

Dawson Society

As violets are shadowed by that queen of flowers the rose, so minor social events of the past week must give the place of honor to St. Andrew's ball.

Abundant praise is heard on all sides of the Scotch laddies and their masterly handling of the intricate and expensive preparatory arrangements for this, their second annual ball in Dawson, of which a full description will be found on the first page.

The entertainment given in aid of St. Paul's church by Mrs. F. C. Wade and Mr. Arthur Boyle, far exceeded their expectations both socially and financially. Instead of a small church party as was first intended, so many people were interested and bought tickets that it was found necessary to rent a large hall to make room for the many guests.

Mrs. Wade and Mr. Boyle are to be congratulated upon their successful management of the affair.

The program of the evening was preceded by a short introduction by the chairman, Mr. F. C. Wade, after which the first number, a piano solo, Novollette in F. (Schumann) was artistically rendered by Mr. Arthur Boyle, who is a musician of rare attainments. His artistic rendition of classic music was a treat to those present, and it is to be hoped that he will often favor Dawson's music loving people.

"Simon the Celarer," as sung by Mr. Craig, was listened to with much pleasure, for encore he gave "Darby and Joan." Miss Emma Allen, a vocalist of rare ability, sang "Poppies," and to a rousing encore responded with "Kissing Gate." Then followed Mr. Frank Johnstone's recitation of "Le Vieux Temps," he responded with an encore in the form of an improvised stump speech in the French dialect, in which many local hits were made.

Mr. F. H. McConnell's "Bedouin Love Song," was well received as was his appropriate encore. Mr. C. W. MacPherson's song, "If That's the Case," was followed by the coarser song, "Little Nipper," as encore. Mr. MacPherson sings well.

"The Amorous Goldfish" from "Geisha," as sung by Mrs. F. W. Trounce, was a pleasant feature of the evening long to be remembered by those present. For encore she gave a lullaby song. A recitation, "The Stage Struck Girl," was charmingly rendered by Mrs. Olson. Her encore was most appropriate. Mr. Ben Davis made a hit with his coon song and gave "Pliny" as an encore. "The Old Gray Fox," an English hunting song by Mr. V. White was given in fine voice. By request Mr. Arthur Boyle sang "Daddy," which being a favorite selection was received with much applause. The evening's entertainment was closed by all joining in the song "God Save the Queen."

Mr. Ben Davis is gathering together the local talent of the town and expects about Christmas time to give the people of Dawson a pleasant surprise in the shape of a colored minstrel show. Further details will be given hereafter.

The Bohemian Club dance in Pioneer hall last Tuesday evening was well attended, nearly all those invited being present. One of the features of the club's dances in future will be the awarding of a prize from time to time. Further particulars will be given later.

The Terpsichorean Club has suspended its weekly dances for the past two weeks because of their conflicting with other entertainments, but invitations will be out for a dance to be given this coming week. Owing to the extended membership of this club and the limited capacity of the hall invitations are restricted to ten each week.

The American Thanksgiving day hockey match was marked by its large attendance of society people. If the officers of the Hockey Association could arrange matters so as to give afternoon games ladies would attend in large numbers who are now prevented from doing so by the severe cold of the evening.

reach an ideal that is always receding and illusive, do not enjoy a great degree of content and happiness by the way, notwithstanding. The great Agassiz said when in the height of his fame that he regarded himself as a child walking on the beach, and picking up here and there a pebble of truth, while the great ocean of infinite and illimitable knowledge rolled majestically before him, unknown and unknowable. The difference between his ideal and his realization did not make his life a failure as a naturalist and searcher after truth. It did not destroy his happiness in the realization of such pebbles of truth as he wrested from the mighty bosom of nature.

The thought comes to us that it is not the failure to realize the highest ideals that causes most of the divorces, but the failure to realize the ideals that are lowest. When women marry for the sake of better clothes, more ease and idleness, a sort of perpetual picnic and pleasant time, as some do, and fail to realize that ideal, a suit in the divorce court is apt to follow. When men marry for a housekeeper or a plaything, when the ideals they seek are low and sordid, and realization fails to come, then there is apt to be dissatisfaction, and a resort to the divorce court, frequently welcome on both sides. When men and women marry, both with high ideals of marriage, its responsibilities, its duties, its happiness, there is often times disappointment on one side or the other, there is unhappiness for a time, as they discover the sawdust stuffing in the ideal character they have constructed for each other. This disappointment and unhappiness more often comes on the woman's side, both because her ideals are higher and she is more gifted in the power of constructing them and shutting her eyes to defects in those she loves till the knowledge is forced upon her. This disillusionment that comes on one side or the other after a period of marriage and close companionship, and sometimes to both sides, seldom causes a divorce, though it sometimes causes much unhappiness for a time. A readjustment takes place and love and duty wipe out the memory of it soon.

The cause of divorces lies in the failure to realize the ideals of the parties entering the marriage state, it is true, but it is the non-realization of low ideals, rather than high ideals, that is responsible for most of them, and if one were to search for the cause of the increasing number of divorces we think he would not be far off the track if he looked for it in the lowering of the ideals with which men and women approach and contract matrimony instead of the opposite.—Great Falls (Mont.) Tribune.

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THE CAUSE OF DIVORCE

Able Explained Upon by a Leading Paper.

What the Editor of Montana's Leading Paper Has to Say on the Subject.

The cause for the most of the above divorces would probably be found in an absence of a Christian definition of marriage.—Editor Sheldon in the Christian daily run as Jesus would do it.

The above little paragraph of editorial comment appears in the first number of the Topeka Daily Capital under the Sheldon management. It is attached to a local news item stating that a judge of the district court in granting several divorces had taken occasion to comment on the increasing number of divorce suits in his court and the reason for them. After reporting the statistics and the judges' remarks, the editorial note above printed was attached under the initials of the editor. When one comes to analyze and weigh the meaning of this oracular deliverance, he is at once struck with its obscurity. Like the Delphic oracle, after which it seems to be modeled, Jesus, in speaking on such subjects generally used language that was plain and definite enough. We learn from Rev. Sheldon that not all, but most of the divorces, and their cause in an absence of Christian definition of marriage—probably. That is, after eliminating that per cent due to other causes, he is not certain that the balance are due to the absence of Christian definition of marriage, but he deems it probable that this might be found to be the case. And then he doesn't tell us what he means by a "Christian definition of marriage." One large body of Christians would define it as a sacrament of the church. Other bodies of professing Christians would dispute this and give us another definition. The wisdom of the Rev. Sheldon is doubtless profound, but it is vague and hard to search out when the ordinary intelligence attempts to grapple with it.

Turning from Mr. Sheldon's oracular utterances that shed little light on a grave question of the day, to another utterance on a similar topic recently made by Prof. Sumner, of Yale col-

lege, in a lecture before his class, we think we can discern a purer ray of truth shed on the subject of divorce, though the professor was not talking about divorce primarily, but about marriage. He made the statement that in entering the marriage state the majority met with disappointment, and that "90 per cent of the women failed to realize their ideal in marriage." The professor has been roasted a good deal for this statement in the religious and secular press, and numerous ladies in clubs and magazines have hurled their darts at the Yale professor, charging him with cynicism, exaggeration, sensationalism and flat untruth. It seems to us that the professor is an optimist of the most pronounced school if he believes that 10 per cent of the women, or the men either, realize their highest ideal in marriage. Or else he must be a pessimist of the most virulent type and hold that the ideals of men and women in regard to marriage are very low indeed. In what other relation of life do men or women, whose ideals are the noblest and the best, ever fully realize them. Where is the perfect Christian, whose highest ideals of duty and happiness are realized on earth? There are some, we know, who claim to have reached this state, but we believe they are either self-deceived fanatics or hypocrites. Where is the lawyer, the doctor, the clergyman, the newspaper editor, who has attained a full and perfect realization of his best and noblest ideals of duty and happiness in his profession? If such a one exists, we can state with certainty that either his ideals are low or he is a rarity and exception among men. Nay, who among mankind ever attains to his own best ideals of manliness? What good woman, though soaring high above men in the pursuit and attainment of ideals, ever reached the Ultima Thule of perfect womanhood, in her own mind at least? That men who love them in many cases believe they have reached that point is probably due to their lesser powers of idealism in certain directions, and their less refined and grosser standards. And if it is the rule that men and women seldom or never reach and realize their best ideals in all the other relations they maintain in this world, is it strange that this should be true regarding marriage also? If Prof. Sumner had said that 99 per cent of the women who marry fail to realize in marriage their ideals, and that most of the other one per cent had very low and imperfect ideals, we should think he was nearer right. But that doesn't mean that marriage is a failure, or that men or women entering it, and striving also on both sides to