

The City's SOCIAL LIFE

Events, Gayeties and Personal Activities of the Week

The Coming-Out Party. Society is all astir, and rightly so, no doubt.

Robert A. Scott, formerly Miss Hattie Smith. Mrs. James A. Mount, who has been at her country home, near Shannondale, for the past few days.

Mr. Leo Lehman is spending a few days with his mother before returning to Chicago, which will be their future home.

Dr. Rebecca Rogers George has issued invitations for a tea, Jan. 2, in honor of Dr. W. A. Bell, of Delaware, O.

Mrs. Frank J. Horning, of the Blachere, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Fitts, at Greenville, O.

The Misses Sank, of Lafayette, and Mrs. George Brandes, of Muncie, will be the guests of the Misses Milender for the holidays.

Mr. M. H. Spades and son Miram left yesterday for the Augustus, Pa., to spend Christmas with Mrs. Spades and daughter Julia.

Miss Jose Bassett has returned from the University of Michigan to spend the holidays with her parents, on North Capitol avenue.

Mrs. J. J. Bingham and Miss Unfold have removed from 102 North Meridian street and have taken apartments in the St. Clair Hotel.

Professor and Mrs. W. A. Bell, of Antioch College, Yellow Springs, O., arrived last night to visit their daughter, Mrs. Charles McCleary, of New York, and Mr. McCleary, of Columbus, O., will spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Saltsman.

Miss Blanche Green has issued invitations for a comic masque party, Dec. 27, in honor of her visitor, Miss Grace Correll, of Dayton, O.

Miss Theodosia Hamilton Hadley, who is attending a Yale-Vassar house party, will spend the rest of the holidays in Brooklyn and Philadelphia.

Mrs. F. E. Kercheval and Miss Blanche Kercheval have gone to St. Louis to spend the holidays with Mrs. Kercheval's daughter, Mrs. L. E. Day.

Miss Jessie Stake has issued invitations for a card party, to be given in honor of Miss Correll, of Johnstown, Pa., who is the guest of Miss Green.

Mrs. and Mrs. Wm. L. Saltmarsh and grandson Macy have gone to Los Angeles, Cal., to remain indefinitely with Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Saltsman.

Mrs. James M. Sanders and little daughter Katharine will leave this week for Florida to spend the winter with Mrs. Sanders' parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bosworth, of Lexington, Ky., will arrive to-day to spend the holidays with Mrs. Bosworth's parents, on the East Washington street.

Miss Bertha M. Herron has returned from Chicago to spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Herron, 102 North Meridian street.

The Indianapolis Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, will entertain Jan. 10, in honor of Mrs. James A. Mount, regent, at the St. Clair Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Parry, of North Alabama street, have given up their home and will be with Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Leitch, of Michigan Place, for the winter.

The National Clnch Club was entertained at cards Friday evening by its president, Mrs. Tillie Bresnan, and with a luncheon, at the St. Clair Hotel.

The Misses White, who have been attending school at Knickerbocker Hall, are spending the holidays with their parents, Bishop and Mrs. White, of Michigan City.

Mrs. Harry Hutton and son and Miss Ethyl Hughes, of Terre Haute, will arrive to-day to spend the holidays with Mrs. George Wright, on North Pennsylvania street.

Mrs. James R. Carnahan and Miss Carnahan will be at home informally, Thursday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. M. Stieble Bright, of Superior, Wis. No invitations have been issued.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Shideler will have as their guests for the holidays Mr. and Mrs. George R. Parker, of Louisville, and Mr. and Mrs. George H. Shideler, of Michigan City. Mrs. Shideler will give a reception on Thursday for her guests.

Mrs. Clinton D. Lasher entertained about twenty-six guests yesterday afternoon with a dinner party at her home, 102 North Meridian place, in honor of Miss Lillian Thompson, who is to be married Wednesday. The decorations in the different rooms was holly and red flowers.

Mr. S. H. East and Miss Mary J. Burke, both of this city, were married at 9 o'clock yesterday morning by Rev. Joseph Charters, at the St. Clair Hotel.

The following officers have been elected by Queen Esther Chapter, O. E. S.: Worthy members, Mrs. H. B. Fatout; associate matron, Miss Stella V. Rogers; secretary, Mrs. Nettie Mansfield; treasurer, Mrs. Helen J. Miller; conductress, Mrs. Ada Cain; associate conductress, Mrs. Abbie Freeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ovid Butler Jameson will have as their guests for the holidays Mr. and Mrs. John S. Tarkington, of Newton Booth Tarkington, Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Jameson, Miss Lucy Jameson, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Tarkington, and Mrs. Harry Brandon, Mr. Victor Brandon, Mrs. James Neilson Hamilton and Mr. Nathan Morris.

Miss Bessie Bodine entertained at dinner last night in honor of the Dobyns-Dalrymple bridal party at her home on North New Jersey street. The guests included Miss Jessie Marie Dalrymple and Mr. William Jasper Dobyns. Miss Florence Moore, Miss Alfred Halton of Mooreville and Miss Ethel Claybourne, Mr. Virgil Dalrymple, Mr. Frank Heskell, Mr. Duprez of Shelbyville and Mr. E. L. Roberts.

The members of the Congenial Club gave a bowling party Wednesday night. The membership was divided into two teams, captained by Mr. Fred E. Akin and Mr. Edmund O. Schilling. Three games were bowled, which were won by Mr. Schilling's team. High averages were made by Mr. E. L. Roberts, Mr. G. F. Kirby, Mr. Edmund O. Schilling, Mrs. W. M. Tarlton, Miss Minnie Fleming and Miss Bertha Pease. The club will not meet next week.

Mrs. J. H. Taylor and Miss Margie Taylor entertained at dinner yesterday in honor of Miss Marie Hines, who is spending part of her vacation with Miss Elizabeth Fletcher in the city. The guests included Miss Elizabeth Fletcher, Miss Edna Stevenson, Miss Anne Hurty, Miss Martha Foster, Miss Gertrude Hinson, Miss Helen Day, Miss Jessie Barcus, Miss Helen Carson, Miss Katharine Layman, Miss Belle Layman, Miss Lydia Parry, Miss Violet Barbour, Miss Louise Bybee, Miss Sally Hall, Miss Virginia Pickens, Miss Edith Adams, Miss Gertrude Hart over red satin, and on either end were silver candelabra with red candles and shades. In the center of the table was a large Dresden basket of poinsettia and smilax.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Coleman gave a delightful dining party last night in honor of their nephew, Mr. Major Downing, who is home from Ann Arbor for the holidays. The host and hostess were assisted during the evening by entertaining by a number of friends. The different rooms were fragrant with flowers, placed here and there in baskets. About one hundred and fifty guests were entertained. Among them were Miss Duncan, of Washington, Pa.; Miss Davidson, of College Hill, Boston, with Miss Eleanor Carey; Miss Lindy of Untonville, Pa., with Miss Charlotte Witt; Miss Wright, with Miss Louise Fletcher; Miss Anna Stewart, with Miss Cordelia Hughes; Miss Margaret McGreedy; of Anderson, Miss Rogers, of Knoxville, of Anderson, with Miss Woolen; Miss Milford, of Crawfordsville, with Mrs. S. E. Perkins, of Knoxville, with Miss Rockwood, Tenn.

Conversation Club-Friday. "Architecture," Mesdames Benton, Jones and Miss Polson.

Tuxedo Historical Club-Friday. Mrs. Frank Heaton, hostess. Guest evening. Music. "John Philip Sousa," Mrs. McConeghey.

Monday Afternoon Club-Hostess. Mrs. Maud L. Ruppner; "Scandinavia," "Mythology," Mrs. Elizabeth Masters; "Literature," Mrs. Mary Hendryx; "Social Culture," Mrs. Mary Hendryx; "Social Culture," Mrs. Mary Hendryx.

Inter Nos Club-Wednesday. Hostess, Mrs. Leedy; "Some Great Expositions," Mrs. Brown; "What the Nineteenth Century Has Done for Women-What Women Have Done for the Century," Mrs. S. A. Thompson; "Life of Whittier," Mrs. Champe; quotations from Whittier.

Miss Florence Moore will go to Peru Friday to spend a week.

Miss Harriet Banks left yesterday for a two weeks' visit at her home in Hooker, Ind.

Miss May Caspender left last night for her home in Chicago to make a two weeks' visit.

Miss Bessie Bodine entertained the Dobyns-Dalrymple bridal party last night with a dinner.

Professor C. B. Coleman is spending Christmas vacation at his home in Springsville, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude R. Shaffer left yesterday to make a two weeks' visit in Evansville.

Miss Evelyn Butler, who has been spending the winter in Anderson, is home for a short visit.

Mrs. J. D. Forest will go to Cincinnati to-day to spend the Christmas holidays with friends.

Mrs. H. Riley, of Franklin, is the guest of Mrs. George W. Barth, on Washington street.

Mr. Shelby Watts, of Winchester, is visiting his sister, Mrs. F. E. Tibbott, on Burgess avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Gish and son Addison have come to spend Christmas holidays with relatives in Ohio.

Miss Essie Hunter will go to Noblesville Thursday to be the guest of Miss Edith Longley for a week.

The young men of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity entertained with a dance in their fraternity hall last night.

Dr. Dan Layman, of New York city, will come next week to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Layman.

Mrs. Joseph Chamption, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cross, on Washington street.

Mrs. Augustus and daughter, Sarah, left yesterday to make a three weeks' visit with friends in Columbus, O.

The Irvington Tuesday Club will give a large reception at Mrs. James Layman on New Year's night.

Miss Nina Price, who is spending the winter in Irvington, will go to her home in Kokomo to-day for a visit.

Miss Rebecca Downing came last night from Ann Arbor to make a three weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Clark.

Mrs. R. E. Moore will give a 6 o'clock dinner on Christmas in honor of Miss Jessie Dalrymple and Mr. William Dobyns.

Mrs. Adalie Finkler, of Rushville, will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hecker, on Butler avenue, during Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Schell, of Clinton, Ind., came yesterday to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Layman for two weeks.

Mrs. Nell Kingman, of Salt Lake City, arrived last night to spend the remainder of the winter with Dr. and Mrs. B. J. Ferrel.

Misses Grace and Ruth Hatfield, who have been spending the winter with Mr. A. J. Roberts, have returned to their home in Covington.

Miss Carrie Butler, who has been attending school at Oxford, O., is spending Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Butler.

Miss Minerva Christie, of Chicago, is spending her Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Christie, on University avenue.

Mrs. R. E. Moore will have as her guests this week Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Fatout, of Brookville; Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Moore, of Connersburg; and Mrs. Joseph Ratliff, of Dayton, O.

Miss Ethel Claybourne entertained on Friday night at her home on New Jersey street in honor of Miss Jessie Dalrymple and Mr. William Dobyns, who were married at the Downey-avenue Church on Wednesday. The present were Miss Bessie Bodine, Miss Alphen Holton, Miss Florence Moore, Mr. Virgil Dalrymple, Mr. Edwin Moore, Mr. John De Prez and Mr. Frank Heskell.

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INTERESTING BOOKS.

Discriminating Comments on Some Recently Issued Volumes.

In order to be interesting in the eyes of the discerning, a book must be truthful, first of all. "Isabel Carnaby" has already gone to the limbo of the forgotten; "Richard Carvel" and "Janice Meredith" and the rest of that sort are fast following, simply because they lack truthfulness; the dictum of the discerning is, "I will not read a book which is not a book, but a piece of machinery for the whole world. Such books have only a brief popularity. The "brilliant conversation" of "Isabel Carnaby," of which this sentence is a wonderful specimen, "is like the talk in "Richard Carvel" and "Janice Meredith," and so on; it is the talk of tedious, commonplace people, and yet is supposed to represent the talk of eminent people; it is not a truthful representation. You have to go to Shakespeare or Schiller or even to the "brilliant conversation" of the great; no tedious talk exists in works of merit. The novels of George Gissing, which are read extensively in England, though not yet fully appreciated in America, are a mine of delight to the genuine novel reader. All the novels in the world are not enough for the inveterate novel reader. Tennyson said he wished he had a novel one hundred volumes long. The out-and-out novel reader always has a great deal more time than he has novels to read, and George Gissing's shelf full of novels is a great blessing to him. As to such a novel reader, Gissing's novels are absolutely truthful tales of lower English middle class life, with plot, incident, dialogue, point and climax of truthfulness of life, and of unflinching interest, and if you want a moral you can find it in the bad manners, snappishness, quarrelsomeness, bad tempers and excitability of the low characters. The English draw hard and fast lines between their noisy low and their unflinching high. The few Gissing novels in our public library show that they are read by fine, cultured readers, never by the great unwashed, because, although they are not very dirty.

Among the thoroughly truthful books of the present time are to be placed the one on "China by Mrs. Archibald Little. One called "Intimate China" puts you in possession of the life of the English settled in China. In this work you live among the noiseless, serene Chinese, and you become acquainted with the perfectly childish and savage superstitions of the Chinese, with their Feng Shui, which is merely the superstition that good and bad bring good and bad luck, and like ourselves, they have no religion; they resemble the old Romans in that; yet, like all ignorant people, they are superstitious, more and more so as you go down.

Chinese peasants have a freedom unknown in Europe, and always have had perfect liberty as to their thoughts and opinions. Chinese mob violence never attacks opinions of any society, attacks something else. Old Chinese statesmen warned rulers against the multiplicity of laws. Prohibitory enactments and intermeddling edicts are bad; rulers should be inactive. Anson Burlingame told us years ago that China was governed by three hundred Ralph Waldo Emersons. The Chinese are orderly, quiet and that order is kept by their provinces as large as France by one mandarin and a few assistants, and the taxes are only 25 cents per capita. Under such circumstances, naturally the public buildings and roads are not in repair. Few criminals are arrested and they are often have to resort to mob violence in order to get justice. The unreasoning of a handful of foreigners is a danger to the Chinese, who have them, is plain enough. There is no "poor law" in China, and no Sunday, but the Chinese are not doomed, however, is said to have sprung

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Brother Dickey's Musings. Atlanta Constitution. "They ain't no number on my do," but I reckon de Lawd know whar I live at. I hope dat charity, what kivers a multitude er sins, will likewise kiver a multitude er 'thervin' sinners in dis col' weather. Whenever a rich man sets by his nice wain er on a winter's night, how he do pity do po!

By the Waters of Galilee. The wind is low in the oldanders, proddy stirring the reed mats; Out from a hill a rill meanders Down to the waters of Galilee.

Sacred Silk Hat Tottering. London Letter. Once again the old story has been going the rounds of the city that at last the cumbersome and ugly silk hats to be done away with once and for all. This time, though, of course, it is untrue, the rumor is not so wide of the mark as heretofore. The hat-makers of the past season there never often have to resort to mob violence in order to get justice. The unreasoning of a handful of foreigners is a danger to the Chinese, who have them, is plain enough. There is no "poor law" in China, and no Sunday, but the Chinese are not doomed, however, is said to have sprung

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