

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

[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 social events of the past week were not particularly noteworthy. With the approaching holidays a great revival is expected, and many parties will be held during the week between Christmas and New Years. Several marriages will be consummated during the holidays, if Dame Rumor is to be credited.

Chas. A. Rattray, who lately paid a visit to his home here, has decided to return to this city from Portland, and go into business here.

W. J. Macaulay, vice-president of the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company, has arrived safely at Lima, Peru.

The Young Ladies' Institute will hold their second "At home" Thursday evening, 10th inst., at 7.30, in the Harmony Hall, View Street. There will be a social concert and refreshments in the early part of the evening, to finish with a hop.

Wednesday evening, the members' quarterly meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was held in the Association parlors. There were reports from committees, interspersed with a musical programme, under the direction of Rev. Archdeacon Scriven. A number of lady friends of members helped to make the evening pass pleasantly.

A confirmation service will be held in St. Barnabas' Church by his Lordship Bishop Hills on the evening of the Sunday following Christmas, which happens this year to be St. John the Evangelist's day.

The choir of Christ Church Cathedral, who are now practising the oratorio of "Christ and His Soldiers," will render this delightful composition early in the new year.

Over a hundred gentlemen sat down to an excellent repast at the Delmonico last Monday evening, the occasion being the annual dinner of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society. The chair was occupied by the president of the society, Mr. John Robertson. At his right sat Hon. John Robson, premier of the province, and on his left was Mayor Grant. Among those present were noticed Messrs. Redfern, Leach, Austin, Lorimer, McKay, H. A. Munn, Dr. Milne, Lovell, Rev. M. C. Browne, Bishop, Tolmie, Flewin and Belyea. The tables were beautifully

decorated, and fully bore out the reputation of the Delmonico for entertainments of this description. While the band discoursed airs dear to the heart of every Scotchman, an excellent menu was served. After the eatables had been disposed of, letters were read by Mr. Lorimer from the Lieutenant-Governor, Hon. Dr. Helmcken, Commander Turner, of H. M. S. Nympe; Mr. Innes, Lieut.-Commander, of H. M. S. Champion; T. J. Burnes, and the Society in Vancouver, wishing the local society all prosperity and success. After the usual toasts had been proposed and appropriately responded to, Mayor Grant replied to the toast of the "Mayor and Council." He said that the Mayor and Council of every community had very great anxieties and troubles. It was no easy office, and he could assure his friends that in no one single instance had it occurred that gentlemen occupying seats at the council board had committed dishonest actions or done anything to cast a slur on that body. There was no member of the present council, or any council that ever governed Victoria, that had been guilty of a wrongful act. The Mayor then entered into municipal matters very fully, and explained the whole internal working of the council. He was continually interrupted by the plaudits of his listeners. Aldermen Holland, Munn and Robertson responded on behalf of the Aldermen. The banquet came to a close at an early hour, every one feeling that they had paid the homage due to Scotland's patron saint.

Monday evening there will be a conversation in Christ Church Cathedral school room. There will be a concert programme, with intervals between the different numbers, so that a pleasant evening is sure to be spent. Refreshments, consisting of tea, coffee, cake, etc., will be served by the young ladies during the evening. As this will be the initial entertainment of the winter series a good time is assured, for the good people of the Cathedral never do anything by halves. There will be an admission fee of 25 cents.

Mr. John H. Freeman and Miss Annie C. Anderson were married by the Rev. P. McF. Macleod Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's mother. They have gone on a trip to California.

It is stated that the Comos Club will not have another reception till the new year.

Mr. Harry Evans was married on Thursday last to Miss Lizzie Randolph by Rev. Bishop Cridge.

The young ladies of the Reformed Episcopal Church will hold a sale of

fancy work suitable for Christmas gifts in the schoolroom on Thursday, December 10. There will also be an afternoon tea from 4 to 6, and an entertainment in the evening, consisting of vocal and instrumental music. Tableaux, picture puzzles and Christmas tree.

Mr. Daniel Campbell and Miss Margaret McDonnell, of Alexandria, Ont., were married on Tuesday last by Rev. Father Nicolaye.

Services are held every Friday night at Temple Emanuel. An excellent choir assists in these services, and is composed of some of the best voices in the city.

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