

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.]

Society seems to be asleep. After last month's many brilliant events, the present month has been quiet enough. No particularly gorgeous balls or soul-enthraling receptions have transpired, and a dearth of 5 o'clock teas is noticeable. What's the cause? The fact is, this is the season of the year when the church fair and bazaar hold full sway, when enthusiastic church-workers wear themselves out with flying around from morning until night "raising money" for this, that and the other thing; when the task of making Christmas presents fills every woman's hands; when the "rest up" season is in order, rest up for the fun of the merry holidays soon to be here; when a periodical lull comes for a spell in the pleasures of the social world. Several score of pleasant home gatherings and a few afternoon receptions—such is society's showing for the week.

Mrs. Peters, wife of Major Peters, R.C.A., arrived with her family last Thursday evening from the East, where they have been visiting relations.

Mr. Wm. Tempieman, editor of the Times, who has been visiting in the East for some weeks, is expected home early next week.

The Married Ladies' and the Comus Clubs have been disappointed in securing a hall suitable for dancing purposes, and consequently their contemplated dance will not take place Christmas Eve.

A well-known merchant tailor of Government Street will begin the New Year by taking unto himself a wife.

Mr. Robert Houston, of the Times, has sufficiently recovered to be able to attend to his editorial duties.

Rev. M. L. Rugg contemplates resigning the pastorate of Calvary Baptist Church.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian Association have arranged a first-class home talent concert for Wednesday evening, December 16th, to be held in the rooms on Broad Street. Refreshments will also be served. The proceeds are to be used in the work of the ladies.

The R. E. Church bazaar began at two o'clock Thursday afternoon, and ten minutes from that hour the rush of patrons had commenced, and continued

throughout the evening. In charge of the various booths were the following energetic members of the Young Ladies' Guild:—Mrs. Richardson and Miss Heathorn, fancy work; Miss Green and Miss Wilson, Christmas tree; Miss Heathorn and Miss Worlock, flowers; Miss Dickenson and Miss Cridge, plain sewing and candy. Sandwiched in between the afternoon sale and the conversazione of the evening came the 5 o'clock tea, over which Mrs. J. D. Helmcken presided, and which was indeed enjoyable. Mrs. D. R. Harris was in sole command during the evening, and, under her superintendence, a programme superior to the majority given even at the R. E. Church conversaciones was presented. It included musical numbers, both instrumental and vocal, as usual, and something not usual, in the form of tableaux—one a scene from Oliver Twist (Oliver asking for more); another the fairy scene, Midsummer Night's Dream, with music of the scene. Picture puzzles, a sort of pantomime charades, were also given and proved among the most attractive of the many novelties which made the bazaar, tea and conversazione one of the most successful affairs of the kind ever held in the city. The present officers of the Guild having affairs in charge are:—Mrs. F. Richardson, president, and Miss Higgins, secretary-treasurer; while among the members most prominently identified with the bazaar were: Mrs. Fort, Mrs. Langley, Mrs. Helmcken, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Lynn, and Misses S. Pemberton, Cridge, Green, Worlock, Wilson, Dickenson, Colquhoun, Heathorn, Burns, and L. Wilson.

Several Imperial theatrical parties are being arranged for next week.

The non-coms. who attended the N. G. reception at Seattle last week speak highly of the arrangements which had been made for their entertainment. The officers of the N. G., and in fact every one present, more particularly the ladies, did everything in their power to make their Victoria visitors feel at home. They had esplinded time. This is a pun.

The Io'antha will hold a reception Tuesday evening.

Mr. Edgar Marvin, popular in social circles, has accepted an engagement with the the Mme. Rhea Dramatic Co.

Invitations have been issued to the wedding of Mr. Edgar A. Whitcomb and Miss Phillippina Eberts, which will be celebrated Christmas Eve.

A most enjoyable "At home" was given Thursday evening by the Young Ladies' Institute. Harmony Hall was

well filled by a sociable company. The musical programme was highly appreciated, after which refreshments were served and dancing was begun. Judging by the merriment of the company, the ladies have proved themselves excellent entertainers, and their receptions will be eagerly looked forward to in future.

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