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SOCIAL LIFE

On Tuesday evening, the occasion being Mrs. Mortimer Clark's second dance this season, Government House was ablaze with light and thronged with pretty young matrons and maids whom not even the unkind elements (and the wind and snow were really dreadful) could keep away when this most charming and gracious hostess extends a welcome to all those fortunate enough to be invited. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Mortimer Clark received at the top of the principal drawing room, the latter clad in a beautiful gown of lace and moire, glittering with embroidery of silver, an aligrette in her lovely white hair and a magnificent collar and ornaments of diamonds. Passing thru the flower-scented rooms and softly lighted conservatory, the cool green of which makes such a charming contrast, the dancers filed into the ball room, while those others who prefer conversation found comfortable armchairs en route, from which they could watch the gay throng and listen to the music. There were some very lovely gowns worn, a few of which were noted. Miss Clark in white with intricate design of narrow ribbon and silk stitchery, Miss Elise also in white with true lovers' knots of satin and wreaths of shaded rosebuds on the bodice and in her hair, it would be impossible to find more considerate and attentive hostesses than these young ladies, who make all the guests feel that his or her enjoyment is their special care; Miss Hendrie (Hamilton) had a beautiful gown of lace, a confection that claimed Paris as its producer; Mrs. Cawthra Mulock had also a gown of Brussels lace, with bows of rose satin and lovely diamonds; Miss Caperton a frock of soft white, with puffs of satin, an orchid in her hair and she carried lilies of the valley; another guest from out of town, Miss Toller, had a dress of black and gold, the satin of the underskirt gleaming thru the cloudy black and sequin embroidery over it; Mrs. Mackenzie Alexander was in white brocade with silver embroidery and fine lace; Mrs. W. Davidson cream brocade with palest blue chiffon; Miss Melvin Jones, white tulle with mother of pearl sequins and knots of satin with garlands of tiny roses at the foot of the skirt; Mrs. Hugh Macdonald rich black satin with deep lace on the

bodice; Miss Bessie Macdonald white muslin and lace over pink, just clearing the ground. These dresses look so much better for dancing than the trains which the so pretty in a drawing room lose all grace in the ball room where they have to be held up, an art which few people seem to have studied, judging from results. Although many other of the dresses were worth chronicling, space forbids. The paper ball, judging from the way the tickets are selling, bids fair to assume tremendous proportions. The excellence of any entertainment undertaken by the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire is of course assured. The pains taken by those who are getting up the formation of sets is going to provide a sort of fairy spectacle, something hitherto undreamed of in Toronto; it would be betraying confidence to make public the details I have heard, but those looking on need have no ennu. Although the King Edward is an ideal place for a ball of the usual order, yet for large functions, where an immense number of people wish to view the ball room, a large hall with suitable gallery is a necessity. Toronto is increasing in size by such leaps and bounds that the building of a suitable place should no longer be postponed. On Monday evening the Metropolitan Church was well filled with an appreciative audience who listened with rapt attention to Lemare's playing, but there again was the fly in the ointment. Seated in close proximity to me were two middle-aged women, who all thru the most delicate passages conversed in sibilant whispers, about presumably, urgent private affairs. One only regretted that their affair were not sufficiently urgent to have kept them at home.

The Woman's Residence of University College in Queen's Park was opened on Monday afternoon, and the furnishing committee, which consists of Mrs. Ramsay Wright, Mrs. McCurdy and Miss Hamilton, have been unremitting in their efforts to attain the completion of their object and they must have felt rewarded for their efforts by the many encomiums bestowed upon them. The comfort and homelike aspect of the rooms, which, as yet, can only accommodate twenty girls, but these account themselves very fortunate. On Monday tea was served to the guests, the table being prettily decked with maiden hair fern and daffodils, the girls waiting on their friends. Owing to indisposition, Dr. Hoskin was unable to be present, Professor Hulton delivering a message of regret from him.

Mrs. Leonard Boyd (nee Field) received her friends for the first time since her marriage on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd are living at the Alexandra and the pretty rooms were adorned with masses of daffodils. The hostess wore her wedding gown of silk chiffon and lace; Mrs. I. M. Mackenzie, her sister; Mrs. Sweeney and Miss Casey helped her to receive the many guests, and Mrs. Lawrence Boyd, Miss Barwick and Miss Sweeney were in the dining room.

Mrs. Beaumont Jarvis had a few of her friends for tea yesterday. Carnations of deep crimson formed the decorations, and there was music and recitations, to while away the hour. Some of those present were Miss Jarvis and Mrs. and Miss Hamilton, Mrs. O. Macklem, Mrs. Dr. Johnson, Mrs. H. Jarvis, Mrs. Garratt, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. D. Symons, Mrs. and Miss Hellewell.

The event of most interest yesterday afternoon, both to the ladies of fresh air and horses, was the meet of the driving section of the Hunt Club at the guns in Queen's Park at 3.30 o'clock. A large number of well-known people turned out. Sleights with their

freight of smart men and lovely women assembled at the rendezvous, and after an hour's drive over spa king snow and under the pale blue of a Canadian winter sky, the participants returned to government house, the hospitable doors of which were thrown wide to the members of the club and their friends, who much appreciated the warmth of the comfortable flower-scented rooms and the "cup that cheers," with its accompanying dainties of sandwiches and cakes.

Mrs. Edward Gooderham (formerly Miss Neelon of St. Catharines), received on Friday for the first time since her marriage. She had on a lovely frock of rose pink crepe, with full skirt shirred round the hips and falling in graceful folds, point lace on the bodice with ornaments of diamonds and pearls. She also carried a magnificent bouquet of carnations, and her pretty rooms had many bouquets of bridesmaid roses, matching in tint the frocks of her two bridesmaids, which were of rose colored point d'esprit, with satin ribbon. In the dining-room Mrs. Watt poured out tea and her assistants were Mrs. Gooderham, Miss Alleen Gooderham, and Miss Grace Baldwin. The polished table had a very large centerpiece of linen and Russian lace, bearing a silver basket filled with roses and sweet-scented freesias. Mrs. Gooderham will receive on the second and fourth Fridays in the month at 83 Prince Arthur-avenue.

Judging from the demand for tickets by others than the members of the Skating Club, for the carnival to be held at the Mutual-street rink on Feb. 3, it promises to be a very popular event, and the arrangements that are being made for the comfort and enjoyment of the onlookers, as well as the skaters, are really excellent, and the promoters have every reason to be assured of the success of their fete.

Mrs. Graham Drinkwater will receive for the first time since her marriage on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

F. McGillivray Knowles, R.C.A., and Mrs. Knowles will receive at their studio in the Confederation Life Building on Wednesday afternoons and evenings during February.

The Home for Incurables was the scene last night of gaiety before unknown in the building hitherto associated only with suffering and patient endurance. The first graduation exercises in connection with the training school for nurses took place and were honored by the presence of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Mortimer Clark, who took the kindest interest in the proceedings. The gold medal was presented to Miss Musselman (Berlin) and Miss Gregory carried off the silver one, the other graduates, nurses getting pins and diplomas. An orchestra played and, after the speeches dancing was carried on and refreshments served at a prettily decorated table.

The annual Arts dance of the University of Toronto will take place on Feb. 16.

SOCIETY IN HAMILTON.

Mrs. T. Hamilton Husband gave a charming at-home on Tuesday afternoon. The house decorations were among the best I have ever seen in Hamilton. In the saloon, and around the arched way in the room was a chain of carnations. In the room was a large jar filled with 50 roses, and four cut-glass vases filled with the same roses and lilies of the valley. A fancy basket filled with the same flowers was suspended from the gasolier over the table. This handsome house, with its large rooms, fine pictures, statuary, etc., was a dream to see. Mrs. W. C. Morton and Miss Adelaide Crawford of Toronto were matrons of honor. The ten room was presided over by Mrs. Ernest Lawler, Mrs. Hugh Brennan, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Lister, Miss Duffield, Miss Marion Bows, Miss Ethel Lawler. Over 300 ladies responded to the invitation.

Mrs. George F. Glasco has been the hostess of two enjoyable bridge parties in the last week. Miss Florence Briggs was prize-winner at the first and Mrs. Grantham at the second.

Mrs. P. D. Crear will chaperone a party of 16 for a double set of dances for the Valentine ball to be given at King Edward Hotel, Feb. 14. They will be dressed in the costume of the early fifties.

Miss Blanche Armstrong has returned from a two weeks' visit to Toronto.

The dance to be given in the Temple on Feb. 14 promises to be one of the most popular and enjoyable of the season. Sympathy for that most deserving of charities, the Children's Shelter, has enlisted the interest of a large

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number of prominent people, who are devoting every energy to making the affair as great a success as the merits of its object deserve for it. His honor the lieutenant governor and Mrs. Mortimer Clark, have graciously extended their patronage, and the list of patronesses alone should assure the thorough success of the undertaking. The number of guests will be limited, and the lists are already filling rapidly. Tickets at \$1 each can still be obtained, however, from H. Deamer, secretary, and treasurer, or from any member of the committee. The patronesses are: Mrs. Arthur Rutter, Mrs. W. N. Eastwood, Mrs. E. W. Cox, Mrs. W. Mulock, Jr., Mrs. Hayden Horsey, Mrs. Lewis Howard, Mrs. O. B. Sheppard, Mrs. A. L. Eastmure, Mrs. Percival Leadley, Mrs. Milton Muldrew and Mrs. C. C. VanNorman. The committee having the affair in charge are: Dr. Ashton Fletcher, C. R. Riggs, E. W. Cox, Milton Muldrew, Arthur Doherty, A. L. Eastmure, Dr. Marlow, Harry Beamer.

EDWARD TERRY COMING.

Famous English Actor to play in Toronto in March.

New York, Jan. 28.—(Special).—M. Gaston Mayer of London, under whose direction Edward Terry, the eminent English actor, has been presenting his splendid repertoire at the Princess Theatre there for the past month or so, has just concluded negotiations with Liebler & Co., whereby that firm will manage Mr. Terry's coming tour, which, as arranged, will open in Indianapolis on Wednesday, Feb. 22, play the remainder of the week in Detroit, and thence into Canada, where all the principal cities will be visited, Toronto being among the first, the entire tour embracing probably five weeks.

His "Sweet Lavender," as well as other famous plays in his repertoire, will be found familiar names wherever an English heart throbs. Mr. Terry's entire English company and his own productions and all accessories will accompany him on his tour.

FOR FISHERIES RESEARCH.

Ottawa, Jan. 28.—A well-equipped fisheries research station for biological investigation will be established in the north end of Vancouver Island. A special steamer will be provided with nets, dredges, lines and all apparatus for investigating fisheries on the coast of the province. A biological station established some years ago on the Atlantic coast has done excellent work.

Polson Iron Works Incorporated. Ottawa, Jan. 28.—Alexander Hall Jeffery, assistant manager of the Polson Iron Works; William Buchanan Tindall, accountant; John James Main, boiler superintendent; Bessie Stephen Polson, wife of Franklin Bates Polson, manufacturer, and Jessie Miller, wife of John Bellamy Miller, lumber merchant, all of Toronto, have been incorporated as the Polson Iron Works.

Capt. A. Thompson of Fort William is in town visiting relatives and on matters connected with his business interests along the north shore of Lake Superior.

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Mr. F. W. Rose, who sailed last Wednesday by S.S. Majestic from New York, has arrived in London and will be the guest of friends there.

Mrs. T. H. Hopkirk, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Curley, 27 Denison-avenue returns next month to her home in Meadville, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Eckart are now settled in their new home, 500 Huron-street. Mrs. Eckart will receive the first Friday in February and afterwards on the third and fourth Fridays of the month.

Mrs. Howard Chandler of Parkdale gave a charming violet luncheon party for young friends on Tuesday in honor of her guests, Miss Eva May Acheson (Goderich) and Miss Irene Forbes (Ottawa).

The engagement of Miss Emily O. Armstrong, youngest daughter of Mr. B. M. Armstrong of Ottawa, and Mr. Frank Hodgins, eldest son of Mr. T. H. Hodgins and grandson of the late Captain Thomas Hodgins, Abbey Leisse, Ireland, is announced.

Mrs. E. Y. Eaton, St. George-street, had a tea on Thursday afternoon which was unusually well done, the drawing room having masses of American beauties, carnations and groups of palms, the electric lights being most becomingly shaded, Mrs. Eaton looking very

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