

# SOCIETY

LAST week's gavottes had a full last night, and there were fewer entertainments than on any other evening for at least seven. The little more than two weeks remaining of the season will scarcely equal in brilliancy what has just passed into social history, in spite of the passing away of one of the most popular and brilliant members of the diplomatic corps, the Ambassador from Brazil.

He was the first ambassador from that country, his predecessors being ministers. The legation was raised to an embassy when he was appointed. He was one of the richest men ever accredited to this country, rating next in that respect to the wealthy Ambassador Creel, from Mexico, the predecessor of the present Ambassador de la Barra. The Brazilian Ambassador and his family will be generally missed from society here. They were so many and so beautiful, and the cotillon so late in starting, that they did not get around to all of them, and some were left out.

As it was, many of the belles and beaux, and, indeed, many of the older guests, did not get home until the hour for the milkman and the newspaper carriers, when, if it were June, the dawn would have been plainly visible. They were all well repaid for the late hour, for it was as beautiful to the on-lookers as it was to the fortunate who danced.

The reception at the White House and its happy ending in dancing on Tuesday night will not soon be forgotten by those who are comparative strangers to these functions, and will be looked upon as a beautiful innovation by those who are frequenters of the receptions. It was a revelation to every one who had not seen Taft and the Chief of Staff of the army, Gen. J. Franklin Bell, only as officials, to discover how beautiful they both dance, just as though they were society butterflies instead of famous statesman and soldier, respectively.

They have not forgotten the lighter veins of life, and have not lost their tastes for them. The President was the most delightful dancer on the floor of the New Willard at the Southern Relief ball, just as Gen. Bell was the best one on the floor of the East Room at the close of the reception. They have kept the art as "poetry in motion," and the dancers of to-day would do well to imitate them.

The guests at the White House this week, the Misses Anderson, nieces of Mrs. Taft, will lend an added gaiety. They are charming and cultivated girls, and already have a large acquaintance in social circles here. So there will be no dearth of entertainment for them. They have traveled extensively over this country and Europe, and are well educated and accomplished.

Senator and Mrs. Burrows will entertain at dinner on February 4 in honor of the Vice President and Mrs. Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ten Eyck Wendell were hosts at dinner last evening in honor of Mrs. John Wyeth, who has recently completed a new mansion in Sheridan circle and become a permanent winter resident.

Miss Mattis, niece of Representative McKinley, of Illinois, was hostess yesterday at luncheon at her residence in Park square, in compliment to Miss Willis, of Champaign, Ill., who is her house guest.

## ENTERTAINMENTS.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard S. Reeside entertained at a small dance last evening in honor of Miss Martha Harrison and Miss Natalie Driggs. Mrs. Reeside and Mrs. Harrison were schoolmates in the same young ladies' school, and were girls in official society together when the latter's father was in the Senate and the former's father, former Representative Harmer, was in Congress.

Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Driggs, and Mrs. Reeside's sister, Mrs. W. H. Randall, of Philadelphia, assisted the hostess, in addition to the two young guests of honor and Miss Reeside, who remained at home from her music studies in New York an extra week for the entertainment. Mrs. Reeside wore a gown of violet satin with jeweled trimming, and a collar of pearls and diamonds and diamond earrings. Miss Reeside wore flame-colored satin trimmed with gold lace.

Mrs. Harrison was attractive in a gown of cloth of silver, veiled with white lace, with pearls and diamonds. Mrs. Randall wore white crepe de chine, and Miss Harrison was in white satin, with pearl trimmings and ornaments. They received in the library on the first floor, which had decorations of green foliage and red carnations and roses. The columns which separate the hall from the drawing-room were festooned with Southern smilax, and the mirrors and walls of the ballroom and drawing-room were draped with the smilax.

Pink blossoms were also used in the decorations of these rooms. Between eighty and 100 guests were entertained. Miss Reeside will leave in a few days for New York, where she will appear in opera as Arline, in "The Bohemian Girl."

Miss May Howard, 275 Thirteenth street, has issued cards for a reception on January 28, from 4 to 7 o'clock. Miss Howard is a niece of Dr. Charles S. Grindall, of Baltimore, and spends much time among her relatives in Baltimore and Harford counties. She is one of the prominent young horsewomen in Washington, and is famous for riding Rob Roy in the Chevy Chase fox hunts.

Much interest is being shown in the forthcoming production of "Cinderella," introducing many novelties in fancy and character dancing, under the direction of Miss Hawke, for the benefit of the National Homeopathic Hospital. The play will be given at the Belasco Theater on Tuesday afternoon, February 8, at 3:30 o'clock. The first act is in fairyland, showing the queen with floral chariot drawn by swans. The same talented children who appeared in "Jack, the Giant Killer," last year, and in "Barney's Trip," "The Man in the Moon," will take prominent parts in "Cinderella."

An attractive souvenir programme, designed by Mrs. Barney, will be sold by a number of the season's debutantes. Among the patronesses and those who have taken boxes and seats are Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins, Mrs. George Pullman, Mrs. Henry Cleveland Perkins, Mrs. George Huff, Mrs. James McMillan, Mrs. Larz Anderson, Mrs. Allerton Cushman, Mrs. Walcott Tuckerman, Mrs. A. C. Barney, Mrs. Max Ritter, Mrs. William Henry, Mrs. Emile Montgomery, Mrs. George Howard, Mrs. Samuel Spencer, Mrs. John B. Henderson, Mrs. Corcoran Thom, Mrs. John J. Hemphill, Mrs. C. H. Hoar, Mrs. Hugh Legare, Mrs. Clarence Edwards, Mrs. T. De Witt Talmage, Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, Mrs. P. Lee Phillips, and Mrs. Summerlin.

Miss Helen Seavers, of 41 Massachusetts avenue, entertained her friends at a dance at her residence last night, the following invited guests being present: The Misses Cecil Caylor, Bessie Tegeler, Katherine Hermann, Mildred Tegeler, Annie Ferris, Olga Barnitz, Clara Good-year, the Mesdames A. S. Pralle, H. G. Tegeler, G. A. Seavers, and the Messrs. J. E. Spaulding, C. C. Whitney, E. L. Walter, L. Prather, W. H. Copp, C. B. Terry, M. A. Holloran, William H. Pralle,

The athletic association of the Catholic University has sent out invitations for its fourth annual dance and reception on Thursday evening, February 3, at the New Willard.

Miss Dolly Cunningham, niece of Mrs. John A. Logan, has sent out invitations for a tea at her home, in Euclid street, on Saturday, January 23, in honor of Miss Idella Carley, who is visiting Representative and Mrs. Smith, of California. Miss Cunningham will have assisting her the Misses Mearns, Durnin, Carpenter, Kidwell, and Smith.

Miss Mary Dove entertained yesterday afternoon at a 5 o'clock tea in honor of Mrs. Hooker, of Watertown, N. Y., who is her house guest. The drawing-room was tastefully decorated with palms and clusters of pink carnations, the centerpiece on the tea table being of ferns and the decorations in the drawing-room and halls, and Killarney roses adorned the table. Mrs. Daniel J. Keefe and Miss Bertha Noyes presided at the tea table, and Mrs. Noble Newport Potts and Miss Katharine May Brooks at the punch bowl. Mrs. W. H. Draper, mother of Mrs. Kimberly; Miss Florence Stewart, Miss Abbott, and Miss Bertha Cunningham assisted in the drawing and dining rooms. The tea was in the nature of a

house-warming for the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Kimberly, 212 O street, which is a beautiful home, and shows Mrs. Kimberly's gifts as an artist.

The dining-room is ornamented with a frieze of fruits, her own painting, which forms a handsome background for the imported carved ebony furniture. The house is filled with rare and valuable souvenirs of the many cruises in foreign lands of Mrs. Kimberly's uncle, Commander Thomas K. Berryhill, U. S. N. Mrs. Kimberly wore a gown of turquoise satin veiled with thread lace, and ornamented with iridescent sequins, with an antique necklace of jades. Mrs. Cunningham, a bride of the autumn season, and a daughter of Maj. Gifford, U. S. A., retired, wore her wedding gown of white lace over chiffon and satin, and carried American Beauties. Mrs. Draper was in black lace, studded with black sequins. After the tea supper was served for the receiving party, with an additional company of men.

Miss Huxford had a pretty tea Friday afternoon in the home of her parents, Maj. and Mrs. Huxford, at the Albemarle, in honor of her house guest, Mrs. Ring, of Plainfield, N. J. Her drawing-room was most attractive with palms and red carnations, and the tea table had a centerpiece of the same blossoms.

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A pleasant surprise party was tendered Charles N. Fisher, the popular young master of ceremonies of St. Patrick's Church, on Friday evening, at his home in I street, in honor of his birthday. The house was decorated with roses, carnations and palms. The evening was spent in music and the playing of games. Refreshments were served in the dining-room.

An engagement announcement of much interest in Washington comes from Pittsburg. It was made at a tea given last Wednesday by the Misses McCook, of Fifth avenue, Pittsburg, and names Miss Katherine M. McCook, of that city, and Mr. Harry J. Miller, formerly of this city, as the interested parties.

Their wedding is to be an event of the early summer. Mr. Miller is a son of the late William J. and Mrs. Miller, of Washington, and the bride-to-be is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis P. McCook, of Snadyside, and a great belle in Pittsburg society.

An engagement just announced from Cincinnati of interest in Washington society is that of Miss Mary G. Holmes, of Covington, Ky., and Mr. Lerner Harrison, of the Ohio city. Miss Holmes is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel H. Holmes, of Kentucky, and a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Gaff, of this city, where she has been a frequent and popular visitor from childhood.

AT HOME.

Mrs. Frank L. Wolff will not be at home until Wednesdays in February, on account of illness.

Mrs. Reeder, wife of Representative Reeder, and Mrs. H. P. Andrews will receive to-morrow from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Mrs. D. K. Shute will be at home informally on Mondays, January 24 and 25.

Miss Jean Wilson will be at home for her friends at 1748 S street northwest, Wednesday next, from 4 to 6 o'clock.

Mrs. E. W. Martin, wife of Representative Martin, of South Dakota, will be at home in the Brunswick on Tuesday, February 1.

Mrs. R. V. B-olt and Mrs. J. G. Shibley will be at home on Mondays, January 24 and 31, at 1848 Baltimore street.

Owing to the serious illness of Mrs. J. N. Speel, wife of Paymaster John M.

Concert and Dinner at Union Station Sunday evening from 5:30 to 8:30. Music by Hungarian Orchestra.

Bert Pralle, H. G. Tegeler, G. A. Seavers, and J. H. Seavers.

Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, president general of the National Society D. A. R. will hold a reception at the Arlington on Monday, January 23, from 4 to 7 o'clock, to which the regent and members of the Army and Navy Chapter, D. A. R., are invited.

Miss Eleanor L. Downes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Downes, celebrated her eighteenth birthday anniversary at her home, 929 Maryland avenue southwest, on Thursday evening, January 23. The house was decorated for the occasion.

Miss Crenshaw entertained Wednesday evening in honor of her house guest, Miss Bowen, of Maryland. Present were the Misses Smith, Miss Seitz, Misses Libbey, Miss Myers, Miss Hickey, Miss Waters, Misses Heth, Miss Anstun, Mrs. Linder, Mrs. King, and Miss Elizabeth Crenshaw. Dr. Yates, Dr. Allen, Mr. Allen, Mr. Myers, Dr. Sosman, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Meades, Mr. Eynen, Mr. Inbush, Mr. Towers, Dr. King, Mr. Curry, Dr. Linder, and Mr. Crenshaw.

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Speel, U. S. N., her daughter, Miss Hitchcock, of 1516 K street, will not receive until later.

Mrs. James Irwin will be at home on Tuesdays, February 1 and 8, at 177 T street.

Mrs. J. McKenney Berry will be at home on Tuesday, January 25, and Tuesday, February 1.

Mrs. George M. Sternberg, wife of Gen. Sternberg, received yesterday afternoon at her home, in Massachusetts avenue. She was assisted by Mrs. W. C. Langfit, wife of Lieut. Col. Langfit, U. S. A.; Mrs. Garrard, wife of Col. Joseph Garrard, U. S. A.; Mrs. Anderson, wife of Justice Thomas H. Anderson; Mrs. Herbert Knox Smith, Mrs. James Dudley Morgan, and a number of debutantes of this season and last, including Miss Helen Parker, Miss Frances Webster, Miss Martha Harrison, Miss Leonora Finley, and several others.

Mrs. W. H. Chaney will be at home on February 7, from 3 to 6 o'clock, with the ladies of Lejeune Circle.

Mrs. William H. Walker, of the Westmoreland, will be at home next Friday.

Mrs. R. P. Bishop, of Michigan, will be at home with Miss McCoy, 233 Thirtieth street northwest, on February 7, from 3 to 6 o'clock.

Mrs. Webster and Miss Frances Webster, of the Wyoming, will be at home on Tuesday afternoon. They will be assisted by Mrs. Emory V. Reisinger and Mrs. Courtland Hoppin.

Mrs. William Valentyne and Mrs. Gaffes will be at home next Tuesday evening and the first Tuesday in February at their residence, 901 Dent place northwest.

Mrs. Denwood White will be at home to-morrow afternoon at the Wellington.

Mrs. Charles M. Hammett and her daughters, Mrs. William R. Meyers and Mrs. T. Nelson Conrad, and Miss Hammett, will be at home on Fridays, January 23 and February 4, from 3 to 6 o'clock.

Mrs. Montgomery Danforth, of the Portsmouth, will receive for the last time this season on Wednesday afternoon.

The Misses Heth, daughters of Capt. Stockton Heth, will receive next Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock for the last time this season.

Mrs. Oscar Lawler, wife of the Assistant Attorney General of the Interior Department, will receive on the first and second Tuesdays in February at 258 California street.

The following wives of Representatives will be at home on February 1 at the Normandie from 3 to 5 o'clock: Mrs. Charles R. Davis, Minnesota; Mrs. William M. Howard, Georgia; Mrs. Edwin Y. Webb, North Carolina; Mrs. J. Thomas Heflin, Alabama; Mrs. Ben Cravens, Arkansas; and Mrs. Joseph W. Byrns, Tennessee.

Mrs. M. D. O'Connell, with her house guest, Mrs. Conner, wife of former Congressman Conner, of Iowa, will be at home at the Woodley on Monday, January 23, from 3 to 6 o'clock.

Mrs. Miriam Ballinger Berryhill and Mrs. A. W. Patterson will be at home for the last time this season on Friday, February 4, at the Rochambeau.

PERSONALS.

Senator and Mrs. Nelson W. Aldrich and Miss Aldrich arrived at Miami, Fla., on Friday, in the private car Detroit, and have taken apartments at the Royal Palm Garden, where they intend to make quite a stay. The Senator has chartered a yacht and will spend much of his time out on the fishing banks.

The Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. MacVeagh are in New York for a few days, having gone over on Thursday, and will remain for the week-end.

Mrs. Charles Russell Train, wife of Lieut. Train, U. S. N., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Cutbert Brown, at her Connecticut avenue residence. Lieut. Train is in command of the U. S. steamship Sylph.

Mrs. I. Osterheim and her daughter, Lucile Osterheim, of Erie, Pa., are the guests of Mrs. Osterheim's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Behrend.

Mrs. Talmage H. Brereton, sister of Capt. H. A. McNab, is the guest of Mrs. M. A. H. Smith at the Hotel Cochran.

Miss Elizabeth Farber left for Chicago on Friday to visit relatives.

Maj. S. H. Leonard, U. S. M. C., spent last week in New York at the Hotel Wolcott.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kann have gone to Florida for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Auerbach, of the Ontario apartments, are visiting relatives in Newark, N. J.

Maj. James Kennedy, who was here for a few days last week, has gone to San Francisco, where he will visit friends for a short time before going to his new station in the Philippines.

Col. Adam Slaker, Coast Artillery, U. S. A., who was here for a few days at the Raleigh, has returned to his post of duty at Fort Howard, Md.

Mrs. Boyd and Miss Boyd, wife and daughter of Medical Director J. C. Boyd, U. S. N., will not receive or pay visits for the remainder of this winter, owing to the death of Mrs. Boyd's mother, Mrs. P. C. Willard.

Commodore Alexander McCrackin, U. S. N., retired, has arrived here from San Francisco, and is registered at the Ebbitt House.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Willard, Henry Augustus Willard, second; William Bradley Willard, and Sarah Kellogg Willard intend to sail for Genoa by the White Star Line steamer Cretic, from Boston, on January 23.

Mrs. Charles Anderson, of Cincinnati, who is a guest at the White House, was joined there on Friday by her daughters, Miss Anderson and Miss Katherine Anderson.

Lieut. Commander Edward McCauley, U. S. N., now on waiting orders, is residing at 1119 Rhode Island avenue.

Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Arthur Murray have returned to Washington, after having attended the dance given in their honor by the Artillery School at Old Point Comfort.

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