First Subscription Soiree Musicale Held at Biltmore

Series of Five Entertainments Arranged by Women of Society.

First of a series of five subscription soiree musicales, arranged by a committee of well known women with the idea of suggesting the informality of a private entertainment, took place last night in the large ballroom of the Biltmore. It was one of the important incidents of the evening in society. Mrs. Henry Fairfield Osborn and Mrs. Charles S. Guggenheimer were in charge in behalf of the subscribers. The musicales to follow will be given in the Biltmore and the Plaza hotels. To further the idea of privacy the subscribers were selected by the committee.

The hour for opening the musicale—9:30 o'clock—was set purposely to give the subscribers the opportunity of dining at leisure. Advance dinners were given by Mr. and Mrs. Newbold Le Roy Edgar, whose guests included Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson; Mr. and Mrs. Barrett Andrews, whose dinner party at Sherry's included Miss Mary Bryan, Mr. Harold Hartshorne, Mr. Alfred N. Beadleston, Mr. and Mrs. James Bush, Mrs. Frederick Lewis and Mr. aDniel Moran; Mr. and Mrs. Guggenheimer, in whose party were Prof. and Mrs. Osborn, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Coogan and Mr. Stephen Van Rensselaer.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick G. Fischer gave another dinner party, their guests being Mr. and Mrs. Harmon August, Mr. and Mrs. William Van Hoogstraetten (Elly Ney, pianist) and Mr. Edward Lankow. Mr. and Mrs. Winchester Fitch also gave a party at which were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newcombe and Mr. and Mrs. Horace L. Hotchkiss. Mrs. Henry Martyn Alexander's guests at a dinner party in her home included Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schelling.

Further to eliminate the suggestion of formality, the ballroom was arranged to suggest a drawing room, the subscribers forming in congenial groups. There were other groups in the boxes.

Neither was there a formal program. The subscribers had only been informed that Leopold Stokowski conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra, and a string orchestra of fifty-eight musicians would play some little known music by seventeenth and eighteenth century composers.

The program numbers were announced and explained by Mr. Stokowski. The first was a Bach suite which was followed by three movements from a work by Vivaiti. The third a brilliant piece by Luly.

Among those who had reserved the boxes were Mrs. Joseph B. Thomas, Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, Mrs. Edgar, Mr. Clarence H. Mackay, Mrs. Osborn, Mrs. Andrews, Mr. Adolph Lewisohn, Mr. Alvin W. Krech, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Edward S. Harkness, Mrs. Guggenheimer, Mrs. Stanhope S. Goddard, Mrs. Benjamin Brewster, Mrs. Fischer, Mrs. William Ambrose Taylor, Mr. Frederic A. Juilliard, Mrs. Randolph Guggenheimer, Mrs. Fitch and Mrs. Charles E. Greenough.

IOWANS TO DINE AND DANCE.

Annual Christmas Party To-morrow Evening at Belleclaire.

Reservations have been made by more than 150 former residents of Iowa for the annual Christmas dinner and dance of the Iowa New Yorkers to-morrow evening at the Hotel Belleclaire. Mrs. George Botsford, chairman, has been assisted by Mrs. Charles H. Beach in planning the entertainment which is to include vocal solos by members of the organization.

Among those who have made reservations are Mrs. John C. Adams, Mrs. John Alden, Mrs. Charles Kirkland Armstrong, Mrs. Henry H. Babbit, Mrs. Wayland O. Bagley, Mrs. John W. Barnhart, Mrs. Webster Bishop, Mrs. Edwin George Bowman, Mrs. Mary Carey, Mrs. William Parker Chase, Mrs. James Watson Couchar, Mrs. Thomas Clinton Cunningham, Mrs. Walter A. Deems, Mrs. Edward T. Devine, Miss Anna Dodge, Mrs. Clarence Earle Ford, Mrs. John Barbour Gardner, Mrs. Laurence T. Gaylord, Mrs. Willis Hawley, Mrs. Paul Jones, Mrs. Daniel G. Langlands, Mrs. Gerry Philbrick, Mrs. Roscoe J. Raney and Mrs. Clarence N. Titterington.

MISS ANDREWS'S WEDDING.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 27.—Miss Edith Fargo Andrews of 1362 Astor street, and Mr. William Bayard Sturgis of Richmond Hill, L. I., whose engagement was announced in November, will be married Saturday, in the bride's home. Miss Andrews is a member of a well known family of this city and New York. The invitations were issued by her uncle, Mr. Livingston Wells Fargo. She is a member of the Woman's and Fortnightly Clubs and of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her mother was the late Mrs. Irene Fargo Andrews. Mr. Sturgis is a son of the late William Sturgis and Mrs. Sturgis of Richmond Hill.

TO GIVE "FASCISTA BALL."

New York Fasci Plan Party for Night of January 9.

The first demonstration by the New York section of the Italian Fasci is to be an assembly with dancing and a concert, to be known as the "Fascista Ball," in the Plaza on the night of January 9, under the patronage of Prince Galasio Caetani, the Italian Ambassador, who has promised to be present. At 9 o'clock there is to be a concert with Mme. Frances Alda and Giovanni Martinelli of the Metropolitan as the artists. The Metropolitan Opera chorus will then sing "Giovinezza," the Fascista hymn.

Fascismo origin, principles, activities and developments will be summarized by Lieut. A. Carminati, a world veteran and one of the first Fascisti.

Dancing is to follow a supper to be served at 11 o'clock.

MISS SLAYBACK'S WEDDING.

The marriage of Miss Kathryn Tefft Slayback, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Slayback, to Mr. Eugene F. Miltenberger, of St. Louis, will take place on the afternoon of January 6, in St. Thomas's Church. The reception will be at the St. Regis. Miss Slayback has selected for her matron of honor, Mrs. Leon Abbett Post. The bridesmaids will be Misses Virginia Sterry, Dorothy Thompson, Ethel Hayes, Julia Shanley, Josephine Flood and Marjory Lake, the last mentioned of Hartford. Mr. Edwin B. Jackson will be best man.

MISS TITUS IS ENGAGED.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hatch Titus announced yesterday the engagement of their daughter, Miss Elizabeth M. Titus, to Mr. Haydock H. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey T. Miller of this city. Miss Titus is a graduate of Spence School. Mr. Miller served overseas as an officer with the 307th Infantry, Seventy-seventh Division.

HOME FOR SENATOR EDGE.

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 27.—Plans were filed to-day for a house to be built at Ventnor for United States Senator Walter E. Edge and his bride, formerly Miss Camilla Loyall Ashe Sewall, now in Europe on their honeymoon. The building is to be completed by May 18 next and will cost $105,000.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

NEW YORK.

Mrs. Charles I. Hudson will be at the St. Regis for the winter.

Mrs. De Lancey Nicoll is at 23 East Thirty-ninth street for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Berwind will sail for Europe Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Moore are at 32 East Thirty-seventh street for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Hay, who are at the Ritz-Carlton, will sail for Europe Saturday.

Mr. Grenville L. Winthrop and Misses Kate and Emily Winthrop have returned from Lenox for the winter.

Mrs. Moses Taylor Campbell will give a dinner party at her home, 19 East Ninety-fifth street, January 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Winslow S. Pierce of Dunstable, Bayville, L. I., have taken an apartment at 151 East Eightieth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman D. Kountze have arranged a large dinner party for January 10 at the Ambassador Hotel for their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Kountze.

Miss Jean Potter, a debutante, will be the chief guest at a luncheon party to be given to-day in the Plaza by her grandmother, Mrs. Paul Morton.

Mrs. George Elmore Ide and her son, Mr. John Jay Ide, who have been in Paris, are now at the Plaza.

Mrs. Minturn Pinchot will give a small dance to-night for her daughter, Miss Rosamond Pinchot, who has not been introduced to society.

Mr. and Mrs. James Frederick Talcott, 15 East Sixty-sixth street, will give a reception this afternoon to introduce their daughter, Miss Martha E. Talcott.

Mrs. Bayard Dominick will give a tea dance this afternoon at the Ritz-Carlton for her granddaughter, Miss Helen Dominick Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Daniel Orth will give a dance to-night at the Ritz-Carlton to introduce her daughter, Miss Kathryn Knight. In advance, Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Brokaw will give a dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jay, who returned from Europe last Saturday by the George Washington, are the guests of his mother, Mrs. Peter Augusta Jay.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward de Forest Simmons of 128 East Sixtieth street will sail by the Adriatic on January 6 for the Mediterranean to be absent through the winter.

WASHINGTON.

Senator-elect and Mrs. Royal C. Copeland of New York are at the Willard.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Lester Jones gave a reception yesterday to present their daughter, Miss Cecil Lester Jones, to society. Miss Sally McAdoo, daughter of Mr. W. G. McAdoo, received with the debutante and her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Saulsbury gave a dinner party last night, with the Belgian Ambassador and Baroness de Cartier and the Swiss Minister and Mme. Peter among the guests.

At Washington Hotels.

New York arrivals at Washington hotels include:

Shoreham—Mrs. William Alexander, Messrs. H. P. Fromeus and H. C. Colom.

Washington—Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hulson, Messrs. H. F. Midgley, H. Ahrens, L. B. Kagan and T. L. Hungate.

Willard—Miss B. Castleton, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Massey, Mr. and Mrs. H. Auerbach, Mr. and Mrs. J. Baron, Messrs. H. H. Cross, S. W. Miller, R. J. Oreaniuno, D. S. Friedg, G. H. Crofton, R. M. Kemp, C. M. Richmond, G. W. Grady and J. D. Simpson.

MR. ROCKEFELLER TO SPEAK.

Y. W. C. A. Budget Week Luncheon Will Be Held To-day.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., will speak at the Y. W. C. A. budget week luncheon to-day, when reports will be given to Mrs. William Fellowes Morgan on the amount raised for the 1923 budget. Members of the committee planned to raise the last $65,000 needed for the budget during the last ten days by appeals to friends and to the public to make over Christmas checks as gift to the association.

ANDREW OF GREECE COMING.

Brother of Prince Christopher to Visit Here.

Prince Andrew of Greece, who has been in London since the Greek revolution, is expected to come to America early in the new year, it was learned yesterday and to join his brother and sister-in-law, Prince Christopher and Princess Anastasia, at the Ambassador and go later with them to Palm Beach.

TO HONOR ITALIAN ENVOY.

Banquet for Prince Caetani on January 23.

Arrangements were completed yesterday for a banquet in compliment to Prince Gelasio Caetani, the Italian Ambassador, by the Italy America Society, in the Plaza, January 23.

Reservations for tables have thus far been made by Mrs. Frank Gray Griswold, Mr. Robert P. Perkins, Mrs. Paul D. Cravath, Mrs. Hester L. Satterlee, Mrs. Newbold Le Roy Edgar, Mrs. Otto H. Kahn, Mrs. Adolf Ladenburg, Mrs. August Belmont, Mrs. Oliver C. Jennings, Dr. Paolo De Vecchi, Mrs. Gano Dunn, Mrs. Robert Brewster, Mrs. Reginald de Koven, Mrs. Alfonso P. Villa, Mrs. Goodhue Livingston, Mrs. Lucy Work Hewitt, Miss Ruth V. Twombly, Mrs. Lewis L. Clarke, Mrs. Frederick W. Vanderbilt, Mrs. R. T. Wilson, Mrs. John Magee, Mrs. Henry White, Mrs. Thomas Hastings, Mrs. John Innes Kane, Mrs. Henry Rogers Winthrop, Mrs. Henry Clews, Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Mrs. Edmund L. Baylies, Mrs. Ogden H. Hammond, Mr. R. Thornton Wilson, Mr. Frank Munsey, Mr. A. Portfolio, Mr. Emanuel Gerli and Mrs. Enrico Caruso.

KOZMINSKI ESTATES MORE THAN MILLION

French Line Official and Wife Each Left Fortune.

Transfer tax reports on the estates of Col. Maurice W. Kozminski, former director general of the passenger traffic department of the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique, and his wife, Estella, were filed yesterday. Mrs. Kozminski died in St. Vincent's Hospital January 12, 1921. Her husband, depressed as a result of her death, took his life by hanging in the bathroom of his suite in the Hotel Plaza April 19, 1921.

The appraisals show that Col. Kozminski's estate was valued at $676,911, gross, and $488,249, net. The value of Mrs. Kozminski's estate was fixed at $365,860, gross, and $318,492, net. A son, Charles, 25 years old, who is Western agent of the French Line in Chicago and a daughter, Mrs. Sybil Neidecker, have inherited both estates.

'Die Walkuere' at Metropolitan Has Devoted Audience

Many at Repeated Performance Qualify as 'Perfect Wagnerites.'

By W. J. HENDERSON.

"Die Walkuere" continues to be the lone member of Wagner's tetralogy, "Der Ring des Nibelungen," in the current repertory of the Metropolitan Opera House. It was repeated last night to the apparent pleasure of the Wednesday subscribers and a large number of others, each of whom might perhaps have qualified as Bernard Shaw's "Perfect Wagnerite." It certainly is evidence of deep interest in Wagner's art, if not ecstatic devotion to it, to stand in solemn silence in the dull, dark space behind the orchestra rail through the three long acts which unfold the workings of weary *Wotan's* futile plan to breed a freely acting hero to deliver the gods from the bondage of the curse imposed upon them by the violation of the moral law in the rape of the gold.

The glittering web of guiding themes that holds together the musical structure of "Der Ring des Nibelungen" is starred in "Die Walkuere" as it is in "Siegfried," with many pages of free music such as the surging love song of *Siegmund*, the announcement of death by *Bruennhilde*, and the closing threnody of the father god over the couch of his favorite daughter, from whom he has taken the divinity with the kiss of sleep.

Doubtless these "gems" of the opera make their desired impression upon the casual hearer, who does not grasp the entire significance of the score, but even in those scenes in which the leading themes are busiest the marvelous skill of Wagner in making them voice the passionate moods of the moment lifts the musical utterance of the drama to heights of compelling eloquence. This is the case always when a performance is carried forward with sincerity on the part of all concerned.

"Die Walkuere" as givei at the Metropolitan is continually interesting. It is not in all moments ideally interpreted, but it is given with earnestness, and in places with splendid effect. The cast of last evening was that of the last previous performance. Mme. Matzenauer as *Bruennhilde*, Mme. Gordon as *Fricka*, Miss Rethberg as *Sieglinde*, Mr. Taucher as *Siegmund*, Mr. Bender as *Hunding* and Mr. Whitehill as *Wotan* constituted a cast well fitted to give a highly commendable performance of the drama. Mr. Bodanzky conducted.

Mrs. Hamilton McK. Twombly's guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ogden H. Hammond and Mr. and Mrs. James Lowell Putnam.

Mrs. Henry Asher Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Strong and Mr. Nathan H. Lord were in Box 33.

With Mr. and Mrs. E. Reeve Merritt in Box 3 were Mr. and Mrs. Frederic R. Coudert, Mrs. Lea Hudson and Miss Sara Kierstede Hudson.

With Mrs. Charles A. Childs in the Frick box were Col. and Mrs. Edward M. House and Mr. Emerson Smalley.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Livingston and Mrs. Moses Taylor Campbell were guests of Mrs. James B. Clews in Box 12.

Mrs. Minturn Pinchot, Mrs. Chamberlain Chanler and Mrs. Alexander A. Hutchinson were with Miss Louise Sands in Box 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Tod, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stewart Walker and Mr. and Mrs. George Rose were in Box 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Barnwell, Mr. and Mrs. A. Nelson Lewis and Mrs. Jose Agmar were guests of Mr. Shipley Jones in Box 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Webb, Mrs. Ernest Flogg and Mr. Frederic R. King were with Mrs. Stanford White in the Webb box.

SING HANDEL'S "THE MESSIAH."

Oratorio Society Gives Annual Christmas Performance.

The Oratorio Society's annual Christmastide performance of Handel's "The Messiah," Albert Stoessel, conductor, took place last evening in Carnegie Hall. This was the ninety-seventh performance of the work by the society.

The forces assembled under the baton of Albert Stoessel were the chorus of 225 members, an orchestra from the Symphony Society; Miss Olive Marshall, soprano; Miss Mary Allen, contralto; Judson House, tenor, and Frederick Patton, barytone, as the solo singers, and Philip James, organist. The performance was very impressive. The splendid choral writing of the score was finely sung, with the great "Hallelujah" as a thrilling climax, and the familiar airs sung by the different soloists were in turn greatly enjoyed.

FRANCK CENTENARY CONCERT.

First of Anniversary Organ Programs at Wanamaker's.

The first of three interesting organ recitals marking the centenary of the birth of Cesar Franck was given by Marcel Dupre, organist of Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, at the Wanamaker Auditorium, yesterday afternoon. The three recitals, the second of which will be given to-morrow afternoon by Charles M. Courboin, aim to present all of Franck's organ works, thirteen in number.

Yesterday's program included the First Chorale in E major, a prelude, fugue and variation, a Fantasie in C, cantabile, and the finale in B flat. Marcel Dupre needs no introduction. He played beautifully and with complete understanding of his subjects and themes. In accordance with the popular demand, Mr. Dupre demonstrated his genius by improvisations (in which art he is an adept) on a theme from Franck prelude and aria finale for the piano.

RECITAL ON "RHEINGOLD."

Mrs. George Lee Bready had a large audience at her fifth opera recital at the Plaza yesterday. Many of her auditors were children, and her subject was Wagner's "Rheingold." She told the story of her subject, which she described as "a wonderful fairy tale," in a clear interesting manner, and at the piano she illustrated her talk by playing the different themes or motives of the splendid score. Mrs. Bready said she believed that "if all musical art works were to be taken away with only one left, this one, it is safe to say, would be 'Der Ring.'"

WESTCHESTER BENEFIT DANCE

The annual dance for the benefit of the Westchester County Children's Association is to be held to-morrow evening at Longue Vue, Hastings, under the auspices of Mrs. Joseph S. Bach, chairman of the association. Mrs. Bach will be assisted by Mrs. Elbridge G. Palmer, Mrs. Spencer Hopping and Mrs. Theodore Kelley. Several dinners will precede the dance.

PARTIES FOR THE DEBUTANTES FILL THE DAY FOR SOCIETY

Photo by Kazanjian. Photo by Ira L. Hill.

Miss Marie Brooke and (insert) Miss Mary Elizabeth Armstrong.

Dinner Followed by Dancing for Miss Brooke—Miss Armstrong and Miss Mulford Introduced.

Luncheons, receptions, dinner parties and dances made up the crowded program for the busy debutantes yesterday. Commander and Mrs. B. Hayes Brooke gave a dinner party for their daughter, Miss Marie Brooke, in the ballroom at Sherry's last night, their eighty guests being seated at one table. After dinner there was dancing.

The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Goodhue Livingston, Jr., Misses Cornelia Livingston, Betty Hammill, Priscilla Alden Allen, Ellin Mackay, Kate de Forest Prentice, Mary Alice Barney, Cathleen Vanderbilt, Jeanne and Adele Reynal, Mary and Esther Stevens, Isabelle Kemp, Cornelia Van Rensselaer Robb, Cynthia Robinson, Rhoda Cameron, Jean and Charlotte Potter, Margaret Berwind, Betty Condon, Emily O'Neill Davies, Adele Kelley, Frances McKeever, Caro Shaw, Mary Forbes, Sybil E. Hyde, Carola de Peyster Kip, Elinor C. Stewart, Matilda Coster Ellsworth, May Gallatin Hoppin, Estelle Manville, Audrey Barclay Ulman, Kathryn Knight, Josephine Dodge, Carolyn Pitts Duffield and Beatrice Gawtry.

The men of the party were Messrs. Whitney Cromwell, Craig Biddle, Jr., William H. Vanderbilt, Kenneth Shaw Safe, Russell Lowell, John H. G. Pell, J. Borden Harriman, Palmer Kountze, Alan Harriman, Eugene St. R. Reynal, P. A. S. Franklin, Jr., John Livermore, James B. Taller, Jr., Leonard J. Cushing, Lement B. Harris, Philipse Robinson, A. Coster Schermerhorn, Robert Ryle, Jay Schieffelin, Thompson Bushnell, Gerald Krech, Holland Potter, Richard Hall, Finley Peter Dunne, Jr., Howard Harris, Marsden B. Candler, Gerald Philbin, Edward Mathews, John Duncan, Robert Sanderson, William Fanshawe White, John Shaw, Joseph Fahys 2d, Coudert Mast, Raymond Maxwell, Curzon Taylor and George T. Maxwell, Jr.

Party for Miss Stone.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Stone gave a dinner party last night at Pierre's for their daughter, Miss Margaret Stone. Among the guests were Misses Frances Weld and Helen Clark of Boston, Rosalie Pillot, Beatrice Batterman, Frances Davison, Nancy Potter, Julia Brokaw, Marion de Rham, Barbara Brokaw, Clarissa Hurd, Barbara Kellogg and Louise Harber, Messrs. Joseph Larocque, Jr., Duncan Dunscombe, Andrew Varick Stout, Jr., Walden Pell 2d, Reginald Rose, Colgate Mann, Edward K. McCagg, George Weld and A. Newbold Morris.

After dinner there was a supper and dance, for which there were 150 guests.

To introduce their daughter, Miss Madeline Day Mulford, who recently returned after six months in Europe, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent S. Mulford of Oak Knoll, Montclair, gave a large reception during the afternoon followed by a dance, which was attended by several hundred friends of the family, including many from New York. There also were among the guests representatives of the colony in Southampton where Mr. and Mrs. Mulford pass the summer at their handsome villa, Grapevines.

Mrs. Mulford and her daughter were assisted in receiving by Mrs. John R. Bradlie, Mrs. W. Henry Stewart, Mrs. Charles Van Vleck, Mrs. Henry Barclay, Mrs. I. Day Adams, Mrs. Putnam Daggett, Mrs. Charles Burgess, Misses Elizabeth Burgess, Elizabeth Manning, Beatrice Flint, Elizabeth Vezin, Elizabeth Webb, Edna Lee, Elizabeth Jones and Marcia Hanan, also the girls of the house party, who were Misses Alice Buckler of Baltimore, Emily Morgan of Morristown, Marion Hogins of Roslyn, L. I., Carol and Martha De Bevoise of Brooklyn. After the reception there was a dinner for the receiving party and the men visiting Mr. and Mrs. Mulford, who were Gen. Charles De Bevoise, Count Roger de Perigny, Messrs. Charles Guidet Duryee, Townsend Miller, Maurice Fatio, Walter Farr, Donald and Clyde Babb and Stanley Daggett of New York and John J. Parsons of Paris. Supper was served after midnight.

Luncheon for Miss Green.

Mrs. Harry T. S. Green of Hewlett, L. I., gave a luncheon yesterday in the crystal room of the Ritz-Carlton for her debutante daughter, Miss Veronica Green, the guests including debutantes of this season and last. Among them were Misses Sarah Thomson, Katherine V. Adams, Marjorie Hughes, Helen Brown, Rosemary Welling Baltz, Florence Kimbley, Audrey Barclay Ulman, Julia Brokaw, Adele Kelley, Julia Chanler, Valerie Vernam, Florence Lockwood, May and Georgette Yeomans, Julie Smidt, Kate B. Darlington, Felicia Fisk, Hettie and Eleanor Lakin, Elizabeth Swords, Harriet P. Greene, Helen Dominick Smith, Augusta Trimble, Constance Miller, Martha Talcott, Mary Spencer, Carolyn E. Prentice, Elizabeth Post, Maud Knowlton Smith, Mary Steers, Rosamond Pinchot, Ann Phelps, Margaret Ramsey and Emma Smith.

Mrs. Frederick S. Armstrong gave a reception yesterday afternoon in the banquet room at Sherry's to introduce her daughter, Miss Mary Elizabeth Armstrong. Receiving with Mrs. Armstrong and her daughter were Misses Abby Rockefeller, Charlotte Church, Barbara Whitney, Lydia E. Dadmun, Claire Schenck, Helen M. Brown, Estelle Manville and Phyllis Benkard. After the reception there was a dinner for the receiving party and some young men, who included Messrs. Stephen Woolston, Warren Leslie, Gilbert Quackenbush, George M. Pynchon, Jr., Howard C. Davison, Samuel Hammond Jr., William Gould, George Grant Mason, Jr., Daniel Milton and Paul Monroe. After dinner Mrs. Armstrong took her guests to see "The Bunch and Judy" at the Globe Theater.

Mrs. Joseph Sampson Stevens gave a luncheon yesterday at Pierre's for her young relative, Miss Frederica Stevens, and some of her school friends, among whom were Misses Rhoda Hammond, Helen B. Robinson, Frances Lord Seymour and Hope Iselin.

NOTABLES AT FUNERAL OF JUDGE CHATFIELD

Bar, Bench and Politics Represented in Church.

Funeral services for Judge Thomas I. Chatfield of the United States District Court, who died suddenly last Sunday while trimming a Christmas tree, were attended by many public officals and others yesterday in the Flatbush Dutch Reformed Church in Brooklyn. The Rev. J. Frederick Berg, the pastor, conducted the service, which did not include vocal music, and made a brief eulogy.

Ralph C. Greene, United States Attorney, and his assistants attended. Others present were W. C. Burton, Postmaster; John T. Rafferty, collector of internal revenue; Justices James C. Cropsey, Selah B. Strong and Norman S. Dike of the Supreme Court; Justice Frederick E. Crane of the Court of Appeals, Judge Franklin Taylor of the County Court, Joseph H. McCabe, Michael F. McGoldrick, Henry D. Barmore, Edmund D. Hennessy and Henry S. Rasquin, United States Commissioners; George A. Wingate, Surrogate; John H. McCooey and Edward M. Shallow, Associate Superintendent of Schools.

Federal Judges of the New York and Brooklyn districts were the honorary pallbearers. The body of Judge Chatfield was sent for burial to Owego, N. Y., the place of his birth.

EARLES FLINT HOLMES.

Earles Flint Holmes, 61, died yesterday at his home at Ridgefield, Conn. He was born in Chicago. He came to New York in 1892 as an officer of the United States Mutual Accident Association, going in 1895 to the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford. He was secretary of the Interstate Casualty from 1896 to 1899 and became manager of the life and accident department of the Travelers Insurance Company at New York, which position he held at his death.

HANNIS TAYLOR, ONCE ENVOY TO SPAIN, DEAD

Was Noted Authority on International Law.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Hannis Taylor, former United States Minister to Spain and recognized authority on international law, died at his home here last night, aged 71, after an illness of a month.

He was Minister to Spain for four years from 1893, and later was counsel for the Government before the Claims Commission, established under the Spanish-American treaty, and also before the Alaska Boundary Commission in 1903.

In addition to "International Public Law," published in 1902, Dr. Taylor was the author of a number of studies on legal subjects, including his "Origin and Growth of the British Constitution," published in 1902, and "Origin and Growth of the American Constitution," which appeared in 1916 as one of the last works of his pen. He held honorary degrees from eight American universities and from Dublin and Edinburgh universities.

He was born in New Bern, N. C., in 1851. He first practiced in Mobile, Ala. He was engaged in general practice here of late years.

C. W. MERRILL, LAWYER, DIES.

Clinton W. Merrill, aged 38, a lawyer, son of John B. Merrill, former District Attorney of Queens county, died yesterday at his home, 27 Ackroyd street, Jamaica, after an illness of two weeks. He was born at Woodhaven and was graduated from Brooklyn Law School. He was with the law firm of Monfort & Faber and later with Kellogg & Street. A year ago he took charge of the reorganization of the trust department of the Jamaica branch of the Bank of Manhattan Company. He was a member of the Woodhaven Exempt Firemen's Association.

Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, Foe of Liquor and Prize Fights, Dead

Noted Reformer Dies at 72—Long Fought Sunday Amusements.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, for twenty-seven years superintendent of the International Reform Bureau, which he founded, and widely known foe of alcohol, prize fights and Sunday amusements, died at a hospital here to-day of pneumonia. He was 72 years old.

He was born at Fryeburg, Me., January 12, 1850, the son of the Rev. Frederick A. C. Crafts. He was graduated from Wesleyan University in 1869 and received the degree M. A. two years later. The degree of Ph. D. was conferred upon him at Marietta College in 1896.

In 1874 he married Miss Sarah Jane Timanus. He was a Methodist clergyman until 1879, and a Congregational clergyman the following three years. In 1883 he became a Presbyterian and remained that the rest of his life. He was pastor of churches in Stoneham, Haverhill and New Bedford, Mass.; Dover, N. H.; Chicago and Brooklyn. He also was a tutor and lecturer, and from his twenty-third year wrote an average of one book a year, many in collaboration with his wife.

In 1890 he went to Washington to appear before a Congressional committee in favor of a bill reducing Sunday work in the postal and military service. He was so impressed with the necessity for churches being represented at the capital that in 1895 he established his home there, and founded the International Reform Bureau. He directed the dissemination of reform literature on a large scale. He often said that by having friendly Representatives use their franking privilege he could reach 1,000 persons with reform literature at the cost of $1.

He was chairman of the International Congress on Alcoholism in London in 1911, United States delegate to the Purity Congresses in 1915 and 1916, and a member of the Union National Commission to frame an amendment for constitutional prohibition in 1915 and 1916.

He was known chiefly for his opposition to all forms of Sunday amusements, his antagonism of prize fighting, and his activities for reform legislation.

ROBERT BLIGH, THE DEAN OF REPORTERS, IS DEAD

Wrote for 'New York Herald' of World Stirring Events.

The dean of American newspaper reporters is dead at the age of 87. This was "Bob" Bligh, whose funeral will take place in All Saints' Church, Brooklyn, at 2 this afternoon, and whose body will be laid to rest later in the day in Green-Wood Cemetery. He passed from life on Tuesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Russell, at Haworth, N. J.

It was "Bob" Bligh who "covered" the arrival of the Great Eastern from Europe on June 28, 1860; who "did" the story of Henry M. Stanley's triumphal return from darkest Africa on November 21, 1872; who went to the home of the inventor Ericsson to awaken him with the tremendous news that his 'little cheese box on a raft" had beaten back one of the greatest threats of the Confederacy, the ironclad Merrimac; who wrote the story of the blessing of the ground for St. Patrick's Cathedral—all these for THE NEW YORK HERALD—and who performed loyally and intelligently ten thousand other commissions such as fell to the hand of the enterprising reporter.

Mr. Bligh was born in Cavan, Ireland. In 1848 he went to Quebec and after two years at school there returned to Ireland. His father died in 1851 and he came to the United States shortly afterward, joining the staff of THE NEW YORK HERALD in 1859. One of his chief accomplishments was the establishment of THE HERALD Index, which systematically and smoothly listed under dates and page locations all the subject matter of importance published from the first issue in 1835 up to 1880, the time Mr. Bligh ceased to have charge of that special work. He managed the *Weekly Herald* from 1872 to 1876, was librarian from 1870 to 1874 and compiled and edited *The Herald Almanack* from 1872 to 1878. After leaving THE HERALD he was with the Weighers Bureau of the United States Customs in New York for fifteen years. He leaves eleven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Mr. Bligh attributed his long life with good health to the fact that he had never eaten, smoked or drunk to excess, and that he took a cold bath every morning of his life.

REV. DR. HENRY BENTSON.

The Rev. Dr. Henry A. Bentson, pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational Swedish Church at 413 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, died Tuesday at the Swedish Hospital following an operation. He was 36 years old and had been pastor of the church for five years. He lived at 15 South Oxford street, Brooklyn, and was unmarried. He is survived by his parents, a brother and four sisters.

DIED.

Abendroth, John W.
Baker, Edna G.
Banks, Harold B.
Brown, May M.
Burdette, Howard K.
Caylus, Theresa
Chinn, George
Clayton, W. I.
Cumming, Elizabeth A
Doscher, John H.
Eagle, Clarence H.
Farnham, Alma Le C
Fowler, Louise R.
Franklin, Arthur H.
Francklyn, Cyril
Furber, Louise
Gans, Myer
Gilchrist, Hugh.
Gowen, Elizabeth
Hirsch, Minnie F.
Holmes, Earles F.
Kraeger, Charles
Lang, Harriet A.
Livingston, William F.
Loines, Russell H.
Luyties, Otto G.
Magrane, Mary W.
Mandell, Natalie W.
Mills, Mary
Mustin, Mary E. T.
Near, Ella
Neeser, Rudolph
Peoples, Kate
Prey, Nona Doris
Raymond, Albert H.
Raynor, Samuel
Roberge, Maximelia
Shanley, William C.
Strauss, Minnie
Suffern, Sarah F. Z.
Taylor, Thomas E.
Weaver, Mary E.

In Memoriam.

Brann, Henry A.
McCullough, Mary R.

ABENDROTH.—At his home, 549 W. 152d st., December 27, John William, in his 74th year, son of the late William P. and Ann Maria Fraser Abendroth and beloved husband of Cordelia Young. Services will be held at the Chapel of the Intercession, 155th st. and Broadway, Friday, the 29th, at 1:30 P. M. Interment private at Kensico Cemetery.

BAKER.—On Wednesday, December 27, Edna Guerrier, beloved wife of Dr. Amos T. Baker. Funeral services will be held at St. Luke's Chapel, New York State Reformatory for Women, Bedford Hills, N. Y., on Friday morning, December 29, at 11 o'clock. Train leaves Grand Central Station at 8:50 A. M.

BANKS.—Harold B. CAMPBELL FUNERAL CHURCH, Broadway, 66th st., Thursday, 4 P. M.

BROWN.—May Montague, wife of Park H. Brown, at her residence, 263 W. 72d st., on Wednesday, December 27, 1922. Funeral private. Interment at Woodlawn Cemetery.

BURDETTE.—On December 25, 1922, Howard Kingsland, of pneumonia, at his residence, 622 West 114th st.; beloved son of Lillie M. and the late James S. Burdette. Funeral services at St. Andrew's Church, 5th av. and 127th st., on Thursday, December 28, at 2 P. M.

CAYLUS.—At New York, on Tuesday, December 26, Therese, daughter of the late Ernest Caylus. Funeral from the Lady Chapel, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Thursday, December 28, at 10 o'clock.

CHINN.—Suddenly, at White Plains, N. Y., Tuesday, December 26, 1922, George Chinn. Funeral private.

CLAYTON.—On December 26, 1922, Washington Irving, beloved son of Ernest S. and Ardell-Irving Clayton, age 26. Funeral services at St. Agnes's Chapel, 92d st., west of Columbus av., at 10:30 A. M. Friday, December 29.

CLAYTON.—Society of Ninth Company Veterans, Seventh Regiment: Announcement is made with deep regret of the death of Capt. Washington Irving Clayton, Company I, 107th Infantry, N. G., N. Y., on December 26, 1922. Members are requested to attend the funeral services. Francis L. Gould, President.

CLAYTON.—Veterans of the Seventh Regiment, N. G., N. Y.: With sincere regret announcement is made of the death on December 26 of W. Irving Clayton (Ninth Company). Willard C. Fisk, President.

CUMMING.—At Paisley, Scotland, on Wednesday, December 27, 1922, Elizabeth Aitken, wife of the late Robert Cumming, formerly of Newark, N. J., in her 76th year.

DOSCHER.—At Bayonne, N. J., Tuesday, December 26, 1922, John Henry, aged 73 years. Funeral services will be held at his late residence, 868 Hudson Boulevard, near 34th st., Bayonne, N. J., Thursday, December 28, 1922, at 8:15 P. M. Interment Moravian Cemetery, private.

EAGLE—Clarence Henry, on December 27, at his residence, Sands Point, L. I., son of the late Commodore Henry Eagle, U. S. N., and Minerva Smith, in his 66th year. Funeral service at the Church of the Incarnation, Thirty-fifth street and Madison avenue, Friday, December 29, at 10:30 A. M. Please omit flowers.

EAGLE.—Veterans of the Seventh Regiment, N. G., N. Y.: With sincere regret announcement is made of the death on December 27 of Clarence H. Eagle (Second Company). Willard C. Fisk, President.

FARNHAM.—On Tuesday, December 26, 1922, at her home, 451 Scotland road, South Orange, N. J., Alma Le Cour, beloved wife of Joseph W. Farnham and daughter of Mrs. Emil Loewenthal. Funeral private.

FOWLER.—At Portland, Ore., on Wednesday, December 20, 1922, Louise R., wife of the late Dr. George Ryerson Fowler. Funeral services will be held at 502 Washington av., Brooklyn, on Thursday, December 28, at 2:30 P. M. Interment private.

FRANKLIN—At Ossining, N. Y., Wednesday, December 27, 1922, Arth