SOCIETY'S POST-LENTEN PLANS---EASTER WEDDINGS

ANY attempt to keep a record of the doings of society at the present moment requires a cool head and at the same time the ability to visualize hundreds of miles of territory. For society is scattered to the winds of heaven—or earth, and those winds are blowing where they list and no man can tell whence they come or whither they go. So much for Lenten comment on the fashionable world so busy disporting itself wherever sport is to be found.

Palm Beach continues to be the cynosure of all, but the scenes there are changing with such lightning rapidity as to suggest nothing so much as a movie. There are signs and indications that the season is on the point of waning. True, there are many new arrivals, and interesting visitors are appearing by every train, but many of those socially prominent have taken wing and flown to other excitements.

New York has not presented many attractions in the way of weather or startling gayety to prove a dangerous rival to South, North or West, but one notes here and there a faint indication of interest in the plans for after Easter, which augurs well for those who contend there is no place like home—if New York is chosen as the home. The matrimonial returns are coming in more satisfactorily. Already there are several Easter week weddings scheduled which are of interest from the social point of view, and the air is filled with rumors of engagements that may at any moment be announced.

As for any formal entertaining, that would not be fashionable so early in Lent, but the luncheons and dinners which are following one another in quick succession are certainly on an elaborate scale. The increasing number of guests now bidden to a dinner make it possible for the hostess to have much more variety than formerly among those whom she honors with invitations. At the smaller dinners, where the number is limited to ten or twelve, the guests are chosen because they are personally known one to the other and have or are supposed to have the same interests, to know the same people, and, in fact, to belong to the same set. This is satisfactory, perhaps, from the social standpoint, but is apt to prove a bit dull.

At the dinners to which many more guests are bidden the variety of different interests they represent adds to the pleasure of the entertainment. At the moment the feat is to select from different sets those individuals who are considered cleverest and most amusing and also to combine with them the professional element.

Much is being written and spoken of the hard work done by women on account of the war, of their being able now to prove just how useful they can be. To work for the relief of the sufferers in the great conflict is a fashionable interest everywhere, and the sewing classes, the Red Cross classes and other organizations accomplish an amazing amount of good.

Sewing classes are indigenous to the Lenten season, but this year there is more of this mad form of dissipation than usual, and the woman who has not been asked to join at least half a dozen sewing classes must face the conclusion that she is not fashionable in any sense of the word. There are only three or four of these classes whose meetings are well attended, however. It is considered smart to attend but one meeting and after that to send for the work allotted to you and return it finished at the next meeting. "They say" that some of the lady's maids look forward to these Lenten sewing classes with dread on account of the extra work that has to be accomplished, but "they say" a great deal that is not worth listening to.

The tragedy at Aiken has cast a gloom over that community, where everybody knows his neighbors, has known them for years and there has always existed the strongest kind of good fellowship. There had been several departures among the transient population, but there was much gayety planned, some of which will be taken up again later, and after all the transients at Aiken count for little in the season's routine. The house guests and those who stop at hotels are always known to the old inhabitants and are included in all entertainments, but the life at Aiken, the cottage life, goes on in a regular routine with which the coming and going of the transient does not interfere.

The Greenbrier at the White Sulphur—the Homestead at the Hot Springs—which shall be chosen for the spring cure? If anything were needed to prove the size, and incidentally the wealth, of New York's social list, the numbers of fashionable folk who throng these resorts would tell the story. There is supposed to be a keen rivalry between the two cures, but as the same people go to both and there is everything to be said in favor of each, the rivalry has no bad results. There is just one disadvantage arising from both places being so attractive and so popular, namely, that one is never quite certain which at the moment is the better to visit.

For the stay at homes the continuous performance for the benefit of the American Ambulance in Paris proved a blessing this week. There have been many and divers entertainments during the winter in which amateur talent has been displayed to advantage, but the earnest, faithful and well organized work that is being carried on by so many American society women abroad was never more convincingly portrayed than by this last work's exhibition. The goodly sum raised by the practical demonstration of how the work in France is carried on was but another proof of the liberality of the American people and also of the practical ability of the American woman.

There has been a decided change in the routine of social life, which now is uneventful, but there will be a little spurt of gayety at Mi-Careme, which falls on March 29. On that night there will be an opportunity to don fancy dress once more at the carnival to be held at Sherry's for the benefit of the West Side Juvenile Club. This carnival has been a fixture of the mid-Lenten season for years and it always affords some diversion in an otherwise slow period as far as society is concerned.

There is, as usual, talk of an after season at Easter time, but such a season has never been a success in New York owing to the climate, and moreover all the dancing that one could desire has been done when the weather has been more favorable to the diversion. The one dance promised in Easter week will be a repetition of one organized last year by some of the mothers of debutantes, and it will be given on Easter Tuesday, April 25, at Sherry's. As was the case last year it will be a costume dance, something not so difficult for girls to manage, particularly after their experience with the Junior League and other costume parties; but it is not always easy for the young men to get themselves up in fancy dress. Therefore a halfway plan has been suggested. Many of the young men have hunting coats, which will be acceptable, and it is a simple matter to have the lapels of their black coats faced with silks of a bright color that will take away the monotony of ordinary evening dress. Even the wearing of orders will be permissible, and it would seem only fair for young men to go to a little trouble to carry out the scheme.

The patronesses of the dance will include some who introduced daughters last year and others whose daughters came out this season. Among them are Mrs. F. McNeil Bacon, Mrs. Frederic Foster Clark, Mrs. Charles Merrill Chapin, Mrs. R. Fulton Cutting, Mrs. Carl A. de Gersdorff, Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, Mrs. W. Pierson Hamilton, Mrs. James W. Markoe, Mrs. Russell H. Headley, Jr., Mrs. Thomas H. Howard and Mrs. Alvin W. Krech.

As Easter comes late, falling on April 23, and as it will not be possible to crowd all the weddings into Easter week many are being set for May. It is singular that there should be any prejudice here against weddings in that month, which as a rule is very pleasant in New York. In England and France the month is much desired for weddings, both in town and country.

Although it may seem to be planning rather far ahead to announce dance dates now for next season, it is a matter of necessity, particularly as regards the subscription dances, whose organizers do not care to conflict with private dances of the season. The Junior Assemblies will begin the season at Sherry's on Tuesday, November 28, and the other two dances of the subscription will be on Fridays, January 12 and February 2. The assemblies, which are successors to the Junior Cotillions, will be carried out on the same lines as for two seasons past.

The Three Sheets Dances are to be resumed again and it has been decided to have the first on December 8 instead of a week earlier. The second will be held on December 28, which will fall on Thursday, as many persons are likely to leave town on Friday of that week on account of the holiday. The last of the dances will take place on January 19, and as from the start they will be held at Sherry's.

The Colony Dances will be held next year in the new Colony Club and the date selected for the first is December 27. The Metropolitan Dances, for girls not yet out in society, which years ago outgrew the quarters of the ladies' annex of the Metropolitan Club, will be resumed at Sherry's on December 29. It will not be possible to announce dates of private dances for months to come and the early announcements of the subscription dances should prevent the clashing of dates, something which was of frequent occurrence at the beginning of this season.

Lent brought the announcement of several engagements. Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Trevor announced that of their daughter, Miss Louise S. S. Trevor, to James Couper Lord, son by a former marriage of Mrs. Cornelius C. Cuyler. The engagement links together the names of families that have been prominently identified with the history of New York for several generations.

Miss Trevor is a granddaughter of the late John B. Trevor, who was a member of one of the old Knickerbocker families and who during the civil war was one of a group of financiers who greatly added the Government. Through her mother, who was Miss Margaret H. Schieffelin, Miss Trevor is a granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George R. Schieffelin. She is a niece of Mrs. J. Bruce Ismay and Mrs. C. Boyer Ismay and a granddniece of Mrs. Hamilton Fish.

Miss Trevor was introduced to society two seasons ago. With her sister, Miss Margaret Trevor, she has figured prominently in many of the amateur entertainments given for charity by young people of society. She and her sister pass the summer months at Southampton, L. I., where their parents have a beautiful country place.

Mr. Lord, who is also a prominent member of the Southampton colony, lives with his mother at 26 East Fifty-fourth street. He is a son of the late James Brown Lord and was graduated from Harvard in 1903. He is a member of the Harvard, Union, Tuxedo, Knickerbocker, Sleepy Hollow and other leading clubs. The wedding will probably take place early in June in this city.

An engagement announced recently was that of Miss Constance Stearns, daughter of Mrs. George Russell Stearns of Augusta, Ga., to Antonio Lazo of this city.

Mr. Lazo is a son of Antonio Lazo-Arriaga, formerly Minister of Guatemala to the United States. He was graduated from Cornell in 1907, and is a member of the Delta Phi fraternity. The wedding will take place this spring.

Mrs. Charles Francis Park of Englewood, N. J., has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Caroline Doremus Park, to Henry Lawrence Whittemore of Bryn Mawr, Pa., son of the late Rev. Charles T. Whittemore. Mr. Whittemore was graduated from Williams College in 1907. He is a member of the St. Anthony and Williams clubs of this city and the Merion Cricket Club of Philadelphia.

The engagement was announced recently of Miss Ruth Sylvester Nash, daughter of Mrs. Henry Sylvester Nash of Cambridge, Mass., to Alan Reid Chalmers of this city, son of the Rev. James V. Chalmers, vicar of Holy Trinity Church. Miss Nash was graduated from Vassar last June and was the president of her class. Mr. Chalmers is a student at the Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge, Mass.

Mrs. Samuel Q. Brown has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Margery Brown, to J. Frederick Eagle, a brother of Mrs. Charles H. Simmons of this city. Miss Brown is a sister of Miss Florence Brown and Dickson Q. Brown.

Mr. Eagle is a member of the University, Racquet and Tennis, Yale and Archery clubs. No date has been set for the wedding.

Arrangements have been completed for the wedding of Miss Irene Langhorne Gibson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, to George B. Post, Jr., in St. Bartholomew's Church on the afternoon of April 27. The ceremony will be followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents, 127 East Seventy-third street.

Miss Gibson will have her cousin, Miss Nancy Perkins, as her maid of honor and the bridesmaids will be the Misses Harriet A. Post, Nathalie Wood, Helen Crocker, Evelyn Preston, Ruth Hapgood and Margot Scull.

Chalmers Wood, Jr., will act as best man. The ushers will be Havard Tuckerman, Jr., of Boston, a cousin of the bridegroom; Q. A. Shaw McKean, also of Boston; Thomas H. Frothingham, C. Suydam Cutting, Grafton H. Pyne, Schuyler L. Parsons, Jr., Richard Van Nest Gambrill, Oliver W. Bird, Jr., Langhorne Gibson of this city and G. Dawson Coleman of Philadelphia.

Mr. Post will give his farewell bachelor dinner at the Harvard Club on April 14.

Miss Barbara Thaw, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Blair Thaw, will be married to Lieut. Scott B. Macfarlane, U. S. N., in the Church of the Heavenly Rest on the afternoon of April 28 at 4 o'clock, and following the wedding ceremony there will be a reception at the Cosmopolitan Club. Miss Thaw is now with her family at Scarsdale, N. Y., where they will remain until after April 1. Miss Katharine Thaw, sister of the bride, will be the maid of honor and the bridesmaids will be the Misses Eunice Clapp, Anna Ballard, Adeline Hotchkiss and Mildred Sawyer of this city, Mary Lee Turner of Louisville, Ky., and Sylvia Howell of Hartford, Conn.

Lieut. Alger H. Dressel of Washington, D. C., will be best man. The ushers will be Lieut. Edwin S. K. Brandt, U. S. N.; Lieut. John R. Beardsall, U. S. N.; Lieut. Walter Davidson, U. S. N., and Lieut. W. Comstock, U. S. N.

Edmund Pendleton Rogers, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Rogers of this city and Hyde Park, N. Y., will go to Boston for his bride and he will marry there on April 29 Miss Edith January Elliott, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Elliott. The wedding will be celebrated in Emmanuel Church and will be attended by numerous relatives from this city.

Mrs. J. Griswold Webb, a sister of the bridegroom, will be one of the bridal attendants and among the others will be the Misses Elizabeth Paine, Frances Prescott and Ellen Rollins, who were debutantes in Boston society with Miss Elliott a year ago. Miss Mary Sayles of Providence and Miss Josephine January of St. Louis, is cousin. Miss Janet Elliott will be her sister's maid of honor, and Herman Rogers will be his brother's best man.

In St. Thomas's Church on the afternoon of April 29 will be celebrated the wedding of Miss Oroville Wooster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wooster, to Walter L. Richard, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar L. Richard. Miss Wooster is a native of California, where her fiance's family are now visiting.

One of the first of the May brides will be Miss Frances W. Henry, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard H. Henry, who will be married to Harvey Graham, son by a former marriage of Mrs. Hubert Vos, in St. Bartholomew's Church on the afternoon of May 1. Many relatives and friends will witness the wedding ceremony, but the reception to be held immediately afterward at the home of the bride's parents, 344 Lexington avenue, will be small and will be limited to relatives and a few intimate friends. Miss Grace Henry, sister of the bride, will be the maid of honor, and the other attendants will be the Misses Jeannie Emmet, Eleanor Mellon, Gabrielle Gourd and Margaret Strong. Edward Shippen will act as best man.

The bridegroom to be is a brother of Mrs. Jay Gould, who leaves with her husband on May 11 for a trip to Honolulu. It was because of Mrs. Gould's contemplated trip that the plans for the wedding were arranged somewhat earlier than had been expected.

Miss Katie Schermerhorn, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Egmont Schermerhorn, will be married to John Matthews, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Matthews of this city and Wyndham, N. Y., on May 2. The wedding ceremony and reception will take place at the home of the bride, 25 East Seventy-ninth street. Miss Nathalie Matthews, a sister of the bridegroom, will be Miss Schermerhorn's only attendant and Charles E. Forman will act as best man.

One of the first Easter weddings will be that of Miss Beatrix Buel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence C. Buel, to Henry Clapp Smith, a son of Mrs. Joseph A. Smith. It will take place in the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas, Fifth avenue and Forty-eighth street, on the afternoon of April 26. Following the wedding ceremony there will be a reception at the Cosmopolitan Club.

The wedding of Miss Alice Guernsey, daughter of Mrs. Joseph Reynolds Guernsey of 540 Park avenue, to Ernest Baxter Osborne of this city will be celebrated on the afternoon of April 26 in the chapel of St. Thomas's Church at 4 o'clock. There will be a reception at the home of the bride immediately after the wedding ceremony.

The Metropolitan Opera has been making a brave attempt to keep up its standard; at the same time there are missing many faces in the various rows of boxes and the orchestra section of the house. Many of the regular operagoers have departed for various resorts during the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steele are at the Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., where are also Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Hoffman and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Browne Keech. Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, who recently returned from a visit to her daughter, the Hon. Mrs. Ward, in England, left for California on Thursday, and Mr. and Mrs. William Church Osborn left a few days ago for Nassau, B. I., to remain until April.

Dr. and Mrs. Preston Satterlee have taken a number of friends with them to their shooting box near High Point, N. C. In their party are Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont, Mrs. Hedley Shipman, Mrs. Cyril Dugmore, Miss Elsa Maxwell, Etienne de Markowski, Ralph Bloomer and Louis H. Hosmer. Mr. and Mrs. W. Rathbone Bacon have gone to Florida and Mrs. E. Henry Harriman, with Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Gerry, has gone to the Plains, Va., to join her daughter, Miss Carol Harriman.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Satterlee left on Friday for their camp on Raquette Lake, choosing the more bracing climate of the Adirondacks. Mrs. Oliver Harriman is leaving today for Florida and Mrs. Joseph Palmer Knapp for the Virginia Hot Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sloan, Mr. and Mrs. D. Crawford Clark, Mrs. Henry Meyer Johnson and Miss Louisa A. Johnson have recently joined the colony at White Sulphur Springs, where Mrs. A. Murray Young arrived early in the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coppell, Capt. Joseph R. De La Mar, Miss Alice De La Mar and A. Morris Rich are in

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MISS LOUISE S. TREVOR.
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MISS CONSTANCE STEARNS.
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SOCIETY'S CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY—Mrs. G. Morgan Browne, 64 East Fifty-fourth street, meeting of the sewing class for the Nursery and Child's Hospital, 11 A. M.

TUESDAY—Mrs. John H. Iselin, 59 East Seventy-ninth street, meeting of the Cathedral Sewing Class, 11 A. M.

Mrs. Edward R. Stettinius, 16 East Seventy-third street, meeting of the Junior Colonial Dames, 3 P. M.

THURSDAY—Mrs. James Speyer, 1058 Fifth avenue, violin recital by Fritz Kreisler, for the benefit of St. Mary's Free Hospital for Children, 3:30 P. M.

Mrs. E. De Peyster Hosmer, 863 Park avenue, Colonial Dames Sewing Class, 3 P. M.

Miss Leary, 1032 Fifth avenue, Bellevue Hospital Sewing and Knitting Class, 11 A. M.

Mrs. George Lee Bready, talk on the Wagner Ring, illustrated by music, home of Mrs. Benjamin Nicoll, 16 West Fifty-fourth street, 11 A. M.

FRIDAY—Miss Leary, 1032 Fifth avenue, Madonna Day Nursery Sewing Class, 11 A. M.

Venetian masque, in aid of the Italian Relief Fund, Century Theatre, night.

SATURDAY—Second for this season of the Colony Dances, Colony Club.

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