

## PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Mrs. J. D. Pemberton has returned from a visit to the Mainland.

The Royal Quadrille Club held its weekly dance last evening, in the racquet court of the Work Point Barracks.

The Daughters of England gave a concert and social in Sir William Wallace Hall, last Thursday evening. After the programme had been finished, dancing began, and lasted until midnight.

Ladies' True Blue Lodge, No. 37, Victoria, will give a concert, dance and supper in the A. O. U. W. Hall, Yates street, Monday evening, December 17. A lengthy programme is being prepared, and an enjoyable time may be anticipated.

The forthcoming Society Blue Book will be a valuable acquisition to the literature of the Province. In addition to a list of the names of those "in the swim" in our leading towns it will contain much valuable information. The book itself will be issued by a local publishing house and will be a very handsome work. Information as to the publication can be obtained of Frank McIntyre, Hotel Victoria.

A Nanaimo couple were married by Rev. Mr. Miller in the Gulf of Georgia on Tuesday. Mr. Jolley, in the employ of the Vancouver Coal Company, and Mrs. Thompson, both of Nanaimo, were passengers on the City of Nanaimo on her usual trip between the Black Diamond and Royal cities, and having the necessary licence took the opportunity of being made one. Captain Rogers, the popular commander of the steamer, gave away the bride.

The Willing Workers of Christ Church Cathedral announce that they will hold their annual sale of

work at the Cathedral School, on Wednesday, the 12th inst. Afternoon tea will be served at 3 o'clock and a special feature will be made of a home made candy stall. The girls have been preparing diligently for this sale for some time, and have a large assortment of useful and fancy articles with which to tempt their patrons. In the evening, the choir boys will present the grand extravaganza, "Abou Hassan, the Wag."

## CHINESE GAMBLING.

To the Editor of THE HOME JOURNAL.

SIR,—Noticing an item in the local news of the *Daily Colonist* of late date, in regard to the arrest of fan tan players by their own countrymen in Chinatown, that seemingly favored locality in our bright city, where crime and vice is thriving to an alarming extent, I was somewhat puzzled at the explanation of the Chief of Police. His report was, when interviewed, he intended raiding them next week. There may have been a clerical error and his intention was to begin with the New Year. Now, I would like to know how long and what preparations are necessary to make an arrest a block away from our worthy chief officer. Being a constant reader of your valuable paper and admiring the bold and impartial stand you take in municipal affairs, I remain,

LAW AND ORDER.

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