

NEWS AND VIEWS FOR WOMEN READERS

Life's Social Side

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Miss Nina Ferguson, Bagot street, asked a few old friends to come in at the tea hour on Monday to give them the opportunity of congratulating her father, Rev. George Ferguson on his ninety-first birthday which fell on Christmas day. Gay Christmas decorations and evergreens made the rooms charming. Miss Beattie Ferguson and Archibald Ferguson, Saskatoon, were present. Many gifts were received by Prof. Ferguson, for so many years professor of history at Queen's University. Among those who came with their good wishes were Dr. and Mrs. E. F. Torrance, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stephens, Dr. and Mrs. W. Morgan, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Clark and Master Bobby Clark, Mrs. Fisher, Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Drummond, the Misses Drummond, the Misses Mowat, Miss Daly and Miss W. Gordon.

The dance given by Mrs. W. F. Nickle, Earl street, on Monday evening for the friends of Major W. M. Nickle was one of the very nicest of Christmas parties. Red and green bells, holly and mistletoe, were decking the halls and the large drawing room where the host and hostess received their guests. Mrs. Nickle handsomely gowned in black satin, lace and jet. Miss Evelyn Nickle's pretty frock was of green with sequined trimming. Salisbury's orchestra played delightfully for the dancers. The dance was pleasantly informal, people coming in from Christmas dinners and bringing their guests with them, till the company numbered about one hundred and thirty.

The Annual Christmas tree at the orphan's home on Friday afternoon was the culmination of the hopes of weeks in the hearts of the youngsters, who have in imagination been awaiting the jingling of Santa Claus' bells every night. The huge spruce tree was set up in the playroom, and was gay with candles and tinsel, and laden with a gift for everyone, just the thing he or she wanted. Many of the gifts were horns, whistles or other musical (?) instruments, and for a while the noise was deafening, but no one minded in the least, and the fun was enjoyed by the winners who came in to assist in this delightful party.

The Misses Mowat, Johnson street, were the hostesses of an exceedingly bright luncheon on Monday. The table was centred with a diminutive Christmas tree with lighted candles and laden with the most delightful surprises for their guests. A cup of coffee beside the blazing fire in the drawing room, where Christmas decorations lent an air of the festivity brought the pleasant hour to an end.

The Dean of Ontario entertained at dinner on Monday evening when Christmas decorations, Jerusalem's cherries and holly sent to him from British Columbia, made gay the dinner table. During the evening some more people came in, songs were sung, some of the guests played delightfully and old fashioned games and "Fof Auld Lang Syne" brought an exceedingly pleasant evening to a close.

The dance given by the pupils and staff of the Kingston Collegiate Institute on Friday was a very bright affair at which many ex-pupils from out-of-town present. Mrs. E. O. Sitzer, Mrs. Kedley and Mrs. Otto received the guests, who danced easily to the

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excellent music of Treceer's orchestra. Supper was served in the basement.

Mrs. A. P. Knight, Alice street, gave a bright little tea on Christmas day for Miss Phyllis Spencer when her guests were the girls of the younger set, some of the cadets left in town.

Mrs. T. F. Burke, Portsmouth, entertained on Monday evening for her niece, Miss Frances McGeen, Toronto. A very jolly evening was spent by the young guests.

Mrs. W. M. Goodwin and Mrs. Grant Cadhead entertained at dinner on Christmas Eve.

Mrs. W. T. Minnes, "Hillcroft," entertained at a family dinner on Christmas night.

Mrs. J. B. McLeod, Alfred street, is entertaining tonight for her son, Norman McLeod.

D. L. Wellman, London, Ont., spent Christmas with Mrs. Willison, who is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Davidson, University avenue.

G. A. Jenkins, Portland, Oregon, is with Mrs. Jenkins and their little daughter, who are the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Davidson, University avenue.

Miss Mildred Jones, King street, left today for Toronto, to spend the holidays with Mrs. Flakin.

Miss Janet Porteous, Wilham street, is in Montreal, with Dr. and Mrs. Carlyle Porteous.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Gill, and Miss Muriel Neale, Aberdeen avenue, are in Campbellford for the holidays. William J. McGill, "The Roof Tree Inn," New York city, is the guest of his mother, Mrs. McGill, Queen street.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Urquhart, Ottawa, are with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Devlin, William street.

Miss Frances McGeen, Toronto, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. T. F. Burke, Portsmouth.

Miss Louise Hill, West street, left for Toronto today, for a short visit. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Trumppour, Lower Union street, spent Christmas in Napanee.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Turner, Hamilton are with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Slater, Barrie street.

J. Taylor, Toronto, is the guest of Mrs. W. F. Nickle, Earl street.

George Clark Wright, London, was with Mrs. Wright, Gore street, for Christmas.

R. S. Rayson, Upper Canada College, Toronto, arrived in town today.

Douglas Nickle who spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Nickle, Earl street, has returned to Toronto.

Miss Phyllis Lomax, 29 Russell street, has returned home from Vancouver, B.C., to spend the holidays with her people.

Col. and Mrs. Carless, England, are with Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Jenmett, Kensington avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Segsworth, who spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dalton, returned to Toronto today.

Dr. and Mrs. Neil Black, Brookville, are with Dr. and Mrs. Edward Ryan, "Rookwood House."

Dr. Kenneth Mandell, Montreal, spent Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. D. E. Mandell, Brock street.

Thomas Tandy and George Tandy Pittsburg, Pa., are with Mr. Tandy and Miss Lettice Tandy, King street.

Reginald Garrett, Kitchener, is with Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Garrett, Johnson street.

Herbert C. Treceer, Toronto, is spending the Christmas holidays at his home on Quebec street.

Mrs. Thomas Marquis, who spent a week with her father, George King,



Alice street, left for her home in Washingtonville today. Col. and Mrs. Bevan Dunbar spent the week-end in Toronto, with General and Mrs. Secretan Dunbar.

Mr. Mitchell and his son, Malcolm, Alexandria, spent Christmas with R. F. Harvey, Union street.

Miss Marion Kirkpatrick is with Mr. and Mrs. Stafford Kirkpatrick, Ottawa, for the holidays.

Mrs. S. Roughton, King street, and her family went to Toronto for Christmas.

Mrs. Bolton, Cobourg, is with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Litten, Frontpage street.

Dr. Reeve, who spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Andrews, Union street, has returned to Toronto.

H. R. Sills, B.Sc., Peterboro, spent the Christmas holiday with Mrs. W. R. Sills, Mack street.

Miss Margaret Wafer, Toronto, spent Christmas in town with Mr. and Mrs. Norton Collins.

Herbert Shortt is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. S. Shortt, Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Horsey, Longueuil, Que., are with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Sutherland, Sydenham street.

What the Editor Hears

That almost everyone had a happy Christmas.

That four sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fair assisted with the musical service in St. George's cathedral on Christmas Day. Cadet H. C. Fair, violinist; Peter and Arnold Fair, soloists; and Alfred Fair, aged seven, one of the boy leaders of the procession.

That a woman living on Ontario street, whose husband is in jail, has been begging from door to door, most unnecessarily, as her needs are well provided for, and her character known to those interested in the charitable societies.

That the work of providing Christmas fare was well organized and carried out without overlapping.

That the two fine days greatly increased the pleasure of the holidays.

That it is well to put out crumbs for birds after the snow falls.

Tips to Housewives. If pie crust is not flaky the shortening is too soft.

A tablespoon of sugar in water in which sweet potatoes are boiled improves their flavor.

If bread, beans or cake is baking too fast and brown set a pan of cold water in oven. It cools the oven.

Lime-wood oil will preserve screens from rust and make them look new. A quart, applied with brush every three years, will be sufficient for a number of screens.

SCARF FOR THE COOL NIGHTS

Smart-suits are being made of black taffeta.

Small hats of black taffeta are edged with narrow ruffling.

Swagger coats have high buttoned neck and narrow fitted shoulders.

Sand-colored foulard, figured in dark blue, makes an attractive street dress.

Large collars are no longer seen, but chin collars, which may be worn high at the neck or open, are much in evidence.

Charming evening gowns of taffeta are trimmed with tulle in a matching shade. French blue and jade are the colors most frequently seen.

The soft wrist effect of the gauntlet glove is going to make them a popular hand covering this fall. Brown, black, beaver and gray are the colors most in demand.

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Navigation season closes at Sault Ste. Marie.

HOW TO MAKE MONEY.

Few women are averse to making pin money. It doesn't matter whether they need it or not. There is a special pleasure in spending money one has made through one's own initiative and resources. Each day there will appear on this page one of a series of suggestions on making money. Each comes with a warning: readers of The Whig an idea that may be turned into a money-maker.

No. 59—Remodelling Dresses.

A dressmaker who did not succeed in getting as much work as she could do put out a sign, "Remodelling dresses a specialty." She also advertised in the city papers, from time to time, putting simply a line or two among the "personals" to the effect that she would make new sleeves, cover old buttonholes with pretty vests and make old dresses almost as good as new. It was not long before she had more work than she could do, and she was obliged to hire an assistant. There are many women who would be very glad to know where they could get their dresses made over at a reasonable price.

A dressmaker going into this work could not afford to take expensive rooms. She must be able to give one of her living rooms to the work, so that expense of rent will not have to be paid from what she earns. One who is quick to see how pieces may be used to advantage, and who can cut and fit nicely, can earn much more in this way than she can by going out by the day.

CHIC NEGLIGES FOR SUMMER

Cool Wearables That Are Bewitchingly Dainty for Home Wear During Sweating Days.

The leisure hours of warm weather require cool negliges. Bewitchingly dainty for summer mornings is a breakfast coat of batiste, in pink, blue, orchid or lemon, trimmed with picot-edged points. The coat is cut to fall considerably below the hips and there is lengthened by a flounce of the material, with a double row of the picot points. A long roll collar to the waist is also outlined with the pretty points, and short sleeves are likewise cuffed. A bit of grosgrain ribbon in a contrasting shade forms a slim girdle at the normal waistline and drops in long ends at the front.

Could anything be more wearable or cool when one sips one's morning coffee than a dotted voile coat with pretty ruching decoration? A white voile background is plentifully dotted in pink, blue or lavender dots and the coat is cut on the long fashionable lines so becoming to the average figure.

The lower flounce is set on by a cord and the ruching borders the bottom, collar and tiny turn-back cuffs. Big patch pockets adorn the front.

In organdie, plain and dotted fabrics are used. A white organdie frock embroidered in honey-dew dots makes a simple slip-on affair with two bands of plain white organdie on the skirt and a deep shawl collar and cuffs of white on the blouse. Buttonhole stitch done in wool outlines the trimming.

After the bath or cold shower what could be more soothing than a bath-coat of brushed cotton ratine loosely girdled? One smart model, cut with short sleeves and body in one, is pocketed and collared in self-material and piped with silk cord. A long silk cord girdle ties about the waist and is tasseled at the ends. These good-looking bathrobes come in purple, rose, Copenhagen or burnt orange.

HINTS FOR HOUSEKEEPERS

Liberal Basting of Roast Makes it More Juicy—Use for Left-over Cereals.

If a roast is basted many times it will be much more juicy. Cauliflower is delicious served with mayonnaise dressing.

It improves some canned corn to cook it a bit before serving. Give the chickens plenty of green food.

All household plants are better for an occasional spraying. A special cupboard for hanging saucers is a great dust saver.

Sprinkle with carrot balls is an attractive and wholesome mixture. A well-waxed floor is guarded against the marks of heavy shoes.

Dried lima beans forced through a sieve can be used for croquettes.

FASHIONS IN BRIEF.

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