

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

[THE HOME JOURNAL would be pleased to receive the dates of parties and the names of persons attending social gatherings. To insure publication, this information would have to reach this office not later than Thursday noon.]

Society is reigning supreme. This is evident to every society man and woman these days of approaching winter and departing autumn, if we can be said to have such seasons. Each evening chronicles the history of some brilliant dancing reception, wedding or party, and the past week has been well up to the standard in this respect. It has seen some splendid social entertainments, all of an elaborate nature, and all fully enjoyed by society devotees, and with a keen relish, too.

The Comus Club gave their second dance of the season at the Philharmonic Hall on Tuesday evening, about fifty couples being present. There were several debutantes on this occasion, and as is invariably the case under such circumstances, everybody was determined to make the event more than usually enjoyable. The membership of the club, it is pleasing to note, is steadily increasing. The coming season promises to be one of much pleasure, in so far as the members of the Comus Club are concerned.

A most enjoyable evening was spent by the members of the Iolantha Club, Tuesday evening, at Harmony Hall. Over twenty couples were present, which was most encouraging for the members, this being the first gathering of the season. The party opened with a grand march, headed by the president, and followed by the vice-president, secretary and committee. There were sixteen numbers on the programme, and as one member remarked, "When the last dance was called off, it was much like regret that the members bade one another good-bye, but they looked forward with much pleasure to the next."

Thos. H. Alice, of the well-known grocery firm of Lowe & Alice, was married on Thursday morning last, at Nanaimo, to Miss

Jane Johns, of that city. The ceremony took place at the residence of Mr. John H. Glaholm, uncle of the bride, and was performed by Rev. P. McF. McLeod, who went to Nanaimo for that purpose. Mr. Thos. Lowe was groomsmen, while the bridesmaids were Misses Johns, sisters of the bride. Mrs. Alice is connected with some of the leading families of Nanaimo. Her father, previous to his death, was one of H. M. Customs officers. Mr. and Mrs. Alice came to Victoria by the noon train Thursday, and left for San Francisco Friday morning by the City of Puebla to spend their honeymoon. The honeymoon will be spent among the orange blossoms of California. They were the recipients of many valuable presents.

Cards are out for the marriage of Mr. Harry Salmon, one of Victoria's most popular business men, to Miss Frederica Blumenthal, also a decided favorite in the city. The event takes place in the Synagogue on the 24th inst. at 1:30, and admission will be by ticket only.

The social dance that was to have been held in Victoria West Hall on Friday, Nov. 27, by Loyal Pride of the West Lodge, C.O.O.F. (M.U.), has been postponed until Tuesday, Dec. 1st. Those holding tickets can change the date.

On Monday, Nov. 16, the first marriage took place in St. Philip's Church, Nanaimo, when Mr. Fredk. J. Curran, of that city, was united in matrimonial bonds to Miss Rose Bradley, late of Nottingham, England. Rev. E. G. Miller performed the binding ceremony.

A children's party was given by Mrs. Raymur at the residence of her father, Mr. D. W. Higgins, Regent Park, last Wednesday night. So pleasant were the arrangements that everyone present enjoyed the event immensely.

The Married Ladies' Club having gone out of existence, it now devolves upon the Comus Club to keep up dances. They will, however, make an effort to interest the ladies in a grand ball for New Year's Eve. The married ladies held a dance at New Year's in the past, and no doubt they will help the gentlemen out this year.

At No. 11 Amelia Street, Wed-

nesday evening, the ceremony which made Mr. Samuel Bowyer and Miss Bertha Simpson man and wife was performed by Rev. Coverdale Watson. Mr. Bowyer lives at Hartley Bay, where his father owns and operates a large sawmill. Mrs. Bowyer arrived by the Islander last Wednesday night from England, and the Boscowitz waited until midnight to convey her and her husband to their northern home. In the interesting ceremony, in which they played the most interesting part, the bride was supported by Miss Nellie Bowyer and the groom by Mr. W. J. Lucas.

A pleasant surprise party took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Geiger, Blanchard Street, Thursday evening. About twelve couples were present, and games and dancing were participated in until an early hour Friday morning.

Miss Flossie Hayward was a most charming debutante at the late reception in the Assembly Hall.

Rev. P. McF. McLeod and Mrs. McLeod will give an "At home" to the congregation of St. Andrew's on the evening of the 24th inst.

A pleasant entertainment was given in the schoolroom of Christ Church Cathedral, Thursday evening. The little schoolroom was crowded, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. A pianoforte solo by Miss Jessie Bell was excellently played, and Mr. Kent's song was very well sung, and was worthy of an encore. The first quartette, by Messrs. Wollaston, Kent, Floyd and Middleton, was well rendered. The second was a failure as far as music goes, but served its purpose in amusing the audience. The gem of the evening, however, was the recitation by Miss Katie Brady. Every alternate Monday through the winter months there will continue to be one of these concerts in the Cathedral school-room, to which an admission fee of 10c. will be charged.

A well-known young barrister of this city will wed a young lady of San Francisco, who has been visiting in Victoria.