

ENGAGEMENTS

Mrs. J. W. Allen announces the engagement of her daughter, Ruth, to Mr. Robert A. Geary, of Seattle, the wedding to take place in November.

Mrs. Louis K. Church, of Everett, announces the engagement of her daughter, Margaret, to Guy Abel Buck. The wedding will take place this month.

Mr. William T. Rodgers announces the engagement of his daughter Wilna to Mr. James Waltz, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Waltz, of this city.

VICTORIA SOCIETY

SUMMER FETE AT BURDETTE HOUSE,

The grounds of the Burdette House were brilliant with their decorations and groups of visitors to the summer fete July 16th and 17th which was held in aid of the home at the corner of Mason and Vancouver streets for young girls arriving in Victoria from old countries. The spacious lawns with their bright beds of flowers and grateful shade from oak and hedge, were crowded with people during the greater part of the day. Mrs. Paterson formally declaring the fete open early in the afternoon. She was received by the ladies of the Third Order of St. Francis, under whose auspices the function was held and who devoted the proceeds to the repairing and furnishing of the premises given by the Bishop of Victoria for the above-mentioned purpose. Little Miss Firth presented Mrs. Paterson during the afternoon with a beautiful bouquet of flowers on behalf of the ladies of the order.

A section of the grounds, set out with refreshment tables and gaily decorated with flags and colored lights, which gave the scene a very brilliant appearance in the evening, was provided with a stage, where the artists taking part in the excellent programme could easily be seen and heard. Several pretty booths, containing fancy work, sweetmeats, handkerchiefs, etc., also added to the beauty of the fete, the ladies having charge of these being Mesdames Burns and Stewart (in charge of the fancy stall); and Mesdames R. Mellor, M. Morning and the Misses Macmillan and Beaton (candies). At the former stall a beautiful cushion, donated by the Sisters of St. Ann, and a Battenberg lace handkerchief donated by Miss Dowell, were put up for raffle, the competition being very keen. Refreshments were in charge of the ladies of the Third Order, under the direction of Mrs. M. C. Brown.

One of the largest and most enjoyable events of the kind given this season was the garden party held on the afternoon of June 10th, in the beautiful grounds of Mount Adelaide, Esquimalt, at which Mrs. Henry Croft and Mrs. J. S. H. Matson were joint hostesses. Tea was served inside the house, the tea table being charmingly decorated with pink carnations. Among the many present were Mrs. Paterson, Sir Richard and Lady McBride, Mrs. W. J. Bowser, Hon. T. W. Crothers, Minister of Labor and Mrs. Crothers, Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron, secretary of the Indian Lands Commission, and Mrs. Bergeron, and many other well-known people. The 88th Fusiliers band, supplied the music.

During the afternoons Piper Grant, who has just recently arrived from Inverness, paraded about the grounds in picturesque Highland dress playing the pipes, and Mrs. Morning gave a number of vocal

songs, Miss Tobin also adding to the programme some much appreciated pianoforte numbers. Many of the clergy were present and were the guests of the order for afternoon tea.

In the evenings lengthy musical programmes were given, among those taking part being many of Victoria's most popular artists, including Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. Charles Wilson, Mr. Sehl, Mr. Kenzie, Mr. Albert German, Madame Marie Wood, Mrs. Robins, Mrs. Lowry, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Morning, Mrs. O'Keefe who sang. The Misses Millington gave a piano "Il Corricolo," and Mr. Mittelstadt charmed his audience with his beautiful 'cello soli. Mrs. K. Robert gave a Spanish dance, and two talented young artists, the Misses Morton, gave an excellent vocal duet and a clever demonstration of the Highland fling. Miss Macfie, well-remembered for her pretty impersonation of "Butterfly," gave a pretty costume dance, and others who assisted were Misses Neal, Miss Wrigglesworth and Mr. Eastwood.

The fete was under the patronage of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Paterson, the Premier and Lady McBride, and Lordship Bishop MacDonald.

Mrs. Biggerstaff Wilson, Rockland avenue, was hostess in July of a very charming tea. Mrs. Wilson received on the lawn, where tea was served to a large gathering of guests. Among whom were:—Mrs. Hasell, Mrs. Beaven, Mrs. Atkins, Mrs. McCallum, Mrs. Charles, Mrs. Henry Croft, Mrs. D. M. Eberts, Miss Eberts, Miss Isabel Eberts, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Helmcken, Miss Helmcken, Miss Edith Helmcken, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Richard Jones, Mrs. Robert Robertson, Mrs. Fred Jones, the Misses Jones, Mrs. Arthur Robertson, Mrs. F. Higgins, Mrs. Despard Twigg, Mrs. Geo. Johnston, Mrs. Goward, Mrs. E. G. Prior, Mrs. P. Lampman, Mrs. E. Wilson, Mrs. Church, Mrs. Charles Wilson, Mrs. A. S. Gore, Miss Monteith, Mrs. Burdick, Mrs. B. Hardie, the Misses Angus, Miss Lawson, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. E. E. Blackwood, Mrs. Chaytor, Mrs. Mayne, Mrs. Jack Templeman, Miss Lucy Little, Mrs. David Ker, Mrs. Brett, Mrs. E. V. Bodwell, Miss Bodwell, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. McCallum, Mrs. Herbert Gray, Mrs. T. O. Mackay, Mrs. Bernard Meisterman, Mrs. Stewart Robertson, Mrs. William Todd, Miss Gibson, Miss Dupont, Miss N. Dupont, Miss Agnes Robertson, Miss Jessie Eberts, Mrs. Worlock, Mrs. Fleet Robertson and others.

Master Jack Matson, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. H. Matson of Victoria, is to be complimented on winning the all-around championship and championship cup in sports at Rothingham School, near Brighton, England, from among fifty-five competitors.

LADIES' MUSICAL CLUB.

Among Victoria women's organizations none has carried out its plans more successfully than the Ladies' Musical Society. Through its efforts lovers of music have had the opportunity of hearing singers whose fame is world-wide. The professional side of the work has been for the past season in the hands of Miss Lillian Smith, who held the difficult position of secretary. It is very satisfactory to learn that the enterprising ladies have been successful, not only in giving Victoria people, who could afford it, the delight of listening to good music, but in coming through the season free from financial embarrassment.

Not less important, though much less ambitious, was the work done under the tireless and skillful leadership of Mrs. Nash in bringing before the notice of the public local musicians of note. Students of music had the opportunity of comparing their own efforts