

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Mr. Jas. L. Forrester, who lately arrived with his wife from Montreal, has taken up his residence on Pandora Hill.

Mr. F. Victor Austin is getting up a grand concert to be given in the Vancouver Opera House on Monday evening, Dec. 19th.

A grand concert will be given in the Victoria Theatre, early in February, for the benefit of the Royal Jubilee Hospital and the British Columbia Benevolent Society.

An enjoyable coffee party was given by Mrs. A. P. Phillips, of 40 Kane street, last Wednesday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. Marks of Seattle, who is at present visiting in this city.

About thirty couples assembled at Harmony Hall, last Wednesday evening, the occasion being the regular fortnightly dance of the Iolanthe club. The evening was passed very pleasantly.

The St. Andrews and Caledonian Society have announced their intention of getting up a concert, to be held in the Victoria Theatre on January 25th, instead of the Society's ball, which has regularly been held on Burns' Anniversary.

On Tuesday evening, 20th inst., the First Presbyterian Church Sunday school will hold their Christmas entertainment. A leading feature will be a competition between different classes for a prize awarded by the pastor to the best singing class in the school.

A siege was made on 82 Superior street, the residence of Mr. Thos. Harding, by a surprise party of about 20, on Thursday evening, when dancing and a general social time was kept up till about 1 a. m. Mr. Alan Brown supplied the music for the occasion.

The choir of the First Presbyterian church, under the leadership of Mr. J. G. Brown, will give their Fifth Annual Burns Anniversary concert on the evening of January 25th. Mr. Brown's name alone is a guarantee that a treat is in store for lovers of the old songs of the land of the heather and the broom.

There will be a general congregational social in the parlors of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, next Thursday evening. High tea will be served by the ladies at 6 p. m. and the evening will be of the nature of a conversazione. The numbers on the programme will be of a high order. The ladies intend making the social a success.

There was a most enjoyable social dance and supper in the Victoria West Hall, Thursday evening, which was the second of the series got up by the young ladies resident in the vicinity of the hall. Music was furnished by the Bantly family, and dancing was kept up until 2:30 by those present. The attendance numbered about sixty couples.

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At Christ Church Cathedral to-day at 11 a. m. The marriage of Miss Esther M. Johnson, to Mr. J. Sterling Floyd, will be solemnized. It will be a full choral wedding. The excellent choir of the Cathedral will render a grand wedding Anthem by "Barnaby." A reception will be held at the home of the bride's parents, St. Charles street, from 2 until 6 p. m.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Y. M. C. A. will be held in the parlors on the evening of Dec. 21. Reports on the various lines of work will be received and two or three short addresses will be delivered on Association work. This will be interspersed with a number of musical selections, both vocal and instrumental. Refreshments will be served by the ladies of the auxiliary committee, and it is the intention to have the meeting partake of the nature of a general social gathering for the members and their friends.

Mr. Geo. T. Borelle, will open the Lyceum Hall on Broad street, as the Victoria Skating Rink and Pavilion, Saturday, 17th inst. It is the intention of the management not to allow questionable characters to attend the rink, so that it will be a popular place for young people during the rainy season. The rink will be open afternoons from 2 until 5, and evenings from 7:30 until 10, Wednesday afternoon being reserved for ladies only. There is a commodious gallery for

spectators, who will be charged 10 cents admission; for skaters 25 cents includes the use of skates. There will be good music in attendance on the opening night.

The second monthly concert of the musical society was held last Tuesday evening at "Armada," the residence of Senator Macdonald. There were fully eighty persons present, being members of the society and friends. The concert was successful, both from a musical and social point of view. The full chorus of about 20 voices rendered "And the Glory of the Lord" from the Messiah, and the glee "Silent Land." Both were beautifully rendered, but the latter was especially fine. The trio by Miss Mouatt, Mrs. Helmcken and Mrs. D. Harris, was nicely rendered. Mr. Worlock gave a fine solo in his usual manly style. Miss Monati's soprano solo was the hit of the evening, and the only encore. Mr. F. Victor Austin's violin solo was ably executed and much appreciated. Mrs. Helmcken's contralto solo "Rest in the Lord," by Handel, was lovely. Mr. Steve Wootton was fairly good in a solo, but was too nervous for good execution. The only jar was the fact that the piano was out of tune, which rendered it exceedingly difficult for the singers to acquit themselves creditably. The next practice of the society will be held Tuesday evening at the residence of the Hon. A. N. Richards, St. Charles street.