

Society

[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.]

THE great society event of the season was the At Home given by Mrs. D. W. Higgins last Tuesday night; in fact it is pronounced, on all sides, to have been one of the most fashionable receptions ever held in the city. The list of invited guests numbered over 200, and very few, who could possibly attend, neglected doing so. The magnificent residence of the Hon. Mr. Higgins was artistically decorated for the occasion, and music was furnished by the Bantly family and Mr. Pauline.

Lovers of music in this city will deeply regret to learn that Miss MacGregor, the talented lady vocalist, has been instructed by her physician to cancel all her engagements to sing in public, until the return of warm weather. This is the reason why Miss MacGregor has not been heard in public for some time. During the winter, this lady contracted a severe cold, which developed symptoms of bronchitis, but with the attention of a skilled physician, she was at no time incapacitated from giving thorough musical instruction at the Conservatory of Music.

It is rumored that Mr. Benjamin Rogers, the genial and affable manager of the Vancouver Sugar Refinery, will shortly lead to the altar one of Victoria's fairest daughters. On a recent visit to this city, the merchants state that Mr. Rogers was unusually pleasant and as sweet as the commodity in which his company deals.

A pleasant progressive whist party was given by Dr. and Mrs. Davie, last Saturday evening, at their residence Belcher street. Mr. Willie Ward and Mrs. Barnard won the honors of the evening and the prizes. Mr. Webber distinguished himself by being awarded the "booby" prize.

Miss Pearce, of Sydney, N.S.W.,

arrived in the city, last Sunday, to visit her aunt Mrs. A. A. Green. Miss Pearce sailed from Sydney by the SS. Mariposa to San Francisco and from there by the Walla Walla.

The Comus Club gave one of their pleasant "At Homes," last Wednesday evening, in Harmony Hall.

Mr. Francis Bouchier, R. E. B., is on a visit to San Francisco.

Mr. Bert E. Nye, travelling representative of the North Pacific Commonwealth, a new paper shortly to be issued in this province, is in the city on business connected with this publication.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wesbrook, of Winnipeg, are in the city. They will spend the remaining weeks of the winter on the coast.

March 1 is the date fixed for the return party to be given by the young men of the congregation of Temple Emanuel, at Harmony Hall. The heads of each Hebrew family and members of the Young Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Association will partake of the hospitality of the young gentlemen.

The Ball family, well known in eastern musical circles, are now giving concerts at New Westminster. They will be in Victoria in the course of a week or so.

The concert at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, last Monday evening, was highly successful. The recitations of Miss Rosa Stannus were repeatedly encored, while the other numbers on the programme were none the less appreciated. Miss Annie Shaw's singing was, as usual, a musical treat. Mr. Joseph Philo was at his best in the violin solo, and rendered Home Sweet Home with variations, in a most delightful manner. The singing of Mr. Wootton was very good.

Mr. Isidore Philo has been suffering severely from neuralgia, brought on by an attack of la grippe, for the past few days. He is unable to be out of bed.

Miss Jennie Campbell, who has been visiting in this city for the past month or so, will be given a farewell party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Leitch, View street, next Monday evening, previous to

her return to her home at Portage la Prairie.

The Minstrel performance at the Victoria, last Thursday evening, was well attended, but no better than the merit of the entertainment deserved. The boys are particularly worthy of praise for the way in which they carried out the parts assigned to them. Really the musical gem of the first part was the song of Master Worlock, "Bob-o-Link." The sweetness of his voice and the ease with which the song was rendered was as surprising as it was pleasing. The song "Marfa's Weddin Day," by Mr. Carpenter, was another gem. In fact the whole entertainment was full of good things, and will be repeated to-night, undoubtedly to a good house.

The Benedicts' ball held at Duncan's Station, on the 14th, was a great success. The programme consisted of twenty-four dances. The music, which was excellent, was supplied by Professor F. Bourne and son. The refreshments were provided by Mr. Dickey.

The Victoria Athletic Club will give an exhibition, some time early next month. The club is in a flourishing condition, and it is worthy of note that it is self-supporting. Already it has a membership of 175.

The Island Wanderers' Bicycle Club will hold a meeting in a week or so to perfect club arrangements for the coming season.

Dr. James Potts, of Belleville, Ont., has arrived in this city, and may hang out his sign here.

Mr. J. H. Bowes, B.A., brother of Mr. Bowes, of Clarke, Meredith & Bowes, barristers, etc., of Toronto, has been admitted to practise at the bar of British Columbia. Mr. Bowes, who is a gentleman of unusual ability, will open an office at Nelson.

Mr. John Jessop, a pioneer, will deliver a lecture under the auspices of the Epworth League at an early day, in which he will describe an overland trip across the continent in early days, and relate incidents of early times in Cariboo.

The entertainment in the Methodist church, Victoria West, last