RUSSIAN COSTUME BALL AT THE PLAZA

Society Dances in Winter Scene for Benefit of Lenox Hill Settlement.

PRECEDED BY DINNERS

Affair Arranged by Mrs. Iselin, Mrs. Draper and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.

A Russian costume ball, arranged by Mrs. Oliver Iselin, Mrs. George Draper and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., for the benefit of the Lenox Hill Settlement, at Sevty-second street and Avenue A, brought together a representative gathering of society last night in the ballroom of the Ritz-Carlton. Planned in observance of the eve of the Czar of Russia's birthday, nearly all of those who came were in costume and helped to give the scene the effect of a gala Russian carnival.

Many came from dinners that were given in advance of the ball. Mrs. Henry H. Rogers gave the largest dinner at Sherry's, where her guests numbered eighty. It was served in the ballroom, which had been arranged with appropriate decorations, and after the dinner there were dances given by Miss Ruth St. Denis. Other dinners were given by Mrs. H. Fairfield Osborn, Mrs. George Clark, Mrs. W. Earl Dodge, Mrs. William J. Tingue, Jr., and Miss Emily Sloane.

The entrance to the ballroom was decorated with festoons of Christmas greens, wreaths and Russian flags and over the stairway was hung a large shield. Tall pine trees covered with imitation frost and holly wreaths entwined with golden tinsel were the decorations in the ballroom. Many of the guests formed parties in the boxes, which were arranged on each side of the ballroom floor. Two orchestras played, the members of one wearing Russian costumes.

In the banquet room below the ballroom, where supper was served at several tables, a vaudeville entertainment was given by amateurs of society and professionals. A stage had been erected at one end of the room with a background representing a Russian street scene. The walls were decorated with flags of that nation, and the orchestra, in costume, played several Russian airs during the evening. The entertainment, which began at 11:30 o'clock, consisted chiefly of dancing.

Amateurs danced in the first part of the programme, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Eustis, Miss Edith Mortimer and George Wagstaff appearing in the first set of dances, giving a Russian folk dance. Miss Dorothy Jordan danced a pas seul in crinoline costume and Miss Julia Robbins and Frederick T. Frelinghuysen did a Scotch dance. The final number of the amateurs was a Russian folk dance given by the Misses Ruth Draper, Ina Kisell, Edith Morgan and Camilla Morgan.

A feature of the programme given later by Russian dancers had been arranged by Mrs. R. W. Hawkesworth and Charles Sayter. Miss Lindsey Linton of London danced a solo dance, and afterward there was an exhibition of the modern dances by Louis and Delerio. Other dances were given by Miss Margaret Crawford, Miss Winn and Mr. Evans, and the finale of the programme was a sword dance by Miss Crawford and Mr. Harkness.

Among the boxholders were Mrs. E. Henry Harriman, Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Oakman, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Gould, Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs, Mr. and Mrs. John Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. H. Fairfield Osborn, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. George Clark, Mr. and Mrs. S. Stanwood Menken, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Leary, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. Earl Dodge and Henry T. Sloane.

Some of those present were Mr. and Mrs. Goodhue Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mortimer, Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Gerard, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph H. Kissel, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Iselin, Mr. and Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brewster, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Bacon, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Douglas Robinson.

The proceeds will be devoted to the erection of a new building at the Lenox Hill settlement where young people of the section may meet and dance.

SOCIETY PLAYERS AT PLAZA.

St. Christopher's League to Give "His Excellency the Governor."

Members of the St. Christopher's League will produce to-night at the Plaza Robert Marshall's play "His Excellency the Governor." In the cast will be the Misses Ida Lindley, Elinor Lapham, Eleanor Bartlett and Eleanor Du Bois, Lauren Carroll, Karl Frederick, Frank L. Cunningham, Dwight Franklin, J. P. Hazen Perry, W. Edgar Baker, Jr., Harvey Studdford, Erwin Morse and Delafield Du Bois.

The proceeds will be given to the Nursery and Child's Hospital of this city. Among the patronesses are Mrs. Henry C. Adams, Mrs. George H. Benjamin, Mrs. Henry Mills Day, Mrs. A. Blair Thaw, Mrs. Ashton C. Clarkson, Mrs. Henry A. Todd and Mrs. Walter W. Woodford.

TURKS DINE AMERICAN AIDS.

Djelal Bey Host to Relief Body During the Balkan War.

Djelal Bey, Consul-General of Turkey in New York, gave an informal dinner to the members of the American-Constantinople Relief Committee at Ferad's Turkish Restaurant, Lexington avenue, and Twenty-third street, last night. This committee, organized to relieve refugees who fled to Constantinople during the Balkan war, has now been dissolved. It sent more than $10,000 to Constantinople.

Oscar Straus, president of the committee and former Ambassador to Turkey, was present. Others were: Vice-Consul Jenkins, Dr. Talcott Williams, Rev. H. Knight, the Rev. Dr. E. L. Smith, Dr. Richard Gottheil of Columbia University, former Congressman William S. Bennet and Dr. A. F. Haddad.

St. Mary's Hall Luncheon at Plaza.

The New York Chapter of St. Mary's Hall of Burlington, N. J., held its annual luncheon yesterday in the rose room at the Plaza. The guests sat at several tables, which were decorated with roses and ferns, and during the luncheon there was music. Afterward Mrs. Richard J. Cornell gave an original monologue and a few musical readings. The speakers were Bishop Scarborough, the Rev. Edward Smith, chaplain at Governors Island, Mrs. George Hewitt and Miss Ann Pugh of Burlington, N. J. Among the guests were Mrs. Stewart W. Eames, Mrs. Harry Prindle, Mrs. Charles Wylie, Mrs. Charles S. Gallager, Mrs. H. A. Kingsbury, Mrs. George B. Pomery, Mrs. Ronald Brown, Mrs. Homer W. Reboul, Mrs. George W. Ely, Mrs. F. W. Hunter, Mrs. William Hartshorne, Mrs. E. L. Burlingame, Mrs. Charles Elliot Warren, the Misses Margaret Warren and Susanne Warren, Dorothy Carman, Selma William, Louise Hartshorne, Carolan Strong, Nancy C. Barrow and Marjorie Roger.

CARDINAL GIBBONS HER GUEST.

Mrs. Elkins Gives Dinner in His Honor—Washington Notes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Elkins, wife of the late Senator from West Virginia, entertained at dinner to-night in honor of Cardinal Gibbons. The guests invited to meet him included the Chief Justice and Mrs. White, Mr. Justice McKenna, Monsignor Russell, Senator Bacon, Senator Dillingham, Senator du Pont, Senator and Mrs. Cummins, Senator and Mrs. Oliver, Senator and Mrs. McLean, Mrs. John Hay, Mrs. William F. Draper, Mrs. Philip Sheridan, Mrs. Richard Townsend, Mrs. T. De Witt Talmage, Mrs. Norman Williams, Miss Mary Lee, ex-Senator Henry Gassaway Davis, father of the hostess, and Frank A. Munsey. The table decorations were red.

Mrs. David Jayne Hill, wife of the former Ambassador to Germany, was at home for the first time this season this afternoon, when she was assisted by Mrs. Burrows, wife of ex-Senator Burrows of Michigan.

The Secretary of War and Mrs. Garrison will spend Christmas in Philadelphia with Mrs. Garrison's sister, Mrs. Morton. The Secretary and Mrs. Garrison will be at home New Year's Day.

Miss Helen McCumber, daughter of Senator and Mrs. McCumber of North Dakota, entertained a company at a large buffet luncheon to-day in honor of Miss Lucie Hoke Smith.

Miss Dorothy Wyeth, daughter of Lieut.-Col. Wyeth, U. S. A., retired, and Mrs. Wyeth, was presented to Washington society at a large tea this afternoon.

MRS. McVICKAR'S DINNER DANCE

Niece of Hostess Receives With Her at the Waldorf.

Mrs. Harry Whitney McVickar gave a dinner followed by dancing last night in the Waldorf suite of the Waldorf-Astoria. Her guests were seated at four tables, which were decorated with poinsettia and holly. Miss Elizabeth Hoffman McVickar, a niece of the hostess, received with her.

The dinner guests were Mrs. Henry Asher Robbins, Mrs. Vanderbilt, Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, Mr. and Mrs. P. Cooper Hewitt, the Hon. Alfred Anson and Mrs. Anson, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Cowdin, Mr. and Mrs. Goodhue Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. Archibald G. Thacher, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pelham Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. J. Earle Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Appleton Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. W. De Lancey Kountze, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gallatin, Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth Wickes, Count and Countess Emilio del Sera, Miss Harriet Alexander, Miss Juliana Cutting, L. F. Holbrook Betts, Lloyd Warren, Frederic Juilliard, Shipley Jones, Irving Pardee and Dr. James I. Russell of this city; Mr. and Mrs. Parker Corning, Edwin Bartlett and Worthington Palmer of Albany.

Mrs. De Koven Gives Dansant.

Mrs. Reginald de Koven gave a dansant yesterday afternoon at her house, 1025 Park avenue, for Mrs. Seth Barton French of Paris, who is her guest. Some of those present were the Princess Aymon de Faucigny Lucinge, Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hennen Coddington, Mr. and Mrs. Dulany Howland, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Le Roy, Mrs. J. Russell Soley, Mrs. Frederick Y. Dalziel, Mrs. T. J. Oakley Rhinelander, Mrs. F. Egerton Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Allen G. Wellman, Miss Lota Robinson, Miss Louise Sands, Mr. and Mrs. Charles I. Hudson, J. Coleman Drayton, Charles M. Robinson, Major G. Creighton Webb, T. Chesley Richardson, Jr., and J. Fred Tams.

Mrs. E. N. Breitung Gives Luncheon.

Mrs. Edward N. Breitung gave a luncheon at the St. Regis yesterday. Among her guests were Mrs. Anthony Drexel, Jr., Mrs. A. D. B. Fratt, Mrs. Frederick Y. Dalziel, Mrs. T. J. Oakley Rhinelander, Miss Elsie de Wolfe, Mrs. William C. Potter, Miss Lota Robinson, Miss Angelica Brown, Miss Juliet Breitung, Nils Florman, T. Chesley Richardson, Jr., Etienne Markowski and A. Wickfeld. After luncheon Mrs. Breitung took her guests to the ballroom, where they practised the new dancing steps.

Dance for Masters Day Nursery.

A dance was held in the ballroom at the Plaza last night for the benefit of the Masters Day Nursery and the Dobbs Neighborhood House. Many young people of society interested in the charity were present. Among the patronesses present were Mrs. Joseph W. Harriman, Mrs. James Colby Colgate, Mrs. Crawford Burton, Mrs. William A. Adriance, Mrs. C. Grosvenor Wyeth, Mrs. J. Allen Townsend, Mrs. E. D. Adams, Mrs. William Armstrong, Mrs. Alfred Bell, Mrs. Charles W. Romeyn and Mrs. Louis McCagg.

Notes of the Social World.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Cumnock will give a small dance at Sherry's to-night for their debutante daughter, Miss Mary Cutting Cumnock.

Dinners will be given this evening by Mrs. William M. V. Hoffman and Mrs. De Lancey Nicoll.

Mrs. A. Masters MacDonell will give a dinner at Sherry's on January 6 for Miss Lentilhon Gilford, who has just returned from a visit to New Haven, Conn.

The second for this season of Mrs. R. W. Hawkesworth's chansons en crinoline will take place this morning at the Plaza, when Miss Pavlowa and her associates will dance.

Mrs. von Juch Wellman will give a musicale at her home, 103 East Seventy-fifth street, on the afternoon of December 28.

Mrs. Samuel H. Valentine will give a dance at her home, 5 East Sixty-seventh street, on January 8.

At Castle House, 26 East Forty-sixth street, will be held the first of the Friday teas this afternoon, for which the admission will be $3. The advantage in an increased price of admission will possibly give the regular patrons more space for dancing. In Paris Friday was set aside in the same way at the Magic City and Bayo's, fashionable resorts for dancers.

Mrs. George Legg will give a luncheon for her granddaughter, Miss Dorothy Legg Howard, at Sherry's on January 5.

William Gunther Gardner, British Vice-Consul at Buenos Ayres, and Mrs. Gardner are expected to arrive to-day on the Amerika to visit Mrs. Gardner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Regan. Their wedding was celebrated on February 14, 1912, in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Cardinal Farley officiating. Mr. Gardner has been stationed at Buenos Ayres for more than a year.

The christening of Mr. and Mrs. Morris R. Volck's daughter took place yesterday afternoon in the Church of the Ascension, the Rev. Percy Stickney Grant, rector of the church, officiating. The child was named Elsie Bates Holmes Volck, and the sponsors were Mme. da Gama, mother of Mr. Volck, and Jabish Holmes, father of Mrs. Volck.

Mrs. Leicester O. Peck gave a small costume dance last night at her home, 32 West Seventy-sixth street.

Mrs. William G. Nichols gave a luncheon yesterday for Miss May Farquhar Ferguson.

The members of the Hobby Club gave a dinner last night at the Metropolitan Club. Afterward the guests went to R. T. Haines Halsey's house, at 64 West Fifty-fifth street, where Mr. Halsey gave a talk on American arts and crafts of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

Mrs. Reginald Boardman and Mrs. Charles M. Amory of Boston are at the Ritz-Carlton.

Dinners were given last night by Mrs. M. Orme Wilson at 3 East Sixty-fourth street and by Mrs. Elbridge T. Gerry at 2 East Sixty-first street.

The Anti-Tammany convention is now in session.

MITCHELS AT CABINET DINNER.

Mayor-elect and Wife Entertained at White House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Mayor-elect John Purroy Mitchel and Mrs. Mitchel were among the guests at the Cabinet dinner at the White House to-night. It was the first time Mr. Mitchel had seen the President since the Mayoralty election.

Besides members of the Cabinet and their wives and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchel the following were at the dinner:

The Vice-President and Mrs. Marshall, Secretary Tumulty, National Chairman and Mrs. William F. McCombs, President Garfield of Williams College and Mrs. Garfield, Prof. Henry B. Fine of Princeton and Mrs. Fine, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pulitzer, Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Thompson of Princeton, Col. William W. Harts and Mrs. Hars, Mrs. William R. Hall, Miss Jones, Miss Marion Armstrong, Miss Wilson, Miss Eleanor Wilson, Miss Helen W. Bones, Robert Bridges, David B. Jones, Thomas D. Jones, Thomas de Coursey Ruth and Dr. Cary T. Grayson.

After the dinner a musical programme was given by Mr. Ruth, Miss Wilson and Miss Anne Armstrong, with Miss Marion David and Charles Vardell at the piano.

RECEPTION FOR MISS E. F. SWAN.

Mrs. Thomas S. Young Gives Theatre Party for Her Niece.

Mrs. Thomas S. Young gave a reception yesterday afternoon at her home, 42 East Fifty-second street, for her debutante niece, Miss Elizabeth Floyd Swan of Oyster Bay, L. I. In the receiving party were the Misses Elizabeth Black, Elinor Davies, Jean Haddock, Julia Swan Irwin, Christina Nichols, Kate Schermerhorn, Mary Allison Swan and Caroline Young.

An informal dinner and party at the Cohan Theatre followed. Among the young men present were Henry L. Bibby, Edward L. Davies, Walter Duren, Stirling Ivison, H. L. Norris, E. S. Peck, W. P. St. Lawrence, Benjamin S. Young and William L. Swan, Jr. A supper at the Hotel Knickerbocker followed the theatre party.

PAVLOWA CARNIVAL BENEFIT.

Dancer Will Show Modern Steps for Music School Settlement.

For the benefit of the Music School Settlement of this city a Pavlowa carnival will be given this afternoon at the Metropolitan Opera House. Following the stage performance by Miss Pavlowa and her ballet company there will be an exhibition of modern dances in the foyer by Miss Joan Sawyer and Thomas Allen Reeder, who will wear Russian costumes. Tea will be served and programmes will be sold by actors and actresses of prominence. Miss Pavlowa has promised to dance the tango in the foyer.

Among the patronesses are Mrs. Charles H. Ditson, Mrs. Willard D. Straight, Mrs. Otto Kahn, Mrs. William B. Dinsmore, Miss Christine Baker, Mrs. Arthur Curtiss James, Mrs. H. H. Flagler, Miss Laura J. Post, Mrs. Rudolph E. Schirmer, Mrs. Ralph Pulitzer and Mrs. V. Everit Macy.

In New York To-day.

International Exposition of Safety and Sanitation, Grand Central Palace.

City Planning Exhibition, Public Library, Forty-second street and Fifth avenue.

Columbia, Class '99, dinner, Hotel Astor, 11 P. M.

Lenox Avenue Unitarian Church, lecture by Carroll Beckwith on "Modern Tendencies in Art. Education and Taste in America," Lenox avenue and 121st street, 3 P. M.

New York Electrical School, lectures on "Unused Applications of Electricity" and "Electricity Versus Business," 39 West Seventeenth street, 8 P. M.

Woman's Forum, meeting, Waldorf-Astoria, 10:45 A. M.

Iowa New Yorkers, meeting, Hotel Astor, 2 P. M.

The New Yorkers, meeting, Hotel Astor, 2:30 P. M.

City Medical Society, meeting, Academy of Medicine, 8 P. M.

Washington Heights Taxpayers Association, meeting, 8 P. M.

Citizens Municipal Committee, dinner, Healy's, 145th street and Broadway, 7:30 P. M.

Interborough Association of Women Teachers, meeting, Metropolitan Life Building, 8 P. M.

Representatives Club, dinner, Hotel Knickerbocker, evening.

Philippine Society and Harmony Club of America, dinner to W. Cameron Forbes, Plaza Hotel, 7 P. M.

Broadway Association, meeting, Hotel McAlpin, 3 P. M.

Woman's Forum at the Waldorf-Astoria, 10:45. Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson will tell about the Big Sister movement.

NAPOLEON GIFT SOLD FOR $130.

Engravings Among Prints at Brazee Library Auction.

The six engravings of the battles of Alexander that once were presented by Napoleon to his Marshal Bernadotte were sold last night in the print auction at the Anderson Galleries to Mr. Bonaventure for $130.

These engravings, which are colored, are from the paintings of Le Brun in the Louvre at Paris which were ordered by Louis XIV. in 1660 to be reproduced in Gobelin tapestry. They are in the original Napoleon frames and bear the imperial eagle.

J. O. Goldsmith paid $10 for Seymour Haden's "Turkish Bath," dry point. T. A. Keck paid $26 for Hedley Fitton's "Rue Pirouette, Paris." S. Arlent Edwards's mezzotint of Francis II. went to F. Isham for $37, who also paid $25 for the Corot etching "Dans les Lunes," and C. F. Halsted bought "Le Bouvier," by Lorrain, for $29.

The total for the session was $1,270. The sale continues this evening.

A catalogue of the Spitzer collection in the Brazee book sale in the afternoon sale at Anderson's sold to M. B. Gilbert for $66. J. F. Drake paid $26 for a first edition of "A Tale of a Tub" and $39 for a "Decree of Star Chamber Concerning Printing," a Grolier publication. C. E. Milnime paid $31 for a Kelmscott Keats.

The total for the session was $3,327.10 and for the entire Brazee library, $2,779.75.

ANTIQUE GLASS BRINGS $3,320.

T. E. H. Curtis a Purchaser at Khayat Sale at Silo's Galleries.

T. E. H. Curtis was one of the heaviest buyers at the sale of Azeez Khayat's collection of ancient glass, which began yesterday at Silo's Fifth Avenue Art Galleries. Mr. Curtis is already well known as a collector of this glass and specimens in his possession are the subject of an article by Dr. William R. Valentiner in the current number of the *Magazine of Art*.

He paid $145 for a blue, white and heliotrope pear shaped onyx glass bottle, four inches in height, of the Roman period, from an excavation near Homs, Syria. He also paid $110 for a specimen of Phoenician glass, a bowl carved from a solid piece of yellow glass, finished on a wheel and covered, through the chemical action of the soil, with exquisite golden and silvery iridescence. Among other of his purchases were a two handled Greek urn of inlaid blue glass and a group of Millefiori and Egyptian crystal and garnet necklaces of the eighteenth dynasty.

Among other purchasers at the sale were A. K. Bosworth, A. S. Sargent, F. W. Ambrose, M. Fontaine, E. S. Hawes, W. N. Bailey of Hoboken, H. A. Griffith, W. Hull Wickham and Frederick T. Sherman; also Mrs. J. B. Walker and Mrs. F. H. Chappelle.

The aggregate receipts for the session were $3,320.

Plays and Players.

Lydia Lopokouwa, the dancer, one of the foremost of the imperial Russian dancers who come to this country by permission of the Czar, has been engaged by William Morris and will appear at the Jardin de Danse, beginning January 5. She has not appeared here in public since her engagement in "The Lady of the Slipper" at the Globe Theatre.

Edward E. Rice has secured from Er. Lawshe a farce called "The Dog" which he will produce early in January. The company now rehearsing includes Henrietta Browne, Oza Waldrop, Alice Hills, James S. Ryan, David Lythgoe, Gordon Durbui and Charles E. Verner. Charles Sinclair is staging the piece, for which John Braham has composed the incidental music.

"Don't Weaken" is the name of a new play which William A. Brady and George Broadhurst will produce in New York shortly after the holidays. It is by Walter Hackett, author of "The White Sister" and "The Regeneration." Among others in the cast will be Earle Brown, Josephine Brennan, Eleanor Hines and Charles O. Lane.

Neil Kenyon, a Scottish comedian who is said to be as well known in the United Kingdom as Harry Lauder, has been engaged by B. F. Keith and will begin an American tour January 5 at the Colonial Theatre.

In honor of the Chinese tenor Prince Lai Mon Kim, who will make his American debut at the Palace Theatre next week, over 200 prominent Chinamen, including the secretary of the Chinese Legation in Washington and the Consul-General in New York, will attend on Monday night. The theatre will be decorated by Chinese merchants and the visiting Chinaman will be the guest of honor at a dinner after the performance.

PHILHARMONIC CONCERT.

An Interesting Programme Without a Solo Number.

The Philharmonic Society gave the fifth concert in its Thursday evening series last night at Carnegie Hall. The interesting programme offered was given without the assistance of a solo performer. It began with Johann Joseph Abert's arrangement for orchestra of Bach's G minor fantasia and fugue, a work which had not been heard for some seasons at a Philharmonic concert.

Abert is a Bohemian composer born in the earlier part of the last century, and though he has written symphonic works, operas and much in smaller forms it is a fact of interest to remember that any claim he has to fame rests chiefly upon his arrangement of Bach's great fugue. He has given it the title of "Prelude, Choral and Fugue." The prelude used in place of the fantasia belonging to the fugue is the one in C sharp minor taken from the first book of the "Well Tempered Clavichord" and here transposed into D minor.

The chorale is one written in imitation of Bach's style and adapted to the fugue.

It is of course a question of taste whether the great master's composition is more enjoyable in its original form, or as heard last evening in its foreign environment of an orchestral setting savoring of somewhat of the artificial. The work was admirably performed by the orchestra and aroused prolonged applause.

The chief number of the evening was Beethoven's "Eroica" symphony. Mr. Stransky's reading of it was one of dignity throughout and contained many passages of fine workmanship. The orchestra displayed some fine tone colors, especially in the funeral march, and in the scherzo some very excellent finish in technic.

The last half of the programme was filled by Liszt's symphonic poem "Tasso, lamento e trionfo, and the "Capricio Espagnol" of Rimsky-Korsakov.

BLIND MAY GET $25,000.

Gift Promised to Association if $250,000 Is Raised by June 1.

Miss Winifred Hope, secretary of the New York Association for the Blind, announced yesterday at the annual meeting that a donation of $25,000 had been offered on condition that the association raise $250,000 by June 1, and that a permanent endowment fund of $500,000 be established.

Miss Hope said that seven years ago the association started with a deficit of $400. It is now $70,000. She said she regarded that as a good sign.

WILLS AND APPRAISALS.

MISS ELIZA HILTON, who died December 10 last at 771 Madison avenue, and was a sister of the late Judge Henry Hilton, left an estate of only $10,000. Her will, filed yesterday, showed that she inherited all the property she left from her brother. She divided it among four friends, two nieces and a nephew.

EX-CONGRESSMAN JOHN HARDY, uncle of Douglas Mathewson, Borough President-elect of The Bronx, left bequests aggregating $18,000 in his will. He gave Mr. Mathewson all his office effects, books, &c., and left two oil paintings to William J. Gleason of Schenectady. He gave $10,000 in trust to John H. Bascome, whose son gets it on his death. The residue of the personal property is left to ten relatives, while the real estate at Nyack goes to Douglas, William Charles, George and Emma H. Mathewson. The remainder of the real estate is left to James P. Dimock. These legatees also divide the residuary estate.

CHARLES H. BRUSH, who died December 12 last, left his entire estate of more than $50,000 to "my faithful friend" Henry J. Uderitz "as evidencing my personal esteem and in appreciation of his faithful attention to the many matters entrusted to his care." He gave nothing to a brother, Platt Brush of 731 Decatur street, Brooklyn.

DR. ROLAND D. JONES.—Albert G. Weed and Everett F. Warrington, administrators of the estate of Dr. Roland D. Jones, who owned the Hotel Roland, in West Fifty-ninth street and left more than $1,000,000, started proceedings in the Surrogate's Court yesterday to find out what became of formulæ for the cure of rheumatism, which they allege were valuable. They got an order requiring Adelaide F. Johnston, formerly housekeeper of the Hotel Roland, to appear to-day and testify concerning her knowledge of them. They say that Ida F. Baxter, the present housekeper, reported that Miss Johnston said she had the formulæ in her possession, but she won't turn them over. Dr. William R. Bruyere, a friend and associate of Dr. Roland for twenty years, said that the formulæ constitute the most valuable asset of the estate and that Dr. Jones alone had access to the book in which they were written. He says Miss Johnston has admitted that she has these recipes.

DER ROSENKAVALIER THE SECOND TIME

Mr. Strauss's Comedy Opera Finds Its Way Into Subscription Series.

PERFORMANCE IMPROVED

Mme. Ober and Mme. Hempel Again Display Skill in Delineation.

"Der Rosenkavalier" having enjoyed a sensational first night outside of the subscription series found its way into the presence of subscribers and some others at the Metropolitan Opera House last evening. The audience was one of fair size, but not large enough to indicate that Mr. Strauss's opera had set the town afire. The attitude of the audience toward the performance, however, was one to betoken enjoyment, and it is not impossible that "Der Rosenkavalier" may grow into general public favor.

The performance had more smoothness than that of the first night and the merits of the individual representatives stood out more clearly. So much has already been said about them in this place that little, if anything, can be added. Naturally the role which most ingratiates itself with the public is *Octavian*, and in the hands of Mme. Ober it loses not a whit of its charm. Few women indeed could come so close to creating the illusion of a boy, and the magnetism of her personality in the part is irresistible. Admirably, too, does she deliniate the change wrought in the youth when fresh from the arms of the experienced *Princess* he faces the gradiance of *Sophia's* girlhood.

Mme. Hempel has the role of the *Princess*, which gives the best field for a psychological study. Those who have seen Mme. Hempel in other roles hardly could have suspected that she would show so much delineative skill as she shows in this, while her singing of the music is much the best thing she has done here. Miss Case showed better vocal condition last evening than at the first performance, and used more discretion in her delivery of the troublesome phrases in the scene with *Octavian*. Mr. Goritz repeated his excellent impersonation of the *Baron Ochs* and Mr. Weil was quite equal to the demands of the new ennobled father.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bird were with Mrs. W. Seward Webb, and with Mr. and Mrs. Griswold A. Thompson were Dr. and Mrs. Preston P. Satterwhite and Miss Lota Robinson.

Mrs. Lewis Thompson and Mrs. Reginald Brooks were in the Astor box, and with Mrs. Reginald Rives were Mrs. Katherine Steward, Miss Helen Rives, E. Coster Wilmerding and Reginald B. Rives.

There were also in the audience Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Beadleston, Miss Pauline Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mather MacNeill, Mr. and Mrs. Jules Bache, Miss Kathryn Bache, Mrs. Charles T. Barney, Miss Janet Fish, Mrs. J. West Roosevelt, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick E. Lewis, Miss Maude Gwynne Shepherd, Herbert C. Pell, Jr., Campbell W. Steward, T. Sandford Beaty, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stuart Blackton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Nickerson, Carle J. Bienner and Albert E. Prescott of Boston.

MRS. BOISSEVAIN TO PLAY LEAD.

Lawyer and Suffragist Will Star in College Play.

Mrs. Inez Milholland Boissevain, lawyer, suffragist and social worker, is going on the stage. Not permanently or as a means of a livelihood, but just for one evening. She is delighted with the opportunity to be a star, for that is what she will be. She will play the leading part in "Nance Oldfield," Charles Reade's comedy, on the New Amsterdam Roof Garden January 21.

She is to be the star of the Vassar College Alumnæ Association, which will present Reade's play and perhaps Bernard Shaw's "The Man of Destiny" in connection with the events to be held in honor of President James M. Taylor of Vassar College, who retires at the end of the year. On January 25 President Taylor will be the guest of the alumnæ in this city and on the previous day he will see the presentation of the two plays.

The play was selected by a committee consisting of Miss G. Elliot, Miss Sidney F. Thompson and Miss Elinor J. Eatman.

THE REV. T. K. ABBOTT.

Noted English Librarian and Author Dead at 84.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Rev. Thomas Kingsmill Abbott, M. A., B. D., the noted librarian and author, is dead.

He was born in Dublin in 1829. He held the professorship of moral philosophy at Trinity College, Dublin, and was also at different times professor of biblical Greek and Hebrew.

He published a number of essays on the original text of the Old and New Testaments as well as books on ethics and logic.

BISHOP HENRY D. ROBINSON.

Head of Nevada Missionary District Dies in St. Luke's Hospital.

Henry Douglas Robinson, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Nevada, died at St. Luke's Hospital yesterday afternoon from a complication of diseases. He was taken ill while attending the triennial convention of the church, and went to the hospital on October 11. Mrs. Robinson was with him when he died.

Bishop Robinson was born at Lowell, Mass., March 13, 1860. He was graduated from Racine College and the University of Chicago, and for some years taught in various institutions of the West. He was made a deacon of his church in 1886 and was ordained a priest two years later. He was chosen Missionary Bishop of Nevada in 1907, and made his home at Reno.

Bishop Robinson was a member of many scientific and literary societies. He was married to Miss Blanche Bruce of Racine in 1885 and leaves no children.

Funeral services will be held at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

DR. GARY H. WOOD.

Served for Five Years in Assembly From Jefferson County.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Dr. Gary H. Wood of Antwerp, who was for five years a member of the Assembly from the Second district of Jefferson county, and for two years district deputy of the Masonic district comprising the counties of Jefferson and Lewis, died to-day at the age of 59 years. Death was due to Bright's disease.

He leaves his widow, his aged father, two daughters, two brothers, Frank, in the Educational Department at Albany, and Dr. Hamlin Wood of South Dakota, and two half-sisters.

Mrs. Mary de Rose Tilghman.

Mrs. Mary de Rose Tilghman, wife of Sidell Tilghman, a retired member of the New York Stock Exchange, died yesterday at her home at Madison, N. J., at the age of 63. She was the daughter of Anthony de Rose, an artist, and Susan Taylor de Rose. She was born in New York and was educated here at private schools. In 1880 she was married to Mr. Tilghman and since then had resided on Long Island, in New York city, and for the last ten years at Madison, where she was the founder and supporter of the Madison Kindergarten. She was interested in various charities and was a member of the Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Catherine E. Weller.

Catherine Eddey Weller, wife of George E. Weller, a lawyer at 47 Cedar street, died yesterday at her home, 424 Convent avenue, of heart disease. She was 55 years old.

Mrs. Weller was the daughter of Carnes Eddey, a New York shipbuilder, who built the Monitor in 1861 under the direction of John Ericsson. She was married to Mr. Weller in 1880. Mrs. Weller was a member of the Chapel of the Intercession, at 157th street and Broadway, and was active in church matters. She is survived by her husband and two sons, both of whom are lawyers—Emory C. Weller and Assistant District Attorney Royal H. Weller.

Frederick W. Butler.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Dec. 18.—Frederick W. Butler died at his home on East Seventh street to-day at the age of 48. He was born in Buffalo and had lived here eighteen years. Mr. Butler was a fire insurance broker in New York. He was a member of the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Trinity Commandery, K. T.; the Plainfield Country Club, and the Park Club. He is survived by his wife, three daughters and a son.

G. E. Johnson, "Oldest Mason," Dies.

AMHERST, VA., Dec. 18.—George E. Johnson, 95 years old, who was believed to be the oldest Mason in the United States, died to-day at his home in this county after a two days illness. He had been a Mason seventy-three years. He was a member of Clinton Lodge. He spent his entire life in Amherst county.

John L. Stephens.

BABYLON, L. I., Dec. 18.—John L. Stephens died to-day at his home, Lone Oak. He was 75 years old and had lived here for over thirty years. He was a member of the Union Club of New York.

HOSPITAL FUND $113,000 SHORT.

Washington Heights Workers Have One Day Left.

The next to the final day of the $150,000 campaign in behalf of the Washington Heights Hospital brought in $1,458. The total now amounts to $37,000.

Much of the money raised yesterday was collected at subway and elevated entrances.

MARRIED.

TAYLOR—BRETZ.—Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bretz, "Stonehurst," Dobbs Ferry-on-Hudson, New York, announce the marriage of their daughter, Marion, to Lieut. Richard T. Taylor, December 17, at San Francisco, Cal.

DIED.

BARTRAM.—At Newburgh, N. Y., December 17, 1913, William C. Bartram, M. D., aged thirty-four years.

Funeral service will be held at his late residence, 11 Overbrook place, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The casket will be opened on Friday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock for the convenience of friends. Interment at Woodlawn Cemetery.

BLEMLY.—December 18, 1913, Ferdinand beloved husband of Mary E. Blemly, aged 65 years.

Services at Stephen Merritt's Harlem Chapel, 304 West 126th street, Saturday evening, 8 o'clock.

BOWDOIN.—On Tuesday, December 16, 1913, at his residence, 39 Park avenue, New York city, George Sullivan Bowdoin, son of the late George R. J. and Fanny Hamilton Bowdoin, in the eighty-first year of his age.

Funeral services at Grace Church, Broadway and Tenth street, on Friday, December 19, at 10 o'clock. It is requested that no flowers be sent.

The Huguenot Society of America announces with deep regret the death of George S. Bowdoin, Esq., for many years vice-president of the Society for New York, on Tuesday, December 16, 1913.

Members of the society are requested to attend the funeral services at Grace Church, Broadway and Tenth street, on Friday, December 19, at 10 o'clock.

WILLIAM JAY, President.
Mrs. JAMES M. LAWTON, Secretary.

BUTLER.—At Plainfield, N. J., on Thursday, December 18, 1913, Frederick W., husband of Stella Sprague and son of Sarah Walbridge and the late Charles W. Butler, in his 48th year.

Services at his late residence, 117 East Ninth street, Plainfield, N. J., on Saturday, December 20, at 3 P. M. Carriages will meet express train leaving foot of Liberty street, New York city, on R. R. of N. J., at 2 o'clock.

CAMERON.—William, aged 83.

Funeral from THE FUNERAL CHURCH, 241 West Twenty-third street, on Friday morning, 10 o'clock. Automobile cortege.

MACKIE.—Violet Thruston, wife of Charles Paul MacKie of Englewood, N. J., and daughter of the late George Armistead and Elizabeth Thruston of Cumberland, Md., on Wednesday, December 17, 1913. Interment at convenience of the family.

PAULDING.—On Wednesday, December 17, 1913, Gouverneur Paulding, son of the late James Kirke and Gertrude Kemble Paulding, in the eighty-fifth year of his age.

Funeral services at Cold Spring, N. Y., at the convenience of the family.

PIERSON.—At Elizabeth, N. J., Thursday, December 18, 1913, James Alexander, eldest son of the late Rev. Dr. David H. and Caroline Peck Pierson.

Funeral services from 926 North Broad street on Saturday, December