," which was held to apply, not to elderly spinsters in general, but only to such as had never had a chance of changing their condition, those who "would not when they could," or whose course of true love had run roughly, receiving the more respectful title of "maiden ladies."

Are old maids under this definition?

tion to be expected to add the letters O.M. to their visiting cards?

A correct idea of the term "old maid" it seems to me and one which takes away its old-fashioned sting, is that which describes a certain type of woman irrespective of her condition in life.

The thin, narrow-minded person who fusses over trifles, who would leave milder bullets, and the paramount duty or engrossing interest in order to put tidy a drawer or sew on a button, who goes all her life in fear of Mrs. Grundy, and would leave any kind of action undone, or kind word unsaid, if it ran the slightest risk of offending that potentate, would be old-maidish in spite of any number of matrimonial ventures, while on the other hand, there are plenty of liberal-minded, youthful-hearted old spinsters to whom the epithet is as obviously unsuitable that no one thinks of applying it.

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WOMEN MUST NOT DISSUADE MEN

From Enlistment—Premier Hearst Sounds a Warning

Hamilton, Dec. 8.—During a flying trip today through Hamilton, Premier Hearst addressed the Women's Canadian Club, and the Canadian Club, an organization of prominent men. In both orations his theme was the same—the war. "I am not pessimistic," he declared. "We must, and we shall win. Failure means that the light of freedom will go out. Failure means that the civilization of the world would perish from the earth. But I am not certain that we, as a people appreciate the magnitude of our situation. I doubt if we even yet have begun to hear the dangers, perils and difficulties that confront us. Nor do we understand the duty or engrossing interest in order to put tidy a drawer or sew on a button, who goes all her life in fear of Mrs. Grundy, and would leave any kind of action undone, or kind word unsaid, if it ran the slightest risk of offending that potentate, would be old-maidish in spite of any number of matrimonial ventures, while on the other hand, there are plenty of liberal-minded, youthful-hearted old spinsters to whom the epithet is as obviously unsuitable that no one thinks of applying it."

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