

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

That which passes for good society in Vancouver was well represented at the fancy dress ball, given under the auspices of the Vancouver Cricket Club, on Thursday evening of last week. As regards numbers, the ball was a success, but it would have been a much more enjoyable event had the invitations been limited to half the number. The floor was so crowded that comfort was completely out of the question. The dining room was not large enough to accommodate the guests present, consequently much confusion arose throughout the dining hour. Those who had charge of the supper had no reason to congratulate themselves as to the arrangements made for the comfort of the guests; in fact they had good cause to feel ashamed of the unseemly conduct of one or two persons, who assumed altogether too much authority. The ladies looked really handsome in their elaborate costumes, but the gentlemen should have remembered what was due to the occasion by spending a little more money in the way of suitable costumes. The alleged fancy costumes of the latter consisted of dress suits, trimmed with ribbons of variegated colors. The neighboring cities were well represented, among those present from Victoria being Sir Richard and Lady Musgrave and Mrs. Croft.

Hymen had a busy day at New Westminster, no less than four young people being joined in the bonds of wedlock. At the residence of the bride's mother, Miss Mary Emily Calbick, daughter of the late Arthur Calbick, was married to Capt. James W. Rogers, of the City of Nanaimo, by Rev. T. W. Hall, Miss Annie Calbick, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, while W. Rogers, jr., was groomsmen. The second marriage took place in the evening. Miss Marion McMurphy, youngest daughter of Sergeant-Major McMurphy, and Rev. J. E. Hicks, pastor of the West End Methodist church in that city, being made one. Rev. Wm. Hicks, brother of the groom, of Maple Ridge, officiated. Gideon Hicks, another brother, of Vancouver, supported the principal, while Miss Florence Weaver fulfilled the duties of bridesmaid.

The coming social event is the Victoria Cane Club's annual ball, which will be given at the Mount Baker Hotel, Oak Bay, on Friday evening, April 13th. The committee having the affair in charge has been working energetically to make it a grand success. The large dining room will be beautifully decorated for the occasion, and mine host Virtue promises to eclipse his previous efforts in providing for the comfort of all. The car service to and from the hotel will be first class and cars will run up to the hour that "God Save the Queen" announces that the last dance has been danced. The well known Richardson orchestra will provide the music. Tickets are in the hands of the managing committee or may be had of Mr. Hy. Crane, Broad street.

Those who remained away from Mrs. Marvin's entertainment last night missed a treat. The military drill by twenty-five or thirty handsome young ladies was the

leading feature of the evening, and called forth round after round of applause. Miss Murray and Miss Wolff did some good work in club swinging, and a programme, in which Messrs. Kent, Rhodes, Shedd, Thomas, Richardson, Mrs. Jones and Miss Powell took part, completed the entertainment. All who can should attend the matinee this afternoon.

The following programme was presented, Thursday evening, at the close of the sale of work at St. Luke's church: Glee, choir; vocal solo, O. King; piano solo, Miss Miller; vocal duett, Mr. Flinton and Miss I. Tolmie; recitation, Miss D. McBius; vocal solo, Miss I. Tolmie; glee, choir; vocal solo, Mr. Constance; violin solo, Mrs. Flinton; vocal duett, the Misses Tolmie; recitation, Mr. Flinton; vocal solo, Miss King; glee, choir; God Save the Queen. Accompanist, Miss Groves.

The programme given at the usual weekly meeting of the Sir William Wallace Society, last evening, was as follows: Selection on pipes, Piper McDonald; song, "Dear Little Shamrock," Mr. Patterson; humorous reading, Mr. Muir; song, "The Bonnie Wee Widow," Mr. Russell; recitation, Mr. Blackwood; song, "Highland Brigade," Mr. Glen; sailor's hornpipe, Mr. Anderson; song, Mr. McLachlan, of Salt Lake City, Utah; and song, Mr. Duke.

The young ladies who worked so hard to get up the bazaar in aid of the funds of the Jubilee Hospital were victimized by a smooth-faced confidence man, who passed a counterfeit \$20-bill on them. The police have not yet been able to locate the villain, but the eagle eye of THE HOME JOURNAL has spotted a young man who was one of a notorious band of crooks who "worked" Chicago during the latter part of last September.

In St. Andrew's Presbyterian church the programme of last evening's concert comprised the following numbers: Piano solo, Mr. Burnett; vocal solo, Miss Carmichael; violin solo, Miss Brown; vocal solo, Miss Wey; vocal solo, Miss Jamieson; piano duet, Mr. and Mrs. Temple; and a lecture, by Rev. Mr. Fraser, "What Our Church Stands For."

At Hamilton, on Wednesday of last week, Miss Alice Billings, eldest daughter of John Billings of that place, was married to Percy Neville Smith, Secretary-Treasurer of the Westminster & Vancouver Tramway Co.

Mrs. Schroeder, 268 Yates street, gave a party Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Schroeder's birthday, at which the engagement of the latter to Mr. Ainsworth of Seattle was announced.

Joseph Grice, who spent last winter at the Philadelphia Dental College, intends disposing of his business and devoting his time to the study of that profession.

The Germania Club gave a pleasant dance at Harmony Hall, last Monday evening. Bantly's orchestra supplied the music.

The regular monthly officers' parade of the B. C. B. G. A., will take place at the drill hall, on Wednesday evening, April 12.

Mrs. E. Frank is expected to return from San Francisco to-day.

SPORTING NOTES.

LACROSSE.

Westminster lacrosse club has elected officers as follows: Hon. President, Mayor Hoy; President, James Leamy; First Vice-President, Robt. Jardine; Second Vice, W. L. Johnson; Secretary, J. Mahony; Treasurer, L. A. Lewis; Executive Committee—R. G. Macpherson, A. B. MacKenzie, George Armstrong, C. S. Campbell and John Reid; Delegates—James Leamy, J. Cambridge and R. G. Macpherson; Alternates—Messrs. Lewis McColl and Gow. The following were elected honorary members of the club: Hon. Justice McCreight, His Honor Judge Bole, and Messrs. J. W. McColl, R. J. Rickman, W. H. Keary, W. Moreaby and F. R. Glover.

The British Columbia lacrosse players who went down to the Midwinter Fair write that they have been well treated, and that one result of their visit will be the awakening of a new interest in the Canadian national game on the U. S. side of the line.

The Shamrock lacrosse club of Montreal are urging the abandonment of field captains.

CRICKET.

Officers of the High School Cricket Club were elected Friday as follows: President, Principal Paul; vice-presidents, A. J. Pineo, B. A., and A. B. Neill; captain, E. P. Johnston; secretary, W. N. Winsby; treasurer, J. McTavish; committee, W. B. Smith, B. Schwengers, W. Lorimer and C. Wilson.

FOOTBALL.

England will play Scotland at Caledonia Park this afternoon.

SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

I CAN NOT sing the old songs,
That once I used to sing—
For me to try to sing at all,
Is quite a risky thing.

I cannot sing the old songs—
At least I know I shouldn't,
For those who heard me try it once
Admitted that I couldn't.

The foolish old king of long ago, who marched his army up the hill only to march them down again, was not more ridiculous than the European Governments that have increased their military forces up to the limit of breaking the tax-payers' backs, and now propose to reduce them when expenditure can be increased no further.

The London Times and half a dozen other English papers doing good work for Canada should make those Canadian contemporaries that put prejudice before truth and partisanship before patriotism heartily ashamed of their puny efforts to arrest national progress. It is a sad reflection upon the country when great enterprises undertaken here have to look abroad for mediums of recommendation to the public.

MOTHER take the wheel away,
And keep it for a while;
To-day, I've ridden on the thing
For more than forty mile.
And, mother, when it's gone away,
Please hide it out of sight,
For I have ridden all I will—
I want to spin to-night.

Mother, take the wheel away—
I mean the wheel of time—
I had to use that word, my dear,
To make a decent rhyme.
For time's fast rolling wheel, you see,
Has dropped me in its flight,
And though I'd like to end my yarn,
I cannot spin to-night.