

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Rev. Sebastian Dabovich, of the Greek church, St. Petersburg, is in the city.

Miss Annie David, of Burnside road, has returned from a visit to friends in Nanaimo.

Mr. Joseph R. Grice, late of Christ Church Cathedral choir, has accepted the position of choir master of St. Barnabas church.

The opening at home of the Iolantha dancing club was held Thursday evening in Harmony hall. About thirty couples attended.

Mrs. Laird, a talented vocalist from San Francisco, has arrived in this city, and will be attached to the staff at the Conservatory.

The libretto of Olivette has arrived, and the society will meet at the usual place on Monday next, when the books will be distributed for immediate practice.

The engagement is announced of a professional young man who lately aspired for aldermanic honors to the daughter of a prominent Presbyterian clergyman.

The members of Court Vancouver Order of Forresters, are giving a social dance and supper at the Philharmonic Hall, on Tuesday evening, 22nd inst.

The reception given in the Oddfellows Hall last evening was well attended. The programme as well as the dance passed off to the great enjoyment of all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Smith, of 59 Kings Road are going for a trip East about the end of the month. They expect to spend Christmas at their old home in Orillia, Ont.

The committee in charge of the Lacrosse concert, have decided to postpone the entertainment for some time on account of the very many events now before the public.

There will be a concert in the Temperance Hall, Pandora Avenue, next Wednesday evening under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. A good programme is promised by the ladies.

A parlor social under the auspices of the Ladies Aid of the Pandora Methodist church, will be given Tuesday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Dempster, Fernwood Road.

The sale of work by the Ladies' Aid, of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, netted the handsome sum of \$220, which will be applied in wiping off the floating debt of the church building committee.

Miss Elizabeth M. Lorimer, daughter of Mr. W. Lorimer, was married last

Wednesday evening to Mr. Fred. A. Jackson, druggist. Rev. P. McF. Macleod officiated, and Miss Lorimer and Mr. Widdowson attended the young people. The bride's costume was of Pongee silk, and was decidedly becoming.

The younger members of the Temple Emanu-El have at last organized a social club the officers of which are M. Reinhardt, president; Miss C. Phillips, vice-president; W. Baker, secretary; M. Isaacs, treasurer. A committee has been appointed to engage suitable apartments for meeting, etc. It is hoped that the work will succeed.

The rugby football match, Thursday afternoon, at Beacon Hill, between the Victoria and Westminster clubs, was one of the finest exhibitions of that game seen for some time. Both teams entered into the spirit of the game, and the bystanders were enthusiastic at the brilliant plays of both teams. Sir. R. Arbuthnot distinguished himself by his very fine runs and clever, artful dodging.

To-morrow evening, at the residence of Mr. Phillips, Kane street, the engagement of Mr. D. Phillips to Miss R. Levy will be made public. Only the most intimate friends have been invited, as the affair will be private. Mr. Phillips is quite popular in the city, and his fiancée, who although but a short time in the city, has made many friends. THE HOME JOURNAL joins in hearty congratulations with their many friends.

The "House Warming," at which Mr. F. Landsberg entertained his numerous young acquaintances, was, indeed, a grand success. The ladies were tastefully dressed in becoming evening attire, and the gentlemen, in their swallow-tail coats and low cut vests, appeared at their best. After enjoying dancing, singing and recitations until 12 o'clock, the pianist played a march and the couples soon filled the spacious diningroom, the tables of which were laden with the choicest viands and delicacies. At the table, many appropriate toasts were made.

Mr. J. G. Brown, the talented leader of the First Presbyterian Church choir, who is blessed with a rich baritone voice, sang a very fine solo at the close of the sermon, Thanksgiving morning. The selection was that beautiful, old hymn in Scotch dialect entitled "My Ain Countrie," by Mary Lee Demorest. Mr. Brown sang with much feeling, and the scene was very affecting. The members of the congregation caught the true meaning from the lips of the singer, and every heart was filled. The singer himself appeared to have difficulty in getting out the last few lines and almost broke down.

At St. John's church, Wednesday evening, Miss Matilda Mesher, fourth daughter of Mr. George Mesher, contractor of this city, was married to Mr. Mortimer Appleby, son of Rev. Canon Appleby, of St. David's Cathedral, Wales. The service was fully choral and the ceremony was performed by Rev. Canon Paddon, the church being crowded. The bride wore a gown of rich ivory silk, made

en Princess and draped with beautiful Bavarian point lace, the court train, fastened with a butterfly at the shoulders, being of the same rich material as the dress itself. The veil was of old Brussels net, and the ornaments were of solid gold, the gift of the groom. Misses Alice and Lizzie Mesher, sisters of the bride, were bridesmaids, and Mr. Arthur W. Taylor, and Mr. Victor Mitchell supported the groom. The presents were numerous and valuable.

The Pandora Avenue Methodist Church was filled with a high-class audience, Thursday evening, to hear the rendition of the cantata "The Angel of the Harvest." Mr. J. Parfitt deserves praise for the very creditable concert given considering that most of the singers were young and, for the most part, untrained. The choruses were, on the whole, very well rendered and pleased the audience. Most of those taking the solo and duet parts appeared for the first time as concert singers and acquitted themselves creditably. The well known singers, Miss O'Neill and Miss Wolff, did very well the parts assigned them. The contralto solo by Miss Baker was one of the gems of the evening. The singer displayed the usual nervousness of a debutante, but did well. The recitation parts by Miss Burkholder and Miss Pen will were very nicely rendered. The organist, Mrs. R. L. Drury, and Miss Andrews, pianist, did their share towards the success of the evening. The cantata will probably be repeated before the end of the month.

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