



Mrs. G. C. Thomson, Herkimer street, gave a small tea on Monday afternoon for Mrs. Stewart (New York), who is spending some weeks in town. Some of those present were Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Turnbull, Mrs. Mewburn, Mrs. Harris (Winnipeg), Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Simonds, Mrs. Fortner (New York), Mrs. Baker, Mrs. R. H. Labatt, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Lott, Mrs. Cory, Mrs. David Thompson, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Colquhoun, Mrs. Bunbury.

Miss McGivern spent the week end with Mrs. David Gillies before returning to her home in Montreal.

Mrs. Sanford has left for a trip to the continent. Her daughter, Mrs. Gordon Henderson leaves next week.

Mrs. H. C. Baker entertained informally at bridge on Saturday afternoon for Mrs. Cory, of Toronto, who was spending the week in town.

Mrs. Wilgess gave a bridge party of five tables on Tuesday afternoon, at her home at the Bank House of the Bank of Montreal. Tea was served first in the dining-room, which was bright with spring flowers, the table having a centerpiece of yellow tulips and daffodils, two silver chandeliers at the ends, with their softly shaded lights shedding a charming glow over the silver tea and coffee service, presided over by Mrs. Phoebe and Miss O'Reilly, assisted by Miss Dorothy Wilgess, Miss Muriel Hoodless, Miss Frances Phoebe, Miss Marjorie McPherson. The prize winners were Mrs. Gault, Miss Loggatt and Mrs. Percy Donville. Other ladies present were Mrs. James McPherson, Mrs. Alex. Murray, Mrs. Eastwood, Mrs. Simonds, Mrs. Bostwick, Mrs. Nesbitt, Mrs. Tandy, Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs. James Gillard, Mrs. George Glasco, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Rennie.

Miss Kathleen Snider is visiting Miss Muriel Matheson in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Powis, accompanied by Miss Powis, have left for a trip to the South.

Mrs. Dennis Moore has also gone South.

Mrs. A. G. Husband has sent out cards for an "at home" on Tuesday, March 3rd, at four-thirty o'clock.

Mrs. William Stewart, Charlton avenue, was hostess of a bridge luncheon on Wednesday. Quantities of spring flowers graced the charming rooms, the little tables, at which lunch was served, having bunches of violets and lilies of the valley and daffodils for decoration. The ladies present included Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. E. B. Greening, Mrs. Beckett, Mrs. Nesbitt, Mrs. James Rogers, Mrs. Gault, Mrs. Harry Pearson, Mrs. R. O. Mackay, Mrs. Johnston (Peterboro), Mrs. Hart, Mrs. R. A. Robertson, Mrs. Horning, Mrs. Charles Graham, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Arthur Roe, Mrs. Ernest Lazier, Mrs. James Gillard, Mrs. Huerener Mullen.

Mr. and Mrs. Backus gave a most enjoyable bridge party on Wednesday evening, when the prizes were won by Mrs. Donville, Mrs. Deane, Mrs. Gillard and Mrs. Hawkins. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Champ, Dr. and Mrs. Rennie, Mrs. Myler, Mrs. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. George Glasco, Mrs. Simonds, Miss Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Vaddie, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Garthshore, Mrs. Garthshore, Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Donville, Mrs. Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. Nesbitt left on Friday for North Carolina, where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. Kirwan Martin was hostess of a delightful small bridge party on Thursday afternoon, when the prizes were won by Mrs. Cory (Toronto) and Mrs. Colins. The guest of honor was Miss Budden, of Montreal, who is staying with Mrs. Thompson. Some of the ladies asked to meet her were: Mrs. Carter, Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. H. H. Robertson, Mrs. A. H. Hope, Mrs. Bunbury, Mrs. Howard Henderson, Mrs. G. V. Wright, Mrs. R. H. Labatt, Miss Amy Gaviller, Miss Bell, Mrs. Frank Glasco, Mrs. Breckenridge, Mrs. Jack Glasco, Mrs. Boyd (Toronto).

Miss Marjorie Grassett, Toronto, is staying with Mrs. Snider, Queen street south.

Miss Leggat has gone to New York for a short stay.

Mrs. Waddie gave a small bridge party on Thursday afternoon, when the prizes were won by Mrs. Rogers and Miss Agnes Climie. Among those present were Mrs. Percy Donville, Mrs. James Gillard, Mrs. Hoodless, Miss Muriel Hoodless, Mrs. Gerald Glasco, Miss Mary Payne, Mrs. D'Arcy Martin, Miss Stinson (Chicago), Miss Eugenia Gibson, Mrs. MacKay, Mrs. Houston, Mrs. Horning, Mrs. Edward Henderson, Mrs. Vaughn Wright, Mrs. Howard Henderson, Miss Garthshore, Miss O'Reilly.

Mrs. Waddie entertained again at bridge on Friday evening.

Mr. George Bristol, assisted by his daughter, Miss Lily Bristol, gave a small bridge party on Thursday evening.

Miss Phyllis Hendrie has returned

from Montreal, where she was the guest of Mrs. Colin Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bethune entertained at bridge on Thursday evening, when the guests included Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lazier, Mrs. Roe, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. James Gillard, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Innes, Mr. and Mrs. Donville, Dr. and Mrs. Rennie, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Glasco, Miss Reba Kittson, Miss Whitteave, Mrs. E. V. Wright, Dr. Beemer, Mr. Mark Price.

Miss Marjorie Hendrie (Detroit), is a guest at the Holmstead.

Mrs. Houston (Peterboro), is staying with Mrs. R. O. Mackay.

Mrs. David Thompson gave a small tea on Friday afternoon at her home, Bay street south, when she was assisted in receiving by her niece, Miss Marjorie Grassett, who is spending the week in town. The tea table, charmingly arranged with carnations, was set in the drawing room, and was presided over by Mrs. Snider. Some of those present were Mrs. Mewburn, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Kirwan Martin, Mrs. Jack Glasco, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. G. C. Thomson, Mrs. Stewart (New York), Mrs. Innes, Miss Gates, Miss Mary Glasco, Miss Abbott, Mrs. D'Arcy Martin, Mrs. Almon Abbott, Miss Winifred Snider.

Mr. Horace Wilcox is leaving shortly for a trip to Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Backus are entertaining a box party at Bennett's to-night.

The annual at-home of the Minnet Club will be held Friday evening, March 6, at the Conservatory of Music.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beatty, 14 Tiffany street, were host and hostess of a card party on Friday night. The hostess received in a very dainty gown of Japan silk. The first prizes were won by Mrs. William Hopkins and Mr. Joseph Beatty, and the lucky prizes were won by Mrs. Edward Johnson and Victor Beatty. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. D. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Laidlaw, Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Avery Evans, Mr. Victor Beatty, Miss Beatty, Miss Bertha Evans, Miss Flo. McCall, Miss Annie Johnson, Master Albert Johnson, Miss Odrie Hopkins, Miss Phyllis Beatty.

Mrs. William Mulveney and Mrs. Brock Green, Wentworth street south, will not receive during March.

Mrs. John A. McMillan, formerly Miss Christie Ross, will hold her post-nuptial reception on Wednesday afternoon, March 4, and Thursday afternoon and evening, March 5, at her home, Fairview, Burlington, and afterwards on the first Thursday in the month.

Mrs. Willis E. Sprague, 129 Sanford avenue south, will receive the first Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in March, and not again this season.

Miss Isabel Burrows, Caroline street south, is the guest of Mrs. Kennedy, Bloor street, Toronto, for the week's end.

Mr. and Mrs. John Howard Kerr, Herkimer street, returned yesterday from a trip to New York.

The marriage of Dr. Donald Hingston, son of the late Sir William Hingston, Montreal, and grandson of the late Hon. D. A. Macdonald, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, to Miss Lilian Peterson, Goderich, will take place in Goderich very quietly on Tuesday, March 3.

The Assembly Hall of the Collegiate Institute was taxed to its utmost capacity to accommodate the merry crowd of dancers that gathered there, last evening, for the annual convocation of the students of the Institute. There were more present this year than last. Sometimes the dancing floor was uncomfortably full, but everyone seemed bent on extracting all the enjoyment possible out of the occasion, and they did not mind the crowd. The hall was tastefully and artistically decorated with bunting, and a profusion of flowers and vines, while the many cosy corners on the second and third floors were in demand all the time. A dainty luncheon was served at intermission, in the gymnasium. The patronesses of the evening were: Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Logan, Mrs. Hogarth, Mrs. MacPherson, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Gill, Mrs. C. L. Johnson, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Armstrong.

The Executive Committee was composed of the following: J. B. Turner, B. A. Hon. Chairman, Roy Ecclestone, Chairman, J. L. Ross, Secretary, L. K. Webber, Treasurer.

Mr. J. C. Brown, manager of the Bank of Hamilton, Dundas, was one of a party who left Friday morning for a trip to Jamaica, Panama and Costa Rica, they expect to be absent about five weeks.

Mrs. Robert Junior will receive on Thursday next, March 5, at her home, 30 Ontario avenue.

Pay what you will and go where you like, you cannot get a better, purer or more delicious tea than "Salada." If you do not use it the "Salada" Tea Co., Toronto, will send you a sample. Skate whether you use black, mixed or green, and the price usually paid per pound.

MOCK TRIAL.

W. M. McClement and Henry Carpen are to be the opposing counsel in an important case which will come up in Centenary schoolroom on Monday evening next. One of Hamilton's most prominent citizens is to be tried on a very serious charge before Judge Lazier and a jury. This is the night of the gentlemen's annual entertainment, which will be held in the parlors of the church.

"Better late than never surely doesn't apply to making mistakes."

CONCERT AND FARCE

International Lodge Holds a Successful Entertainment.

At 8 o'clock last evening the C. O. O. F. was crowded to the doors, and many who went late were compelled to stand. A. H. Lyle, G. T. occupied the chair and delivered an eloquent address, after which the following programme was presented:

Piano solo, "Forget Me Not." Miss Lily Boniface; songs, "Scots Wha Hae," J. Garthwaite; song, "Angus McDonald," Miss M. Smith; recitation, "The Owl," Miss Olive Smith; comic song, "Gratitude," Scott Morrison; song, "Flight of Ages," Mrs. J. McLeod; song, "The Singer Was Irish," G. C. Porteous; recitation, "Wolverine," Miss Ella Allan; song, "Come With Me," Miss M. Smith; comic song, "The Smoke Went Up the Chimney," Scott Morrison.

Central Y. M. C. A. Notes. Gymnasium men's Bible class at 10 a. m.

Regular Bible class at 3 p. m. The men's meeting at 4.15 in the lecture room will be one of peculiar interest, and will be addressed by Rev. Geo. Smith, of South America.

Arrangements are being complete for the annual banquet and reunion of the Maple Leaf cruisers, which will be held on the evening of March 3rd, at 8 p. m. Mr. W. M. McClement will give the address of the evening. All cruisers who intend to be present are requested to notify the secretary not later than Monday noon.

In Association Hall at 8.30 Sunday night Rev. Geo. Smith, of South America, will tell the tragic story of the Indians of Peru, illustrated by magnificent colored views. The speaker's knowledge of the condition of these people and the splendid work which is being done along missionary lines among them insures a most profitable evening for those who attend. Silver collection. Everybody welcome.

Mr. Barton has arranged for a ladies' night, to be held in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium on Friday, March 13th.

Junior Notes. Bible class at 10 a. m. All boys invited. Meets in the lecture room, main building.

Mrs. Nelson Mills, Queen street south, entertained the ladies group of the Y. M. C. A. last night, and the boys are all delighted and glad they have Mrs. Mills for a friend.

The 6th annual minstrel concert and exhibition of Mrs. Jarley's wax works will be held on Thursday and Friday, March 5th and 6th. Seat plan open at Nordheimer's Monday, March 2nd. Secure your seats early.

The Evangelistic Band will conduct the service at the Laidlaw Mission on Sunday night at 7 p. m. at the Y. M. C. A. The lockers are all full now, so there is no more room for boys. It is hoped the directors will carry their promise to a successful issue and give the boys all the room they need.

East Hamilton Notes. Bible class at 3 o'clock, led by General Secretary Orr.

Men's meeting at 4.15, open to all. Rev. Dr. Williamson will address this meeting. S. E. Standing will sing. Song service at 8.30. Everybody welcome.

Basketball is now in full swing at the Y. M. C. A. Two games were played on Thursday night. The first one was between the Livingstone and Livingston teams, the former winning out by a score of 26-16. Second game between Harrower and Conner, the Harrower winning by a score of 27-18.

Are You Asleep?

My young brethren—youth is one of the precious opportunities of life—rich in blessings if you choose to make it so, but having in it the materials of undying remorse if you suffer it to pass unimproved. Now, my young friends, you cannot know yet. Take care that you do not learn too well Gethsemane's sleep. Do you know how you can imitate the apostles in their sleep? You can suffer your young days to pass idly and uselessly away; you can live as if you had nothing to do but to enjoy yourselves; you can let others think for you, and not try to become thoughtful yourselves; till the business and the difficulties of life come upon you unprepared, and you find yourselves like men waking from sleep, hurried, confused, scarcely able to stand, with all the faculties of your mind and body reeling from wrong, led headlong to evil, just because you have not given yourselves in time to learn what is good. All that is sleep.

SPRING.

Every day the golden sun
Shines out a little longer,
Every day the baby buds
Grow a little stronger.

Every day the melting snow,
Widens brook and river,
Every day the sleeping seeds
Feel the new life quiver.

Every day, yes, every day,
Though the winter lingers,
He can feel upon his arm,
Springtime's dainty fingers.

"KITTY."
My little kitty has stirred away,
She's been gone since yesterday,
I have hunted high and low,
Where she is I do not know,
But I am sure, "Never mind,"
Seems to me she's not unkind.
Did she ever love a cat?
Wish someone would tell me that.

Getting Together.

(Toronto Star.)

It is rumored that the Hydro-Electric Power Commission and the Electrical Development Company will get together. Quite so. Deep calling to deep. The hills answering each other.

Wouldn't it be fine if we could discharge our obligations with the usual two weeks' notice?

The new goods
are piling in
every day now

The Right House

"HAMILTON'S FAVORITE SHOPPING PLACE"

Fresh displays
of the new
things will
interest you

The new carpets demand your attention



Of course you will want to see them. They are the finest productions of the world's best makers. They are exclusive with this store in Hamilton. Quality, style and good value are the keystones of the showing.

This season's importations evidence anew the unquestioned supremacy of The Right House carpet department. Here you will find greater stocks than all other Hamilton stores combined. You will find many extra values and astonishing offerings in just the kinds you will want in your spring re-arranging. Come Monday or any day next week, we want you to see and note their superior qualities, the beauty and harmony of the shade blendings, the exquisite patterns and designs, the richness of the weaves and note, too, the exceptional and unequalled values.

We would strongly urge that everyone bring their carpet needs direct to this store, and get very first choice of the new things now before the inevitable spring rush—Why not select Monday?

Hardwearing Brussels carpets \$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.50
Good Tapestry carpets 45c, 58c, 68c, 90c, \$1.10

Rich Axminsters \$1.65, \$1.75, \$1.90, \$2.25, \$2.35
Elegant Wiltons \$1.75, \$2.25 and up to \$2.35

Warm all-wool blankets at red prices

SPLENDID reductions that merit your quick investigation, and the blankets are the fleecy, warm sorts that every housekeeper likes. They come direct to us from the world's best manufacturers, who made them specially for The Right House.

Fine in quality; white and well scoured; superior lofty finish; neat colored borders; finished at both ends. They are unshrinkable and good full large double bed sizes and extra heavy weight. Fill every wool blanket need now. On sale Monday morning at these under prices. Pair—

\$4.59, reduced from \$6.38 \$5.43, reduced from \$6.38
\$4.79, reduced from \$6.55 \$6.19, reduced from \$7.00
\$5.19, reduced from \$6.00 \$6.29, reduced from \$7.38

Great special purchase sale of slightly imperfect white quilts

SCORES and scores of beautiful snowy white Bedspreads go on sale Monday morning for the first time at savings that average a full third. These fine, desirable white quilts are the result of a fortunate special purchase.

Both double, single and extra large sizes, beautiful Marseilles patterns and very superior qualities. Some of them are slightly imperfect, a dropped stitch or heavy thread here or there, but in any case wear or appearance is not impaired. Note the savings and come early.

\$1.58, real value \$2.15 \$2.58, real value \$3.25
\$1.79, real value \$2.50 \$2.88, real value \$3.75
\$2.15, real value \$3.00 \$4.88, real value \$6.00

A great value store Corner King East THOMAS C. WATKINS Hamilton Ontario Established 1843 and Hughson Sts.

PILLS AND POTIONS.

Doctors Who Gull Patients and Patent Medicines.

(Toronto Saturday Night.)

A Buffalo physician, on retiring from practice, has published a statement in which he says "the physician is primarily the product of a demand—left to his own judgment, the doctor would not cure you, but you have forced him to educate himself in those subtle devices that eventually mislead you, and often himself as well." Commenting on this, the editor of the New York Sun says there are in the medical profession opportunists willing enough to cater to the vulgar faith in drugs and nostrums, and to depend upon them in the treatment of all ailments.

The people of Canada are in fact dosed to death—dosed and drugged to an extent creditable to popular intelligence and full of reproach for the medical profession. There is little reason to doubt that nine times out of ten the patient is not affected in the least by the medicine he swallows, except to the extent that he feels he is in skilful hands and has taken into his system a magic potion which will rush to the ailing part of his anatomy and work wonders.

It may be said that if the patient thus poses on himself and is deluded into sound health no harm, but much good, is done; yet charlatanism cannot work for good. The result of such practice is that people are made to believe that a doctor, after consulting a patient as to his symptoms—some of them altogether non-existent—can tell exactly the state of his interior, and can join certain drugs together, give them to him to swallow, and lo! the mixture scatters on his various errands, toning up the liver, stimulating the action of the heart—one precious drop hastening up to oil the hinges of the brain, another hurrying down the right leg to dispel a coldness of the foot, still another rushing up to the head to cure a buzzing in the ear. The impression is created in unthinking minds that for each organ and extremity of the body there exists a special drug, which, if put into the mouth and swallowed, rushes straight to its destination and works its cure—goes to its goal and does its duty. The impression prevails that where there is a complication of diseases, there needs to be a cunning admixture of these drugs, a nice choice of the right dose, and the patient as to the habit of the patient to suspect that he has been sending the wrong drugs on futile errands, annoying sound organs that are nowise at fault, while altogether missing and leaving untroubled, squeaky and painful, those organs in which the trouble is seated.

Is it any wonder that people who are taught nothing by their physicians, but are allowed to entertain these absurd notions about drugs, should fall victims to patent medicines and the alluring literature put forth by all kinds of vendors of quack nostrums? It is the most natural thing in life that the smart man should break in and trade upon the credulous faith of his friends.

Fun for Times Readers

Drawing the Line.

"I see where a man editor cut west has accepted the leap year proposal of a woman editor, provided she can cook."

"Yes, but I'll bet he draws the line at her making 'pi.'"—Baltimore American.

Naturally.

"My chauffeur came home loaded last night."

"What did you do about it?"

"Fired him, of course."—Harvard Lampoon.

Not Often.

"Papa, have you travelled a great deal on the water, haven't you?"

"Yes, pet; why do you ask?"

"Well, papa, did you ever see an ocean greyhound chase a sea puss?"—Baltimore American.

Appearances Deceitful.

The story is told of an actor, popular with the matinee girls, who is beset by the fear of being thought older than he is.

The last time this player was interviewed, says Harper's Weekly, it was by a young woman reporter for one of the dailies. She wished to get his views on the condition of the drama, and the subject the actor was not particularly desirous of discussing.

"I'm not sure," said the young woman laughing, "whether I'm really finding out what you think. You ought to be frank, for your eyes are grey, and—"

"Prematurely so, I assure you, my dear young lady," the player hastened to interject.—Harper's Weekly.

How It Works.

Once there was a struggling young author who was blest with many friends, all of whom told him that he was the coming great writer of the country.

So one day a bright thought struck him. He said:

"I will publish my book, and all my friends who admire it so much will buy my book, and I will be rich."

So he printed his book.

And all of his friends waited for him to send them autographed copies of his book.

And so his books were sold as junk.

And ever after he didn't have any friends.—Success Magazine.

His Granny.

A certain little boy was very fond of his grandmother, and continually pestered his father as to why he couldn't marry her. At last the father grew angry, and told him not to be so absurd, upon which his son said in a hurt voice:

"Well, you married my mother, so I don't see why I shouldn't marry yours."

Annie Knew.

"Mamma," said Freddie, "what's the monetary stringency."

Fun for Times Readers

Difference between goose and geese?

"Why, don't you know that?" said 4-year-old Annie. "One geese is gone, and a whole lot of geese is geese."

How to Know the Leap Year.

"Ladies and gentlemen" is the phrase in years of three hundred and sixty-five days.

But nineteen hundred and eight is when the ladies are after the gentlemen.

—Harvard Lampoon.

A Transformation.

First Actor—"I understand the audience last night was very cold."

Second Actor—"They were at first, but when they began to recollect that they had paid good money to see the show they got hot."—Illustrated Bits.

From Life.

The Actress—"In this new play I'm supposed to die from a broken heart."

Now, how am I to know how a person with a broken heart behaves?"

The Manager—"I'll tell you what to do. You study the author of this play after he sees the first rehearsal."—Illustrated Bits.

Just a Few Millions.

My wants are few and simple,
I'd like a private car,
A castle on the lake front,
A fifty-cent cigar.

A wife worth forty millions,
A rent-producing flat,
A stylish horse and brougham,
And little things like that.

I do not wish for haubies,
Or gaudy trifles vain,
Give me the things substantial,
Though modest quite and plain—

A steam yacht for a starter,
Where one at home might feel,
With spots to touch the button
And order up a meal.

I want no bonds to worry,
New stocks to fret my mind,
Provided they are what you'd call
The dividendless kind.

A non-producing gold mine
I'd count as worthless trash,
Give me the little that I get
In good and healthy cash.

'Tis not surpassing riches
That bring true happiness,
No one need want with millions,
Nor starve with even less.

In making me a present
My wants you know are few;
But if you have it handy,
The earth, perhaps, might do.

C. P. R. Can Laugh.

(London Advertiser.)

The C. P. R., with \$30,000,000 cash in its treasury, laughs in the face of the monetary stringency.