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PERSONALS

Mr. Franklin Orcutt of Manchester, Conn., has returned to his home after spending Christmas holidays in Freetown the guest of Miss Ida McCarville.
The many friends of Miss Doris Tanton will be pleased to learn that she is now making a favorable progress towards convalescence in the Prince Edward Island Hospital...

Captain Hugh MacPhee and Mrs. MacPhee of Georgetown, have been the guests of their son, Hon. H. Frank and Mrs. MacPhee of this city for the past few days.

The many friends of Mr. Stewart Jones of G. P. Strong Co. Ltd. will be glad to know that he is steadily recovering from the effects of a severe cold.

Miss Claire A. Cloughsey of Brookline, Mass., has arrived home to spend the winter with her parents. She spent a few days in Charlottetown with her sister, Sr. Mary Camillus of the City Hospital.

Mr. Walter Mathieson, B. S. C., of Stamford, Conn., president of the firm of Mathieson-Cairns, Inc., is visiting his mother, Mrs. J.K. Stanley of Charlottetown.

Mrs. Mahler, Rocky Point, has returned home from the Charlottetown Hospital, where she successfully underwent an operation. She speaks very highly of the splendid treatment received by Dr. Ledwell and the nursing staff of the above Hospital.

Mr. J. P. Crockett, Manager of Holman's Limited, Charlottetown, and Mr. M. F. Graves, Manager of the furniture department of the same firm in Summerdale, have left for the furniture manufacturing centre of Ontario. They will take in the furniture exhibitions which open on January 7th.

Meeting of the Y's Men's Club

The regular weekly meeting of the Y's Men's Club of Charlottetown was of unusual interest, commencing at 6 p. m. with President Cleaver MacLean in the chair. The first business of the evening, a motion picture of a Bridge and Dance held in the near future and a committee of five were appointed to ensure a successful social event.

Further business of interest was brought before the club by different members. The new officers were then introduced by the retiring President. The following officers were greeted by the club: President, E. C. Clawson; Vice President, D. A. Carson; Secretary, A. B. Wilson; Treasurer, R. G. Taylor.

Y's Man Ray Pendleton moved a vote of appreciation to the retiring officers. This motion was seconded by Dr. Carson, responded to by Past President Cleaver.

Next item of business to be heard was the report of the committee in charge of the newboys dinner. The speaker of the evening was N. D. MacLean, who gave the following interesting address: Mr. Chairman, Fellow Y's Men and Guests:— As it has fallen upon me to address you tonight, I will try and give you an insight into my profession. You have been addressed by Doctors, Ministers and others who play a very important part in our lives, but until tonight no club in the city has been addressed by a Mortician.

Caring for the dead may not be a very fitting subject for an after dinner speech, but just as other men in different industries and professions are beginning to realize that only by telling the public about their businesses can they expect a full and appreciative understanding on the part of the public, and so the funeral directors and morticians are beginning to see that in this day and age are the best interests of society, as well as the good of their own calling, depend upon the extent to which the public are enlightened. The majority of people avoid thinking of anything pertaining to our calling, and only a very few know anything about it.

The word funeral means "torch-light procession" and is supposed to have been derived from the Latin word "Funis" meaning Torch because funerals among the ancient Romans took place at night, that priests and magistrates might not be violated by seeing a corpse, and so prevented from performing their sacred duty.

The word Mortician is a comparison of the word "Mortis" meaning death and "ician" meaning a professional man. He is a professional man, in other words he merely preserves the body. The strides that have been taken by the embalming profession are keeping pace with those taken by the medical profession within the past few years. With the discovery of arterial system, modern arterial embalming began. There is no mutilating the body; merely the finest incision in which the fluid is injected.

Bodies you have seen in the past have been cold and forbidding, they have risen like nightmares out of the caskets for months after the funeral. They have not been a consolation to those who remembered. Now the embalmer is able to restore the bloom of youth that has faded in wasted illness, he is able to eradicate the lines of suffering, and eliminate fine wrinkles. He is able to restore the colors and tints of life. He is able to take the body which has been torn and bruised in the train wreck car accident, etc., and restore the features so that those who are left behind remember the one who has passed on to the next life, as they were before the accident. He is able to keep the body indefinitely, thus allowing the body to be taken any place to rest in the family resting place.

All this can be done by modern science in the hands of the skillful embalmer. It has even been said that he can fix up a man so that even his wife will cry. In olden days the family very often placed the body in the casket—especially in cases where there were contagious diseases but today the modern mortician must be prepared to care for the remains of any person no matter whether it be smallpox, Typhus fever, yellow fever, bubonic plague or even the "flu". How many of you present here to night would care to undertake to care for any of those bodies dying with any of those diseases—personally I have prepared for burial those who have died of diphtheria, scarlet fever, smallpox and leprosy, as well as other diseases in which great care must be used such as typhoid fever, tuberculosis, blood poisoning, etc.

We are always in danger of blood poisoning. It is one of our greatest enemies. Even in our sickness insurance we have to pay a higher rate than any other professional or business man. Yet with all these risks there are people who say the undertaker is an extortioner— How different all this from the ancient Egyptian embalming about which we all have heard so much, and that the secret of this art is unknown to modern science. This is not true. When according to records a Parah died, or any of the nobility, it was only those who were rich that could afford embalming in those days, the body was unclothed and placed on a marble table and opening made in the thoracic and abdominal cavities, the organs removed and treated with spices, and oils. This process taking seventy days to complete. The cost of this embalming in present day money was approximately \$2600. Then the climate in those countries being dry had a great effect on preserving the body.

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