

### CHAPTER III

#### AT THE MACALLISTERS'

MANY called, but few were invited to attend Mrs. Van Zandt Macallister's stately entertainments. Possibly for that reason alone her invitations were eagerly sought and highly prized by social aspirants.

For more years than she cared to remember, official, residential, and diplomatic Washington had gathered on an equal footing in her hospitable mansion on F Street. So strictly did she draw social distinctions that one disgruntled climber spoke of her evening receptions as "Resurrection Parties," and the name clung. But all Washingtonians took a deep interest in "Madam" Macallister, as they affectionately called her. She was *grande dame* to her fingertips.

On the occasion of her daughter's marriage to the Duke of Middlesex she gave a beautiful

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