

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.]

New Year's Day has come and gone and with it the last of the gay winter holidays. The first day of 1892 was observed in the social fashion, receptions and innumerable family gatherings. All in all, the new year was ushered in most auspiciously. Now society, after its many excitements, will placidly settle itself down to rest, and now the long winter lull will follow drearily enough. Lent will come soon and so bring the seasons of '91-'92 to a close. Both Christmas and New Year were celebrated more heartily than ever by Victoria people, this season, and were hugely enjoyed. The former, with its whole-souled merriment: the latter, with its good resolutions and "swear offs"—both are passed, and the year 1892, a tiny, childish thing, is ushered in. Who knows what scores of gaieties are to transpire in the next twelve-month?

The annual installation of the Victoria-Columbia Masonic lodge took place at the Masonic Temple last Thursday night, and a general invitation was extended to the members of the craft throughout the province to be present. The register contained the names of over two hundred who had passed the portals of a Masonic lodge,

and who had assembled in the interests of the old order. The proceedings throughout were most enthusiastic, and visiting brethren—and they were registered from all quarters of the globe—were unanimous in their expressions of admiration for the craft of Victoria. Shortly after the lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Quinlan, the representatives of the Grand Lodge entered, and were received with due Masonic honors. After the installation ceremonies had been gone through with, the brethren adjourned in a body to the Lyceum Hall on Broad Street, where a cold dinner was served up in the best style of the Poodle Dog. The hall was tastefully decorated with evergreens, flags and gay colored lanterns, while appropriate mottoes also adorned the walls. At the head of the table were seated the worshipful master-elect, the past master, and members of grand lodges. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to. The music was supplied by Pauline's orchestra.

The Rev. C. Watson, Mr. Van Volkenburgh and others were favored with calls from a musical party of tramps, last Monday night.

Mr. J. A. Lawrence is making arrangements to take a trip to England in about a month. He expects to be absent about six months.

Mr. R. F. Daly, the paying teller of the Bank of British Columbia in this city, will remove to Nelson in the Spring, to take charge of the branch to be established there.

Mr. Chas. B. Munro and Miss Katie Jeffree were married, Tuesday evening, Jan. 5, by the Rev. P. McF. McLeod.

The Daughters of Rebekah will hold a social and dance in Odd Fellows Hall, on Tuesday evening.

An enjoyable hop was given, last Monday evening, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, by Miss Mowat and the lady nurses. There were twenty numbers on the programme, and about fifty couples spent a very pleasant evening.

Uniform Rank and Far West Lodge K. of P. will hold their annual ball at Assembly Hall, on the 14th of February, their anniversary. The membership has almost doubled during the

past year, which fact will make the ball even more successful than usual.

The members of the Comus club are arranging for a dance to be held in about two weeks, or as soon as they can obtain a hall.

Dauntless Lodge, C.O.O.F., have announced their intention of holding a dance in Blue Ribbon Hall, Esquimalt, on the 19th inst.

The meeting of the St. Andrews Y. P. A. on Tuesday evening, was devoted to Robbie Burrs and Scottish songs. Mr. Wm. Allan was responsible for the programme, and he must have felt gratified at the large attendance present. Mr. Allan's essay showed that he is in deep sympathy with the Scottish bard, and he ably pointed out the many fine traits in the character of the great poet. The musical part of the programme was well sustained. Mr. J. G. Brown, the talented leader of the First Presbyterian church choir, sang "A Man's a Man for a' That" in a manner which raised the enthusiasm of the many Scots present. "Bonnie Doon" received ample justice in a quartette by Misses Christie and Spring and Messrs. Mason and Patrick. The remainder of the programme was contributed by Misses Jameson, Hutcheson, McLeod, Leisch, Mrs. Roberson and Mr. Adam.

Mr. Maynard H. Cowan, of the firm of Cowan & Wilson, wholesale grocers, has returned from a trip to the East.

W. M. Chudley has been confined to his residence, during the past week, by illness.

Campbell Sweeney, resident manager at Vancouver of the Bank of Montreal, came over by the Islander last Thursday night.

Collector of Inland Revenue Jones is able to be about again, after his recent illness.

J. McCreery and bride were passengers by the Islander from Vancouver on their wedding trip last Thursday night.

The children of the Sunday school in connection with the temple Emanuel were entertained Wednesday afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. D. Hart. Over twenty-six children were present and had a very pleasant time.

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