

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Miss Davie, of Burnside road, is visiting Mrs. Jos. Richards, of Nanaimo.

Miss Stafford, of Pandora avenue, returned home last week, from a visit to Mrs. Robt. Croft, of Seattle.

Miss Jennie Johnson, of Vancouver, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. H. Griffin, has returned home.

Mr. J. G. Brown, late of Chatham street, Spring Ridge, removed last week to his ranch, on the Wilkinson road, near Carey road, South Saanich.

Mr. Geo. S. Thompson and family left Thursday evening for their old home in Toronto, to reside. Mr. Thompson will open an office there in connection with his Victoria business.

Miss Sayyee's class for instruction in physical culture held their first meeting last Thursday afternoon at room 26, The Wilson, 90 Yates street. A very instructive lecture was given by Miss Sayyee to the ladies.

The sacred concert in the Centennial Methodist Church, Wednesday evening, was a great success. The programme was above the average, and every one present seemed well pleased. The solo by Mr. Grant, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," was splendid. Mr. Grant has a sweet voice, his notes were as clear as bell tones and shaded nicely. He is sure to become one of the favorites. Mrs. McCandless' rendition of "Nearer My God to Thee" was in her usual good style and received a hearty encore. The mandolin and guitar selections, by Messrs. Borelle and Ball, could not fail to please all lovers of music. They were The Bells of New York Polka and a Mazourka for the encore. Miss Haynes ably executed her piano solo which was heartily received. The recitation by Miss Sayyee was well rendered. In the vocal solo by Mr. White there was nothing meritorious. He was out of time all through the piece. Miss Anderson has a sweet voice, and pleased her hearers. Mrs. Drury sang a very nice solo with her usual good taste. The trio, by the Hall brothers, was good and well rendered. It was marred, however, by their instruments being tuned lower than the pitch of the piano. Mrs. Lewis Hall, who was the accompanist of the evening, deserves great praise, for she gave the singers every assistance.

DOTS AND DASHES.

A great coming event is the publication of a wonderful almanac to be called the "Star Almanac," published by the Montreal Star. It is said to be a marvellous work, four hundred pages, with colored maps.

Mr. W. K. Tulloch, proprietor of The Wilson, 90 Yates street, has opened a cafe and dining room in connection with his house. The cafe remains open until 12 o'clock, p. m., and is conducted on both the American and European plans.

Jackson & Mylius, the jewellers, have moved to their new premises, the store lately occupied by Messrs. Shears & Page. The firm feel confident that the increase of business to which they are entitled will make up for the extra outlay entailed in securing enlarged premises, and no doubt their hopes will be fully realized.

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Ryan, the woodwork of the new Catholic Cathedral is now receiving its finishing touch. It would be well worth any person's time to pay the Cathedral a visit and be convinced of the highly artistic work being accomplished by Mr. Ryan. Extended reference will be made to the work in a future issue.

The opening at Mr. Hampson's mammoth dry goods store on Douglas street more than realized that gentleman's expectations. The hundreds of visitors admired the grand display of dry goods, and the millinery display, under the direction of that accomplished lady, Miss Duffie, of Montreal, was beautiful. Mr. Hampson claims, and with much reason too, that he has now the finest stock of dry goods and millinery in British Columbia.

The Toronto Weekly Empire has produced a premium for its new subscribers this autumn which really calls for special compliment. The proprietors of that paper have prepared a handsome picture of the Conservative members of Parliament, well arranged, executed in the finest style of photogravure, and printed on excellent paper for framing. No premium given away with newspapers this year equals it. The whole picture is large, and when set off by the tasteful oak frame, which is so fashionable nowadays, will make a very handsome adornment to the home. The picture, to give an exact idea of its importance, measures 3 feet 6 inches by 2 feet 4 inches.

During the last hundred years, the manufacture of pianofortes has been carried on to an immense extent in all parts of Europe and America. Improvement after improvement has been made in the instrument until now it is believed that the highest degree of perfection has been reached in the manufacture of the Newcombe piano. During the late exhibition, Kerr & Begg's display of Newcombe instruments was universally admired, and more than one believed that the exhibition management should have awarded them a special prize. Kerr & Begg sell their instruments for the same money that is asked by others for the inferior grades of pianos, and intending purchasers would do well to make a note of this fact.

Edward Garnett, the well-known hackman and feed stable proprietor, died at his home, Humboldt street, last Friday morning. "Ned," as he was familiarly known, had hundreds of friends, and the large number who attended his funeral last Friday testified to the esteem in which the deceased was held. The bereaved widow and her three children have the sympathy of all.

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