THE WEEK IN SOCIETY.

With the holiday season has come the usual lull in society, though Christmas week was rather a busy one, with several large dinners, luncheons, small dances and one wedding, the latter taking by far the most prominent part. Hundreds of people have opened their country houses for the holiday season and are entertaining large house parties. The marriage to-morrow of Miss Alice Greenleaf, second daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard C. Greenleaf, to William Adams, at Trinity Church, Lenox, has filled that part of the Berkshires with more people than have been before seen there at this season of the year. Many well-known cottagers have opened their houses, which are crowded with happy guests, while Curtis is simply packed from basement to garret. Dancing and dining have been and will be the order of things at Lenox until Tuesday night, when the place will resume its wonted condition of peace and quietness.

Tuxedo proved the most popular place on Christmas Day for those anxious for the bracing, outdoor sports of the winter. There was neither sleighing nor skating. However, the guests at the clubhouse, as well as those who form house parties at the cottages in the park, have not passed the days or nights moping about, but have amused themselves with driving over the handsome, well-kept roads, dancing and feasting. The real gayety began last week with the Christmas-tree celebration and dance in the ballroom. To-day there will be an afternoon and evening concert by the Hungarian Band, and to-morrow night the New Year's dance will take place. There will be a cotillion without favors, and at midnight a sumptuous supper.

Those who delight to look upon a gay wedding crowd in a church brilliant with electric lights, adorned with stained glass and handsome mural paintings in oil, and every pew filled with young, pretty and fashionably attired women, had abundant opportunity for gratification at the marriage of Miss Ella Louise Faye and Louis Joseph Sands on Wednesday in St. Francis Xavier's Church. The ceremony and subsequent reception at Sherry's were fully described in The Tribune of the following day, and it needs only to be said that the appointments were all that an ample fortune and liberal and lavish hand could provide. The scene within the altar railing was a particularly brilliant and effective one, and the musical part of the service, contributed by Oscar Bruno Klein and Charles Palm, was not one of the least pleasant features of the occasion. The bride was sumptuously attired in white satin and point lace, and looked stately and handsome as she passed out of the church with the bridegroom. The weather was favorable for a large gathering, and of course almost all the young débutantes of the season were present, as well as those of a year ago. The costumes worn by the women were costly and handsome, and the display of furs, velvets and heavy, light and dark-colored brocades was bewildering in its variety and beauty. Mr. and Mrs. Sands have decided, after a short honeymoon trip here, to pass the rest of the winter in Southern Italy and the spring and summer in England and on the Continent. They will sail for the Mediterranean on the steamship Columbia on January 4. James J. Faye, who escorted his sister into the church, will himself lead to the altar in Trinity Chapel in a fortnight Miss Emma Graves, a daughter of the late Robert Graves.

The opera, no matter now full or empty the social calendar, continues to attract the fashionable world, who fill the boxes in the most gorgeous attire every night. Mrs. William Everett Strong, who, with her daughter, occupied the Ogden Goelet box on Wednesday night, looked beautiful in a gown of black velvet and some superb pearls. Miss Strong was in a pretty gown of pale green satin, touched with velvet of a somewhat darker shade. Mrs. H. Victor Newcomb, in the Brice box, was in a rich gown of white brocade and coral pink velvet. Her daughter, Mrs. Reginald Henshaw Ward, wore a gown of cherry-colored satin, embellished with point lace on the corsage, which was studded with many diamond ornaments. Mrs. J. H. A. Tremenheere was handsomely attired in pompadour brocade, while Mrs. J. Egmont Schermerhorn, who was one of her guests, wore a gown of black velvet and white lace. Miss Mirelle Alexander, another of Mrs. Tremenheere's guests, was in an effective costume of cream-white satin, combined with shell-pink velvet and lace. Mrs. William Douglass Sloane was in miroir pale blue velvet. Miss Sloane was in pink and white silk, and Miss Beatrice Bend wore a striking gown of turquoise blue silk and chiffon, touched with silver. Mrs. J. T. Farish wore a rich gown of black velvet, a diamond tiara, and many gorgeous diamond ornaments in her corsage. Her guest, Miss Mamie Field, was attired in a gown of white satin, combined with pale green velvet. Mrs. Frank Egerton Webb, who, with her husband, sat in Dr. W. Seward Webb's box, looked beautiful in a rich gown of pale pink velvet and lace. The audience in the boxes on Friday night was a particularly brilliant one. A box to which many eyes travelled during the evening, was occupied by Mrs. C. Albert Stevens, who looked beautiful in a gown of pale pink satin and white lace; Mrs. Lucius K. Wilmerding, in rose pink satin and Mrs. Paran Stevens, who wore mauve brocade and white lace. Another box which was much gazed at held Mrs. William Lawrence Breese, Mrs. William Jaffray and Mrs. Roche. Mrs. Breese was in a gown of white satin and lace, Mrs. Jaffray wore black and white striped satin, and Mrs. Roche was radiantly beautiful in a gown of white satin, the corsage being profusely trimmed with small bows of coral pink satin. Mrs. John H. Davis appeared for the first time this season, in a rich gown of black satin with huge balloon sleeves of blue miroir velvet, and her sister, Mrs. George L. Rives, was in a pompadour brocade, trimmed with pink velvet. Mrs. Robert Goelet, in a gown of white satin brocade and many handsome pearl ornaments, had as her guest Mrs. Richard Mortimer, who was attired in white satin, touched with pink velvet.

A pleasant incident last week was the tea given on Tuesday afternoon by James Lawrence Breese at his studio in West Twenty-third-st., in honor of Mme. Calvé, who arrived early and remained to enjoy the dancing of "Little Anna," a child nine years old, and afterward to chat with nearly everyone in the room. The Rev. Dr. Rainsford, of St. George's Church, was one of those who had a lively chat in French with the singer. Among the guests were Mrs. William Lawrence Breese, and Henry Vincent Higgins, of London, whose engagement was announced on the previous day. Like the guest of honor, these two persons were constantly surrounded by a crowd, which was profuse in offering its congratulations. As has already been said in The Tribune, Mrs. Breese is the widow of William Lawrence Breese, whose death from the grip at Islip several years ago was a great shock to his friends, a daughter of George Parsons, of Columbus, Ohio, and sister of the Princess de Lynar. Mr. Higgins is a prominent London barrister, and a son of Matthew Higgins, who was one of the ablest and best-equipped journalists in Great Britain. He is a member of the law firm of Gadsden & Tuheme, which house has charge of the Tichborne estate, of which Mr. Higgins is a trustee. His position as a barrister is a prominent one, and his career in military life has not been without considerable credit to himself and his associates. Mr. Higgins served for several years in the First Life Guards, and retired from it about a dozen years ago with the title of lieutenant. Besides, he is an officer in the East West Yeomanry, of which the Marquis of Ormonde, who was here with Lord Dunraven during the international yacht race, is colonel. Mr. Higgins was educated at Cardinal Newman's school and at Oxford. In April, 1877, Mr. Higgins married Lady Hilda Finch-Hatton, who died in Paris last February. The wedding may be celebrated shortly after the new year. Another engagement just announced is that of Miss Louise Bowers, daughter of the late Henry Bowers, to Arthur Aymar Cater, an Englishman, now living in this city.

Mrs. Paran Stevens's reception, with music, on Thursday afternoon, when M. Plançon, David Bispham, of Philadelphia, and Miss Fannie Reed, the hostess's sister, contributed the musical part of the entertainment, was another of the pleasant incidents of the week. Receptions with music promise to be a favorite form of entertainment during the rest of the season. Miss Callender and Miss de Forest will give, within the next few months, four entertainments at their apartment in the Tiffany Mansion, No. 7 East Seventy-second-st. The first will be on January 9. The dates of the others are February 13, March 9 and April 3.

The much-discussed bachelors' ball, which some of the young men in the Knickerbocker Club have decided to give, in return for the many kindnesses received from the hostesses of New-York society, will, as has already been printed in The Tribune, take place at the Hotel Waldorf, on Thursday, January 18. A committee, consisting of H. Ray Miller, Center Hitchcock and Cambridge Livingston, was selected the other day to make the arrangements, for what will probably be the most brilliant entertainment of the kind this season. The ladies to receive the guests will be, among others, Mrs. Ogden Mills, Mrs. Whitney Warren and Mrs. Brockholst Cutting. The details attending the cotillion, the leader and favors, have not yet been decided upon, nor will they be, probably, for the next ten days, when the invitations will be sent out. Among the subscribers to the ball, all bachelors and members of the Knickerbocker Club, are Perry Belmont, Worthington Whitehouse, William Rutherford, William Cutting, Barton Willing, Hamilton Cary, Duncan Cameron, Brockholst Cutting, Appleton Smith, Gilbert Franklin Kean, Stewart M. Brice, Columbus Baldwin, Charles L. Sands, J. D. R. Baldwin, S. Nicholson Kane, Francis Skinner, Jr., of Boston, Robert C. Sands, Richard T. Wilson, C. W. Appleton, McLean R. Cameron, Herbert Robbins, Belmont Tiffany, Julian Potter, Thayer Robb, Gordon Fellows, Anthony J. Drexel, Jr., Frederic R. Coudert, John C. Parmly, Richmond Aulick, Robert B. Van Cortlandt, E. Randolph and F. Lorillard Rotnable.

The important incident in the social world on Staten Island to-morrow will be the fourth annual Hunt Ball of the Richmond County Hunt Club, which will be given at the Hotel Castleton, New-Brighton, and for which the most elaborate preparations have been made. The ballroom will be splendidly decorated with tapestries, laurel and mistletoe and the white, red and green colors of the club. It is proposed to have the ball open with a grand march, which will be led by Louis Whitin, president of the Richmond County Country Club, and Mrs. W. S. Nichols. There will be a hunt lancers, in which the men will appear in full hunting costume, and after supper a cotillon, in which the favors will be bits, spurs, stirrups and hunting horns, tied with the colors of the club. The guests, among whom will be many from distant hunt clubs, will be received by the patronesses, who are Mrs. W. S. Nichols, Mrs. Charles D. Freeman, Mrs. J. J. Alexandre, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Nichols, Mrs. L. P. Wilkins, Mrs. W. R. Thomas, Mrs. Tiffany, H. Outerbridge and Mrs. Harry Watrous. Among the members of the Ball Committee are George T. Bonner, E. N. Nichols, A. J. Outerbridge, Clarence Whitman, E. W. Brown, W. R. Thomas, A. Duer Irving, Carl Boyd, George J. Greenfield, James Brown, F. H. Cabot, George Cromwell, H. M. Dean, Charles D. Freeman, Otto Ehlmann, E. S. Twining, G. E. Irving, James M. Montgomery, W. Harry Morley and E. H. Outerbridge.

The first of the series of dances organized by Mrs. Frederic R. Jones, Mrs. J. Beekman Johnston, Mrs. Henry Holt, Mrs. Stanford White, Mrs. Robert B. Minturn and Mrs. Benoni Lockwood, and known as the "Twelve o'clock Dances," was given on Tuesday evening in the new home of the Fencers' Club, and was an extremely successful dance. The main object for which these dances were arranged seemed to have been met, for the young people were on hand early, and as a result the dancing began at 8:30 o'clock, and stopped precisely at the midnight hour. The second of these dances will be held on January 9.

The engagement is announced in Albany of Miss Katharine Van Rensselaer, of Greenbush, to Benjamin W. Arnold, a well-known merchant in that part of Albany known as the "Lumber district."

Mrs. Charles Howland Russell has sent out invitations for receptions on the afternoons of January 17, 24 and 31 for her twin sisters, daughters of Bishop Potter.

The boats and the ferryhouses of the Hoboken ferry were gayly dressed with flags and bunting and the business offices of the Hoboken Land and Improvement Company, in Hoboken, were in holiday attire yesterday in honor of the marriage of Miss Lucy Ware Lewis, the second daughter of the late E. Parke Curtis Lewis, at one time United States Minister to Portugal, to Charles Treadwell Ayres McCormick, a son of Charles McCormick, of Clark County, Va. The ceremony was performed in Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church, at Washington and Seventh sts., Hoboken.

At St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church, Convent-ave. and One-hundred-and-forty-first-st., on Friday evening last, Miss Irma Schultz, second daughter of Carl H. Schultz, was married to Louis C. Ruebsamen, of Summit, N. J.

An incident of notes in out-of-town society during the week was the reception and dance given to introduce Miss Helen Fraser, daughter of Gilbert Fraser, British Consul at New-York, which took place on Thursday evening, at White Plains, where the Fraser family live. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Squire, Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Schmid, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Woodworth, Miss Anna Squire, Miss Dora Schmid, Miss Emily Dykman, Miss Margaret Mitchell, Miss Mamie Le Valley, Miss Amy Woodworth, Miss Dora Tripp, Miss Louise Tibbits, Miss Kittie Schmid, Miss Moehring, Miss Antoinette Faile, Miss Fannie Cromwell, Miss Nettie Schmid, Miss Euyler, T. Hall Faile, Vice-Consul Trainor, Harold Stevens, Albert Squire, E. H. Squire, Thomas Le Valley, Jesse Horton, Abram Bassford, Jr., Warren Browne, Edmund H. Sutherland, Root Sutherland, Edwin R. McChain, George McChain, Ned Green and Mr. William Van Kleeck.

New-York society was well represented at the reception given by Mrs. John G. McCullough at her home, No. 58 Park-ave., on Friday, to introduce her second daughter, Miss Ella S. McCullough. Miss McCullough was assisted by Miss Kissam, Miss Roberts, Miss Chittenden, Miss Rees, Miss Riker and other débutantes. Among the large representation from New-York were Mrs. J. Pierpont Morgan, Mrs. Lowell Lincoln, Mrs. C. H. Alexander, Mrs. Raymond, Mrs. Colgate, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. F. B. Jennings. The younger set were out in full force, of course. In the evening there was a dinner and dance attended by the younger friends of the débutante. The decorations and flowers were beautiful.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gordon Boykin, whose wedding took place on December 30, held a reception at the Windsor Hotel on Tuesday afternoon. The bride, formerly Mrs. Field-Clay, is a daughter of the late G. E. A. Field, of St. Louis. The bridegroom is a resident of London, England. The best man was Van Brunt Pearce. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Charles Russell Treat, rector of St. Stephen's Church. Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg have taken apartments until February, at the Waldorf, when they will sail for Europe to be gone some months. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. G. Livingston Kellogg, Mrs. Marie Louise Kellogg, Mrs. A. L. Retz, Mrs. Olarco Robbins, Mrs. George A. Field, mother of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wetherbee, Horace B. Joslin, S. W. Bonsall, Van Brunt Pearce, Maurice Rigby, William Lower, G. Stacy Clarke, H. F. Myers, William Aspinwall, Jr., and Mrs. W. Tillinghast Hull, Miss Thompson, the Misses Marsdon, Judge Green, Mr. S. M. Doty, Mrs. William F. Haigh, Miss Annie and Miss Eva Hire Haigh, Mrs. D. S. Berlin, Mrs. J. A. Green and Mrs. W. S. Ransom.

O. Legaré Rogers sailed yesterday for Jamaica, on the Atlas Line steamer Alene. He has gone to the South in order to recover his health, which was recently affected to some extent by rigorous weather. Mr. Rogers has earned considerable reputation in military circles, having been connected with the National Guard for some time as lieutenant, and having latterly served on the staff of the 9th Regiment. He is well known also in amateur singing circles.

The Countess Fanny Zanpini Salazer, before sailing for Italy, will lecture on "The Ideal of International Union, and the Revival of the Artistic Industries in Italy," at Mrs. Henry Draper's house, No. 271 Madison-ave., on the afternoon of January 5. There will be stereopticon views.

CHARLES COGHLAN AS LORD ILLINGWORTH

TO RETURN TO HIS SISTER'S COMPANY—CHANGES IN OSCAR WILDE'S PLAY.

It was announced yesterday that Charles Coghlan would play the part of Lord Illingworth with his sister's company, in "A Woman of No Importance" at the Fifth Avenue Theatre on Tuesday evening, and for the rest of the New-York engagement. The fact that he did not play it at first occasioned some comment at the time, and it was even reported that he might start a rival company and give the play himself. As was said at that time he gave up the part and left the company entirely of his own accord, and it is now declared that he did so on account of his health. He had an attack of influenza at that time and was confined to his room at the Colonnade Hotel for several days.

Mr. Coghlan has made some changes in "A Woman of No Importance," by permission of Oscar Wilde, the writer, obtained through Charles Frohman, who owns the American rights. He has cut out some portions of the first act which were of local application in London and not generally understood here, and he has made considerable alterations in the last act.

Maurice Barrymore, who has been playing Lord Illingworth at the Fifth Avenue, has a contract for the New-York engagement, which is to last for four weeks more. He will remain a member of the company for that time, but will not act. There will also be a change on Tuesday night in the part of Gerald Arbuthnot, played hitherto by Robert Taber. He will leave the company at that time. The part may be played by John T. Sullivan or possibly by Aubrey Boucicault. Negotiations with Mr. Boucicault have been going on, but are not yet finished.

It is declared that the return of Mr. Coghlan to the company does not affect, and is not affected by his much-discussed domestic relations.

READY FOR PROBE AND KNIFE.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: A committee ought to be appointed at Albany to rip up things in this town. It ought to be thoroughgoing and unsparing in its work. It ought to get at the bottom of all the abuses and infamies that are so serious and far-reaching in the metropolis. It should be made up of men with the temper and the metal of the Ironsides soldiers of Cromwell—men who fear nothing, men whom Tammany cannot frighten, men who will not be turned aside by any influences whatever from the complete exposure of the rottenness in the public departments of New-York. Such a committee is sure to find a peculiarly rich field of investigation in the Police Department and in the police courts. Dr. Parkhurst and his agents can give such a committee much evidence of great value. When the people of New-York once become entirely convinced that such a committee is in dead earnest and will carry through its work without fear or favor, sparing no rascal whatever, no matter how high the office and how great the influence of that rascal may be, testimony will then pour in upon this committee in a flood. But if the committee is not made up of men of the right sort and does not employ counsel of the right sort, it will fail completely and make itself the laughing-stock of the State. Never has there been a more urgent and imperative call upon the legislators at Albany to do their full duty and to rid New-York of the blackmailers, the bribe-takers, the accomplices and allies of criminals, who now in great numbers draw salaries from the public funds.

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AN INTERESTING EXCEPTION.

From The New-York Commercial Advertiser.

This Administration "beat all" for "sealed orders." First we had the powerful Mount shipped in the dark of the moon with "sealed orders," certainly so far as the public was concerned. Then Mr. Willis followed under the same conditions. Now our warships, whether seaworthy or not, are sent hither and yon and every one of them with "sealed orders from Washington." Lincoln's Administration crushed the Rebellion and did not use half the sealing wax. Our understanding is that Colonel J. Hampton Hoge firmly declined to sail under sealed orders. He drew the stopper before he got out of port.

FOR THE CHARITY BALL.

A BRILLIANT AFFAIR PROMISED.

UNUSUALLY LARGE ATTENDANCE EXPECTED—PURCHASERS OF THE BOXES.

The managers of the Charity Ball are anticipating another successful entertainment on Wednesday evening next for the benefit of the Nursery and Child's Hospital. The sale of boxes and seats encourages the promise that the ball will be an unusually fashionable and brilliant affair. It is the only extremely fashionable public ball, owing to the interest society takes in its success. The Madison Square Garden, where the ball is to take place, will be handsomely decorated, and for the occasion the boreness of the amphitheatre will be relieved by draperies, which conceal the two upper balconies, and a drop curtain, shutting off the Fourth-ave., and a drop curtain, shutting off the Fourth-ave., and a drop curtain, shutting off the Fourth-ave.,