

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

The concert of the flowers given last Monday evening by the Homer street Methodist Sunday School of Vancouver was a success beyond the most sanguine expectations. The singing was rendered by 50 children, each dressed to represent a flower, except one, Lily Marsden, who represented Spring, and at whose command the crocuses, wild flowers, violets, rosebuds and daisies came forth. Master Willie Breeze was the only little boy flower, and he came all alone. He represented Bachelor Button, and his solo was well received. Miss Breeze as Brier Rose and Miss Queenie Mattland as Dandelion sang their solos very acceptably, the choruses being all good, and choir leader R. Spice, who trained them, has reason to be proud of his proteges. It was the unanimous wish to have the concert repeated.

The Ladies' Committee of the P. O. Home acknowledge the following donations in April:—Hair cutting, Mr. Webber; brocoli, Mrs. Hugh Nelson; milk, Mrs. G. Rogers; Mr. Knowles; clothing, Mrs. McMicking, a friend, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Foster, Miss Bunting, Miss Beeton; fruit, Mr. J. P. Burgess; twelve dozen buns, a friend of children; ten dozen buns, Steltz restaurant; Easter cards, M. W. Waitt & Co.; sandwiches and cake, Temperance Society; four dozen eggs, Mrs. Warlock; 44 Easter eggs, a friend.

The donations to the Old People's Home for the months of March and April were from the following:—Mr. E. G. Prior, from a friend, Mrs. John Trutch, Mrs. Sehl, Mrs. McBean, Mrs. Pemberton, Mr. John Kinsman, Mrs. W. Bywater, clothing; Mr. A. Lewis, Mrs. McKay, Mr. Grant, Mrs. A. Green, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. G. Winter, Salvation Army, books and papers; D. & H., meat; Mr. E. G. Prior, potatoes; Y.M.C.A., pies and cakes; Mr. C. Bossi, eggs.

The Y. P. L. A. of the First Presbyterian Church held its winding-up meeting last Monday night, receiving the report of the Concert Committee. The report, although satisfactory, did not indicate a financial success. This association has furnished a number of delightful entertainments during the past winter, and it is proposed to continue the good work throughout the summer months, but in the form of outdoor gatherings.

The following gentlemen were successful in the recent examination of candidates for the right to practice in British Columbia:—T. W. Lambert, Yale; R. E. Sproule, Fairhaven; A. G. Ferguson, Vancouver; David Lebau, Nelson; W. Gordon, Vancouver; and G. H. Duncan, Victoria.

Chas. N. Bell, secretary of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, is in the city. Mr. Bell is well known by his contributions to natural history, and has the distinguished honor of lecturing before some of the leading scientific men on this continent. He is an author of some repute as well.

Geo. E. Price, of St. John, N.B., a graduate of the New Brunswick Pharmaceutical Society, arrived in Victoria a few days ago, and has become manager of the Central Drug Store. Mr. Price is an expert at his business, having been engaged in it for the past six years.

Mrs. A. A. Green and family left on the 27th ult. for England. They propose staying over at Suspension Bridge a couple of days, and sail on the Cunarder Umbria to-

day. Their visit to the old country will occupy about twelve months.

Dr. W. T. Strother, of Port Angeles, well known in Victoria, is at the Oriental. The doctor is undecided yet, but will probably make his home in this city, where he would be a welcome addition to the medical profession.

D. M. Ferry, of Detroit, Mich., the largest seed merchant in the United States, with his wife, D. M. Ferry, Jr., and Miss Perry, were at the Driard this week.

Misses Eda and Hattie Newbury have returned home from Duncan's Station, after having spent two months very pleasantly with Dr. and Mrs. Watson.

The degree of Master of Arts has been conferred on Miss Agnes Raxter by Dalhousie, N.B., University. Miss Raxter is the first lady M.A. in Canada.

A double marriage, in which two brothers will be married to two sisters in one family, will take place in Victoria shortly.

The members of the Y. M. C. A. Ladies' Auxiliary have decided upon giving an open social in Assembly Hall in a week or so.

The engagement of Mr. G. W. R. Almon, who visited Victoria last autumn, to a young lady of Hamilton is announced.

The anniversary sermon of the Pandora Avenue Methodist Church will be preached to-morrow forenoon.

F. B. Gregory, of Belyea & Gregory, returned from Clinton last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Nelson has issued an invitation for an "At home" on May 11th, at Carey Castle.

W. H. Whittaker and wife, of Kamloops, are visiting Victoria relatives and friends.

Mr. McGillis has returned from the east, and resumed practice at his old quarters.

William Alton and wife and D. C. Alton, of Chicago, are at the Hotel Victoria.

R. H. Hall, M.P.P., left for the north on the Danube last Monday evening.

Capt. C. S. H. Macauley, wife and family, of Portland, are at the Victoria.

The Vancouver I.O.O.F. will give an excursion to Victoria on May 24.

Dr. and Mrs. Bates, of Mare Island, Cal., are guests at the Driard.

George McL. Brown and wife, of Vancouver, are in the city.

Mrs. Hendry arrived over from Westminster on Wednesday.

Miss Ward returned from the mainland last Tuesday evening.

W. H. and Mrs. Lomas, of Dunsmuir, are at the Oriental.

St. M. Robins, of Nanaimo, was in the city last week.

Miss Ida Carmichael has returned from Golden, B.C.

The official announcement of the approaching marriage of Mr. Henry Austin Lee, Secretary of the British Embassy in Paris, with Mrs. De Wolff Taylor, has not taken Mr. Lee's friends by surprise, as for eight months past the probability of such a union has been a matter of speculation.

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