FOR THE BUSY MAN.

Constant Reader Tells what He Missed in Last Week's Paper.

"Is that trial of Mr. Hapgood, the editor, still hanging on?" asked the Busy Man on meeting again his friend, the Constant Reader.

"It's all over," was the reply. "The jury, after only five minutes' deliberation, brought in a verdict acquitting the editor. Accordingly, his paper did not commit libel when it said that Justice Deuel because of his connection with 'Town Topics' was not fit to be a member of the bench. The point was brought out in court that Mr. Hapgood got his facts for his condemnatory editorial from the District Attorney who prosecuted him. It was also shown that 'Town Topics' obtained news of scandals from all classes, writers for newspapers, music critics, editors of 'society columns,' dressmakers, detectives, lawyers and servants."

"What! for the purpose of blackmail?" shouted the Busy Man excitedly.

"It also developed," said the Constant Reader, not noticing the interruption, "that those who advertised in "Town Topics" were gently treated; otherwise, not. A letter to Elbridge T. Gerry was produced, written by Judge Deuel, which showed his influence in the management of the paper and his complete control of the 'Fads and Fancies' scheme. Colonel Mann, the proprietor of 'Town Topics,' was shown to have ability to borrow without limit. He got $2,500 from J. P. Morgan, $3,000 from Howard Gould, $3,000 from George J. Gould, $25,000 from William K. Vanderbilt, $20,000 from John W. Gates, $10,000 from Thomas F. Ryan and $90,000 from James R. Keene. Few got their money back."

"But is this trial the only talk of the town?" interrupted the Busy Man.

"Traction complications have followed each other thick and fast," was the reply. "The plans of the merger of the subway, surface and elevated lines were made public. The voting trustees of the holding company are August Belmont, Thomas F. Ryan, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Peter A. B. Widener, and Walter G. Oakman. The Port Chester Railroad received a black eye when some of its strongest backers quit it. The veil has at last been torn off the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and its accounts have been found to be in a badly jumbled state. Strong efforts are being made to oust John P. Haines, its president. Meantime, Captain Rhinelander Waldo has been chosen first deputy of police, once Devery's job. Mr. Waldo is young and wealthy. Tammany is ridiculing him, because it failed to land the job. Edward S. Murphy was appointed Superintendent of Buildings, to succeed Mr. Hopper."

"I heard that one of our battleships blew up," said the Busy Man.

"You mean the Aquidaban, the Brazilian turret ship," was the reply. "A magazine blew up. The ship sank and 212 men were killed. A wreck on the Pacific Coast proved almost as disastrous. The steamship Valencia went ashore five miles from Cape Beale, Vancouver Island. She was on her way from San Francisco to Victoria. Only 32 of the 154 persons aboard were saved. Chicago University got another big gift—$1,500,000 from Rockefeller. Meanwhile, in Cleveland, the session there of the Standard Oil investigation ended. The Prosecutor obtained evidence, he said, on which Mr. Jerome might bring criminal action. A former Standard Oil employe admitted that his superiors caused him to sign a false name."

"Talking of investigations," said the Busy Man, "what has the insurance investigation ever resulted in?"

"There has been some rank trouble about the publication of its report," was the reply. "It is charged that the State Printer is delaying it on purpose, so he can get out a special edition to sell. Accordingly, Senator Armstrong introduced a bill to permit the investigating committee to print its report itself. Other investigations are being promised. Resolutions have been introduced for a probing of the State Insurance, Bank and Controller's departments. The Governor says, however, that these efforts are to sidetrack the insurance investigation. The New-York City Republican members of the legislature in caucus voted the repeal of the Mortgage Tax act. Meantime the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Stock Transfer Tax law. At Washington the Statehood bill passed the House. Before the Senate Canal Committee Mr. Stevens, chief engineer of the Isthmian commission, argued for a lock canal, to cost $147,000,000, and to take eight years to build. Stephen Decatur, great-grandson of the great commodore, was dismissed from Annapolis for hazing."

"You said in our last talk that the Liberals were victorious in England," said the Busy Man. "Just how strong are they in the new Parliament?"

"The election still hangs on," was the reply. "The Liberals are getting about three-fifths of the seats. Mr. Balfour, though defeated, will still be a member of the coming Parliament, Alban G. H. Gibbs having resigned his seat for the City of London in his favor. France and Germany are each anxiously watching the Moroccan conference at Algeciras, where difficulties to an easy solution of the problem are multiplying. France says she is willing that all outside countries shall have equal trade rights in Morocco, but she insists that she should have a certain political supremacy there because of her long active policy in Morocco."

"Has France settled her trouble with Venezuela yet?" asked the Busy Man impatiently.

"France is expected to blockade Venezuela's ports with her West Indian fleet," replied the Constant Reader. "Yet she is acting cautiously, hoping that President Castro will not drive her to this extremity. The United States has given France a free hand to act as she sees fit in the matter. Ecuador, just emerging from the revolution headed by General Alfaro, has another civil war. Rebel conservatives are raising an army to depose Alfaro, who is now generally recognized as President instead of Señor Garcia. In Persia the first constitutional assembly in its history was held. It is called the House of Justice. Alfonso, King of Spain, asked Princess Henry of Battenberg for the hand of her daughter, Ena, and got it."

"You said the anniversary of 'Red Sunday' in Russia might end in bloodshed," said the Busy Man. "Was the day again red?"

"Troops so overawed the people," said the Constant Reader, "that the anniversary was a quiet one, except in Warsaw, where two men were killed. The Czar is increasing his strength. Revolt in the Baltic provinces is being crushed out by the soldiery. Even at the constitutional democratic convention his power was shown, when it adopted in its platform a clause declaring Russia 'a constitutional, parliamentary monarchy.' In the Balkan states, however, there are forebodings of evil. King Peter of Servia is said to fear for his life, and has been made a virtual prisoner in his palace by the assassins of King Alexander. The realm is financially, as well as politically, on a precipice. Austria grinds Servia so heavily under her heel that Servian merchants have declared a boycott on all Austrian manufactures."

"Some army man, they told me, died the other day," said the Busy Man.

"General Joseph Wheeler," said the Constant Reader, "is dead. He was a veteran of two wars. Others who died last week were George Jacob Holyoake, the British author and lecturer; B. C. Stephenson, the English dramatist; Howard Irving Smith, the New-York newspaper man, and Henry Lowery Slote, the aged stationer."

ON THE PACIFIC SLOPE.

Wreck Causes Comment on U. S. Signal Service—New Desert Map.

San Francisco, Jan. 26.—The disastrous wreck of the Pacific Coast steamship Valencia near Carmanah Point, on Vancouver Island, has renewed discussion of the failure of the government signal service to maintain a telegraph line from Tatoosh Island to the mainland. Had this wire been in operation the news of the wreck of the steamship could have been flashed directly to Victoria and tugs would have been able to reach the scene in three hours. As it was news had to be carried by boat and one whole day was lost. At least twenty-five survivors clung to the masts of the vessel for the entire day, and then were swept off by the heavy sea. The wreck is one of the worst known on the Northern coast for many years, as two-thirds of those on board were lost.

The action of the director of the United States Geological Survey in ordering the survey of Salton Basin will result in an accurate map of that portion of the Colorado Desert which is now flooded, and of the Imperial colony, which is threatened with loss of water. The formation of Salton Sea in the lowest part of the Colorado Desert is due entirely to the neglect of the managers of the Imperial company to provide head gates where they took water from the Colorado River. In two instances they have been abandoned; the third and newest intake has caused all the trouble. The whole volume of the Colorado River is pouring through this, and, of course, a part of this flood finds its way through the new river into the low basin of the Colorado Desert. This water has destroyed the salt works at Salton and has cost the Southern Pacific Company large sums, as it has forced the moving of many miles of track. The Imperial colony cannot be flooded for many months, but the chief danger to the colony lies in the flood scouring the canals so deep that water will not flow up to the colony lands without pumping. This diversion of the waters of the Colorado is the most remarkable phenomenon seen in the West for many years. That the Colorado River once flowed into Salton is seen by the water marks on the mountains that surround the desert basin.

The Police Commissioners this week decided to restore the slot machines in saloons and other places from which they have been excluded for four years. At least two thousand of these gambling devices were thrown out, but the saloon men have now convinced the easy-going Police Board that San Francisco should be a "wide open" town. The worst feature of these machines is that they will be installed in places where children may learn to gamble on them.

The arrest in this city for forgery of Arthur W. Synett, a young Englishman who represents British capitalists in reorganizing several California and Nevada gold mines, put a temporary end to the sensational career which began in reckless real estate dealings in St. Louis. Synett left St. Louis last year under a financial cloud, but through the influence of his family in London he was able to pay the most pressing claims and get the management of large mining claims in this State and Nevada. He says that the forgery charge is trumped up and that he will soon return to resume his mine management.

R. Brent Mitchell, a stockbroker under the Palace Hotel, who failed recently, has been indicted by the grand jury for embezzlement, one of the victims charging that Mitchell applied to his own use $1,000 which had been given him to invest in certain stocks. Mitchell left the city soon after his failure, declaring he was going to take a rest in San José, but he has not been seen since. The police are now trying to find him.

The old First Baptist Church, which has been for three years without a pastor, has engaged the Rev. Dr. George E. Burlingame, of Covenant Baptist Church, of Chicago. The church is a pioneer of its denomination in the city, having been founded on July 6, 1849.

Much discussion has been caused here this week by a drop in the price of Oceanic Steamship Company stock to $1 a share, due to the report that a heavy assessment would be levied. The deficit for the year was $183,344, and it was finally decided to make an assessment of $2 a share.

Mrs. Booker T. Washington was here this week on a tour of Western cities, during which she founded several women's clubs. One club formed at Salt Lake City comprised fifty-eight women, and its chief aim will be to induce husbands to buy homes and save wages.

The savings banks deposits of San Francisco show an increase for the last six months of six and one-third millions, and in resources of five and a third millions.

Plans have been completed by Willis & Polk for a new home for Walter S. Martin at Burlingame. The house, which will be on the highest point of a twenty acre tract, will be a pavilion in Louis XVI style, with loggia and servants' wing at either end. The grounds will be laid out in imitation of those at Versailles, and the feature will be a wide lawn in front. Peter D. Martin will also build at Burlingame, his house to be in pure Colonial style.

The Rev. John Singer Wallace, for many years a chaplain in the United States navy, died this week in Oakland. He was appointed chaplain by Lincoln in 1863, and had served on many vessels and been on many naval posts. He was retired in 1893.

The Mitchell Mining Company has ordered the immediate construction of a railroad from Port Marquez, Mexico, to Acapulco, in Guerrero. The railroad will be completed in August. Effort is being made to connect the inland end of the railroad with the Mexican Central, thus giving a shorter line from the Pacific Coast to the Mexican capital.

MUSICAL COMMENT.

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who will play Calvé's obbligati. A third is Ulysses Von Kehr, a young Boston basso.

At Carnegie Chamber Music Hall on Tuesday evening Edward Bromberg will give a song recital. Programme:

Aria from "La Gioconda" ..... Ponchielli
O cessate di piagarmi ..... Scarlatti (1659-1725)
Danza, danza, fanciulla gentile ..... Durante (1684-1755)
Du bist die Ruh ..... Schubert
Erstes Grün, Ich hab im Traum geweinet } ..... Schumann
Once I loved a maiden fair ..... Parker
Love Is a Bubble ..... Allitsen
Aria from "Eugen Onegin" ..... Tschaikowsky
Lullaby ..... Simon
Peasant song ..... Gurlieff
Cossack cradle song ..... Bachmetieff
Peasant song ..... Dubuk
Piano soli:
Intermezzo ..... Stojowsky
Berceuse ..... Raff
Le Cor ..... Flégler
Ditte-lui ..... Chaminade
Der Tannenbaum } ..... Wagner
Für Music. }
Aus meinen grossen Schmerzen } ..... Franz
Love me forever ..... Schenck
List to the wind ..... Page
Auf Wiedersehn ..... Bendix

Emma Eames will have the assistance of Amherst Webber as accompanist when she gives her first and only song recital of the winter in Carnegie Hall on Wednesday afternoon, February 14.

Maria von Unschuld, a Hungarian pianist, will give a recital in Mendelssohn Hall on Tuesday afternoon, February 6. Fraulein von Unschuld is at the head of a school for pianoforte instruction in Washington, and has played in concerts in different parts of the country, but this is her first public appearance in New-York.

The Vienna Quartet, composed of Ludwig Schoenberger and Licco Liggy, violinists; Otto Krist, 'cello, and Simon Zucker, pianist, will give a chamber music concert in Carnegie Lyceum on Sunday afternoon, February 18, under the management of Henry Wolfsohn.

Marteau, the violinist, is on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, which is due here Monday night. He begins his tour in Boston on Wednesday. He plays twenty-five concerts in the twenty-eight days of February and nearly the same proportion in the month of March. Marteau closed his European tour at Budapest, Hungary, on Saturday evening, January 20.

The West Side branch of the Y. M. C. A., of this city, has arranged for a concert by the Kaltenborn Quartet, assisted by Mrs. Anna Taylor Jones, contralto, on Thursday night, in its auditorium, 57th-st. and 8th-ave. This is practically the first attempt made by any Y. M. C. A. of this city to present high class music at popular prices. The association feels that the musical field has been too long neglected by its organization, and if it can conduct these concerts without too great a drain on the treasury it expects to do considerable toward the musical education of its members. It is selling reserved seat tickets for twenty-five cents.

Felix Weingartner will conduct the New-York Symphony Orchestra at the seventh pair of concerts of its series at Carnegie Hall, Sunday afternoon, February 4, and Tuesday evening, February 6. Rudolph Ganz, pianist, will be the soloist. The following will be the programme:

Overture, "Fingal's Cave" ..... Mendelssohn
Concerto for piano, with orchestra (in E flat) ..... Liszt
Rudolph Ganz.
An overture to Goethe's "Faust" ..... Wagner
Symphony No. 5 (C minor) ..... Beethoven

The second concert of the Boston Symphony Quartet will be given in Mendelssohn Hall on Tuesday evening, February 6, at 8:15. Two quartets will be played, Taniew's in B flat minor, Op. 4, and Schumann's in A major, Op. 41, No. 3. The assisting artist will be Miss Susan Metcalfe, soprano, who will sing a group of six songs.

At the Church of the Incarnation a special musical service will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The programme:

Instrumental prelude, "Prelude du Deluge" (violin, 'cello and organ) ..... Saint-Saëns
Processional, "Jerusalem the Golden" ..... Le Jeune
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C ..... C. Lee Williams
Sacred cantata, "God, Thou Art Great" ..... Spohr
Recessional, "The God of Abraham Praise" ..... Hedden
Postlude, "Epithalamium" ..... Boisdeffre

John Hyatt Brewer, organist and musical director of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, was honored at the annual ladies' night of the Lafayette Avenue Church Club last Thursday evening. Mr. Brewer has been with the church twenty-five years in his present position, and the men of the club took the opportunity of the coincidence of his fiftieth birthday and the reception to present to him a handsome loving cup, suitably engraved. The presentation was made in the name of the men by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Cleland B. McAfee. Mr. Brewer's twentieth anniversary of service was celebrated five years ago.

NATIONAL GUARD NEWS.

In computing the official percentage of attendance at drills for the month of December last among the sixteen regiments in the State, it is found that the 2d Regiment of separate companies made the best record, with 91 per cent. The other regiments, in order of merit, follow: 7th Regiment, 90; 12th Regiment, 89; 13th Regiment, 86; 69th Regiment, 86; 22d Regiment, 85; 23d Regiment, 84; 9th Regiment, 83; 1st Regiment, 83; 71st Regiment, 83; 10th Regiment, 81; 47th Regiment, 80; 8th Regiment, 79; 74th Regiment, 79; 14th Regiment, 78; and 65th Regiment, 76. Among the mounted organizations Squadron C and the 1st Signal Corps have the best records, each with 98 per cent; then follow the 2d Signal Corps with 95; Squadron A, 94; 6th Battery, 92; 1st Battery, 90; 3d Battery, 90; and 2d Battery, 88.

In the 7th Regiment First Sergeant Samuel J. Thomas, of Company E, who is the champion athlete of the regiment, has been elected second lieutenant, vice Dalzell, promoted. He has been about nine years in the regiment, and is known as an energetic and faithful worker. Company F, commanded by Captain Stotesbury, has now a full membership, with several on the waiting list. In the last few months it has made large gains in its membership. Company C, Captain McDougall, had an average percentage of 95 for drill attendance last month, which was the best in the regiment. Company I, Captain McAlpin, was second with 93 per cent. When the regiment parades for inspection next Tuesday night companies K, G, E, D and H will assemble at 8 o'clock, and companies B, C, A, I and F will assemble at 9 o'clock.

Colonel Thurston of the 22d regiment has received with regret the resignation of Captain David Lowenbein of Company F. Captain Lowenbein joined the regiment as a private October 5, 1880, and reached the grade of captain in February, 1903. During the War with Spain he served as a lieutenant in the volunteer regiment. Company A has elected Second Lieutenant John C. Mansfield first lieutenant, vice Porter, promoted. Lieutenant Mansfield, who is a Spanish War veteran, joined the company in April, 1897, and is known as one of the brightest young officers in the regiment. Another highly recommended member of the regiment who has received promotion is Sergeant George H. Wilson, of Company H, who has been elected a second lieutenant. Among the special guests at the full dress reception of the non-commissioned officers, to be held at the armory on February 9, will be a delegation from the engineer detachment from West Point. Company I held an enjoyable theatre party and dinner last Tuesday night.

Colonel Dyer of the 12th Regiment has decided not to hold a review on February 15, as he intended, but on February 28 instead. A preliminary inspection of companies A, F, G, H and I will be held on February 15, and of companies B, C, D, E and K on February 16. Company B, Captain Benkard, and Company D, Captain Dudley, are receiving congratulations on their high percentage of drill attendance last month. The percentage of each company was 94, which was the highest in the regiment. Company H, which in November had the poorest record at drill attendance, showed a big improvement last month, and has increased its percentage from 64 to 79. The regiment made the third best percentage in the State, out of the sixteen regiments. Lieutenant Rhinelander Waldo has resigned because his new duties as Deputy Police Commissioner will interfere with his military duties.

Company A of the 23d Regiment, the oldest company in the regiment, has elected First Lieutenant Carl G. Rasmus captain. Captain Rasmus joined Company A as a private in May, 1888, and is considered an exceptionally good officer. The drill hall of the armory is to be provided with a gallery for spectators on its west side, which will fill a long felt want. Company D will hold a dance at the armory on February 16, and Company F will hold a musical entertainment at the same place on February 23. Quartermaster Sergeant Samuel M. Wood of Company H, who has been a member of the regiment for forty-two years, has applied for an honorable discharge. There has not been a break of any kind in his service since he joined the regiment, in August, 1864.

Company G of the 69th Regiment has elected Corporal John E. O'Brien second lieutenant. He is a graduate of Harvard, and was prominent in athletics there. The company is highly pleased that he has accepted his new office. Company B will hold a lecture at the armory in February, which it is expected will be largely attended.

Company K of the 8th Regiment, Captain Steiger, is still maintaining its record as the best shooting company in the regiment. It has now won the team of three match in armory rifle shooting. The winning team and scores were: Captain Steiger, 44; Lieutenant Loeser, 43, and Private Morrison, 43. Total, 130. Company B, Captain Cipollari, and Company F, Captain Hiecke, each had an average attendance of 86 per cent during drill in December, which was the best record in the regiment.

Major William H. Turpin, of the 13th Regiment, has offered a prize to the companies of his battalion, to be competed for by teams of ten men in the armory range on the night of March 9. Major General Roe will review the regiment next Friday night.

The review of the 47th Regiment by General McLeer will be held at the armory next Thursday night. The annual dinner of the veteran association will be held on February 15.

In the 14th Regiment, Company I has elected Albert Engelhart captain. He was formerly a captain in the 47th Regiment. Lieutenant W. C. Wright, also of Company I, who has been in command of it for some time, has sent in his resignation. E. H. M. Roehr, from Troop C, was elected first lieutenant of Company I. In Company D, Sergeant Charles Wulff, from the 3d Battery, has been chosen first lieutenant, vice Griffin, resigned. Company D will hold its annual ball next Wednesday night.

SOCIAL SETTLEMENT WORK.

Is the social Settlement a makeshift which will in time disappear through the divestment of its present functions? James H. Hamilton, writing in "The University Settlement Studies Quarterly," expresses the belief that the Settlement is not a makeshift, but a permanent institution calculated to improve and enrich the life of every neighborhood. The Settlement is not, he thinks, an exotic—certainly not in any offensive sense. Although Arnold Toynbee and his first colleagues went from Oxford to the Whitechapel district in London, the work was indigenous to that neighborhood in the sense that the neighborhood situation invited it—the talent gravitated naturally to the needs it was fitted to serve. It is also true that Stanton Coit was not born in Forsyth-st., where the Settlement movement in America was started, but neither was H. W. Smith, principal of the large school in that neighborhood.

The presence of any person or group of persons in the neighborhood who have come fitted to work there should not give offence. The greatest blessing that could come to a neighborhood is the emulation of such examples. Mr. Hamilton states that he does not know of a single Settlement that is not well rooted in the neighborhood. They may be misunderstood by many and disliked by some, but they usually find an amount of social work equal to their capacity. The Settlement movement has acquired amazing strength in the last quarter of a century. It may be said that wherever it is planted it grows. One should therefore require good proof before believing that it is a makeshift or that it is an exotic. For the work's sake it is unquestionably best that workers in general should adopt as an article of faith that the Settlement is a lasting institution, and that it is destined to find rootage in almost every community.

ON FLORIDA EAST COAST

Season at St. Augustine at Its Height.

St. Augustine, Fla., Jan. 27 (Special).—The St. Augustine season has now attained its majority, the streets are gay with automobiles filled with sightseers; carriages are dashing about, the drivers telling wonderful tales that are constantly improving, while gay cavalcades gallop hither and thither with men and women who are revelling in the delightful days. The predicted cold wave has duly arrived, but the mercury refuses to go down below fifty.

Although many visitors go to Ormond to the races, most of them return the same evening, preferring to escape the crowd, and the round of pleasures goes on without much intermission. Mr. Murray and Mrs. George Fletcher gave a dinner at the Ponce de Leon for Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lewis Sunday night. At the Alcazar a dinner of twelve covers was given by Captain and Mrs. Marcotte. Their guests were General and Mrs. W. Ennis, Mrs. M. W. Seagears, the Misses Frazer, Miss Shull, P. Van Ness, R. White, G. Clapp, all winter residents.

On Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. W. N. P. Darrow gave a dinner for Mr and Mrs. Willis Paine, of New-York, who spent several days at the Ponce de Leon. On Saturday evening they gave a dinner for young people, followed by bridge. Tuesday evening Mrs. F. De Crano entertained the bridge club at her home. Among the members are Miss Riggs, Miss Dewhurst, Mrs. Schofield, Mrs. De Crano, W. H. Pell, J. H. Hewson, J. P. Greaves, R. White, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Seagears.

Mrs. J. J. Upham entertained a party at bridge Wednesday afternoon Her reception on last Saturday for Mrs. J. J. MacConnell, of Morristown, was the largest given here in years. Those receiving and serving were in white. The house was brilliant with roses and the table beautifully laid. Among the guests were General and Mrs. Schofield, General and Mrs. Brooke, General and Mrs. William Ennis, General W. Wherry, Mrs. Camp, Mrs. Dewhurst, Mrs. Darrow, Miss Camp, Miss Frazer and Miss Wherry.

Mrs. W. N. P. Darrow has offered two silver cups for a ladies' tournament to be held on the links of the St. Augustine Golf Club. The scratch players are unusually good and an exciting match is anticipated. Mrs. Darrow, Mrs. J. W. Kinney, Mrs. Arthur Turnure and Mrs. J. F. Harrison have distinguished themselves on more than one field The match will be followed by a tea and reception in the clubhouse, when the cups will be presented to the winners.

A number of New-Yorkers passed through St. Augustine recently, continuing their journeys to the different resorts south, to return here in March. Mrs. C. Carroll Jackson spent a few days here on her way to Palm Beach. She was followed by her sister, Mrs. Richard Gambrill, who came on Tuesday of this week. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Auchincloss, Mrs. C. E. Longley and sons, Mrs. J. A. Tyler and her daughter, Miss Tyler, A. B. Lapsley, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pusch, Governor and Mrs. Douglas, of Massachusetts, Dudley B. Fay and a party of friends who have been at Canaveral shooting, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Castner, jr., of Philadelphia.

Among the guests at the Alcazar are Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Clark, Mrs. Lockwood, General and Mrs. William Ennis and Miss Biddle.

Many visitors to Palm Beach have gone to Ormond for the races, some going for the entire week, others for a day or two. Preparations for the motor boat races are being made, and there is no doubt at all of their success. The hotels are welcoming many guests who are coming for the season. Among these are Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Watson, of New-York, who spent a few days at the Alcazar, and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Marshall, also of New-York. William De Muth, who, with his family, is at the Royal Poinciana, has brought here the finest electric yacht afloat and is permitting his friends to share his pleasure in it. Its first trip was with a party to the Inlet, where luncheon was served. His guests included Mr. and Mrs. E. Burgess Warren, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Young, of Chicago, and Captain Hall, of New-York.

The Fortnightly Social Club of Palm Beach held its annual election last week, when the officers were elected. Mrs. Gragin became treasurer, Mrs. E. M. O'Neill taking her place as vice-president, and Mrs. Frederic Robert was again elected president. On Friday of this week the first regular meeting of the club was held at Fleur d'Eau, the home of Mrs. Robert. The programme included an essay by the Rev. Charles Temple, an original poem by Mrs. William Leighton, a violin solo by Miss Pauline Ryder, a piano solo by Mrs. William E. Sackett and Mrs. Robert sang a solo, with violin obbligato. This club with its high class entertainment redeems Palm Beach from the reproach of utter frivolity. While most of the members occupy cottages, a number of hotel guests, who remain some time, are invited to become members, consequently when the season is at its height the hostess finds a large gathering on her hands.

Miami has grown so rapidly that another large first class hotel has been built and opened there. The season promises to be gay among yachtsmen, as many fine craft are now here expecting to make this their headquarters this winter. There has been perfect weather, and fishing is the favorite diversion, without any very remarkable catches. Robert W. Parsons, one of the vice-presidents of the Florida East Coast Railroad, is there for the winter, as are Mr. and Mrs. Louis Quentin Jones. Mr. Jones was out in Marion Story's auxiliary schooner yacht Rita when she was wrecked at the end of the reef off Fowey's Lighthouse.

Nassau has never had so many visitors so early in the season as this, three steamships bringing more than a hundred visitors in three days. Not only the Colonial, but the smaller houses and boarding houses are well filled. Golf is pursued with vim all day long; tennis, cricket and football are as fashionable. While there are parties on the water at all times, fishing is a favorite occupation, and the fine roads are occupied with equipages. Of course, the reception of his excellency Sir William Grey Wilson was the event of the week. Lady Wilson had just arrived.

LAKEWOOD INCIDENTS.

Diocesan Convention This Week—Many Entertainments.

Lakewood, N. J., Jan. 27 (Special).—Bishop Scarborough of the Episcopal diocese of New-Brunswick will preside at the annual diocesan convention which is to be held here next Tuesday. More than 200 clergymen will be present. Bishop Scarborough will be the guest of Mrs. Kingdon at Georgian Court. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion on Tuesday morning, with a sermon by the Rev. Edward J. Knight, of Trenton. There will be a missionary conference in the afternoon. The speakers will be the Rev. Elliott White, of Long Branch, and the Rev. Thomas A. Conover, of Bernardsville. The sessions of the convention will be held at All Saints' Memorial Church, of which the Rev. Edward Ernest Matthews is rector.

A tea and bridge whist given by Mrs. Kingdon at Georgiancourt enlivened an otherwise socially dull week. Mrs. Kingdon's entertainments are always eagerly sought. At the tea which she gave on Friday practically the entire villa colony was represented.

The younger pupils of the Misses Cottrell are rehearsing a French play which they are to give at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guilford in Private Way early in February. Among those who are to take part are the Misses Emily, Alma and Marian Guilford and the Misses Conklin and Masters Richard Hammond, Richard Stillwell and Adrian Pye.

John A. McCall came to Lakewood this week to recuperate from his recent illness. He is still under the care of a physician and is not able to go about a great deal. He is staying at the Laurel House.

One of the charming phases of Lakewood life is the exchange of hospitalities in the way of small dinner parties among the visitors staying at the hotels and those domiciled in the cottages. Several of these entertainments were given in the palm room of the Lakewood Hotel this week. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rhinelander were the hosts at a small dinner company in the palm room of the Lakewood on Tuesday evening. The table was richly decorated with beauty roses and lilies, and Berger's Hungarian orchestra played gypsy music. Mr. and Mrs. Rhinelander's guests included Mr. and Mrs. Brewster, Miss Martha Jamison, Mr. Bull and Mr. Penfold.

A fixed event of the Lakewood social calendar is the musical entertainment given by the Boys' Club in the theatre of the Lakewood Hotel each season. Many of the society women of Lakewood are greatly interested in the welfare of the club, and they will act as patronesses of the entertainment, which is to be held next Tuesday evening. The boys of the villa colony constitute the membership of the club. They have a cosy clubhouse at the foot of Lake Carasaljo where they gather after school and on Saturdays.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Bartlett, of New-York, have taken apartments at the Lakewood Hotel for a fortnight's stay.

Mrs. Herbert M. Coombs and Miss Powers, of New-York, joined a party of friends at the Lakewood Hotel this week.

To celebrate the birthday anniversary of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Harding, of New-York, gave a children's party in the ballroom of the Lakewood Hotel on Thursday afternoon. A Punch and Judy show was one of the features of the entertainment.

Mounted on his gray cob pony, Marshall Field, a sturdy lad of thirteen, was pointed out by many visitors who passed him in the Lake Drive yesterday afternoon as the richest boy in the world. With his little sister Gwendolin and his brother Henry, who is away at school, young Field shares in the residuary estate of $100,000,000 left by his grandfather, the late Marshall Field. He is preparing for college under the direction of a tutor from the University of Chicago. Mrs. Marshall Field, jr., is expected to return from Chicago early next week.

Among the New-Yorkers who enjoyed a week-end visit at the Laurel House were Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar Leaycraft.

Sir William Hingston and Lady Hingston, of Montreal, arrived at the Laurel House this week for their usual visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace E. Andrews, of Cleveland, have taken apartments at the Laurel House for the rest of the season.

John Wanamaker is among the well known Philadelphians who are enjoying a sojourn at the Laurel House.

Mrs. Henry Oliver Walker, of Madison-ave., is entertaining Mrs. James G. Barnard.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Garvan, of New-York, have taken the Barnard cottage, in Madison-ave., for the rest of the season.

Miss Katharine Hinsdale entertained her friends of the villa colony at a tea at her home, in Sixth-st., this week.

Dr. and Mrs. George Fales Baker, of Philadelphia, who have spent several weeks here, sailed for Italy this week and will spend the rest of the winter on the Riviera.

Dr. and Mrs. Simon Flexner, of Philadelphia, are at the Laurel-in-the-Pines. Dr. Flexner has been chosen by John D. Rockefeller to be a director of the Rockefeller Institute of New-York

Levy Mayer, a corporation lawyer of Chicago, joined his daughter at the Laurel-in-the-Pines for a brief visit this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Dow, of New-York arrived at the Palmer House this week for a short stay. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Scott, of Pittsburg, are at this hotel.

ATLANTIC CITY AFFAIRS.

Receptions and a Fund for Gallant Captain Casto.

Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 27 (Special).—Captain Mark Casto, the hero of the rescue of the passengers from the wrecked Clyde steamer Cherokee, was the guest at a reception by the Board of Trade to-night, at which he was the recipient of money with which to purchase the auxiliary schooner yacht Alberta, which he used in making his trip over the rough seas to the scene of the wreck, or to purchase a new boat in case the owner of the Alberta refuses to part with her. The affair to-night was the annual banquet given by the Atlantic City Board of Trade. General Nelson A. Miles, who pinned the Clover Club medal to the breast of the heroic little sailor, was present at the invitation of the banquet committee, and made the presentation of the fund which will enable Capain Casto to become an owner as well as captain of a stout and seaworthy craft. Captain Casto, in receiving the fund, which amounted to something over $6,000, was simple of speech and grateful. He said he was glad to get the money and glad to be able to become the owner of a good boat, so that he would not in the future be obliged to fish on shares in the cod trade, as he had done in the past. He intended to keep his old and gallant crew as long as they would stick to him, for no better men ever trod the deck than they, and they had never gone back on him in the most trying circumstances. There were other speakers at the banquet, among them William Travers Jerome, New-York's District Attorney. Mr. Jerome came over to spend Sunday. There were Congressmen and United States Senators in the dinner party and among the speakers.

Last Thursday night there was a reception and dance given at the Steel Pier in honor of Captain Casto and his crew. The sailors put on their best togs and stood the strain of the handshaking and comments on their bravery and skill with commendable fortitude, for they are a modest lot, and none of them think they have done anything so wonderful that such a fuss should be made over them. Among those who spoke were Governor Edward C. Stokes, Mayor Stoy, Judge Endicott and Alderman Henry W. Leeds.

While the West has been battling with blizzards and great discomfort, Atlantic City has been as mild as in the month of May, and there has been little or no use for wraps of any sort. It has been decidedly warm, and people promenaded the boardwalk without sign of winter toggery. On Monday and Tuesday morning the thermometer stood between 65 and 70, and the sun shone bright and clear. Some more adventurous persons took it for granted that spring had really come in advance of her season, and they hied themselves to the bathhouses, donned bathing suits and took dips in the surf. While they found the air comfortable and not in the least chilling, with the water it was the contrary. It was cold, and the early bathers did not tarry long in the surf. It was ideal weather for roller chair riding and sitting on the piers and pavilions, and hundreds of visitors availed themselves of the chances.

The Hotel Pierrepont, which was owned by A. C. McClellan & Son, was sold this week to a Philadelphia syndicate for $166,000. The agent of the syndicate says other purchases will be made in the near future, and that several of the big hotels will be taken over by this band of capitalists, who believe that Atlantic City has an exceptionally bright future.

W. Samuel Stern, of New-York, Grand Master of the Free Sons of Israel, is spending some time at the resort and at the Rittenhouse.

One of the chief changes that will be made to the exterior of hotels in this resort in the next few months will be at Young's Hotel, at Tennessee-ave. and the boardwalk. The doctor, who was formerly in a store in the corner of the hotel, has moved to another location, and the store will be cut away and the whole of the corner thrown into the lobby. In this will be the office and exchange, and the present exchange will be converted into writing, smoking and lounging rooms, overlooking the boardwalk. The improvements were begun this week and will be concluded in about a month.

The greatly improved and rebuilt Hotel Holmhurst will open on February 10. The house has been nearly doubled in size, and it is so changed that none of the old patrons will recognize in this handsome, modern house the old, but cheerful and comfortable, Holmhurst. The house will remain under management of W. E. Darnell & Son.

Mrs. W. W. Phelps, widow of the former Ambassador to Germany, whose home is now in Englewood, this State, is spending a couple of weeks at the shore. She is stopping at the Marlborough House, and is accompanied by Miss K. C. White, of Lawrenceville, N. J.

Magistrate Joseph Pool, of New-York City, is at Marlborough House for a several days' stay.

R. W. Meirs, of Philadelphia, is spending a few days at the Hotel Windsor, in company with Mrs. Meirs and the little Meirses.

Sir William Hingston and Lady Hingston, of Montreal, Canada, are among the seashore visitors. They are at the Hotel Brighton, and will be at the shore for some time.

Miss Violet C. Magill, an athletic young visitor from Dublin, has been spending some time at the Hotel Glaslyn, in company with J. L. Osler and the latter's granddaughter, Miss Constance E. Kinley, of Germantown. Miss Magill is an expert golfer, and during her stay here has been an almost daily visitor at the Country Club links.

Edward Bok, Editor of "The Ladies' Home Journal," is spending a few days at the Hotel Chalfonte.

C. F. Nirdlinger, author of the musical extravaganza "Spangles," is spending a few days at the shore.

Miss Alice Turnbull, of New-York, is enjoying a few days at the Hotel Chalfonte. Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Porter, of New-York, have taken apartments at the same hotel.

MANHANSET HOUSE, SHELTER ISLAND

Announcement is made that the well known Manhanset House and Cottages, has been leased to and will be conducted by the J. J. Lannin Company for the coming season. The hotel will be open from June 15 to September 15. Mr. Lannin also conducts the Hotel Gramatan, Bronxville, N. Y., which is open all the year, and the Garden City Hotel, at Garden City, Long Island. Shelter Island is one of the most popular of the resorts near New-York, and is a favorite stopping place for yachtsmen.

ITEMS OF SOCIAL INTEREST

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Glascow, formerly of this city, now of London, England, are at the Hotel Seville, 29th-st. and Madison-ave., for the winter and spring.

Mrs. William Whiting Davis is president of St. Luke's Guild of Christ Episcopal Church, East Orange, N. J., and wife of the rector. The guild was founded by her eight years ago, and is famous for its dexterity with the needle. At its last sale $700 worth of needlework was sold in two days. The guild has been a strong factor in the work of paying off a debt of $30,000 liquidated during the pastorate of the present rector. It is also most liberal in its aid