

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.]

THE preparations for the holidays have put a damper on social gatherings of all kinds. Arrangements for holiday concerts are being made by many of the church-going people. Outside of this, there is nothing to note particularly this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Fairchild, of Winnipeg, are visiting friends in this city, and will spend three or four months on the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. William Templeman returned home last week, after having spent several weeks visiting friends in the east.

The Iona Club will not hold any more dances until the first Friday in the New Year.

Mr. Daniel R. Young, the popular real estate dealer, who recently took to himself one of the fair daughters of Victoria, is having a handsome residence erected on Fort street, nearly opposite the Dunsmuir Castle.

The Queen Quadrille Club held a reception, last evening.

Mrs. Dixi H. Ross gave a pleasant party last Thursday evening at her residence on Hillside avenue.

Miss Bertha Franks gave an enjoyable birthday party to a large number of friends, last Thursday evening, at her father's home on Frederick street.

The Young Ladies' Institute held a meeting at the Bishop's Palace, last Tuesday, when returns from the late "At Home" were brought in. Over \$200 was added to the Y. L. I. fund as a result of their energies and cordiality at the late entertainment.

Mr. Burnette has accepted the position of organist of St. Andrew's church.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Jubilee Hospital are giving a grand promenade concert at the formal opening of the

new city market this evening. The best local talent are going to take part, and no pains have been spared in perfecting the arrangements, which have been carried out under the able direction of the President, Mrs. G. A. McTavish. Refreshments will be served during the evening. The proceeds of the entertainment go to the funds of the B. C. Benevolent Society, and should ensure a large attendance.

SHE GOT THE BUGGY.

"I want a buggy for my dollie," said a wee tot entering Russell McDonald & Co.'s store. "Where's your money?" "Aint got none." "No money? well you run off home and be a good girl, then yo'r mother will buy you one." "She can't," replied the little one, "my mamma is dead, but you give me one and I'll tell her about it." She got the buggy.

THE BON-BON WINDOW.

The show windows of Dixi H. Ross & Co., the well-known family grocers, are attracting considerable notice from all who pass. The novel attraction of Santa Claus coming in a bicycle (for sure he couldn't come with his sleigh) is sure to delay the passer-by so as to get a better look. In the foreground are numbers of fondants, mules, dogs, sow and pigs, cows, etc., which are both ornamental and useful, for they can be opened and fitted with candies. The background, sides and top of the window are lined with bon-bons of variegated colors. Mr Ross has just received a large importation of the latest novelties in bon-bons and luggage crackers from London for the holiday trade. They are put up in fancy baskets, wall pockets, and in transparent lanterns. All the popular features, shadowgraphic, mosaic and masquerade crackers, the game of Old Mother Goose, knock 'em down, Aunt Sally, and parlor lasso, are introduced. Some novel prizes are given, as china tea sets for girls, also boys' tools. The display is well worth a close inspection, for on every turn you find a new feature or novelty.

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Queen's Evidence, one of the strongest of realistic dramas, is to be produced Christmas week at the Imperial. Miss Carrie Franks the little lady who scored such a success as Eva in Uncle Tom's Cabin, has been engaged. The play will be a drawing card for the holidays.

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