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The weekly dance in Graham Hall Tenth street, is being held this evening. All those having tickets for the orchestra will be admitted free. Classes 7:30 to 9. Dancing 9 to 12 o'clock.

Tickets for the "Messiah" to be obtained from Higginbotham Jeweller, Rosser avenue, Christie's bookstore, Clement's Drug Store, McLean Piano Co., Robertson's Drug Store, Adam's shoe store.

The Brandon Scottish Association will hold a social in the Fraternal Hall on Friday, January 2, at 8 p.m. Everybody welcome. Admission 10 cents.

STOCKTAKING IS OVER, and we find we are overstocked in some lines. These we are going to sell at **GREATLY REDUCED PRICES**, while they last. Tomorrow (SATURDAY), we offer EXTRA GOOD VALUES IN TRAYS, old, round, and oval. See our WEST WINDOW. Brown & Mitchell. Remember TOMORROW ONLY.

Local and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Young and child left today for Tipton. They will be absent from the city for three weeks.

Mrs. W. J. Abbey of 741 13 Street, who has undergone an operation at the hospital, is progressing very favorably.

Mr. J. H. Mercall of Portage la Prairie paid a short visit to the city on New Year's Eve.

Miss Ella Taylor and Mr. George Lee are guests of Mrs. Jason Burchill, Lorne avenue.

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shown them during their sad bereavement, particularly members of the Assiniboine Mission, A. E. McKenzie, his employer, his fellow employees for their thoughtful assistance.

The monthly meeting of the W. H. A. F. will be held on Monday at 3:30 in the Y. M. C. A. board room.

Mrs. W. Fletcher Johnstone and family wish to thank their friends for their many kind expressions of sympathy during their recent bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred White have returned from visiting friends at Souris.

Rev. R. S. Laidlaw leaves tomorrow for Winnipeg where he will conduct the anniversary services at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

A meeting of the Brandon Art Club will be held in the First Methodist Church clubroom tomorrow afternoon at 3:30. A paper will be read by Miss Sybil McMorine on "David Ingres and De la Croix"; and also one by Mrs. Matthews on "The Sculpture of the Louvre." Vocal and instrumental music will also be rendered by Miss Jean Sprague and Mr. Earnshaw.

CHILDREN ENJOY THEMSELVES

The regular annual entertainment for the First Methodist Church Sunday School children was held last evening.

At six o'clock the church presented an attractive appearance as it had been tastefully decorated by Messrs. Herbert and Knowlton and was brilliantly lighted. Tables had been arranged in the school room under direction of Mr. Hall, and were laden with dainties such as children love to see.

All the youngsters who came, including those from the Industrial School, were given tea by the ladies. At 8 p.m., an interesting program of about 20 numbers was given, consisting of part pieces, choruses, trios, recitations and drills.

Perhaps one of the surprises of the evening was the singing of the Industrial School children. Their efforts reflect great credit upon their trainer, Miss Rollette. Other numbers by the same school were very good indeed.

Just before closing, Mr. Thornton announced the usual gift of candies and nearly one thousand bags were given out. The committee received excellent help from young people from other schools.

SKATING COMPETITION

The Caledonian rink was filled to capacity yesterday afternoon, when an individual skating competition took place.

After the sixth heat, the ice was cleaned and the ladies contest took place. The prize was taken by Mrs. K. P. Duncan whose excellent skating won much admiration, the winner of the ladies' competition was undoubtedly the most accomplished skater on the ice.

Miss M. Munnery was the winner in the girls' entries. Although the other competitors were good skaters she seemed much more confident, and skated more easily.

The judging of the men skaters was more difficult. The competitors numbered about sixty and the judge, R. A. Barker of Winnipeg, finally decided in favor of R. Munnery.

Roy Thompson won the boys' prize. The results seemed very popular as the awards met with good applause. The City Band was in attendance.

GARRISON SHOOT

The Garrison Annual Shoot, which was held New Year's morning, proved a bigger success than in previous years, about a hundred being present.

In series A, Corporal A. E. Lewis captured the first prize with Sergeant H. J. Barker a very good second. Series B, was won, after keen competition, by private A. G. Hall with private F. Cornell second. The cadet's prize was won by R. R. Kirkham with cadet R. Cummings second. The Grand Challenge was won by Corporal A. E. Lewis, whose shooting throughout was of a stellar order.

The extra series held for cadets who were not in camp in 1913, was decidedly close, requiring a shoot-off between Cadet T. Jones and Cadet J. Kirkaldy, in which Cadet Jones proved victorious.

After the series had been finished, a sweepstake was made by about forty of men, the top score being made by Sergeant Basing and the proceeds devoted to the aid of a disabled comrade in the hospital.

A smoker is to be held in the Armoury this evening at eight o'clock, during which the prizes will be awarded.

THE WEATHER

Some light snowfalls have occurred in Manitoba and eastern Saskatchewan. It has been mild during daytime, and cold at night.

Forecast

Western Provinces—Fair today and Saturday; not much change in temperature.

Are Optimistic For Coming Year

Directors and Staff of Midland Fire Insurance Co. Hold First Dinner

The Jacobean room in the Prince Edward Hotel, was, on New Year's Eve, the scene of the first annual dinner given by the directors and staff of the Midland Fire Insurance Company. The gathering was of an informal character, and constituted a celebration of the close of the company's initial year of business.

President R. McPherson took the head of the table, while the vice-president, J. M. Robinson, faced him, and a party of some 18 gentlemen took part in the festivities. These included a few official friends of the firm.

A Good Beginning
Little reference was made to business statistics, but Mr. Robinson, in expressing his hopes for the future of the Midland Company, referred to the fact that by keeping their risks small and scattered they had been able, thus far, to hold losses down to 25 per cent. He thought that in view of what had been accomplished in the past by similar corporations, the future of the Midland Fire Insurance Company was remarkably bright. In concluding an interesting speech, Mr. Robinson referred warmly to the memory of his early days in Brandon, and as gave rise to a series of reminiscences from the older men round the table.

President Optimistic
He was preceded by Mr. McPherson, who spoke briefly of the good start which the company had made, and expressed his hopes for early prosperity under the management of A. Hosie, who is taking charge.

These gentlemen were followed by other members of the party with brief extemporaneous speeches, in which they expressed great optimism for the year which was almost arrived, and for the career of the Midland company.

Among those present were: R. McPherson, J. M. Robinson, A. Sawyer, Inspector John Sample, G. Headley, John E. Smith, A. Smith, D. Johnson, E. English, A. D. W. Smith, K. C. J. S. Willmott, A. S. J. Galloway, J. B. Beveridge and J. Cooney.

RAILWAYMEN'S SMOKER

The street railway employees had a merry social time on New Year's morning at the Armoury, when Superintendent Antonisen took the chair at a smoking concert.

Owing to the fact that the street cars were running until 11:20 the evening before the concert could not be started until midnight and it lasted until about four o'clock.

A fine musical program was given and C. Milner presided at the piano through the whole morning.

During the concert the employees made a presentation of a handsome set of pipes with a suitable inscription on the case to Superintendent Antonisen, and also presented T. Bowden with a pair of gold cuff links and a gold stick pin.

NEW YEAR'S WEDDING

The home of Mrs. Jason Burchill, Lorne avenue, was the scene yesterday evening of a pretty wedding when Miss Bertha M. Lee, of Souris, became the bride of Ross H. Millon of Winnipeg.

Rev. A. E. Smith performing the ceremony. The bride looked charming in a dress of cream satin with brocaded ribbon drapings, trimmed with white fur, and carried a bouquet of white roses, and white carnations. The rooms were prettily decorated with the same kinds of flowers, together with smilax and white hyacinths.

Mr. Anglin played the wedding march, and sang very effectively, "The year's at the spring."

The attendant friends at the wedding were Miss Ella Taylor, and two brothers of the bride; Mr. Victor Lee of Souris, and Mr. George W. Lee of Wesley College, Winnipeg; who signed the register as witnesses. Mr. and Mrs. Millon will reside in Winnipeg; where the bridegroom has real estate interests.

MARRIED YESTERDAY

A pretty wedding took place on New Year's Day, at 11:20 a.m., at the residence of Mrs. J. Moore, Twelfth street, when Miss Lulu Kelly of Neelin, Man., became the bride of Fred Ward of Baldur, Man.

Rev. W. E. Matthews performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Ward will take up their residence at Baldur.

MEETING POSTPONED

It was anticipated that the Parks Board would hold a meeting this evening to go into the question of the damage to trees but it was considered that this had better not be called until after the new council had met and struck the standing committees as the chairman of the Finance Committee and that of the Board of Works are by virtue of these offices, members of the Parks Board.

The new council are not likely to meet before January 6 and 10 o'clock when the standing committees for the year will be struck.

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Promotions and Appointments—The O. C. has been pleased to make the following promotion and appointment:

To be quartermaster Sergeant Renie La Montagne, vice Norquay promoted, to date from December 1st, 1913.

Captain C. Blake is appointed adjutant vice Captain Kirkaldy, appointment to date from January 1st, 1914.

Smoking Concert—The sergeants of the regiment desire the pleasure of the officers of the Regiment and garrison at a smoking concert to be held in the Armoury this evening, commencing at 8 p.m.

The Veterans' Association extend to the officers and non-commissioned officers a hearty invitation to their smoker in the Armoury on Monday evening next at 8 p.m. Dress: Officers and non-commissioned officers attending the above concert are requested to do so in uniform.

JAMES KIRKALDY, Capt.
Adjutant 99th Man. Rangers.

AN INVITATION

The sergeants of the 99th Regiment extend a hearty invitation to every officer and non-com. officer in the garrison, also the Veterans and men of the 99th Manitoba Rangers, at their annual smoking concert tonight.

Color Sergt. Hill,
Mess President.

CHILDREN'S PARTY

A most successful children's party was held in Fraternal Hall on December 31, when about 150 children spent a happy time.

The proceedings commenced at 7:30 p.m., with an address by Mrs. H. H. Swatwell, which was followed by a municipal program given entirely by children.

Misses Winnie and Muriel Huxley acted as fairies; Messrs. A. H. Basing and Skelborne as clowns, caused a great deal of fun and with the help of the policeman (A. H. Ford), and J. W. Wilson, also in costume, got mixed up in some funny scrapes. After several games including a "Jack Homer's Pie" in charge of Sister Scott, refreshments were served, then came the visit of Santa Claus in the person of Brother H. H. Swatwell who arrived by way of the chimney. He then distributed toys to the children from the Christmas trees.

The party concluded the singing of the National Anthem at 10:30 p.m.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

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