CARNIVAL BALL AT HOTEL BILTMORE

Society Enters Heartily Into the Mardi Gras Spirit.

A ROYAL PROCESSION

Last Day of Indulgence Before Lent Devoted to Benefit for Charity.

There was much evidence of the carnival spirit in society yesterday, with the observance of Shrove Tuesday, the last day of indulgence, but particularly at the Mardi Gras carnival ball for the benefit of the Lisa Day Nursery, which was held in the splendid ballroom of the new Biltmore under the patronage of women who are most prominent in society.

Those present had no reason to regret their inability to witness the festival as observed in New Orleans or in Latin countries, and while held indoors the gayeties of last night were quite as pleasant as and no doubt far more in keeping with creature comfort than those held in distant places. Certainly everything was done to make the surroundings attractive. There were many dinners in advance of the ball, to which the guests came later, others coming from the Metropolitan Opera and the theatres. The moving spirits in the management of the ball were Mrs. Charles R. Scott, Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, Mrs. Charles B. Alexander and Mrs. W. Storrs Wells, the latter having attended to the arduous duties of selling boxes and cards of admission.

Carnival Begins Late.

It was late when the crowds began to arrive at the ball. They were received by Mrs. Fish, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Henry Clews, Mrs. Harry T. Peters, Mrs. Henry H. Rogers and Mrs. Cornelius C. Cuyler, who took turns. The ballroom was gayly decorated with banners of various colors placed in front of the gallery that surrounds the room, and besides there were many marks of the carnival in the way of gay colored lanterns, masks and amusing heads of papier-mache. There were festoons of Southern smilax and plenty of music, Conrad's Orchestra and Europe's band of colored players alternating, and there was scarcely a second without music. With so much inducement it was not to be wondered at that general dancing began as soon as people arrived, for nowadays it is hard to keep still when good dance music is going on.

King and Queen Crowned.

It was well after 11 o'clock when a fanfare of trumpets announced that the real carnival features were to begin, and the ballroom floor was then cleared. There came from the four corners of the room trumpeters arrayed in gorgeous mediæval costumes followed by pages in court costumes, and then came officers of state bearing the mace, orb and sceptre, emblems of the rule of the King and Queen of the Carnival. The majesties of the night immediately followed this throng of attendants and were conducted to the thrones under a baldaquino of rich royal purple velvet, which were placed at the east end of the ballroom. When their majesties had taken their places on the raised dais where the thrones were the coronation was completed. The King, who was arrayed in robes of royal blue velvet, was Holten Herr, who has appeared in numerous musical productions in New York. The Queen, whose gown was of royal purple velvet, was enacted with much grace by Miss Mabel Park.

As soon as the royal pair were seated there began a dance of Pierrots and Pierrettes and as they danced colored lights were played on them. After this formality a number of masked men went around the room distributing to the young women trinkets and bags of confetti as well as rolls of serpentine, which were thrown about in true carnival fashion. Among the masked men were Sidney Dillon Ripley, Jay Gould, Sidney W. Fish, J. Stewart Barney, T. Chesley Richardson, Jr., and Lawrence S. Butler. Following this general dancing was resumed and was interrupted only for a chance to get a bite of supper in the Italian loggia on the ballroom floor, where refreshments were served from chafing dishes to the accompaniment of Neapolitan music. The seated supper was served in the main restaurant at the corner of Madison avenue and Forty-fourth street. Dancing kept up until the "small hours" of this morning.

Entertainers of Dinner Guests.

Some of those giving dinners in advance of the ball were Mrs. Charles R. Scott, Mrs. Cornelius C. Cuyler, Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs, Mrs. James Speyer, William Douglas Sloane, Mrs. J. Stevens Ulman and Mrs. Henry Clay Frick. The boxes, which had been arranged in the balcony and also around the sides of the ballroom floor, were occupied by Prince and Princess Aymon de Faucigny Lucinge, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clews, Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Samuel T. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. William Pollock, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert H. Gary, Mr. and Mrs. George Blumenthal, Mrs. Henry B. Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. William Douglas Sloane, Mr. and Mrs. James Speyer, Mrs. Frederick Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Edward N. Breitung, the Hon. and Mrs. Alfred Anson, Mr. and Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, Mr. and Mrs. George Jay Gould, Mrs. Cornelius C. Cuyler, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clay Frick, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Sheehan, Mrs. Charles H. Senff, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Twombly, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Aldrich, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Alexander, Mrs. Peter B. Wyckoff, Charles E. Sampson, Charles Hayden and Thomas F. Ryan, all of whom had guests.

Some of Those at the Ball.

Among others at the ball were Mrs. Vanderbilt, Mrs. H. McK. Twombly, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Havemeyer, Mrs. James Lowell Putnam, Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones, Mrs. William P. Douglas, Mrs. Paul Morton, Albert E. Gallatin, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Archer M. Huntington, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Taylor, F. Delano Weekes, Phoenix Ingraham, Charles A. Munn, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Duke, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Dinsmore, Miss Louise Sands, Mrs. John Sanford, J. Coleman Drayton, James D'Wolf Cutting, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Harriman, Norman Whitehouse, Mr. and Mrs. L. Cass Ledyard, Mrs. Lee Tailer, Miss Marie Tailer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steele, Miss Kathryne Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Whitney Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Otto H. Kahn, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius N. Bliss, Jr., Shipley Jones, Lloyd Warren, Sherman Day, Mr. and Mrs. George Henry Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Willard D. Straight, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver G. Jennings, W. Storrs Wells, Alfonso de Navarro, Madison Grant, Schuyler L. Parsons, Jr., Mrs. Joseph Pulitzer, Mr. and Mrs. Francis L. V. Hoppin, Miss Bell Gurnee, Mrs. William Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Allen G. Wellman, Mrs. Robert L. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. T. Chesley Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Hofman, Charles M. Robinson, Mrs. Richard Gambrill, Mr. and Mrs. T. Suffern Tailer, Mr. and Mrs. Middleton Burrill, Miss Leonie Burrill, Mr. and Mrs. John Magee, Mr. and Mrs. Lucius K. Wilmerding, Mrs. John R. Livermore, Lawrence L. Gillespie, George Henry Warren, Jr., Mrs. J. Arden Harriman, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Barclay, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Baruch, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Halsted, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Livingston, Miss Alida Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Pell, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Mott Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Gerard, Maxwell Sommerville, William Bruce Brown, William F. Eldridge, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald De Koven, Mr. and Mrs. Snowden A. Fahnestock, Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Oakman, Miss Katherine Oakman, Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Maynard, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Iselin, Mr. and Mrs. Austen Gray and Mr. and Mrs. Ormond G. Smith.

While costumes were not obligatory many came in fancy dress.

The gates open.

MR. CARROLL TO WED MISS HACK

Cousin of Douglas G. Carroll, Who Married Miss Hack's Sister.

Of interest to society here is the announcement of the engagement of Miss Anita Hack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Home Hack of Baltimore, to Charles Bancroft Carroll, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Md. Miss Hack is prominent in society in the South.

Mr. Carroll is a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families in Maryland, the family estate, Doughoregan Manor, Carrollton, being one of the show places in that part of the country. Douglas Gordon Carroll, a cousin of Mr. Carroll, married Miss Hack's only sister two years ago.

Mr. Carroll is a grandson of the late Gov. John Lee Carroll and a nephew of Royal Phelps Carroll of this city. He studied at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, but left to go West. He also spent a good deal of his time with his parents abroad. The wedding will take place in April.

WEDDINGS.

Brown—Langdon.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., Feb. 24.—Miss Helen Montgomery Langdon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woodbury G. Langdon, and Thomas Ellis Brown of New York were married this afternoon in the Church of the Redeemer by the Rev. Barret P. Tyler, the rector, a brother-in-law of the bride. A reception followed at the Langdon home, 151 Madison avenue.

Street—Thomson.

William A. Street of 43 Park avenue received a cable message yesterday from Australia announcing that his son, Arthur Frederic Street, was married last Wednesday to Miss Ina Ricardo Thomson of Brisbane in St. John's Church, Sydney, by Archdeacon Gunther. Arthur F. Street is connected with his father's firm, R. W. Cameron & Co., shipping and commission merchants at 23 South William street. He is a member of the Union and Knickerbocker clubs and was graduated from Harvard in 1897.

J. Bowers Lee's Condition Improved.

J. Bowers Lee, who has been socially prominent in New York for years and who is a well known member of the Stock Exchange, has been dangerously ill in his apartments at Sherry's. He is attended by Dr. Albert H. Ely. It was said yesterday that his condition was somewhat improved.

Notes of the Social World.

Mrs. Carl von Mayhoff of 59 East Thirty-fourth street has been obliged to recall her invitations for an afternoon bridge party on Saturday because she had to go to Concord, N. H., where her son, a pupil at St. Paul's School, was injured recently in a hockey game.

Miss Maria de Barril will leave to-day for St. Augustine, Fla., to remain until March 15.

The third and last of the talks on current operas will be given this afternoon by Howard Brockway at the home of Mrs. Jonathan Bulkley, 600 Park avenue. His subject will be "I Gioielli della Madonna." The net proceeds will be given to the East Side House music school.

Miss Florence E. Wheeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Wheeler, will be married to Robert N. Lee to-day at the home of her parents in Yonkers.

Mrs. William Salomon gave a dance last night at her home, 1030 Fifth avenue.

Mrs. Nicholas F. Palmer of 922 Fifth avenue gave a dinner, followed by dancing, last night for her husband in honor of his birthday.

Miss Sarah Kaufmann of Chicago is visiting her sister, Mrs. Edward N. Breitung, at the St. Regis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Allen of Boston are at the Plaza prior to leaving for the Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

ALEXANDER MOFFAT DEAD.

President of the Moffat-Watson Contracting Company.

Alexander Moffat, president of the Moffat-Watson Contracting Company, who was a famous Princeton football and baseball player of the early '80s, died on Monday in the Presbyterian Hospital. He was 51 years old and a widower. His father, J. C. Moffat, was a professor for forty years at the Princeton Theological Seminary.

Mr. Moffat was graduated from Princeton in 1884, after taking a scientific course. In his early youth he devoted much attention to kicking a football with either foot and by the time he entered college he was what football men describe as a "phenomenal" kicker. His most notable achievement was in the fall of 1883 when he dropkicked four goals, two with his right and the other two with his left, against Harvard in the second half of the game. This still stands as a record in football so far as kicking with either foot is concerned. Mr. Moffat had also a brilliant record as a baseball player at Princeton, where he was for three years the crack pitcher. Soon after his graduation he developed into one of the best tennis players in the country.

Following his graduation Mr. Moffat worked for the Westinghouse company for ten years and then went into the general contracting business in this city. Dr. Henry Moffat of Yonkers is his brother. Another brother, W. D. Moffat, is president of Moffat, Yard & Co., publishers, and a sister, Mrs. Robert Sterling Yard, lives at Glen Ridge, N. J. Mr. Moffat was a member of the Princeton, University and Engineers clubs.

THOMAS WILBUR CRIDLER.

Third Assistant Secretary of State Under McKinley.

Thomas Wilbur Cridler, son of the late Dr. Augustus Cridler of Harpers Ferry, and Third Assistant Secretary of State under President McKinley, died on Monday at his home, 22 East Thirty-first street. He is survived by his wife and two daughters by a former marriage, Mrs. Sidney Y. Smith of Washington and Mrs. Guy D. Haviland of Limoges, France.

Mr. Cridler was born at Harpers Ferry in 1850. He studied law under Justice Leach of the District of Columbia bar and entered the Department of State in 1875 as a clerk. In 1897 President McKinley appointed him Third Assistant Secretary of State and he held this office until Theodore Roosevelt became President.

Shortly after his resignation from the State Department Mr. Cridler came to New York, where he engaged in business with the advertising agency of Collin Armstrong, Inc., in the capacity of vice-president. He was a prominent Mason and was the recipient of many decorations, among them that of an officer of the Legion of Honor.

MAJOR-GEN. J. L. CHAMBERLAIN.

Distinguished Civil War Veteran Dies in Portland.

PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 24.—Major-Gen. Joshua L. Chamberlain, who was Governor of Maine from 1866 to 1871 and who since 1900 was United States Surveyor of the Port of Portland, died here to-day. He was 86 years old.

Gen. Chamberlain was born in Brewer, Me. He was a graduate of Bowdoin College and of the Bangor Theological Seminary, and received honorary degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and from his alma mater. He served as Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel of the Twentieth Maine Infantry during the early part of the civil war and received a medal of honor from Congress for "daring heroism" at the battle of Gettysburg on July 2, 1863.

A month later he was commanding a brigade of the Fifth Corps, and on June 18, 1864, he received his promotion to the rank of Brigadier-General at the hands of Gen. Grant "for meritorious and efficient services in battle and especially gallant conduct in leading his brigade against the enemy in the assault on Petersburg." Gen. Grant said at the time that he had never before made a promotion on the field of battle.

From 1871 to 1883 Gen. Chamberlain was president of Bowdoin College.

He was at one time president of the Society of the Army of the Potomac, commander of the Loyal Legion and the G. A. R. of Maine. He had been president of the Maine branch of the Red Cross and vice-president of the American Bible Society. He was the author of "De Monts and Arcadia," "Building Powers in History" and many other books, besides the article on Maine in the Encyclopædia Britannica.

Mrs. L. Ophelia Benedict.

Mrs. L. Ophelia Benedict, widow of Henry Martin Benedict, died on Monday afternoon at her home, 282 Vanderbilt avenue, Brooklyn. She was born in New York city about eighty-eight years ago, the daughter of Charles C. Wright, one of the thirteen founders of the Academy of Design. Her mother was Lavinia Dorothy Simons of Charleston, S. C., who came of Huguenot stock. In the early '60s Mrs. Benedict's husband was well known in the financial district. He was president of the New York Gold Exchange and the Gold Exchange Bank. She is survived by three sons, J. Henry and William de L. of Brooklyn, Edward Benedict, who lives in Manhattan, and a daughter, Mrs. William C. Horn of East Orange, N. J.

James Pooton.

James Pooton, formerly a newspaper writer and for the past twenty-five years employed in the Custom House, died yesterday of pneumonia at his home, 383 First street, Brooklyn, in his eightieth year. He was one of the founders and was the first president of the Press Club. Three sons, Archie, James and Howard, survive him.

John Sherwin Crosby.

John Sherwin Crosby died yesterday at his home, 150 West Eighty-second street, at the age of 71 years. For nearly ten years he was an auditor in the Finance Department and for the last three years was secretary of the Tenement House Department. He was born in Maine and came to New York in 1897, after practising law in the West. He was an advocate of the single tax and was noted as a public speaker.

Miss Frances Milner Sabine.

Miss Frances Milner Sabine, a member of the well known family of that name, died yesterday at her home, 960 Madison avenue. She was in her seventy-fourth year and was the daughter of the late Dr. Gustavus A. Sabine. She was born in New York city. Throughout her life Miss Sabine was actively interested in church work and was for many years a member of the First Reformed Episcopal Church. She is survived by two sisters.

Thomas A. Bronson.

Thomas A. Bronson, a wholesale druggist of 13 Gold street, died yesterday at the New York Yacht Club, where he had made his home for twelve years, in his seventy-fourth year. He was born in Philadelphia. At the beginning of the civil war he left Yale, where he was a student, and enlisted. In 1865 he married Miss Annie Sears of Boston and came to New York to go into the drug business. Mrs. Bronson died in 1876. They had no children.

David Pringle.

David Pringle, a member of the firm of Maxim, Pringle & Brush, manufacturers of soaps and perfumes, died on Monday at his home, 145 Greene avenue, Brooklyn, in his sixty-fourth year. His wife survives him.

In New York To-day.

Architectural League, exhibition, Fine Arts Building, 215 West Fifty-seventh street.

Harmony Club, meeting, Hotel Astor, 2 P. M.

Women's Hospital Society, meeting, Hotel Astor, 8:30 P. M.

Dutch Treat Club, dinner, Delmonico's, 7:15 P. M.

American Institute of Electrical Engineers, dinner, Hotel Biltmore, 7:15 P. M.

Board of Education, meeting, Park avenue and Fifty-ninth street, 4 P. M.

Memorial meeting for Eliakum Zunser, Educational Alliance, 8 P. M.

Weather at Winter Resorts.

OLD POINT COMFORT, Feb. 24.—Temperature 28; snow.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 24.—Temperature 16; clear.

BELLAIRE, Fla., Feb. 24.—Temperature 72; cloudy.

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Feb. 24.—Temperature 62; cloudy.

GALVESTON, Tex., Feb. 24.—Temperature 31; rain.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 24.—Temperature 30.

PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 24.—Temperature 71; clear.

ELEANOR WILSON IN WOODLAND MASQUE

President's Youngest Daughter as Wounded Bird in "Sanctuary."

PERCY MACKAYE IN CAST

Miss Margaret Wilson Sings Prelude Written by Nine-year-old.

A forest sprang up in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Astor last night and on the greensward of a glade therein was revealed Percy MacKaye's bird masque, "Sanctuary," with Miss Eleanor Wilson, the President's youngest daughter, playing the leading woman's role, and her sister, Miss Margaret Wilson, singing the prelude.

Mrs. Wilson, who was to have been a guest of honor, was detained in Washington because of a rearrangement of her social programme necessitated by the President's recent illness.

The play was produced last September in a nook of the Meriden Bird Club's bird sanctuary at Meriden, N. H. Many members of the Cornish summer colony participated in it and President and Mrs. Wilson were among the spectators.

Miss Wilson Spirit of Birds.

Miss Eleanor Wilson appeared as *Ornis*, the spirit of all birds, through whose appeal a murderous plume hunter is made to realize that he is a man of infinite cruelty, to throw away his gun.

The other principals last night were: *Quercus*, a faun, Joseph Lindon Smith; *Alwyn*, a poet, Percy MacKaye; *Shy*, a naturalist, Ernest Harold Baynes, founder of the Meriden Bird Sanctuary; *Tacita*, a dryad, Juliet Barrett Rublee, and *Stark*, the plume hunter, Charles Douville Coburn. Except for Mr. Coburn, whose role was originally played by Witter Bynner, it was the same cast as that of the outdoor masque in New Hampshire. The words of the prelude, "The Hermit Thrush," which Miss Margaret Wilson sang, were written by Arvia MacKaye, who is 9 years old and is a daughter of Percy MacKaye.

The boxholders were Miss Clara B. Spence, Mrs. James Speyer, Mr. and Mrs. H. Fairfield Osborn, Mrs. Henry A. Alexander, Mrs. Marion von R. Phelps, Charles Stickney, Mrs. Charles B. Wood, Charles T. Wills, Eugene Delano, Mrs. H. W. Sibley, Miss Annie Burr Jennings, Mrs. John French, Mrs. Albert R. Ledoux, Mrs. Edward S. Harkness, Mrs. Edward A. Wickes, Mrs. Philip Goodhart, Mrs. Charles Oppenheim, Mrs. James J. Higginson, Mrs. Percy MacKaye, Isaac Seligman, Mrs. Paul Morton, Mrs. Bradley Martin, Mrs. Hugh J. Chisolm, W. W. Carman and Mrs. Frederick Thompson.

Sings of Little Girl.

A little girl wandered in the quiet of a bird sanctuary. Passing deeper into the wood she thought dreamily of all the wild birds and of the wrongs done them by men and women. It was the thoughts of this little girl that Miss Margaret Wilson sang—reveries out of which grew the masque. But first of all there was a prologue spoken by Mrs. Coburn.

Miss Eleanor Wilson as *Ornis* came on the stage in a white robe with wing-like sleeves, just after *Shy*, the naturalist, had suggested that it would be possible for man to understand the speech of birds if it were not for *Stark*, the plume hunter. A gunshot was heard and a bird fell fluttering from a tree. *Ornis*, being the bird spirit, was wounded by the shot. The lines spoken here by Miss Wilson described the feelings of a wounded bird.

Such a blind Philistine was *Stark*, the plume hunter, that he couldn't see *Ornis* when he came crashing through the thicket with his gun and dogs. He passed her by and seized the dead bird.

Shy, the naturalist, rebuked *Stark*—told him this place was sanctuary and there could be no hunting. "Pipe that to the frogs," retorted *Stark*. The hunter was about to depart, cursing, but *Tacita* charmed him with a dance and lured him toward *Ornis*, about whom the hunter straightway cast a net, saying, "This shy bird shall be captured alive."

With the help of Mr. MacKaye's poetry *Ornis* told this rude hunter all that the birds are doing for man.

Well, the scales fell from *Stark's* eyes in the last moments of the masque he was just as woodlandy as anybody, and Miss Wilson, dancing ahead of the procession of Mr. MacKaye's forest creatures, led them all away to her woodland shrine.

A bird pantomime directed by Florence Fleming Noyes was also part of the masque—many young women representing birds, among them Fola La Follette and Elisabeth Eyre as robins. Tom Harris was *Bumble Bee*.

Augustus Thomas nominated Mr. MacKaye as "National Commissioner of the Civic Drama," and smiling at Miss Eleanor Wilson he said: "The daughter of the President is acting in 'Sanctuary' with her father's consent—at least I suppose she is—and therefore interest on his part in the civic drama may be presupposed."

"Sanctuary" was given under the auspices of the American Game Protective and Propagative Society, the American Museum of Natural History, the Audubon Society, the S. P. C. A. and other organizations. The lines from the masque quoted above are printed with the permission of the Century Company.

DINNERS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Gen. and Mrs. Carroll and Mrs. Nicoll Entertain for Daughters.

Gen. and Mrs. Howard Carroll gave last evening at their home, 4 East Sixty-fourth street, a dinner for their daughter, Miss Caramai Carroll, afterward taking their guests, all young people, to the Globe Theatre to see "The Queen of the Movies." While dinner was being served a band of Neapolitans played and sang.

The guests were the Misses Agnes Claflin, Vera Cravath, Mary Edgar, Vera Onativia, Dorothy Manice, Elizabeth Thompson, Greta Hostetter, Eleanor Darlington, Mildred Dodge, Yvonne and Gabrielle Gourd, Helen H. Jenkins, Beatrix Buel, Elizabeth Kirlin, Katharine Sands, Amy Bradish Johnson, Rhoda Tanner, Dorothy Legg Howard and Eleanor Taylor; Mansfield Perry, Ogden Rogers, John Marsh, Gilbert Darlington, Dr. John A. McCreery, Dr. J. Arpad Gerster, the Rev. Henry V. B. Darlington, Harry Dodge, James Larkin, Richard Danforth, Gaylord Ravenel, Edmund W. Peaslee, William F. Phillips, Oliver Wagstaff, Marcel Gourd, John A. Morris, Alexander Orr, Charles Hickox and Lauren Carroll. After the theatre most of the young people went to the Mardi Gras ball at the Biltmore.

Another dinner of last night was given by Mrs. Benjamin Nicoll for her daughter, Miss Elsie Nicoll, at her home, 18 East Fiftieth street. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Goelet Gallatin, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Courtlandt Nicoll, Mr and Mrs. Lewis S. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cross, Miss Theodora Larocque, Miss Elsie Stevens, Miss Helen Turnbull, Miss Mary Pyne, Marshall Russell, W. Barclay Parsons, Jr., I. Wistar Kendall, Reginald Lanier and Nicholas and Robert Tilney.

After dinner Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Castle were shown in moving pictures thrown on a screen in the drawing room while an orchestra played. Later some of the guests went to the Biltmore.

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The sales will be conducted by MR. THOMAS E. KIRBY, assisted by Mr. Otto Bernet, of
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AMATEURS IN AN OLD PLAY.

Adaptation Given in Plaza Ballroom in Aid of Shut-In Society.

Amateurs of society took part in an adaptation of the morality play called the "Castle of Perseverance" given in the ballroom of the Plaza yesterday afternoon for the benefit of the Shut-In Society, of which Mrs. Charles E. Merrill is the national president.

The play was adapted by Francis Hartman Markoe from the original manuscript written in the second quarter of the fifteenth century. Mr. Markoe had the title role of *Mankind*, and others in the cast and their characters were as follows: Mrs. Francis H. Markoe, *Mundo*; Mrs. Alfred Macy, *Penetencia*; Miss Helen Jenkins, *Bonus Angelus*; Miss Caramai Carroll, *Accidia*; Miss Martha Gay, *Gula*; Miss Elizabeth Thompson, *Avaritia*; Miss Estelle Clarke, *Invidia*; Miss Louise Trevor, *Ira*; Miss Margareta Siegfried, *Superbia*; Miss Emily Ford, *Luxuria*; Miss Mercedes de Acosta, *Humilitas*; Miss Louise Butler, *Paciencia*; Miss Audrey Osborn, *Largitas*; Miss Eleanor Jamson, *Abstinencia*; Miss Marian Clark, *Solicitudo*; Miss Lydia Butler, *Castitas*; Miss Jeanette Whitlock, *Caritas*; Miss Marjorie Curtis, *Justicia*; Miss Ruth T. Hayden, *Pax*; Miss Elsie Seeger, *Misericordia*; Miss Faith T. Hayden, *Veritas*; Miss Alice Damrosch, *Ecclesia*, and Francis H. Geer, *Malus Angelus*. In the group representing monks and evil spirits were T. Chesley Richardson, Jr., Frederic S. Stone, Alfred Macy, Gerald Murphy, Henry Corse, Walter G. Oakman, Jr., and James Matthews Faust.

In the intermissions there was a sale of fancy articles and candies at booths about the ballroom floor presided over by young girls of society in costumes of the fifteenth century. Some of those at the booths and the tea tables were the Misses Coline Ingersoll, Louise Herrick, Katherine Montgomery, Rosetta Carson, Dorothy Hollister, Theresa Ingersoll, Julia Swan and Stella and Gussie Smith.

Among the patronesses present were Mrs. Howard Carroll, Mrs. Frederick W. Whitridge, Mrs. John W. Auchincloss, Mrs. Jay Gould, Mrs. Nelson H. Henry, Mrs. Jonathan Bulkley, Mrs. Edward S. Beach and Mrs. E. Morgan Grinnell.

DR. ALVAH M. NEWMAN INSANE.

Prominent Physician, Now in Bloomingdale, Declared Incompetent.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Feb. 24.—A Sheriff's jury at White Plains to-day declared Dr. Alvah M. Newman, a prominent physician and surgeon of 110 West Seventy-first street, New York, insane and incompetent. Dr. Newman has been an inmate of Bloomingdale Asylum since December. He lived at Hawthorne, Westchester county, before his commitment to the asylum.

Several witnesses testified that Dr. Newman prescribed a sugarless diet for a number of his patients. Witnesses also testified that the physician told them he had been born anew and that he could cure any disease by eliminating sugar from the system.

Dr. Newman is 49 years old, and is married.

WILLS AND APPRAISALS.

JAMES C. ATWATER—A reappraisal of the estate of James C. Atwater, filed yesterday, shows that a claim of $692,328 against the Stock Exchange firm of H. W. Poor & Co., which assigned in 1908, has resulted in a payment of $92,733 to the Atwater estate. Of this amount $45,903 goes to the decedent's brother, David F. Atwater, and $22,950 to his nieces, Harriet B. Green and Mabel A. Weaver. The brother has already received $590,335, and each of the nieces $290,947.

FREDERICK E. EILSHEMIUS left $26,703 to his mother, Cecile Eilshemius, and three brothers and two sisters.

ANNA C. RILEY, who died on June 30, 1911, left $24,545 to nephews and nieces and gave $5,000 to St. Joseph's Seminary.

FRANCES A. CURRY, who died on February 14, 1912, left $33,646 to her husband, Edmond J. Curry.

JOHN S. ARBUTHNOT, who died on April 25, 1912, left $20,551 in bank deposits to his wife, Susan, his son, John, and his daughter, Mary M. Arbuthnot.

PATRICK FLYNN, who died on January 23, 1912, left $67,808, but the estate was insufficient to pay all the legacies and they were reduced one-third. The largest bequests to Catholic institutions were the following: St. Francis Xavier Church, College of St. Francis Xavier and Society of Helpers of the Holy Soul, $3,705 each.

JENNIE K. R. SELDEN GAINES, who inherited one thirty-ninth of a $250,000 trust fund under the will of Daniel C. Kingsland, who died in 1873, left her estate to her husband, Edgar Selden Gaines.

CHARLOTTE SCARABIN, who died on September 19, 1913, left the bulk of her estate to Seton Hospital, The Bronx, where she died.

CAMPBELL E. POLLOCK—Mrs. Charlotte L. O'Connor, a beneficiary under the will of Campbell E. Pollock, has asked the Surrogate to remove Donald McLean as an executor of the estate on the ground that he is unfit to perform the duties.

MICHAEL LOWRY, who died on January 15, left his estate to his sister, Catherine Lowry.

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STREET—RICARDO.—On Wednesday, February 18, 1914, at St. John's Church, Darlinghurst, Sydney, Australia, by the Venerable Archdeacon Gunther, Ina Ricardo, daughter of the late John Thomson, M. P., of Brisbane, to Arthur Frederic Street, son of William A. Street, Esq., of this city.

DIED.

BENEDICT.—At Brooklyn, N. Y., on February 23, 1914, L. Ophelia Wright, wife of the late Henry M. Benedict, in the eighty-eighth year of her age.
Funeral services will be held at her late residence, 282 Vanderbilt avenue, on Wednesday afternoon, February 25, at 3 o'clock.

BRONSON.—Thomas A., at New York Yacht Club, on February 24, 1914, in the seventy-third year of his age.
Notice of funeral service later. Philadelphia papers please copy.

CRIDLER.—Thomas Wilbur, son of the late Dr. Augustus Cridler of Harper's Ferry, W. Va., aged 63, suddenly, at his home, 22 East Thirty-first street, at 7:45 P. M. on February 23.
Notice of funeral hereafter. Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia papers please copy.

CURLETT.—At New Rochelle, N. Y., on Monday, February 23, 1914, Allen S. Curlett, aged 83 years.
Services at his home, 75 Pintard avenue, New Rochelle, on Wednesday, February 25, 1914, at 11 A. M. Kindly omit flowers. Interment at Baltimore, Md.

HICKS.—Suddenly, February 23, 1914, Louis, beloved husband of Janet Irvine and son of Jennie E. Hicks, aged 49 years.
Funeral services at his late residence, February lane, Highwood, N. J., on Wednesday, February 25, 1914, on arrival of train leaving Erie Railroad depot, Jersey City, at 1:29 P. M.

JOHNSTON.—Suddenly, on February 24, 1914, Mary Mandeville, widow of Edward William Scudder.
Funeral services at her late residence, 52 East Seventy-fifth street, on Thursday, the 26th inst., at 12:30 o'clock. Interment Woodlawn.

POOTON.—The New York Press Club deeply regrets to announce the death of James Pooton, its first president. Members are invited to attend the funeral services at 8 o'clock to-night, at 383 First street, Brooklyn.

SABINE.—On February 24, 1914, Frances Milner, eldest daughter of the late Gustavus A. Sabine, M. D., and Julia Tufnell Sabine.
Funeral services at 960 Madison avenue on Friday the 27th inst., at 10 A. M.

SMITH.—At her home, 295 Park avenue, Orange, N. J., on Monday, February 23, Emma McCloud, wife of John C. Smith.
Funeral at the residence, Wednesday, February 25, at 2 P. M.

SQUIRES.—At Plainfield, N. J., on Tuesday, February 24, 1914, Lewis Squires, in his thirty-third year.
Services at his late residence, 732 Dixie lane, Plainfield, on Friday, February 27, at 2:30 P. M. Interment in Hillside Cemetery.

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