

PARAGRAPHS ABOUT PEOPLE.

IT IS NOT on record that the athletic ambition of Halifax women ever went so far as to include football, though in consideration of the rush and crush prevailing between five and six in many of the stores, one can be pardoned for wondering if the most adept shoppers are not secretly qualifying themselves for a debut on the gridiron. However that may be, it is certain that many a doughty forward would pocket several valuable pointers if he would but watch an occasional scrimmage when every customer is trying to win the attention of a favorite clerk or saleslady. To see the fun to the finish one must take a crowded car at six o'clock. Some people are evidently unaware of the existence of the parcel delivery, or fear they would not be sufficiently conspicuous at this season of the year if they went home in orthodox fashion. Consequently all sorts of mysterious, sharp-nosed bundles keep poking into the ribs and eyes, and tilting the hats of the unoffending public to the accompaniment of suave and inane excuses. But someone says—"I'll wager my Christmas gifts it's a man—that anything is better than staying at home, and 'straining one's eyes into sewing sixty cents' worth of China silk to \$2 worth of lace, adding seven crocheted rings, eleven tassels and nine bows of two-inch ribbon at 12 1-2 cents the yard, thus making a gift that looks like thirty cents and the use of which can only be learned from a key." It is all very problematical to me. I am quite sure though that everyone should put up with everything, for this is distinctly the time of year when any sort of taste has a license to run riot.

An interesting communication bearing date stamp of the Yukon Territory has been received in this city from Mr. A. G. Cunningham, a well-known Haligonian, who is now filling the position of postmaster in Dominion, a place some distance from Dawson City. The entertaining nature of the letter is increased by the fact that Mrs. Cunningham (nee Belcher) and family are also in the north. Mr. Cunningham says that the temperature is frequently thirty-five below zero, but the children go out every day, and no one minds the cold. He keeps the customary string of dogs, which are put in harness for the juveniles. At present there are only five hours of daylight. This is not a busy month with the majority of Yukoners owing to the severity of the weather for mining operations. Reading is the principal pastime, but even this is somewhat limited owing to high prices. All ten

cent magazines are a dollar in Dawson, and a dollar and a quarter in Dominion.

Miss Florence Belcher, of Canning, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lewis Payzant, Jr., Dartmouth.

Lieut. Massey, of H.M.S. Quail, was in the city on Saturday last on his way to England. Mr. Massey only came on the North Atlantic Station in April last, and like so many other Englishmen who have spent some time in America, he has many regrets in saying good-bye. He came from Bermuda on the Beta, and went to England on the Tunisian.

Colonel and Mrs. Wilkinson have moved to the Lorne House, where they will spend the winter.

Miss Faught and Miss Bancroft, two American ladies who have been spending a few weeks in the Garrison City, are passengers by the Sylvia for New York this week.

Mr. W. H. Tapper, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, who has been in Halifax for the past five or six weeks, left for Newcastle, N.B., on Tuesday of this week, where he will remain for the next month in charge of the bank's agency at that place.

A most enjoyable tea was that given by Mrs. Smith, Brenton Street, on Tuesday afternoon, as a farewell to Miss Blanche and Mr. Everett King, of the Valentine Stock Company.

Mrs. J. T. Twining has returned from a pleasant five weeks' stay with friends in Boston.

Miss Jean Blanchard, of Truro, is spending the winter in Dartmouth with Mrs. H. D. Creighton.

Miss Snowball, of Chatham, daughter of Senator Snowball, is visiting Mrs. Winter, Inglis street. Her sister, who accompanied her to Halifax, sailed for England by the Tunisian and from there will proceed to Germany to pursue the study of music.

Mrs. Aubrey Blanchard, of Truro, will spend Christmas with Mrs. J. Walter Allison, Dartmouth. She will be accompanied by her daughter, Miss Nora.

Dr. Kendall, M. P. of Cape Breton, county, was in the city this week on his way to Boston.

Miss Lithgow, Morris street, gave two afternoon thimble parties during the past fortnight. Her guests on both occasions enjoyed the hours of semi-leisure spent in pleasant companionship, and the exchange of Christmas ideas, which is a conspicuous feature of these functions. Opportunity was not lacking for Miss Lithgow to

demonstrate her ability as hostess and this she did in a thorough manner, not a dull moment slipping in anywhere.

Among former Haligonians at Cornell university are Blanchard and Douglas MacIntosh, sons of the late John D. MacIntosh. The boys, in writing to a friend in the city, express themselves as greatly pleased with the Bluenose. Mrs. MacIntosh is with her sons, in Ithaca.

Miss Mary Smith, of Amherst, is the guest of her brother, Dr. M. A. B. Smith, Dartmouth.

Considering the season of the year, Windsor is enjoying quite a run of gaiety. On Saturday evening last the boys of the Collegiate school gave a delightful entertainment. The program consisted of two short plays, "Only a Ha'penny" and "Boots at the Swan." The acting was good, especially that of Masters Allan Curry and Donald Campbell. A pleasant evening was brought to a close by dancing and refreshments. The guests included a number of young ladies from the town and about twenty "Edgehill" students. Another pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of a silver fish slice to Mr. and Mrs. Handsombody by the boys of the school. The principal and his wife are most popular with the students and the townspeople.

An affair of similar nature was the "At Home" given by Principal and Mrs. Smith last Friday evening to the Academy pupils. The guests thoroughly enjoyed themselves and took advantage of the occasion to present to their highly esteemed teacher a handsome writing desk as a Christmas remembrance.

On Tuesday evening a dance was held in the gymnasium of the Collegiate school under the direction of the Misses Kinnear. Everyone present enjoyed the affair immeasurably. The music was furnished by the Halifax harpers.

The many Windsor friends of Mrs. H. B. Tremaine are delighted to see her out again after her recent illness.

Miss L. M. Montgomery, who is a contributor to the story department of this issue of The Bluenose, will be remembered by a number of persons in this city who made her acquaintance during her residence here a few years ago as a student at Dalhousie. Miss Montgomery has been writing for some time, and has met with a success that holds considerable promise for her future. She is now a regular contributor to a number of American publica-