ACADEMY SHOW IS LACKING IN THRILLS

Place of Honor Given to Couse's Indian Picture "Vision of the Past."

VICTORY FOR CHICAGOAN

Lawton Parker Gets Chief Award, the $1,000 Altman Prize, for "Paresse."

It was "varnishing day" at the National Academy of Design yesterday and many of the best known artists threw aside the opportunity to paint the finest snowstorm of the season in order to attend. The Vanderbilt Gallery was crowded twice during the day, by the artists in the morning and their friends and patrons in the afternoon.

There were the usual clouds of blue tobacco smoke and differences of opinion as to the justice of the prize awards in the morning and the usual chorus of undiluted feminine praise from the afternoon throng.

The exhibition is up to the standard that the Academy has reached during the last few years. It was whispered among the artists that 10,000 paintings had been submitted to the jury, which selected for the exhibition only 292 pictures and eighty-nine sculptures.

In consequence of the thoroughness with which the academic officers have sought for "average" qualities of merit in works of art nothing of astounding worth is present, nothing to move the emotions to a high pitch. So inarticulate a mass of pictures has not been seen since—well, last year's Academy. The only painting that in any way stirs curiosity is Kenyon Cox's "Tradition," which regrettably enough has not received the place of honor.

Honor Falls to Couse.

This proud vantage point has been usurped by Irving Couse, whose "Vision of the Past" won the second Altman prize of $500. Mr. Couse has painted an Indian picture. Three braves stand back to back upon a cliff with a child crouching at their feet. Beyond distant hills in the clouds can be seen a dream procession of warriors mounting as though into a Valhalla.

Mr. Couse shows a certain amount of familiarity with the details of Indian costume, but he lacks knowledge enough of life in general to inform his work with authority. The posture of the Indians upon the cliff may have some secret Indian significance, but it has failed to arouse the painter to any eloquence.

The vision in the distance is also quite banal as painting, but as most of the Indians in the picture have turned their backs upon it it cannot have great importance. Altogether it is not an enlivening picture for the place of honor in the National Academy of Design.

A much better affair is George Bellows's "Doris in the Parlor," which carried off the Isidor medal. It is not a Mr. Bellows at his best, however, but it will pass as a sincere effort. The little girl of the picture is done in portrait style, with the staring eyes and porcelain painting effects common to much of Mr. Bellows's recent work, but there is careful study in evidence in all parts of the picture. The quaint yellow dress in particular has been almost lovingly painted.

Lawton Parker's Triumph.

The chief award of the academy, the $1,000 Altman prize, was won by Lawton Parker of Chicago with his nude called "Paresse." All the rules for the acceptable presentation of nudes have been carefully followed by Mr. Parker, except the vital one of being interesting. "Paresse" will not put the nose upon Edouard Manet's "Olympe" out of joint by any means. It is not as good even as Charles W. Hawthorne's effort in the same line, but Mr. Hawthorne won the Altman prize last year and cannot be allowed to capture prizes continually.

A fine portrait by the late William M. Chase, loaned by the Union League Club, is called "Ready for the Ride," and shows a young woman in a big Dutch hat and wide ruff. The costume is black and in fact the picture is a study in blacks. These are not luminous, and the brush work is by no means as clear as in Chase's later pictures, but the beauty of the sitter has been well captured and the whole canvas has the dignity that comes from sincerity.

The landscapes and marines in the exhibition are many, but none reaches a high level. Ernest Lawson's "Queensborough Bridge," boasts the best color of any of them, and Ben Foster's "October in the Hills" has a certain modest landscape sincerity that lifts it out of the commonplace. Neither, however, with any stretch of the imagination can be acclaimed as in any way great.

Of Howard Russell Butler's "Maine Cliffs in Moonlight" much the same must be said as the comment on Lawton Parker's "Paresse." It is painstaking, it follows the rules, and it is dull. However, it got the $500 Carnegie prize.

The impressionistic group is headed by Childe Hassam, who sends an enormous canvas called "The South Window." It has a pleasant color scheme but not much else. The young woman who sits in the window is surrounded by all sorts of nice pinks and grays, which contrast with the greens of outdoors. The greens of the outdoors, however, advance to the eye in some spots, so that they seem to come into the room. Mr. Hassam's values, in fact, are not sure.

Other impressionist exhibitors are Richard Miller, who contributes another young woman looking at herself in a mirror; Helen M. Turner, with "Reflections"; William M. Singer, with a "Bit of River and Fjord," and Robert Spencer.

The succes de scandale of the Academy is contributed by Harry W. Watrous. It is called "Lead Me Not Into Temptation," a prayer that Mr. Watrous himself should utter every time he feels inclined to paint. It shows a profane young woman in shockingly frivolous gauzes and flamboyant morning cap, kneeling upon a garish prie-dieu for prayers, but judging by the simper upon her foolish face her "words fly up" while her "thoughts remain below." In every way the picture is an offence against good taste.

W. C. NIXON, HEAD OF FRISCO LINES, DIES

Started Life as Bridge Carpenter to Become President of Road.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—William C. Nixon, president of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, died at 5 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Nixon had been in poor health for some time and for the last two weeks had been in a critical condition. Death was due to heart disease. He was 58 years old.

William C. Nixon's rise in the railroad world was like that of many other men who started on the lowest rung of the ladder and climbed to the top by gradual stages. He was born in Earlville, Ill., February 15, 1858. He attended the public schools, but went to work before reaching manhood.

Mr. Nixon's first railroad experience was as a bridge carpenter with the Burlington and Missouri River Railway in Nebraska. From that road he went to the Santa Fe and served successively as night watchman, station clerk, station agent, chief clerk to a division superintendent and division trainmaster. In 1889 he became superintendent of terminals in Kansas City.

Later Mr. Nixon was in turn superintendent of terminals in Chicago and general agent of the freight department of the Santa Fe. After serving three years as superintendent of the lines between Chicago and Kansas City he became general superintendent of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe, and two years later, in 1902, was promoted to be vice-president and general manager of that road.

Mr. Nixon was appointed vice-president and general manager of the Frisco system in 1906. In 1913 he became first vice-president. In 1913 he was appointed receiver and in the same year on the reorganization of the company was elected president.

Mr. Nixon was married and had one son. He was a member of the St. Louis, Noonday and Mercantile clubs of St. Louis, the Pickwick Club of New Orleans, the Aziola Club of Galveston and the Dallas Club of Dallas.

HENRY CASIMIR DE RHAM.

Governor of Union Club Dies Suddenly at Home Here.

Henry Casimir de Rham, member of an old New York family, died suddenly at his home, 960 Park avenue, early yesterday morning. He was the son of Charles and Laura Schmidt de Rham and was born in Newport, R. I., August 12, 1855.

Mr. De Rham was a governor of the Union Club and a member of the board of managers of the New York Zoological Society. He was also a member of the Knickerbocker, Tuxedo and New York Yacht clubs. He leaves a widow, who was Miss Georgiana L. Barryman; three sons, Casimir, William and Stephen Whitney, and a daughter, Miss Marion E. de Rham.

Funeral services will be held Monday morning at 10 o'clock at St. Bartholomew's Church, 348 Madison avenue.

THE REV. CHAS. W. GALLAGHER

President of Maryland College for Women Dies.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 15.—The Rev. Dr. Charles W. Gallagher, president of the Maryland College for Women, in Lutherville, died last night after a brief illness.

Dr. Gallagher was 70 years old and was born in Boston. He served in the civil war with a Massachusetts regiment of infantry. He was ordained in the Methodist Episcopal ministry in 1870 and was district superintendent of the New Bedford district from 1887 to 1889. Then he was president of Lawrence University, Wisconsin, and later head of Wesleyan Seminary. In 1901 he became president of the National Training School in Washington and 1908 of the Maryland College for Women.

Capt. John Mathias.

Capt. John Mathias, commander of the White Star liner Laurentic, in the service of the British Government, died several days ago at sea as the "result of an accident," according to a despatch yesterday to the local office of the line. Capt. Mathias was well known to thousands of Americans who had cruised in the Caribbean and crossed the Atlantic with him. He had been two years on patrol service in the Laurentic. He was 46 years of age and is survived by his wife and two children in Yorkshire.

William H. Gihon.

William H. Gihon, head of William H. Gihon & Co., woollen merchants, died at his home in North Broadway, Tarrytown, yesterday. He was in his eighty-fourth year and had been ill three years.

John G. Leidy.

John G. Leidy, for forty years a newspaper writer in Newark, died at his home, 12 Sidney place, in that city yesterday. He was 72 years old. He was successively editor of the *Sunday Call*, the *Morning Press*, the *Press-Register*, the *Journal*, the *Advertiser*, the *Evening Star* and the *Eagle*. He was born in Philadelphia and served throughout the civil war in a Pennsylvania regiment. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son.

Mrs. Sarah Eliza Batterman.

Mrs. Sarah Eliza Batterman died yesterday at the Hotel Bossert, Brooklyn, at the age of 67. She was the widow of Henry Batterman, founder of the Henry Batterman Company, owners of a large department store in Williamsburg. Mrs. Batterman is survived by a son, Henry L. Batterman, and a daughter, Mrs. C. Walter Nichols.

J. William Walter.

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 15.—J. William Walter, who for several years was a member of Huber & Walter, New York lithographers, a leader in Catholic circles here and widely known throughout New Jersey, died to-day in the Paterson General Hospital following an operation for appendicitis. He lived at 46 Park avenue.

DIED.

BATTERMAN.—At her residence, Hotel Bossert, Brooklyn, Sarah Eliza, wife of the late Henry Batterman, in her sixty-seventh year.
Funeral at the Chapel of the Clinton avenue Congregational Church, Lafayette and Clinton avenues, Sunday, December 17, at 2 P. M. Kindly omit flowers.

BRADSHAW.—Sarah A., widow of Capt. Albert M. Bradshaw, at her home, Lakewood, N. J., December 13, 1916, peacefully, after a lingering illness.
Funeral services Saturday morning, 11:30 o'clock, at All Saints' Church, Lakewood.

DANFORTH.—At Philadelphia, Pa., on December 13, 1916, Anna Elizabeth, widow of the late Charles Allen Danforth, in her sixty-fifth year.
Funeral service will be held from the residence of Miss Mary R. Tooker, 28 Evergreen place, East Orange, N. J., Saturday, December 16, at 2:30 P. M.

DE RHAM.—Suddenly, at 960 Park avenue, Henry Casimir de Rham, in his sixty-second year. Son of the late Charles and Laura de Rham.
Funeral at St. Bartholomew's Church, Madison avenue and Forty-third street, on Monday, December 18, at 10 A. M.

HAWLEY.—Entered into rest on Friday, December 15, 1916, at Yonkers, N. Y., Catharine Ann Brown, wife of the late David Hawley, in the ninety-second year of her age.
Notice of funeral hereafter.

SOWAAL.—Sarah H. Services "THE FUNERAL CHURCH," Broadway, Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets (Campbell Building), Saturday evening, 8 o'clock.

TURNER.—Percival Chamberlain, aged 33, dearly beloved husband of Velma Bessie Irish and son of Anna Rice Hudson. Funeral services at his late residence, 123 Bay Twenty-third street, Bensonhurst, at 1:30 P. M., Sunday, December 17.

BOUQUETS SHOWER MISS POST AT BALL

Many Guests at Affair Given by Debutante's Uncle, Robert P. Perkins.

DANCES ARE NUMEROUS

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas N. McCarter Entertain Friends of Their Daughter.

The busiest day thus far of the fashionable season was yesterday with its round of entertainments from noon until midnight and afterward.

The largest affair of all was the ball given by Robert P. Perkins at Sherry's for his debutante niece, Miss Mary L. Post, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Waldron Kintzing Post. It took place in the main ballroom, which was handsomely decorated with pink and white flowers.

Mr. Perkins, his sister and niece received the guests at the entrance of the ballroom and there were in evidence in the salon close by many bouquets sent by friends of the debutante which added to the decorations of the room. There was the usual general dancing and supper was served in the main restaurant, after which dancing was resumed. It was a night of rather progressive dancing, many of Mr. Perkins's guests coming from other dances of the evening.

Some of the Numerous Guests.

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. George F. Baker, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Goelet Gallatin, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Harriman, the Mayor and Mrs. Mitchel, Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander D. B. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Renshaw, Mr and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Grafton H. Pyne, Mr. and Mrs. John M. L. Rutherfurd, Mr and Mrs. Malcolm D. Sloane, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard M. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. William Fitz Hugh Whitehouse, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Wagstaff, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wharton, Mr. and Mrs. Talbot J. Taylor, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Orme Wilson, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Breese, Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Wood, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Burton, Dr. and Mrs. George Draper, Mr. and Mrs. Gifford A. Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Scott Burden, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Dana, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney W. Fish, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Dows, Mr. and Mrs. Fairman Dick.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ludlow Fowler, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius M. Bliss, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ely, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick T. Frelinghuysen, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Greenough, Mr. and Mrs. Graham F. Blandy, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Auchincloss, Mr. and Mrs. Bradish G. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McK. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Philip W. Livermore, Mr. and Mrs. Newbold Morris, Mr. and Mrs. John H. McCullough, Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Oelrichs, Mr. and Mrs. Courtlandt Nicoll, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Post, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. A. Perry Osborn, Mr. and Mrs. Charles de L. Oelrichs, Mr. and Mrs. August Belmont, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Low Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. Dewees W. Dilworth, Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Clark, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Bernard M. Baruch, Mr. and Mrs. Buell Hollister, Mr. and Mrs. Elliot C. Bacon, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Derby, Mr. and Mrs. Alden S. Blodgett, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Iselin, Mr. and Mrs. O. Carley Harriman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Horton Ijams, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Kernochan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Couper Lord, Mr. and Mrs. Barrington Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Peter B. Olney, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Pendleton Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Rodman Wanamaker, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gill Wylie, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Fish Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Waller, Mr. and Mrs. J. Otis Post, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Iselin, Mr. and Mrs. W. Warner Hoppin, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald V. Hollins, Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Hadden, Mr. and Mrs. Bayard C. Hopkin, Mr. and Mrs. Gaspar G. Bacon and Mr. and Mrs. Sydney S. Breese.

Young Women at the Ball.

There were also present the Misses Mary Cass Canfield, Margaret Fahnestock, Ethel R. Harriman, Roberta Willard, Joan Whitridge, Frances Field, Flora Whitney, Theodora Tiffany, Alice Huntington, Angelica Brown, Mary Crocker Alexander, Barbara and Joan Allen, Alexandra Emery, Gladys Endicott, Marion Dinsmore, Josephine de Gersdorff, Eleanor Fales Coward, Angeline Kroch, Harriet Post, Mary Pyne, Katherine Lawrence, Margaret Livingston, Evelyn Witherbee, Eleanor Le Roy Lawrence, Clara Lee, Ina Kissel, Priscilla Peabody, Marian Post, Pauline Morgan, Edith Star Miller, Margaret Van Brunt Mason, Cecily McKim, Sylvester Moran, Annette Markoe, Sarah Larkin, Grace Montgomery, Katherine Morgan, Evelyn Preston, Katherine de Berkeley Parsons, Katherine Urquhart, Helen Turnbull, Nancy Perkins, Constance Perkins, Rita Norrie, Nina Paris, Dorothy Norris, Josephine Osborn, Edith Mortimer, Mimi Scott, Elizabeth Reinsen, Helen James, Jeannette Jennings, Ethel King, Violet King, Frances Riker, Pauline Riggs, Isabel Stettinius and Margaret Schroeder.

Other girls among the guests were the Misses Elsie Saltus, Helen Hunt, Katherine Steward, Helen Hitchcock, Eleanor Sprague, May Tailer, Mildred Townsend, Noemi Townsend, Alice Wainwright, Mary Francke, Caroline Wyeth, Helen Geer, Jeanne Gourd, Isabel Yeomans, Elizabeth Emmet, Gladys Endicott, Rosalie Bloodgood, Frederica Bull, Helen Byrne, Madeleine Katherine and Ulrica Dahlgren, Marie Louise Emmet, Mercer French, Marion Hollins, Louise Iselin, Mary J. Schieffelin, Ruth Twombly, Katherine Steward, Adrienne Iselin, Carina Hanks, Candace Hewitt, Eleanor Green, Miriam Harriman, Marie G. Johnson, Amy Bradish Johnson, Priscilla Bartlett, Katherine Blodgett, Dorothy Allen, Anna Alexandre, Eugenie Rand, Ruth and Faith Hayden, Virginia Mitchell, Sarah Palmer, Edith McKeever, Jeannette Kissel, Penelope Sears, Amy Robinson, Mary Hall, Elizabeth Howard, Marjorie Curtis, Elizabeth Clarkson, Augusta de Forest, Anita Delafield, Rosalie Coe, Felicity Clark, Elizabeth Brock, Claire Bird, Alida Chanler, Cornelia Chapin, Helen Rives, Elizabeth Russell, Frances Riker and Ellen Wood.

Men in Attendance.

Among the men present were Hamilton Fish Armstrong, Frederic R. Coudert, Le Grand B. Cannon, O'Donnell Iselin, John J. Ide, W. Travers Jerome, Jr., F. Burrall Hoffman, Jr., John K. Hodges, Bartow Farr, Richard B. Duane, Allesandro Fabbri, Beverly Duer, Anderson Dana, Raymond Chauncey, Samuel Sloan Colt, Henry E. Coe, Jr., Reginald B. Rives, W. Rhinelander Stewart, Jr., Ralph J. Preston, Percy R. Pyne 2d., William Remsen, Harry Sedgwick, Archibald Roosevelt, E. Vail Stebbins, T. Chesley Richardson, Jr., A. Seton Post, Roger Poor, E. Coster Wilmerding, R. Thornton Wilson, George E. Perkins, Roderick Terry, Jr., Sidney Dillon Ripley, Sigourney Thayer, Jonathan Thompson, Lloyd Warren, Harold S. Vanderbilt, Richard Lounsbery, Lansing McVickar, Benjamin Moore, Louis Butler McCagg, Jr., Goodhue Livingston and Wadsworth Lewis.

In addition there were Philip La Montagne, Carroll W. Ladd, John J. Kilbreth, John Clinton Gray, Martin J. Keogh, Jr., Richard E. Keogh, John Kean, Edward and Stuart Voss, Oliver B. James, Pembroke Jones, Jr., Louis H. Hosmer, Albert Eugene Gallatin, Gilbert Francklyn, William M. Evarts, Thomas Emery, George A. Dixon, Jr., J. Maxwell Carrere, Jr., Raymond Chauncey, Heyward Cutting, Bertram de N. Cruger, Campbell W. Steward, Cleveland Cobb, Lawrence S. Butler, Robert McCoskry Butt, Rogers Benjamin, L. F. Holbrook Betts, Russell Bartlett, Lawrence Atterbury, Francis R. Appleton, Oliver Ames, Jr., Octave Blake, Robert Goelet, Frederick H. Baldwin, Aymar Johnson, Frederic A. Juilliard, Thomas A. Morgan, Schuyler L. Parsons, Jr., H. Gallatin Pell, Lewis G. Adams and Meredith Blagden.

Mr. and Mrs. McCarter Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas N. McCarter of Rumsonhill, Rumson, N. J., gave a small dance last night at Sherry's. They had the entire smaller ballroom floor, and their guests included mainly the young friends of their daughter, who is a debutante of the winter. Supper was served in the tapestry room.

Among the guests were the Misses Felicity Clark, Loraine Allen, Dorothy Darrell, Madelaine Lynch, Margaret Mason, Elizabeth Chapin, Mary Francke, Harriet Cramp, Amy Reick, Helen Hoadley, Jeannette Jennings, Helen James, Elizabeth Dunn, Frances Field, Nina Dearth, Harriet Butler, Esther Kimball, Martha Keep, Louise Harkness, Catherine Hoagland, Dorothea Camp, Sarah Bulkley, Fanny Baldwin, Frances Ballard, Helen Barrett, Alice R. Lawrence, Sally Palmer, Clara Lee, Marion Perry, Beatrice Pynchon, Florence Lincoln, Katherine Morgan, Charlotte Platt, Helen Porter, Cecily McKim, Frances Riker, Nina Paris, Hope and Joy Williams, Elizabeth Remsen, Agnes and Rosanne Roudebush, Ethel Simmons, Geraldine Adee, Polly Damrosch, Katherine Blodgett, Isabel Stettinius, Elsie Saltus, Jarvis Wyeth, Muriel Wiggin, Jane S. Ward, Evelyn Preston and Grace Montgomery.

The first of a series of three dinner dances was held last night at the Ritz-Carlton, there being fully 200 for dinner, which was served at small tables placed in the main ballroom. After dinner there was dancing.

Some of those at the dinner were the Misses Josephine de Gersdorff, Madeleine Dahlgren, Anna Alexandre, Clara Lee, Esther Auchincloss, Adelaide Landon, Katherine Allen, Maryanna Lincoln, Geraldine Adee, Katherine Lamont, Helen Alexander, Margaret Luce, Annette Markoe, Eleanor Marquand, Annette Moran, Pauline Bacon, Symphorosa Bristed, Rosalie Bloodgood, Margaret Mason, Priscilla Bartlett, Grace Montgomery, Helen Byrne, Mildred Mitchell, Ethel Potter, Marion Dinsmore, Nina Paris, Vera Cravath, Madeleine Carey, Frances Riker, Helen Cameron, Aileen and Adelaide Sedgwick, Helen Russell, Caroline Knapp, Margot Seull, Anita Delafield, Adrienne Iselin, Austins de Veau, Helen James, Therese Fabbri, Frances Field, Isabella Banks Taylor, Mary Jay Schieffelin, Mercer French, Helen Flake, Marion Tiffany, Mary Hall, Elizabeth Emmet, Hope Williams, Helen Hoadley, Elsa Howard, Audrey Hoffman and Louise Herrick.

The first for this season of the weekly Friday evening dances at the Vanderbilt known as "The Bachelors" was held last night in the Della Robbia room and brought out a large assemblage. These dances are successors to the Paul Jones dances of last year. The members of "The Bachelors" committee present were W. Rhinelander Stewart, Jr., Percy R. Pyne 2d, Richard Peters, Alfonso de Navarro, Charles D. Wetmore, Francis Roche, Hamilton Fish, Jr., and William W. Hoffman.

NOTES OF THE SOCIAL WORLD.

Mrs. Thurber Pruyn will give a the dansant at Sherry's this afternoon to introduce her daughter, Miss Jeannette Thurber Pruyn.

The wedding of Miss Margaret Kelly, daughter of Richard B. Kelly, and James J. Porter will take place to-day in the Central Presbyterian Church. A reception will follow at the home of the bride, 46 West Seventy-second street.

Mrs. Walter B. James will give a reception this afternoon at her home, 7 East Seventieth street, to introduce her daughter, Miss Helen James.

Dinners will be given this evening by Mrs. Hamilton McK. Twombly and Mrs. H. de Berkeley Parsons.

Mrs. A. Huidekoper Bond will give a reception on the afternoon of January 20 to introduce her daughter, Miss Mary Louise Bond.

A violin recital for the benefit of the Winifred Wheeler Day Nursery will be given to-night in Aeolian Hall by Fritz Kreisler. Among the members of the committee are Mmes. Charles M. Connfelt, W. Ross Proctor, Frederick P. Delafield, Arnold Wood, A. Edward Ells, Rufus L. Patterson and Andrew Fletcher.

PARTY IS GIVEN FOR MISS LORAINE ALLEN

Debutante and Her Mother Entertain—Miss Bulkley Makes Her Bow.

Mrs. G. Marshall Allen gave a luncheon party for her debutante daughter, Miss Loraine Allen, yesterday in the Japanese Room of the Ritz-Carlton. Among the guests were the Misses Lilly Ruperti, Muriel Wiggin, Anna Sherman, Felicity Clark, Marie Thayer, Mary Edey, Caryl Hackstaff, Dorothea Camp, Ellen McCarter, Harriet Cramp, Mary and Elizabeth Cumming, Marion Townsend, Florence and Mary Lincoln, Kate Griffin, Glory Thomas, Esther Tiers, Katherine Turck, Florence and Annette Farish, Jean Simpson, Jarvis Wyeth, Ethel Simmons, Lucy Lord, Katherine Culver, Elsie Saltus, Nina Dearth, Katharine Allen, Virginia Rice, Katherine Kent, Elizabeth Remsen, Adelaide Wilmerding, Marion and Theodora Tiffany, Pauline Disston, Dorothy Darrell, Helen Geer, Louise Klots, Therese Browning, Louise Harkness, Anna Ballard, Viola Flannery, Florence Singer, Eleanor Babbitt, Honor B. Henry, Evangeline Johnson, Madge Lesher, Dorothy Miller, Genevieve Clendenin, Beatrice Beck, Adelaide and Aileen Sedgwick, Nathalie Browning, Constance De Lanoy, Geraldine Hall, Adele Chisholm, Isabel Yeomans and Grace Franklin. Mrs. Herbert Shipman will give a dinner and theatre party this evening for Miss Allen.

Mrs. Jonathan Bulkley held a large reception yesterday afternoon at her home, 600 Park avenue, to introduce her daughter, Miss Sarah Tod Bulkley. Receiving with them were the Misses Beatrice Beck, Helen James, Polly Damrosch, Elizabeth Glenn, Muriel Higgins, Annette Moran, Mary Colt, Louise Harkness, Balette Le Forgee, Adele Chisholm and Frances Field. After the reception there was an informal dinner and later Mr. and Mrs. Bulkley took their guests to the Longacre Theatre to see "Nothing but the Truth."

ENGAGEMENTS ANNOUNCED.

Miss Clementine G. Rees has announced the engagement of her niece, Miss Virginia Rees Scully, to Chester Hinman Norton of this city, formerly of Louisville, Ky. Miss Scully is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Scully of Pittsburg. She was graduated from Miss Spence's School and lived in New York for the last year with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Alvah H. Doty, of 205 West Fifty-seventh street. Mr. Norton is a son of the late Capt. George C. Norton of Louisville. He was graduated from Sheffield, Yale, in 1907, and recently took up his home in New York with his mother. The wedding will take place probably in February.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Diechmann of 1261 Madison avenue have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Hildegard Diechmann, to Paul Otto Kayser of Paterson, N. J. Miss Diechmann is a senior at Barnard. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Francis Madigan of Bedford Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Agnes Cecilia Madigan, to Joseph J. Zimmermann, M. D. Miss Madigan is a graduate of Mount St. Ursula Academy. Dr. Zimmermann is the son of George M. Zimmermann, former Comptroller of Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Moir of Park street, Montclair, N. J., have announced the engagement of Mrs. Moir's sister, Mrs. Evelyn Downs, to Charles F. Droste, Jr., of South Mountain avenue, Montclair.

Mr. and Mrs. James Albert Brown of Maple avenue South, East Orange, N. J., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Helen Madeline Brown, to Edward Waldorf Kleinert of Brooklyn.

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Bowes of 91 Eppirt street, East Orange, N. J., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Blanche Bowes, to Alfred B. Pierce of Junction City, Kan. The wedding will take place in April.

AMUSEMENTS. AMUSEMENTS.

NEW YORK'S LEADING THEATRES AND SUCCESSES.

EMPIRE B'way & 40th St. Evs. 8:15. Mats. To-day, Wed. & Thurs. 2:15. MME. SARAH BERNHARDT TO-DAY MATINEE & TO-NIGHT. Le Theatre au Champd'Honneur L'Anglais tel qu'on le Parle. Le Faux Modele.

NEW AMSTERDAM W. 42 St. Evs. 8:15. Mats. To-Day & Wed. MOST DELIGHTFUL MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT IN NEW YORK Klaw & Erlanger's Supreme Success MISS SPRINGTIME Music by KALMAN. Lyrics by BOLTON AFTER THE PLAY VISIT ZIEGFELD MIDNIGHT FROLIC STOP THIS THEATRE

GEO. M. COHAN'S THEATRE, B'way, 43 St. Evs. 8:30. Tel. 392 Bryant. Mats. TO-DAY and Wednesday 2:30. Ruth Chatterton and company, incl. BRUCE McRAE, in Come Out of the Kitchen "One of the most delightful evenings of the year."—Sun.

LYCEUM WEST 45-ST. Evs. 8:30 sharp. OLIVER MOROSCO Presents MILE-A-MINUTE KENDALL

FULTON 46 St. & B'way. Evs. 8:20. Mats. TO-DAY & Wed. 2:20. ARNOLD DALY in "THE MASTER" The Master Play of the Season.

MIRTH! Good Gracious Annabelle MAGIC!

REPUBLIC W. 42 St. Evenings 8:20. Mats. Today & Wed. 2:20.

BELASCO W. 44 St. Evs. 8:20. Last 2 MAT. TO-DAY 2:20. Times. SEVEN CHANCES THURS., DEC. 31—Seats NOW. FRANCES STARR in "LITTLE LADY IN BLUE."

LIBERTY W. 42 St. Twice Daily. Incl. Sun., 2:15 & 8:10 P. M. D. W. GRIFFITH'S Colossal Spectacle ORCHESTRA OF 50.

Laurette Taylor "One of the great ladies of our time."—Times. In J. Hartley Manners' play The Harp of Life Globe B'way, 46 St. Evs. 8:20. Mats. TO-DAY & Wed.

CRITERION B'way & 44th St. Evs. 8:20. Mats. To-day & Wed. 2:20. JOHN DREW IN MAJOR PENDENNIS

KNICKERBOCKER B'way, 38 St. Evs. 8:15. Matinees TO-DAY and Wed. at 2:15. DAVID BELASCO presents DAVID WARFIELD in THE MUSIC MASTER

Turn TO THE Right! GAIETY THEATRE, B'way, 46 St. Evs. 8:20. Matinees To-day & Wed. 2:20.

HUDSON 44 St., nr. B'way. Evs. at 8:20. Matinee TO-DAY & Wed. POLLYANNA BUBBLES WITH LAUGHTER! CAPTAIN KIDD Jr. COHAN & HARRIS CALL BRYANT 6344 Evs. 8:20. Matinees TO-DAY & Wed. 2:20.

HARRIS Theatre, W. 42d St. Evs. at 8:30. Matinees To-day & Wed. 2:30. OUR LITTLE WIFE With MARGARET ILLINGTON.

MANHATTAN OPERA HOUSE. 34th, W. of B'way. Evenings 8. Mats. To-day & Wed. at 2. Klaw & Erlanger's Gigantic Production BEN-HUR 350 Living People 20 Living Horses First Time at These Prices. 25c, 50c, 75c, $1.00

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