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Notwithstanding the fact that so many claim to be unusually busy, and assure one that they have not a moment to call their own, there has still be n a goodly part of the week given up to social gaieties Leginn ng with the large dance at Mrs. Thos. Mc-Avity's on Tuesday evening and which was a charming affair in every way, and large too . The rooms were pret ilyland conveniently arranged, and the supper table had lovely decorations of pink flowers and smilax Mrs. McAvity wore black sitk and jet wih lace fichu caught with dismonds.

Miss McAvity's stately, dark beauty was enhansed by a lovely gown of amber silk gauze over amber satin, the bodice being trimmed with black ribbon veivet and heavy pearl trimming. She wore a yellow ostrich tip in her bair.

The last meeting of the married folks whist club was held at Mrs. E. T. Sturdee's and a most enjoyable evening was spint. The club meets every Monday and the members manage to extract a great deal of pleasure from it.

Mrs. Charles Harrison entertained the sewing club at her residence last Sa urdsy. Mrs. Harrison has been entertaining Mrs. Fish and Mrs. Chipman in her charmingly hospitable way.

There were several theatre part es at the Artillery concert on Wednesday evening, one of which was entertained atter the concert by Dr. and Mrs. W. W. White. Very n any of the ladies were in evening dress, and the house looked exceedingly bright and pretty

Mrs. J. D. Chipman, of St. Stephen, mide a s hort stay here during the week.

Miss Louise Skinner, black satin with crimson The first dance in the series of assemblies was flowers. held at the Institute on Thursday evening and was Miss Lou McAvity, handsome gown of amber most bright and erjoyable. The rooms were comsilk gauze heavily trimmed with pearls and bows of fortably and prettily arranged, and the floor was in black velvet with yellow ostrich tip in hair. excellent dancing order. A substantial supper was Mrs. T. E. G. Armstrong, pink brocade silk, served about midnight after which dancing was rediamonds and flowers. sumed. The order of dances for which Harrison supplied with black velvet and lace. music, was as follows, with three supper dances and several extras. ard pink roses. 1. Valse..... 2. Va'se ..... trimmed with white lace and chiffon. 3. Lancers..... 5. Two-step ..... 6 Valse ...... 7. Two-step ..... 9 Polks ..... flowers. 10. Valse ...... flowers. 12. Valse ..... Supper, black lace, 14. Two-step. ..... 15. Valse ..... insertion, and jetted tulle sleeves. 16. Galop ..... There were several young debutantes present, all of whom, of course were gowned in white. Mrs. E. T. Sturdee wore a pretty gown of pink and cerise velvet. silk, heavily trimmed with chiffon and black velvet; diamond ornaments. lace and ribbons. Mrs. the wood Skinner locked very pretty in pale blue satin and white ruffled chiff n trimmings. with tulle sleeves, ch flon and pearls. Mrs. Walter White, pink net over satin, lace and chifton trimmings. Miss Bertie Hegan, whitesilk with ribbon and trimmings, pearls and chiffon. spangled trimming. Miss Seely, pale blue muslin gown, white trimand violets. mings. Miss Nan McDonald, gown of white muslin with pearls. pale blue trimmings. Miss Tabor. pink brocade silk, velvet trimmings diamond ornaments. white gathered ribbon. Miss Stead, looked exceedingly fair and dainty in pale blue silk with tulle overdress, corsage boulow and black silk. quet of red carnations. Miss Vroom, a gown of pink silk with white lace trimmings. Miss Robinson, looked very pretty in a gown of dress, rearls and roses. pale blue muslin tr.mm: d with cream lace. Miss Markham, striped pink and black silk with chifton trimmings. Miss Agnes Carr, pink si'k gown trimmed with Woodstock. black velvet. Miss Georgie Scammell, pink silk with turquoise short visit to Boston. trimmings. Mrs. J. Morris Robinson, ruby satin with velvet trimmings and dismond ornaments. Miss Scammell, wore a black silk fown effectiveto Montreal ly trimmed with sequin net, Mrs. Geo. F. Smith, a gown of black satin with chiffon and steel trimmings and corsage bouquet of -carnations. and Fisheries, Ottawa, is visiting his father & r. Miss Robinson, wore a very pretty gown of pink Geo. Quinn of the North End. sik with white trimmings. Mrs. Holden, black moire with lace trimmings and corsage bouquet of pink flowers. Miss Grace Fairweather, wore a very pretty dress of pink musin, corsage bouquet of natural flowers. North Carolina, where they will spend the winter. Mrs. Keator, black sain with bodice heavily The Junior Mission Band of Brussels street church "No flaw in its claim ' to be ABSOLUTELY PURE ' pure concentrated

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held its annual sale and tea in the church schoo; r om on Tuesday evening, and though the weather ont Lat ni, Lt w sintensely disagreeable the affair was well patronized. The prettily decorated tables were in charge of Migs McKay, Miss Blanche, Miss Stamors, Miss Rogers, Miss Clarke, Miss Leighton Miss Fails, Miss Emna Buck, Miss Rhodie, Miss Victoria Skating Rink Bittle ard Miss Smith.

Mrs. G. Roston of Halifax was in the city for a day or two this week. Mr. Geoige M. Jarvis and Miss Jarvis of Truro.

sp. nt part of th s w ek in the city. Dr. and Mrs. Cameron of Antigonish, have been spending a few days here lately.

Miss Minnie Wrig theft Wednesday morning to Ne wton Mass to en er a hospital there as nurse. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Haningron left the middle of week for a trip to Boston, Newport, New York and Philadelphia.

Mrs. Sexton of New York has been paying a bort visit to St. John during the week. Lieut. Governor McCleian was in the city this

week enroute to Fredericton. The annual ceramic art exhibition under the auspices of the Woman's Art Association was an event

of this week and one that attracted a large number to the beautifully arranged and spacious rooms on the second floor of the Oddfellow's hall on Union street. The exhibition far surpasses its predecessors and some besutiful pieces of art china are shown, including many pieces from al! over Canada, The St. John ladies who have some exquisite work among the exhibits are : Mrs. W. O. Ray m nd, Miss Minnie Stewart, Mrs. R. B. Emerson, Miss Marion Holy, Mrs. George Murray, Miss M. Barry Smith, Miss C. O. McGivern, and Miss Ethelwyn Hall. Tae ladies from upper Canada who have some beautiful pieces in the exhibition are Miss Edith F. Hannatord, Miss Howson, Miss Harrison, Miss Hilher, and Miss E. Roger of Toronto; Miss P. A. Watson of Gali; M ss Marion H. Nelson of St. Catherines, Ont; and Miss Myra L. Schultz and Mrs. F. McIndoe of Montreal.

There was a delightful social side to the exhibition and over cups of fragrant tea and the daintiest of refreshments the merits of the various artists were discussed, and the pleasantest and most informal intercourse er joyed. The exhibition closes today and it is pleasant to note that it has been most successful in every way. The ladies who Lad charge during the week were as follows:

Mis. T ueman, Mrs. Mortimer, Mrs. deForest, Mrs. W. McAvity, Miss Perkins, Mrs. Geo. Murray Mrs. A. S. Jones, Miss Hall, Miss Hamilton, Mrs. F. E. Sayre, Mrs. H. P. Timmerman, Mrs. George Fleming, Miss Tapley, Miss McCorrison, Miss Murray, Miss Holly, Mrs. Austin, Miss Stephenson, Miss Alison Jones, Miss Markham, Miss M. Mc-Kean, Mis. Harding, Miss McKean, Mrs. Flood. Miss Jennie Crookshank left Wednesday for New

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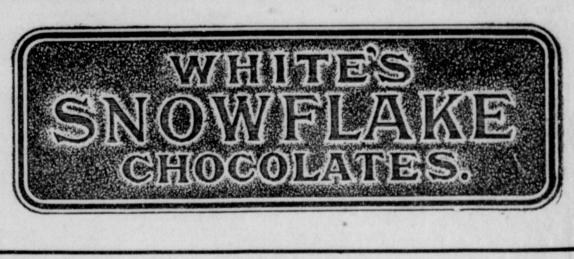
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Miss Fairweather, green muslin gown trimmed Miss Grant, yellow silk trimmed with black lace Miss Gertrude Seeley, pale blue muslin prettily Miss Keator, black satin, lace and flowers, with an effective arrangement of brilliant buckles and narrow ribbon velvet down the front of the skirt. Miss Dever, looked as she always does, stately and graceful in black satin, the bodice of which was covered with renaissance lace and chiffon, pink Miss Edith Skinner, black silk, sequin net, and Miss Thomson, a very becoming pink silk, with Mrs. C. J. Coster looked chaiming in black satin the bodice of which was heavily arranged with jet Miss Charlotte Smith, black satin lace and roses. Miss Mona I homson had on a pretty flowered organdie over pink silk, trimmed with black satin Miss McKenzie, a very becoming cream silk with Mrs. Ke tie Jones wore a hardsome white satin Miss Gladys McLaughlan looked bright and charming in a gown of blue silk, with sequin net Miss Jessie Walker, white organdie, white lace, Miss McMillan, fl wered muslin, chiffon and \_Mrs. F. E. Sayre, yellow satin and violets. Miss Tuck, black and white silk trimmed with Miss Troop, yellow gauze, with overskirt of yel Miss Vail. white silk trimmed wi h black baby ribbon and violets. Bouquet of chrysanthemums. Miss Muriel Fair veatheriwhite silk, chiffon over-Miss Kathleen Robertson looked daintily pretty in white chiffon over white silk, with roses. Major Grant spent a day or two this week in Mrs. David Hudson returned Friday from Mr. and MIS. R. A. Sir clair were in Woodstock for a day or two in the earlier part of the week. Mr. H. H. McLean returned Tuesday from a visit Mr. and Mrs. Willard Kitchen of Fredericton were in the city for a little while this week Mr. James Quinn of the department of Marine

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Mr. Ernest Turnbull leaves today for an extended pleasure trip to the old country. Mrs. Turnbull and Miss Turnbull left this week for

York in which city she will in future make her home with her brother Dr. Fred Crookshank. Miss Alicia Henderson of Millvale, P. E. I. is in the city on a three weeks visit to her aunt Mrs. Herbert U. Smith of the west end. Miss Hatt has returned to the capital after a stay

of several months with her sister Mrs. Colter of this city.

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Dec. 13 .- Roy McAdam, son of Andrew Mc-Adam, has gone to Newfoundland where he has secured a good position.

Hilds, the little daughter of Rev. Thomas Marshall, fell on the froz in ground while running one day last week and marred her bright little face by some severe cuts.

Miss Roberta Murchie is able to be out again. Mrs. C. F. Beard and Miss Berta Smith are expectsd from Boston today.

Miss Winnifred Todd has arrived from Andover Mass., where she stiends school, to spend the holidays, and Miss Bordie Todd returns today f om Rothsay, St. John.

Mrs. DeWolfe of Halifax, N. S., has been the guest this week of Madame Chipman.

Mrs. Geo. J. Clarke and her daughters, Pauline and Dorris, have returned from Fredericton.

R. W. Dinsmore returned on Saturday from a trip among the islands.

Mrs. Bolton left yesterday for Jacksonville, Florida.

Miss Rita Ross is expected to arrive from Boston in a few days. Miss Ross his been quite ill at the Newton hosp tal where she had untertaken a course of study to be 8 trained surse and has been obliged to abandon the work and return home. She is now in Boston, the guest of Mrs. W. A. Rose.

Miss Emily Laming has returned lome after a delightiul v sit of seven weeks in Boston.

Miss Annie Marzer, one of our most estimable young ladies and a valued worker in the baptist church, left on Monday morning for Boston to enter a hospital for the preparation for the work of a trained nurse. She was entertained at a gathering of triends at the residence of E. M. Ganong on Friday evening when a jew very enjoyable hours were passed.

Miss Alice Bridges isbcontinuing her studies in art from a well known artist in Massachusett . Albert McMuilin, one of our promising young men, who holds a good position with the Robb en-

gineering company at Amherst. N. S. is at home wih an injured hand. He will remain until after the holidays.

M s. W. H. Foardman will observe her eightieth birthday anniversary on Saturday next. A number of elderly ladies h .ve been invited to gather at

evening. As it was she sustained severe bruises. Fortunately the lamp was extinguished in the fall which broke it into many pieces.

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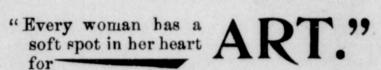
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