

any of my readers entertain that idea, how would they like to be regarded as existing to afford an opportunity to their fellow-men to practice upon for the cultivation of the grace of liberality, or how will God regard an offering representing the liberality of sensuality and vice? Let us be honest enough to acknowledge that the responsibility in this matter is our responsibility as a people, and sufficiently practical to recognize that prevention is not only better but easier than cure, and with the courage of free-men address ourselves to the task of applying the remedy.

CRESSET.

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.]

Mr. and Mrs. Frank gave a grand "Chanuka" dinner at their residence on Frederick Street, in honor of Dr. Philo and his family, on the 27th ult. The table was beautifully decorated, and the victuals were of the best and choicest.

The Sunday School children of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church enjoyed their annual Christmas tree and treat last Tuesday night in the schoolroom of the church. A short programme

of readings, recitations, dialogues, vocal and instrumental music, was given, after which the audience went upstairs to the schoolroom, where a large Christmas tree, loaded down with presents, was to be seen. The children's prizes were then distributed, and the results of the recent Sabbath school examinations read.



His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor will receive visitors from 2 to 6 on New Year's Day at Government House.

The Iolantha social club held their first semi-annual banquet in Harmony Hall last Tuesday evening, and after dinner indulged in dancing to the music provided by the Bantley family orchestra.

The Christmas carols will be again sung after Sunday evening's service at Christ Church Cathedral.

Mrs. Robert Croft, of Seattle, is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. W. Williams, of 137 Blanchard Street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ellis gave a card party at their home on Churchway on Tuesday evening last.

Mr. Samuel Matson, the genial inspector of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society, has sent the HOME JOURNAL his company's calendar for the New Year. It is unique. A tinted sketch beautifully illustrates each month. They are eagerly sought for by every one who has seen them.

Monday evening the regular fortnightly conversazione will be held in the Cathedral schoolroom, Quadra St.

A grand leap year party is being agitated by the young ladies, to take place early in the New Year.

A large number of young bachelors, for their Christmat diuner, enjoyed the hospitality of family circles, and numbers realized that they were strangers in a strange land.

The society of the Sons of St. George held a smoking concert in their hall

last Monday evening, which was enjoyed by many visiting friends as well as a large number of its members. The excellent programme, in which Mr. Hall and Mr. Kettle took prominent parts, was thoroughly appreciated by the audience, while an inexhaustible supply of refreshments was placed at the disposal of the guests. The members of the society intend to give another entertainment in the near future, and a pleasant evening may be looked forward to on the occasion.

Mr. Jas. Lawson, formerly of the Hudson Bay Company's service, returned to the city a few days ago, and is residing at 44 Carr Street. He has been warmly welcomed by his large circle of friends.

The regular fortnightly meeting of the St. Andrew's Y. P. A. will be held Tuesday evening, 5th inst., and devoted to Robert Burns and Scotch music. Mr. Wm. Allan will deliver the essay of the evening, after which will be a number of Scotch songs and recitations.

Mr. Donald McPhee, of New Westminster, and Miss Eliza Johns, of this city, were united in marriage Tuesday evening by the Rev. Mr. Chalmers at the home of Mrs. A. Wright, Chatham Street.

Townsendites are trying to find out who is the most popular young lady of the Key City.

Mr. Peter Calder, of Warnock, and Mrs. Christena Derrenberger, were married Wednesday evening by the Rev. D. McRae.

Mr. Geo. R. Jackson, the Government Street merchant tailor, will be married to-morrow evening, New Year's Day, to Miss Stephens, at the home of the bride's parents, 152 Michigan Street, James Bay.

The social event of the week is the New Year's eve party given by Mrs. Erb, of 283 Douglas St. A large number of invitations have been issued, and it will be one of the most enjoyable events of the season. Merry young couples will together dance the old year out and the new year in.