

wane. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. MacTier, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Allan, Dr. and Mrs. Yates, Mr. W. R. Miller, Miss Miller, Miss Robertson, Mr. J. S. Robertson, Mr. W. Robertson, Mr. Everard Smith, Mr. T. Allan, Miss Edythe Gault, Miss B. Allan, Mr. Sise, Mr. B. M. Humble, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dobell, Miss L. Gault, Mr. H. Eadie, Miss Eadie, Miss Howard, Miss Burnett, Miss M. Ward, the Misses Hendrie and Mr. M. Hendrie (Hamilton); Mr. Martin, Mr. Rogers, Miss Campbell, Miss Carrie Gilmore, Mr. J. T. Davies, Miss Strathy, the Messrs. Strathy, Mr. Clinch (St. John, N.B.); Miss O'Brien, Miss Forget, Miss Holland, Mr. H. B. Brainerd, Miss Elsie Scott, Mr. M. Scott, Miss Marler, Miss Angus, Miss Oswald.

**D**R. C. G. L. WOLF, who has for some time been associated with McGill University, has left Montreal to assume a position at Cornell University, Ithaca.

**M**ISS RICHARDSON, daughter of Dean Richardson, of London, Ont., who has been taking a course of nursing at the Royal Victoria Hospital, leaves very shortly for New York where she intends to continue her profession.

**T**O be able to talk nonsense is a gift possessed by many, and the more unconsciously it is done, the more hopeless. But the gift of talking clever nonsense, paradoxical as it may sound, is possessed by few. Perhaps no one is happier in the possession of the art than Mr. Gelett Burgess, of "Purple Cow" fame. His latest effort is a "Nonsense Almanac," which, though possessing a calendar and a little astronomical information, ably upholds his reputation by the exceedingly quaint illustrations and rhymes, all in a style most assuredly his own. Apropos of the month of June, Mr. Burgess remarks:

There is little in afternoon tea  
To appeal to a person like me  
Polite conversation evokes the clation  
A cow might enjoy in a tree

No doubt, though somewhat hard on the givers of such entertainment, the composer of the rhyme ably illustrates the unexpressed opinion of many a fellowman. And more especially the unhappy man who, having decided (a decision not so frequently arrived at in Montreal) to pay an afternoon call, is plunged, ere it can be helped, into the midst of a tea-party, and at that, composed of the opposite sex.

Sometimes we'll fight and we'll conquer.  
Sometimes we'll fight and we'll run.

And it is a brave man who does not pursue the second course.

**M**R. AND MRS. CHARLES HANDYSIDE, Miss Handyside and Master Handyside, Dorchester street, have returned from Georgeville, where, as usual, they have been spending the summer. As a summer resort, Georgeville seems to become more popular every season among Montreal people, and, judging from the accounts of its beauty and various delights, it is justly so.

Mrs. Sewell, of Quebec, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. M. Dobell, Crescent street.

Mrs. Haswell and Miss Haswell have returned from Como, and will spend the winter with Mrs. Shepherd, Dorchester street.

**M**R. ARNOLD FINLEY has returned from New York, where he spent some days in order to be present at the yacht races. It has really been most unfortunate that so many people should have been disappointed in their plans to see the great international event. Holidays for most of us are not indefinite in length; neither is New York a place to remain in long, unless one is possessed of an extremely well-filled purse. However, as Canute so ably demonstrated, the winds and the waves of the sea are not to be enjoyed—even by a Sir Thomas Lipton!

**I**T was hardly with elation that the news of the Canadian golfers' defeat in the international match at the Morris County Club, N. J., was received. Canadians, like their brothers across the sea, are always possessed of the true sporting instinct that teaches them to take a beating as well as a victory. But their fortitude certainly must have been tried in this instance. That Mr. Smith, the champion of Canada, should only just save his reputation, so to speak, by

playing to the tune of one up, may be a matter of congratulation, but it is difficult to be very enthusiastic. We have been beaten at cricket this summer by our American friends, but that hardly created surprise, and excited interest in but a small circle. But golf is a different matter and excuses are not so easily forthcoming.

**L**IEUT.-COL. STONE AND MRS. STONE, Quebec, have been spending some days in Montreal.

**N**EXT week will be a week of theatre-going, as a result of the grand opera at Her Majesty's. Everyone is hurriedly deciding what particular star they most wish to hear, and then as hurriedly wishing they had come to a different decision. Theatre parties may be the order of things, but in most cases it is more than likely they will be "family" parties. The prices hardly allow of much more than the charity which begins at home and, perforce, stops there.

**T**HAT Montreal is blessed with many generous and indefatigable givers seems to be a fact of almost daily demonstration. The latest gift to St. George's Church of a chime of bells and a clock, presented by Mr. A. F. Gault, must be a most valued addition to any church; and, indeed, not the church only, but the whole city is benefited by this particular congregation's gain. For, even were it so desired, the music of the chimes cannot be denied the public, nor can the clock be of any but general use. Every city has its public benefactors, but Montreal seems to have more than her share.

**M**RS. MILES WILLIAMS and the Misses Williams have returned from Georgeville, and are once more established in their town house.

**L**AST Thursday the Abingdon School sports took place on the M.A.A.A. grounds. The beautiful day and the interest that has long been evoked for the games of this particular school were responsible for quite a large and fashionable gathering. And the embryo athletes acquitted themselves most creditably. To the smallest detail, their various styles in jumping, starting or bicycling, were accurate copies of those most approved in professional circles. It seems as though boys were possessed of more than ordinary powers of observation, especially in anything appertaining to sport. Immediately after the events, Mrs. Davies, the headmaster's wife, entertained her friends at tea, and the prizes were presented by the Rev. Dr. Barclay.

**T**HAT society, not only of Montreal, but Quebec and Ottawa, will be out in full force at Her Majesty's Theatre next week, at the grand opera, is evidenced by the following partial list of box and stall holders: Sir William and Lady Hingston, Mr. and Mrs. H. Montagu Allan, Mr. and Mrs. Hector Mackenzie, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Clouston, Hon. J. I. and Mrs. Tarte, Mr. Angus W. Hooper, Major and Mrs. Geo. R. Hooper, Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier, Sir Alexander and Lady Lacoste, Sir Melbourne and Lady Tait, Hon. L. J. and Mrs. Forget, Hon. A. A. and Mrs. Thibaudan, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Shaughnessy, Hon. F. G. Marchand (Quebec); Major Wilson, (Quebec); Mr. and Mrs. William Strachan, Hon. A. G. and Mrs. Blair, (St. John, New Brunswick); Mr. David Russell, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. J. A. L. Strathy, Mrs. Lemoine, (Ottawa); Mr. and Mrs. H. Gordon Strathy, Dr. Mrs. and the Misses Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Allan, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew A. Allan, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Joseph, Hon. Raoul and Mrs. Dandurand, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Greenshields, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Mackenzie, Judge and Mrs. Desnoyers, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Miller, Mr. James B. Allan, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Wanklyn, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Holt, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Wilson, Mr. H. Stikeman, Mr. Justice Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hays, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. MacDougall, Mr. D. W. Ogilvie, Mr. and Mrs. E. Goff Penny, Mr. J. J. M. Pangman, Mr. W. C. McIntyre, Hon. J. E. and Mrs. Robidoux, His Worship Mayor Prefontaine and Mrs. Prefontaine, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. St. George, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Choquette, Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Yates, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hosmer, Mr. and Mrs. Richard White, Mr. and Mrs. R. Wilson Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Small, Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McCuaig, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Morrissey, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. E. Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fortier, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Smith, Mr. H. Vincent Meredith.

**P**ROFESSOR G. SMITH, Mrs. Smith and Miss Crooks will spend the winter in Italy. He has written a book called "Shakespeare the Man," to be published simultaneously in Canada, Great Britain and the United States.