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ton, where she has been visiting the Misses Ramsay, for some weeks.

Last Friday, Mrs. Meighen, Drummond street, gave a most delightful dinner and theatre party for a number of Miss Meighen's friends.

MR. AND MRS. A. T. PATERSON, and Miss Grace Paterson, leave very shortly for England, where they will spend the winter months at Bournemouth, that most delightful watering-place.

Mrs. A. M. Crombie is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. C. Hammond, in Toronto, for a short time.

ON Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, Mrs. J. M. Pangman received hosts of visitors at her pretty house on Union avenue. Her sister, Miss Burnett, Miss Ewan and Miss Brainerd helped her to receive her many friends.

Mrs. Clarke Murray sailed last week by the Teutonic for England, where she will spend some months.

Mrs. Alex. Molson and Miss Molson have taken up their residence at 118 St. Matthew street for the winter.

THE marriage of Mr. Huntley Drummond, and Miss May Reynolds, of New Haven, Conn., has been arranged to take place early in December.

This afternoon, Friday, Mrs. George Molson will entertain a large number of friends at afternoon tea.

The many friends of Mrs. Simms, University street, will regret to hear that her illness continues to be of a very serious nature.

MR. W. R. MILLER, 308 Stanley street, has issued invitations for a large tea on Tuesday, November 14.

This evening, Friday, Mrs. Johnson, 5 Prince of Wales' Terrace, is giving a small dance, which will, no doubt, be as successful as her jolly little dances always are.

Mr. Stikeman, of the Bank of British North America, left last week for England, where he will remain for some weeks.

MR. BENSON, and Mrs. C. G. Hope, who have spent the summer in England, returned this week by the Californian. Mrs. Benson is staying with Mrs. Hope before leaving for Cardinal.

Mr. James Cantlie, jr., has returned to Saranac, where he will spend the winter, for the benefit of his health.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Stanley Smith, who have for many years made England their home, will spend the winter in Montreal.

Mr. G. F. Benson, Ontario avenue, has returned from a short visit to Quebec.

ON Friday last, Mrs. Charles Percy, Weredale Park, gave a very pleasant tea.

Miss Dunlop, 912 Sherbrooke street, also entertained a few friends at a very jolly little tea on Friday afternoon.

MR. TORRANCE, wife of the late Judge Torrance, is among the many Canadians who will winter in Italy.

Mrs. F. C. Crawford, who has been confined to the house through illness for the past week or so, is very much better.

Mrs. Alec Esdaile is paying a short visit to Mrs. S. Green-shields, Cote St. Antoine, Westmount.

A STORY which may or may not be true, but which is rather amusing, is being told of the Earl of Aberdeen. It seems that in his Eton days, he was possessed of a conscience that was devoid, apparently, of the elasticity which in schoolboys makes many things permissible. One Sunday he consulted one of the upper masters as to whether he thought it would be

very sinful to oil his cricket bat on that day, seeing that it was a common practice among the other boys. The boy's anxious expression prompted the no doubt amused master to say that, though he would not consider it a deadly sin, perhaps it would be better to ask his form master. "Oh," replied young Gordon, "I've asked him, and he says it is all right if one does it in a reverent and humble spirit!" That form master was something of a diplomat, evidently. It is to be hoped the "reverent and humble spirit" was as conducive to good results on the bat as the more ordinary combination of oil and elbow grease.

WITH the sharp November weather that is bringing out furs and heavy coats, and with them a suspicion of camphor and moth-balls, comes the pleasant recollection that skating is not far off. And many are the anxious queries as to whether the Victoria rink will open its doors to its old members, many of them subscribers since it first was incorporated. Last year, though it may not have been considered such a success from a financial standpoint, it certainly was appreciated as such by those who skated there. The season was a long one, the ice capital throughout, and the fact that everyone there knew everyone else, or very nearly so, made one feel as though it were really a club, as in the old days. And though the M.A.A. rink is excellent in every way, except the length of its season, and numerous rinks are cropping up in all quarters of the city, the Victoria rink would be an irreparable loss to a very large circle of enthusiasts, who would miss not only the exercise, but the social intercourse for which it is responsible.

IT will be rather interesting to note whether the Transvaal trouble will form such a boon to the writers of fiction, short stories, poems and articles, as did "Our War with Spain." Young writers, especially, are ever on the lookout for anything up-to-date that can be converted into saleable copy. And so it is to be reasonably expected, but not hoped, that patriotic poems, battlefield epics, "unbiased opinions" of Boer characteristics, and sketches short and long, of Tommy Atkins, at home, abroad, taking leave, or being welcomed back, will compose the subject matter of our magazines. For why should we not seize the opportunity as well as anyone else? And we don't have a war every year, to treat in the realistic manner we have learned to seek, in current literature!

MR. AND MISS NAPIER, of London, Eng., arrived this week from England, and it is with great pleasure that their many friends hear that they purpose making their home in Canada for some little time to come.

MR. AND MRS. STANWAY returned this week from England, where they have been spending a long and delightful holiday.

Among other Montrealers who have spent some time abroad are Mrs. R. L. Gault and the Misses Gault. They returned this week by the Californian, and will reopen their house, 906 Sherbrooke street. Miss Ethel Gault, who has ever been most popular, will be very warmly welcomed by her friends.

ON Monday afternoon, Mrs. M. H. Gault, "Braehead," gave a large and very pleasant tea for a great number of Miss Edythe Gault's friends. The tea-table was placed at the back end of the long drawing-room, which looked unusually pretty with its softly shaded pink lights, and Miss Beatrice Allan, Miss Lillian Gault and Miss Finley attended to the wants of the guests. Conversation seldom flags at tea-parties, or anywhere else, it is said, where women congregate; so that where all were intimate friends the laughter and chatter indulged in would have done duty for double the number of people, and was a conclusive proof of their enjoyment. Among those present were: Miss Arnton, Miss Allan, Miss Ewan, the