

Society

[THE HOME JOURNAL would be pleased to receive the dates of parties and the names of persons attending social gatherings. To insure publication, this information would have to reach this office not later than Thursday noon.]

THE Victoria was filled last Tuesday evening by a most fashionable audience, the occasion being an exhibition by the Young Ladies' Drill Corps and the Toy Symphony. The practice and rehearsals for this entertainment took place under the immediate supervision of Mrs. Marvin, and she is to be congratulated on the proficiency attained by her pupils. The dumb-bell drill by the young ladies was most creditable. The ring and wand drills were also very pretty, and deserved every bit of applause they received. The marching figures, however, brought down the house. When Mrs. Marvin appeared on the stage at the head of the corps in this drill, the applause was loud and continued, but the audience still further showed its appreciation when the corps had gone through the different figures. The young lady soldiers were dressed in black close-fitting bodices, with ankle skirts of the same material. The skirts and bodices were trimmed with gold bands and a sash of orange-colored silk. Mortar boards trimmed with a tassel of gold rings completed the costume, which looked very pretty when the young ladies were going through the evolutions. Mr. Clement Rolands sang "Off to Philadelphia" and "Madaline" in a highly appreciative manner, both solos being encored. The toy symphony orchestra gave several selections during the evening. The financial result of the entertainment is not yet known, but no doubt both institutions will be handsomely benefitted as a result. Manager Collins deducted \$15 from the rent. Many people who had not an opportunity of witnessing the entertainment would be pleased to have it repeated at an early date.

The many friends of Mrs. Rhodes will regret to hear that she is seriously ill, and that fears are entertained as to her recovery. Mrs. Rhodes is a prominent member of St. John's Church.

Invitations are out for an "At home" at Mrs. F. W. Foster's, 93 Simcoe St.

The marriage of a well-known druggist to a fair young lady of this city is announced to take place in June.

A concert for the benefit of Mr. Thos. Thirkettle will be given in Trades Assembly Hall on the evening of February 13.

There will be a regular members' "At home" at the Y. M. C. A. Parlors on Wednesday evening, February 10th. A choice musical programme has been provided by Mr. J. G. Brown, who will be assisted by the Victoria Glee Club and others.

The Leap Year social given by the young ladies of the congregation of the Temple Emanuel last Wednesday night was a pronounced success. Over sixty couples, devotees of the terpsichorean art, enjoyed themselves to their heart's delight, and went home in high good humor. The young ladies of the Hebrew Association in this city know how to entertain, and are to be congratulated at the manner in which they conducted this their first reception. The music was furnished by the Bantly family, and was everything that could be desired. The grand march was led by Mr. Eckstein and Mrs. Phillips. Eighteen numbers composed the programme, and comprised all the latest and most fashionable dances. Supper was served at 12 o'clock, and was in keeping with the excellence of the entertainment provided by the young ladies.

A very pleasant dance was given by Mrs. G. F. Matthews, on Wednesday last, at her residence on Dallas Road. Mrs. Matthews proved a charming hostess, her guests being delighted with the entertainment. There were present the Misses Foster, Pooley, Simpson, McLeod, Worlock, Brady, Wolfenden, Keenan, Gaudin, Lwason, Anderson, Boddington, Galley, Charles, Kitt, Arrowsmith, Mrs. Blakelock and Miss Bate of Nanaimo, Capts. Ogilvie and Palmer, Messrs. W. B. Smallfield, F. B. Gregory, A. Cameron, F. Higgins, W. W. Clifton, R. Jones, Cecil Ward, W. E. Fisher, H. B. Haynes, J. Wilson, G. Tiarks, Roberts, Cuppage, Langton, Holt and Bullen.

The choir of the First Presbyterian Church were entertained last Tuesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Jackson at their residence, 22 Rithet Street.

O. C. Bass, for some time connected with the Times reportorial staff, has resigned his position, having been appointed official stenographer in the law courts. Mr. Bass is an expert shorthand writer, and will undoubtedly give satisfaction in his new sphere.

The Pandora Avenue Methodist Church will celebrate their Sunday School anniversary to-morrow. The Rev. Mr. Thompson, of New Westminster, will officiate. An open session of the school will be held in the afternoon, at which there will be special music by the children. The reading of the annual report and short addresses will be features at the Tuesday evening meeting, and a children's festival will be given in the schoolroom the same evening.

It is estimated that about 600 people were present at the Bachelors' Ball, held in Assembly Hall last Thursday evening. The hall was tastefully decorated with evergreens and flags of all nations, the Union Jack, of course, predominating. The committee in charge consisted of Sir Matthew R. Begbie, and Messrs. E. C. Carpenter, Joshua Davies, E. Hasell, H. Hayes, A. W. Vowell and Capt. A. W. Jones, with Mr. L. Napier Armit as honorary secretary. The music was the best that could be secured in the city.

Several junior members of the enterprising Scotch colony in Victoria are telling with pride of the successes of one of their school chums who still remains in the old land. A late paper to hand says:—"In Mr. Gilmour, Linlithgow has discovered a comedian of promise, and it is to be hoped he will come again, as it would be a thousand pities if an entertainer who bids so well were allowed 'to blush unseen.' Mr. Gilmour's songs took immensely. The piece, or pantomimic sketch, was a departure which tickled the fancy, and kept the audience in roars of laughter."