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and form a pleasant break in the tedious similarity of such pageants.

Captain and Mrs. Ogilvie will spend the winter at Aldershot.

MISS CLAUDIA BATE, one of Ottawa's most popular young ladies, arrived in Montreal last week, and will spend a week or so with Mrs. Coristine, University street.

Dr. Harold Thomas, son of Mr. Wolferstan Thomas, left last week to spend some months in Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Paterson, and Miss Paterson also left recently to spend the winter abroad.

This winter, as last, Miss Abbott has decided to give a series of concerts at the Art Gallery, during January and February. There is every reason to expect that these concerts will be most enjoyable, for Miss Abbott means to obtain the services of the best artists procurable, and all her friends feel that the management of such a series is in excellent hands.

LAST week, a successful reception, attended largely by the most fashionable of French society, was given by Madame H. Gerin-Lajoie, 577 Sherbrooke street. The excellent programme of music was much appreciated, some well-known amateur musicians taking part, and Dr. Frechette delighted the guests by his recitation of "Le Violon de Santa Claus," his own composition.

These "musicales," which take the place of dances to those whose dancing days are over, form a most pleasant mode of entertaining, and it is only a regrettable fact that they are not more frequent.

TALKING of weddings, to how many people is a detailed list of wedding presents where not a saltspoon or a pickle-fork escapes mention of any special interest? There may, of course, be some cormorants of the daily papers who have time for everything they contain—even the patent medicine testimonials—and every taste must be catered to. But, to the average reader, would not as much pleasure and profit be derived from poring over a catalogue and price-list, let us say, of Birks', the jeweler, or the bargain-day advertisement of a departmental shop?

LAST week, Mrs. T. C. Kidd gave a very pleasant tea at her pretty house, in University street. Mrs. Kidd is always a most charming hostess, which is in itself a sufficient reason for any entertainment being successful. Tea was served in the dining-room, and also in the cosy library upstairs, which was a capital idea, when the general run of tea-goers insist upon crowding into the tea-room and remaining there. Mrs. R. W. MacDougall poured out tea and was assisted by Miss Scott, Miss Dunlop, Miss L. Dunlop, the Misses Ewan, Miss B. MacDougall, Miss Mills, Miss Cooke, Miss C. Brainerd. Among the guests were: Lady Tait, Mrs. G. C. May, Mrs. E. B. Greenshields, Miss Cooke (Quebec), Miss Thomas, Mrs. Sutherland, Miss Hamilton, Miss Eadie, Mrs. F. Bond, Miss Bond, Mrs. G. A. Drummond, Miss Parker, Miss M. Gillespie, Mrs. J. M. Pangman, Mrs. H. Woulham, Mrs. W. Woulham, the Misses Drury, Mrs. Porteous, Miss Hampon, Miss Miller, Mrs. W. W. Watson, Mrs. Penhallow, Mrs. Denne, the Misses Galt, Miss Riddell, Mrs. J. P. Dawes, the Misses Dawes, Mrs. Marler, Miss E. Marler, Miss Allan, Mrs. S. Taylor.

THE first symphony concert of the season, given last Friday by Professor Goulet's orchestra, was attended by a large and fashionable audience, which shows that the efforts of the conductor bid fair to be appreciated. The opening number, "Greater Britain," being of a patriotic character, hardly received the applause it should have done, being, as it was,

intended to appeal to the loyalty of those present. But several of the succeeding numbers were encored, the gavotte of Thomas, perhaps, being the most appreciated. The more strenuously Montrealers support the symphony orchestra, the better work it will be able to accomplish, and these afternoon concerts contribute largely to the pleasure of the winter.

Among the well-known people present were noticed: Mr. and Mrs. Hector Mackenzie, Mr. A. W. Hooper, Mr. G. Gillespie, Mr. C. Cunningham, Mrs. Wurtele, Miss E. O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Drummond, Mrs. H. Macculloch, Mr. R. Macculloch, Mrs. J. S. Allan, Miss Allan, Mr. W. L. Bond, Mr. H. Eadie, Miss M. Ward, Miss L. Ward, Mrs. Shaughnessy, Miss Shaughnessy, Mrs. Frank Stephens, the Misses Stephens, Mrs. G. F. Benson, Miss Miller, Miss Coristine, Miss Bate (Ottawa), Mrs. E. H. King, Mr. Henry Budden, Mrs. Alex. Murray, Mrs. Gardiner, Mrs. R. McD. Paterson, Mrs. S. Greenshields, Mrs. Porteous, the Misses Drury, Mrs. Pangman, Miss Pangman.

MISS CRAIG, daughter of G. B. Craig, Esq., of Thornaby-Tees, England, is spending the winter with her aunt, Mrs. J. Harte, Summerhill avenue.

St. Andrew's Ball has ever been, in Montreal, an event of no little importance. And this year is no exception to the rule. Everything that could be done to add to its success, has been carried out conscientiously by the various committees, composed of well-known and capable Montreal men. Owing to its taking place so late in the week, no account can be given in this issue, which is regrettable, but unavoidable.

Yesterday afternoon a large tea was given by Mrs. E. C. Lyman, MacTavish street.

Mrs. C. F. Sise, Sherbrooke street, returned this week from a short visit to Boston.

THE annual bazaar of the Industrial Rooms will be held next week in the Windsor Hall, on Monday and Tuesday. Not only is the object of this bazaar a very worthy one, but the class of articles sold is such as to tempt many purchasers; for, in addition to the fancy-work, sweets and toys, that usually comprise the stock of a sale, one has ample opportunity for replenishing one's wardrobe with the most dainty lingerie, or plainer, but equally well-made, underwear. When one sees among those in charge of the various stalls, such names as Mrs. John MacDougall, Mrs. John Turnbull, Mrs. Hugh Graham, Mrs. H. B. Yates, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. McWilliams, Miss Smith, one entertains little doubt as to the success of the enterprise.

Mr. and Mrs. Brock Buchanan have recently returned from Murray Bay, and have taken up their residence at 1219 Dorchester street for the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan are among the oldest and warmest admirers of this favorite Canadian watering-place, and, frequently, from the lateness of their stay, are afforded an opportunity of seeing it in its winter dress, as well as that of late autumn.

It is rumored that the marriage of Miss Naomi Molson, daughter of Mr. J. T. Molson; and Mr. C. B. Robbin, Bank of Montreal, may take place early in the new year, but, as yet, there is no definite announcement of the event.

Miss Douli, Halifax, is visiting Mrs. Fyshe, MacTavish street.

DR. James Barclay, son of the Rev. Dr. Barclay, has decided to practise in Montreal, and has taken an office at 159 Metcalfe street. Since his graduation he has been associated with the various hospitals in Montreal, and has also filled the position of surgeon on one of the P. and O. steamers. His many friends here are pleased that his final decision will keep him among them for some time to come.

In spite of the many discussions and chain letters, with their pros and cons, another has been started in Montreal this autumn—its object being the enriching of the Patriotic Fund. The intention of the promulgator of the scheme, we doubt not, was of the best, and certainly it seems a simple method of