

Social Notes of Interest

Mr. J. J. Weddall, Miss Daisy Weddall and Rev. John J. Pinkerton, who was supplying at Centenary church yesterday, for Rev. Robert G. Fulton, president of the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference, will motor up to Fredericton this afternoon. They attended conference sessions at Sackville last week. Rev. Mr. Pinkerton was a guest at Centenary parsonage while here for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burchill of Portland, Me., with their son, who had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Totten, 85 Newman street, left by motor for their home on Saturday, accompanied by their host and hostess and little Miss Totten. They will spend some time in the United States, Mr. Totten going on to Boston to visit his sister, Mrs. John McLean.

Mrs. Harris Armstrong was hostess on Saturday afternoon for about 30 members of the Hiram's Mission Circle of Centenary church, when they went out under the chaperonage of Mrs. Robert G. Fulton to Mrs. Armstrong's country home at Ketepec, Mex. Mrs. Armstrong was a special guest. A delightful picnic tea was enjoyed.

Miss A. M. Harvey of Fredericton, who has been in Kingston, Ont., all winter, is in the city and will spend the summer here. Miss Harvey is at 160 Charlotte street.

Mrs. W. J. Clawson, of Colchester, Penn., and her three children, arrived on Friday and will spend the summer at the home of her sister, Miss Grace Robertson, 182 King street East. Mrs. Clawson has not visited St. John for five years.

Miss Margaret Hayes, R. N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hayes, of Ready street, Fairville, who has been following her profession in Boston for the last ten months, has returned home. She was accompanied by her aunt, Miss Margaret McKinnon, of the staff of the Quincey, Mass., hospital, who will spend a few weeks vacation at the home of her sister, Mrs. Hayes.

Miss Ada Denton, who will be numbered among the June brides, was the guest of honor at a linen shower at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira D. Farris, 207 Duke street, last week. The evening was enjoyably spent. Many beautiful gifts of linen were received. Dainty refreshments were served.

Mrs. James O'Brien and daughter, Miss Nina, of the Manawagonish Road, left on Saturday evening for Boston. They will be away for five weeks and will be the guests of Mrs. O'Brien's son, Rev. Alfred L. O'Brien, and Mrs. O'Brien, of Garnetville, Mass.

Miss Helen Louise Short, for some time secretary-treasurer of Women's and Riving's King street store, was very pleasantly surprised Saturday morning when she received from the staff a magnificent sterling silver reflector and from the firm a

WINS DOUBLE HONOR



Bella Lipson arrived in Minneapolis, in Arab garb, from Jerusalem two and one-half years ago. This month she was graduated from high school with the honor of being valedictorian of her class, as well as having completed a four-year course in the short time she has been in the U. S. After graduation she will return to Jerusalem to take up teaching.

cut glass water pitcher and glasses. Miss Short will be a principal in a happy event which is to take place on Wednesday.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Thomas, with their daughter, Miss Gertrude Thomas, and sons, Frank and Sidney, will go to Brown's Flats as soon as school closes to spend the summer. Rev. Dr. Thomas will spend considerable time at Sackville, supervising the work of The Wesleyan, of which he is editor. In the autumn he and his family will take a furnished house at Sackville. Dr. Thomas will take a holiday of two weeks at Brown's Flats during the summer.

WEDDINGS

Lanyon-Crockett.

Exmouth street Methodist church was the scene of a pretty wedding Saturday evening at 7 o'clock, when Miss Lillian E. Crockett, daughter of Mrs. L. J. Crockett and the late Robert Crockett, of 41 Exmouth street, was married to George Lanyon, son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Lanyon, of West St. John, Rev. Dr. Herbert E. Thomas, pastor of the church, officiating. The bride, who was given in marriage by her cousin, J. Herbert Crockett, was unattended and wore a navy blue suit, grey hat and gloves and a scarf of grey squirrel, the gift of Ophelia Rose. The combined choir of Exmouth street and Carleton Methodist churches sang the wedding hymns "The Voice that Breathed o'er Eden" and "O perfect Love." Everett Rose and Christie Belyea acted as ushers.

The church was prettily decorated with apple blossoms and ferns, the work of the many friends of the bride, who was a popular member of the choir. They presented her a coffee

SCIENCE SEEKS KEY TO CIVILIZATION IN MAYA RUINS OF YUCATAN

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Chichen-Itza, Yucatan—The walls of history better as American archaeology digs in the Maya ruins of Yucatan. Experts of the Carnegie Institution are concentrating for the first large-scale excavations in the entire Maya region.

At its height, the capital of the "holy and learned Itzaes" occupied an area of 10 square miles. The builders of its massive temples and palaces followed an art second only to that of Greece. The jungle was beaten back from the city in the days of the Spanish Conquest. Dominated by a majestic pyramid, there emerged the most notable group of ruins in the two Americas.

Among these ruins science will search for the Maya Rosetta stone—a treasure more precious than all the golden loot of Tut-Ankh-Amen's tomb. Only such a key will decipher accurately the hieroglyphic writings on the countless sculptured walls and columns of Chichen-Itza and the older Maya cities.

Today, absolutely nothing is known of the beginnings of the remarkable mother race of the American continent. But the theories are varied and startling. According to some archaeologists, the origin of the Maya is one with the origin of mankind.

Yucatan—the Garden of Eden.

The disciples of Dr. Auguste Le Plongeon hall the Yucatan peninsula as the very cradle of human civilization. They locate the site of the Garden of Eden near Chichen-Itza, and name Abel, the victim of the world's first murder, as the city's founder.

The eccentric French savant, who labored among the ruins for the greater part of his life, held that the Egyptians received the rudiments of their culture from the Maya about 150 centuries ago. In support of his theory, he points to the striking similarity of custom, art and belief among these ancient peoples. He claims that the white-robed priests of Uxmal brought into Egypt their elaborate religious ritual and the doctrine of re-incarnation in the days before a vast mainland had collapsed to form the floor of the troubled Atlantic.

Some months ago, I asked Dr. William Gates, the highest authority on Maya hieroglyphics, what he expected as a result of the then proposed excavations in Yucatan. This was his answer:

"History will be re-written. I am already convinced from my own studies of the inscriptions, and from other evidences that the earliest Maya knew of the culture of Egypt and Asia, and that 10,000 or 15,000 years ago, there existed international world communication."

"Egypt woke up to a world back of Greece and Rome. In the Maya ruins we can faintly glimpse a world beyond Egypt, or at least one contemporaneous with its oldest civilization. "The vast stretch of country from the Honduras borders of Guatemala northward through the Yucatan peninsula



Alma Reed standing mid the ruins of Chichen-Itza, where scientists hope to discover a new page in civilization's history.

is covered with the remains of what must have been a continuous population in ancient times. It furnishes one of the three really fertile fields in the world for the study of the dawn of civilization."

What Was Maya Origin.

One day in February, 1923, during the first expedition of American archaeologists to Yucatan, the foremost scientific men of the United States assembled at Chichen-Itza in the shadow of the famous temple-crowned pyramid and there theorized on this baffling fragment of the human family whose marvelous culture flourished and vanished without leaving so much as an

voiced the most generally accepted opinion that the Maya emigrated from Northeastern Asia during the neolithic period, possibly 100,000 years ago.

Prof. Marshall H. Saville of the Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation, inclined towards the belief that the Maya civilization was not inherited. He classed it as an independent development of the features of North African and Asiatic civilization from a state of neolithic culture.

Sylvanus Griswold Morley, field expert of the Carnegie Institution, who is directing the present explorations in Yucatan, said that the earliest date affixed by archaeology to any Maya monument, gives no clue as to the age of the civilization. "The inscriptions," he explained, "burst upon us fully formed. They are but the flower of long-continued astronomical observations expressed in a graphic system of exceeding intricacy."

Science has run the whole gamut of conjecture.

Which of the many strange theories will the present excavations establish as fact?

Is there but a single key to the riddle of the Maya and to the riddle of human history? And will it be uncovered in the ruins of Chichen-Itza? Seldom have larger potentialities hung on the turn of a spade.

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A heavy border always makes a ceiling look lower, so avoid it in rooms with low ceilings.

Tarnish on Brass.

Tarnish on brass is a proof that the outside lacquer has been destroyed and that it should be replenished.

Get Extra Length.

When buying a carpet for the stairs get an extra step length more than

you need and turn it under at the top

or bottom, changing occasionally so that the wear will be distributed more evenly.

Cleaning Lace.

Lace neckwear that is only slightly soiled may be cleansed by burying it for a week in cornstarch mixed with calcined magnesia.

Keeps Utensils Handy.

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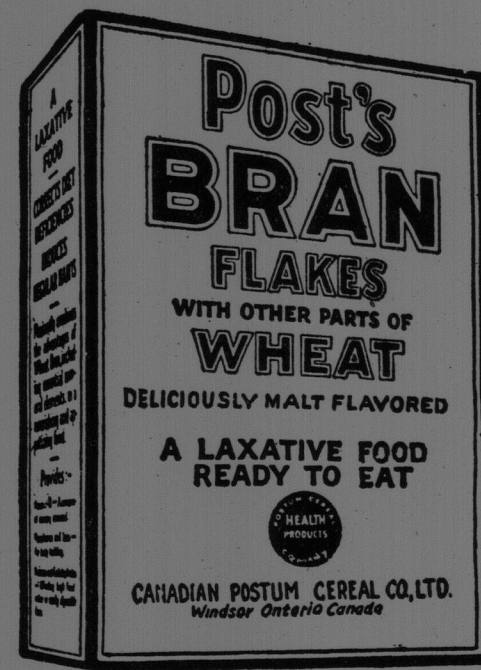
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percolator and she received a tea wagon from the staff of the Workmen's Compensation Board, where she was formerly employed. A silver flower basket was the gift of the Charlotte street Baptist choir, of which church the groom was at one time organist. The Carleton Methodist choir, in which the groom is organist, presented him a handsome parlor lamp. He received for himself and bride a handsome gift of silver from the W. H. Cole Company and staff, where he is employed. He received a silver casket from the orchestra of the Venetian Gardens where he is pianist. The

Workmen's Compensation Board made the bride a present of a mahogany fern stand. There were many showers at which the bride's friends bestowed lovely gifts of linen. Mr. Lanyon is a returned soldier, having served overseas for four years. He enlisted with the 104th and later transferred to the 26th. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Lanyon left by train for Boston, New York and Providence, Rhode Island.

Creed-Pitman.

Rev. T. H. Perry officiated at the marriage on Wednesday, June 11, in St. Matthias' church, Halifax, of Elizabeth A. Pitman, formerly of the Standard Business College, St. John. The bride wore a suit of navy blue with fawn hat, and carried a bouquet of roses and sweet peas. The pair were unattended. They will spend two weeks in the Annapolis Valley, after which they will proceed to St. John, where they will reside. The bride was a member of the staff of the Commercial Department of the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company, receiving from them a cabinet of silver.

PAYS FOR COLLISION DAMAGE.

At 1:05 o'clock yesterday morning there was an automobile mixup in Charlotte street when car No. 16,062, driven by Samuel E. Kominesky, was in collision with automobile No. 17,487, operated by H. W. McCann, of Moncton. The rear mud guard of the Moncton car was badly damaged. The police were on hand quickly after the accident. Mr. Kominesky paid an estimated amount to cover the damage. This was quite satisfactory to the Moncton man, who, after receiving the cash, drove on his way to the railway town.

ACTING COURT SERGEANT.

Police Constable Edwin Thomas, night deskman at police headquarters, is for the next fortnight acting as court sergeant in the absence of Sergeant Dykeman who started on his holidays yesterday. Constable Ginter is taking the desk position at night vacated by Constable Thomas.