SOCIETY IN THE STATE.

A GAY SEASON GAILY ENDED.

Lynchburg, Norfolk and Various Other Places Speak Their Farewell to Gayety for Forty Days—Social Events.

LYNCHBURG, VA., March 3, 1892.

THE society people rose on Monday morning knowing it was to be a "field day" and that they had many social pleasures to occupy them between that time and Ash Wednesday, which, being the first day of Lent, would put a stop to everything in the way of gayety. On the day in question there were no fewer than three notable entertainments besides the attraction at the Opera-House of "The Little Tycoon," to which many of the fashionables repaired in the interim occuring between the two handsome teas given in the evening at the hours of 5 and 8, and the german at Calisthenic Hall, which did not fairly begin before 11. To say that it was brilliant gives but a poor idea of the scene, when finally, "the troops having all arrived, the battle was joined"; that is, the german was opened and led by Mr. Micajah Davis and Miss Alice Lee, both of Lynchburg. Most of the young ladies wore fancy dress, and many of the young men, and all had powdered hair, which added much to the general effect.

The music was furnished by Curcio's Italian band, and the following is a list of those who attended: Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Smith, Mrs. Smith wearing the costume in which she won so many laurels as "Virginia" in the play for the Zouaves' benefit; Mrs. James Lee, as "Sailor Laddie," with Miss Parker of Manchester, Mr. Charles Poole with Miss Lillie Lee, Mr. Edward Calhoun of Alleghany Springs with Miss Elise Warrick, wearing the lovely gown of pink satin in which she so lately danced the minuet at the Charity ball; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Steptoe, Mr. and Mrs. William Mahone, Jr., E. R. Hutter with Miss Mollie Otey, Mr. C. C. Price with Miss Jennie Wellford as "Poppy," in a deep red gown with poppies in her hair and corsage; Mr. Bowles with Miss Sully of Petersburg; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pannill, Mr. Joseph Button with Miss Sallie Will Johnston of Birmingham, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. R. Taylor Gleaves, Mr. Richard Carrington with Miss Kate Langhorne, Mr. Will Schafer with Miss Martin of Baltimore, Mr. Dudley Holt with Miss Kate Holt, Mr. Lynch Ward with Miss Hutter, as "Night," with black satin and tulle gown and veil of black lace; L. B. Taylor with Mrs. P. D. Calhoun, whose high bred beauty never showed to better advantage, in a white gown with lavender trimmings; Mr. Frost and Miss Belle Shumate, Hon. R. D. Yancey with Miss Smith, of Vermont, a fair stranger sojourning with us for a short time; Mr. E. L. Norvell with Miss Cora Glass; Mr. Taylor, of Salem, with Miss Nannie Hutter, as "Morning," white silk gown profusely trimmed in white lace and a veil of white thread lace fastened with pale pink (aurora) buds, bouquet of same; Mr. Lewis Brooke with Miss Phoebe Holt; Mr. James Jones with Miss Massie, of Nelson, and Mr. John Witt with Miss Bolling, of Wytheville.

Notwithstanding the fact that the dancing was kept up until long past midnight, one of the young ladies was visited by the muses at an early hour the following morning, as the enclosed little "vers de societe" were handed me by her the next day with the request that I have them published in my letter to THE TIMES.

THE LAST GERMAN OF THE SEASON.

(The morning after.)

"I must have been a belle last night,
At least, that's what they said;
But now that the excitement's o'er
I really feel half dead!
I can't get up, I really can't,
And if you'd know the reason,
The clock struck 2 just as I left
Th' last german of the season!

"Sylvie, go down and tell mamma
To send my breakfast to me;
A cup of coffee, hot and strong,
Muffins and rolls, I'm hungry!
Isn't it strange that I should be
So very unromantic
As to confess to such a thing,
An appetite gigantic?

"To dance from 9 'till 2, one feels
One could devour one's mother
And father, family and friends
Without the slightest bother!
But ah, I am much better now;
There was a charm so mystic
About that beefsteak, it dispelled
All feelings cannibalistic!

"Heigh-ho! I must put up that dress,
It was becoming to me!
He said so, and then whispered low—
'But you look always lovely!'
'Tis Lent you know, and five long weeks
For sins I scarce can number,
I must appear where ere I go
In garments dark and sombre!

"Well, Spring and flowers will soon be here,
And when the birds are singing,
I'll don my brightest robes once more,
And—wedding bells ll be ringing!
I love to dance, but Donald says
(And well I know the reason)
That I shall never go again
To the last german of the season!"

Mrs. R. H. Pannill's "Pink Tea" in honor of Mrs. Norwood Mitchell, who will leave in a few days for her new home in Philadelphia, was a most enjoyable occasion. The parlor and dining room were exquisitely decorated with palms and growing flowers, while the mantels were banked with pink roses and the tables decorated with the same rare flowers. The young and charming hostess, beautifully attired in a black gown of silk and chiffon, with pearl ornaments, stood near the centre of the room, with the guest of honor, Mrs. Mitchell, at her right, and the other ladies who assisted in receiving and who were as follows: Mrs. Alexander Anderson in white silk, Mrs. C. P. Poole in pink china silk, Mrs. Thomas D. Christian in white silk and Mrs. John W. Dillard in gray chiffon. Miss Amine Hamner served the punch from a magnificent tureen of ice, resting upon a bank of ferns, while Misses Otey, Button and Hutter presided over the tea and chocolate tables and Misses Hamner, Faulkner, Floyd and Jennings supplied the numerous guests with elegant refreshments from the dining-room tables.

Miss Watts' beautiful home was the next attraction for the crowds of elegantly dressed women, who but left the one enchanting scene to enter upon another equally so. The fair young hostess, with her guest, Miss Smith, of Vermont, to whom the entertainment was given, stood immediately under the superb chandeliers in the front parlor, beautifully and becomingly attired respectively, the one in white satin and pearls, and the other in black silk, heavily trimmed in jet passementerie. The contrast was striking and effective, the more so that Miss Watts is a remarkably handsome blonde and Miss Smith a piquant brunette.

A stringed band, entirely hidden from view in the adjacent library, discoursed sweet music during the entire evening, which was one of unalloyed pleasure to the numerous guests who passed from one room to another, finding in each something beautiful to delight the eye and tempt the appetite. The supper-rooms were marvels of taste and the refreshments of the most unique and inviting character. Dainty salads, creams moulded to represent fruits, bon-bons, tea, chocolate, and all exquisitely served. The ices were pale green served from a boat of ice resting upon ferns, and the effect, as may be imagined, was beautiful in the extreme. It was hard to tear one's self away from so fairy-like scene, but the german was awaiting us and it had to be done.

Tuesday evening a reception was given by Mrs. William A. Strother, of Diamond Hill, to her niece, Miss Elise Strother, of Richmond, which was attended by the creme de la creme of Lynchburg society. Mrs. Strother's gentle and unaffected manners are the perfection of what a hostess should be. With apparently no effort, yet with ever a watchful eye to the wants of her guests, no one is allowed to think herself or himself neglected or overlooked, but each individual has the comfortable impression of being the one especially honored, which feeling none but a hostess of infinite tact would know how to create. Mrs. Strother was assisted in receiving by the following ladies: Mrs. Dr. Baker, Mrs. Thomas D. Christian, Mrs John H. Lewis, Mrs. Taylor Gleaves, Mrs. Charles E. Heald, Miss Mamie Black and Miss Hutter and the Misses Langhorne.

Miss Elise Strother was becomingly attired in a gown of pink brocade, and made a most charming impression upon the guests assembled to do her honor.

The ladies of St. Paul's church gave a social tea at Calisthenic Hall on Tuesday, also between the hours of 5 and 7. The object of the tea was to promote sociability among the members and bring them nearer together. The evening passed most pleasantly, and there was a large attendance.

Court-street Methodist church was the scene again on yesterday (Wednesday) of another pretty and fashionable wedding, that of Mr. Dudley Brown Ryland and Miss Fannie Lee, daughter of our townsman, John A. Lee, Esq. The bridal party was on time and entered the church promptly at 2 o'clock, while the organ, under the skillful manipulation of Professor W. S. Adams, pealed forth Mendelssohn's wedding march. The lovely bride, "the cynosure of every eye," entered the church, leaning upon the arm of her father, preceded by her sister and maid of honor, Miss Alice Lee.

The groom, supported by his best man, Mr. Robert S. Jones, met the bride and her maid of honor at the end of the aisle and arranged themselves around the chancel. The following is a list of the attendants: Mr. Blair Bannister with Miss Ryland, of King and Queen county, sister of the groom; Mr. Thomas Ryland with Miss Alpha Hamner; Mr. Robert Horton with Miss Marion Glass; Mr. Owen Harvey with Miss Lillie Lee, sister of the bride. The ushers were F. D. Johnson, Jr., B. H. Lastrappes, G. F. Lucado, J. M. Otey, W. S. Jones, R. C. Stokes, G. M. Monroe and Dr. Wilson.

The ladies were all attired in gowns of light gray faille silk with bouquets of natural flowers, the bridal bouquet being of white and the bridesmaids of pink roses. Rev. L. B. Betty, the pastor, performed the ceremony in a very impressive manner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryland left for an extended tour of the Eastern and Northern cities on the 3 o'clock train via the Richmond and Danville railroad, followed by the best wishes of hosts of attached friends.

This evening (Thursday) there will be held in the parlors of the Norvell-Arlington, the leading hotel of the place, a church sociable for the benefit of the First Presbyterian church, Rev. Dr. Hall pastor. Some of the best vocal talent of the city has been engaged and the evening will be, no doubt, a pleasant and profitable one. Mrs. R. S. Terry, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Dingee, and other well-known ladies will receive the guests between the hours of 9 and 12.

RUTH RIPPLE.

Fredericksburg.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., March 5.—During the last several weeks preceding Lent social life in Fredericksburg was one continual round of pleasure and excitement, and the nearer Lent approached the greater was the number of entertainments announced.

It was thought that the ball held on Friday night of last week, an account of which was published in last Sunday's TIMES, would be the last of the season, but society was determined to gain all the enjoyment possible during the few days intervening between that time and the beginning of Lent, so on last Monday night there were two large and successful balls, both of which were largely attended and highly enjoyed. One of these took place in the large dining hall of the Exchange Hotel and the other was held in the dancing academy.

At the hotel the music was furnished by the Quintette Orchestra Club, and the dancing commenced at 9 o'clock. The german was gracefully led by Dr. H. H. Johnston, assisted by Mr. F. T. Stanbrough, and the following couples participated: Miss Maggie B. Shepherd, white silk, black overdress, cut steel and silver, with Mr. James H. Downman, of New York; Miss Carrie P. Moore, of Richmond, white bengaline, with chiffon trimming, la France roses, with Mr. Frank P. Stanbrough, of New York; Miss Jeannette Bradley, white crepe de chine, emeralds, la France roses, with Mr. J. S. Wallace; Miss Carrie Ficklen, yellow silk, black velvet bodice, with Dr. H. H. Johnston; Miss Elise Semmes, Lexington, Nile green bengaline, pearls passementerie, ruby and pearl ornaments, la France roses, with W. H. Richards, Jr.; Miss Emilie L. G. Richards, white silk, chiffon trimmings, with Dr. A. C. Doggett; Mrs. B. B. Lane, black lace, gold ornaments, with Mr. Lane; Miss Nannie Herndon, gray cashmere, la France roses, with Mr. A. K. Phillips, Jr.; Miss Lizzie Hurkamp, white silk, trimmed with chiffon, diamonds, with Mr. John Conway; Miss Sallie Williams, of Orange, orange silk, lace trimmings, natural flowers, with Mr. Eddie Tayloe; Miss Mary Fitzhugh, black tulle, la France roses, with Mr. Eddie O'Bannon; Miss Mary Thompson, pink silk, jet passementerie trimmings, la France roses, with Mr. G. W. Shepherd, Jr.; Miss Flora Stokes, black China silk, pansy embroidery, with Mr. W. D. Mitchell; Miss Mamie Rice, of Raleigh, N. C., white Canton crepe, chiffon trimmings, natural flowers, with Mr. A. B. Botts, Jr.; Miss Jennie Smith, of Baltimore, with silk en train, with Mr. Michael Wallace; Miss Lou Yates, Nile green silk, la France roses, with Mr. James E. Bradley; Miss Kate Hurkamp, black crepe de chene, cut jet trimmings, with Mr. Charles H. Hurkamp; Miss Stockdale, gray Canton crepe, chiffon trimmings, with Mr. F. T. Anderson; Miss Gilmer Martin, pink crepe de chine, en train, la France roses, diamonds, with Mr. R. L. Stoffregen; Miss Mary Hayden, red cashmere, lace trimmings, with Mr. Henry O'Bannon; Miss Murdaugh Johnston, pink crepe, with ornaments and natural flowers, with Mr. F. W. Johnston; Miss Annie Yates, red silk, lace trimmings, natural flowers, with Mr. Charles H. Bradley; Miss Narcissus O'Bannon, pink crepe de chine, draped with chiffon, natural flowers, with Mr. Walter O'Bannon. Stags: Messrs. W. O. Hazard, A. T. Morse, E. L. Baker, J. G. Pollock, R. H. Carmichael, E. K. Stokes, D. S. Russell, Alfred Fyke of England, W. H. Hurkamp, P. M. Woodford, T. B. Barton, M. W. Barton. Patronesses: Mrs. W. S. White, Mrs. J. F. Thompson, Mrs. A. B. Botts, Mrs. B. Inness Taylor. Committee and floor managers: F. T. Stanbrough, H. H. Johnston. Among the guests were: Captain and Mrs. H. Von Schon, Mr. and Mrs Haydon, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Yates, Mr. C. M. Botts and Miss Roseboom of New York, Mr. H. B. Lane, Mrs. W. B. Goolrick, Captain and Mrs. John S. Taliaferro, Mrs. William I. King, Mrs. H. M. D. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Luke W. White, Miss Dora Jett, Miss Mamie Shepherd, Mr. G. W. Shepherd, Sr., Mr. J. B. Ficklen, Mrs. W. S. White, C. A. Gore, Dr. George B. Pearson, Postmaster O. D. Foster, Captain John K. Anderson, Captain John Ward, Hon. M. B. Rowe, Mr. John M. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Godfrey of South Dakota, Messrs. G. R. Richardson, A. B. Botts, R. Inness Taylor, W. H. Richards, Sr., John Berrey and others. Refreshments were served at 11:30 o'clock, after which dancing was resumed and kept up until a late hour. This delightful ball was given by Messrs. Cotton & Hills, proprietors of the Exchange Hotel, upon the occasion of the reopening of that popular establishment, after having been closed for several months undergoing repairs. It is now thoroughly modern, convenient and attractive in every particular.

The entertainment at the Dancing Academy was a leap year ball, given by a number of young ladies of the city to their male acquaintances. At 9 o'clock the ball was opened with a grand march, led by Miss Mollie Waters, assisted by Mr. C. W. Colbert with Miss Bessie Goldsmith and Mr. W. Hampton Merchant with Miss Sadie Rodgers. The following ladies were among the dancers: Miss Bessie Goldsmith, black silk and lace; Miss Maggie Goldsmith, white crepe de chine, silk trimmings; Miss Annie Dannahl, cream cashmere and lace; Miss Sadie Rodgers, white crepe and silk; Miss Mollie Waters, black silk and flowers; Miss Josie Leonard, gray silk skirt, blue bodice; Miss Edith Beckwith, brown cashmere; Miss Maggie Downs, garnet henrietta; Miss Neva Rice, pink mousseline, black trimmings; Miss Sallie Hardy, cream henrietta, old gold trimmings; Miss Kate Dannahl, pink cashmere, flowers; Miss Jennie Moxley, of Stafford county, pink mousseline, black lace, chiffon; Miss Emma Fleming, black silk and lace; Miss Lizzie Beckwith, white crepe de chine; Miss Bessie Freeman, red cashmere, black trimmings; Miss Lucy Young, of Richmond, black silk skirt, pink bodice, flowers; Miss Grace England, red cashmere; Miss Annie Bowling, black lace; Miss Josephine Bowling, black cashmere; Miss Nellie Fleming, black satin, flowers; Miss Ella Downs, black lace; Miss Aggie Griffin, pink cashmere, chiffon lace; Miss Wilson, white lace, silk trimmings, flowers; Miss Annie Downs, black henrietta, chiffon lace; Miss Mary Miller, black lace, blue trimmings. The chaperons were: Mrs. D. E. Fleming, black silk and lace; Mrs. Charles E. Hunter, black satin and lace. Among the gentlemen present were: Messrs. H. R. Gouldman, Jr., E. A. Brulle, Jacob Goldsmith, W. L. Amiss, M. H. McCracken, Eddie Timberlake, George C. Ball, J. B. Colbert, W. H. Merchant, C. W. Colbert, J. D. Ray, H. E. Totty, Wesley Cox, James Jones, John Bowling, George Downs, Cassius Cox, John Freeman, Willie Rice, Fred. Aldridge, Jr., Henry Dannahl, Jr., Valentine Dannahl, Frank Timberlake, John Leonard, Frank Gouldman, Willie Goldsmith, George King, Luther Tyler, Alexander Beckwith, Joe Goldsmith, Joe Gee, Milton Strasburger, Iva Strasburger, Thomas Leonard, George L. Hunter. At 11 o'clock a collation was served. Dancing was resumed at a later hour and kept up until long after midnight. The occasion was a grand success.

On last Tuesday night, at the hospitable residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Botts, on Main street, the last meeting of the season of the Whist Club was held. Among those present and participating in the games were: Mrs. A. B. Botts, Mrs. H. Von Schon, Miss Jennie Hurkamp, Miss Nannie Herndon, Miss Nettie Fitzhugh, Miss Millie Scott, Miss Mamie Tayloe, Miss Sallie Williams of Orange, Miss Dora Jett, Miss Roseboom of New York, Messrs. H. Von Schon, A. B. Botts, Charles H. Hurkamp, Thomas B. Barton, John F. Scott, Maxwell W. Barton, George F. Wheeler, Eddie Tayloe, A. B. Botts, Jr., Junie R. C. Fitzhugh and others. The prize, a very beautiful one, for the lady making the highest score during the month was awarded to Miss Mamie Tayloe, and the gentleman's prize was won by Captain H. Von Schon.

These three events brought to a close the gayest social season Fredericksburg has experienced for years.

Mrs. Helen Lane, who has been visiting her daughter in Richmond, has returned to her home in this city.

Miss Nannie Forbes has returned home after an extended visit to relatives and friends in New York city.

Dr. John H. French, of New York, is in the city the guest of his relatives, Captain Frank T. Forbes and family on Hanover street.

Mrs. Souther, widow of Judge Henry Souther, formerly of this city, now of Boston, is visiting friends here.

Hon. A. P. Rowe, mayor of the city, and Mrs. Rowe spent several days in Richmond this week visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. J. P. Corbin, of Lexington, Va., is on a visit to friends and relatives in this city and section.

Mr. and Mrs. John Davis have returned to their home in Washington after a visit of several days to the parents of Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Gunther, at their home on Main street.

Mrs. H. Von Schon has returned from Washington, D. C., where she spent some time visiting friends.

Mr. James H. Downman, of New York, has returned home after a pleasant visit to relatives and friends here.

Mr. Charles T. Guy and bride, of New York, are visiting Colonel X. X. Chartters at his pretty home in this county. Colonel Chartters is an uncle of Mr. Guy.

Mr. William J. Moon, formerly of this city, now of Salem, spent several days here this week mingling with his old friends.

Miss Alice Wooddy is in Alexandria on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Frank Daley.

Mrs. W. S. Daniel, of Richmond, is in the city, the guest of her brother, Mr. H. B. Lane, at his beautiful residence on Charles street.

Mrs. Dr. Owens, of Savannah, Ga., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Forbes.

Judge-Advocate Charles H. Lauchheimer, of Baltimore (United States Marine Corps), who has been conducting the prosecution in the trial of Commander Graham, of the monitors, near Richmond, is in the city the guest of his sister, Mrs Joseph Hable, at her elegant home on Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Endel and Mr. and Mrs. Rothschild, of Greenville, S. C., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. Hable.

Miss Lettie Stansbury, of "Snowden," near this city, is in New Orleans on a protracted visit to friends, where she is receiving much attention in society circles of the Crescent City.

Norfolk.

NORFOLK, VA., March 5.—The ladies vied with each other the first two days of this week to see which could give the handsomest tea. On Monday afternoon Miss Bessie Allyn gave a beautiful one at her home on Bute street. The rooms were brilliantly lighted and tastefully decorated with cut flowers and smilax, and she was assisted by Miss Bell Irvine, Miss Annie Chamberlaine and Miss Charlotte Irvine. The ladies called from 4 to 7 o'clock and after tea the gentlemen called until 11. The other teas given that afternoon were by Mrs. Washington Taylor, assisted by Miss Lizzie Taylor; Mrs. Graham, assisted by Miss Edith Graham, Mrs. C. B. Ramsay and Miss Ramsay, Miss Mary Tayloe and Miss Pickett.

Monday evening Mrs. J. P. Murray, of the Hotel Gladstone, gave a delightful euchre party to her guest, Miss Hungerford, of Richmond. The game was stopped at 11:30 o'clock, and a handsome supper was served, and the guests dispersed shortly afterwards, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

One of the most elaborate teas of the season was given Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Hunter Woodis at her home in York street. The parlors were beautifully dressed with growing plants and cut flowers. In an alcove in the hall was a band of music, which was entirely hidden by tall palms. The tables were heliotrope, yellow and red, and were daintily dressed with carnations, roses and smilax. Mrs. Woodis was assisted by Mrs. Ida Ellis of Macon, Ga., to whom the tea was given: Mrs. R. B. Cooke, Mrs. E. B. Merritt, Mrs. Washington Taylor, Mrs. Henry Reardon, Mrs. James Riddle, Mrs. L. M. Merritt, Miss Farnandes of Baltimore, Miss Branch of St. Louis, Mo., Miss Lizzie Taylor, Miss Helen Newsome and Miss Josephine Cooke.

The Misses Taylor gave an exceedingly pretty tea at their home in York street on Tuesday afternoon. All of the young ladies receiving wore the gowns that were worn in the little operetta "Romeo and Juliet." They were short-waisted gowns with huge puffs on the sleeves, and ribbon sashes tied just under the shoulders. Each gown was of a different color and they made an exceedingly pretty picture. Later in the afternoon a good many gentlemen called, which added somewhat to the enjoyment of the hour. Those receiving were Misses Bessie Bland, Nina and Patty Taylor, Miss Bessie Chamberlaine and Miss Emily Baker.

Mrs. William Cooke was also at home on Tuesday afternoon, but the teas were over earlier than usual in order to attend Mrs. Caldwell's tea, whose hours were from 4 till 8. She was assisted by Miss Lucy Baylor and Miss Fannie Leigh. All the other girls who had been receiving that afternoon called in their reception gowns and made the scene quite a brilliant one, in which a good many broad shoulders and black coats were visible.

Tuesday evening the men got up a subscription german and danced from 8:30 till 12, when it broke up promptly. It was led by Mr. William Baldwin and Mr. William Willcox and was more keenly enjoyed perhaps than any other german of the season because it was the last.

Mrs. Harry Hichcock gave a lunch at her home on Bute street on Tuesday. The covers were laid for twelve people.

On Tuesday Mrs. Fergus Reid gave a very handsome lunch at her home in College Place to some of her friends. The table was dressed in pink, and at each plate was a bunch of carnations tied with pink ribbon. In the center of the table was an immense bouquet of La France roses, which perfumed the entire room. The covers were laid for twelve. Those present were: Mrs. Burr, U. S. A.; Mrs. Baxter, U. S. N.; Mrs. H. H. S. Handy, Misses Blande Taylor, Sallie Walke, Annie Chamberlaine, Lizzie Taylor, Nina Whitehead, Bessie Chamberlaine, Emily Baker and Bessie Allyn.

Miss Fannie Leigh has returned from a visit to New York.

Miss Lester, of Savannah, is visiting Mrs. William A. Thom, on Freemason street.

The Misses Fahr, who have been visiting Miss Yeatman, have left for their home in Gloucester county.

We beg to correct a mistake which occurred in last week's TIMES. The lady who wrote the operetta presented at the Shakespeare Club is not Mrs. Hardy, but Mrs. H. H. S. Handy (nee Craighill), of Lynchburg.

The war tableaux which were given here a few weeks ago and pronounced such a success will be repeated on the 15th of this month and taken to Richmond on the 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cooke, Jr., are in Norfolk and are living for the present at the Atlantic Hotel.

Danville.

DANVILLE, VA., March 5.—A dull week in the social circle is no more than was to be expected, being the opening week of the Lenten season, but Danville people are not so pious but they can find some fun even though sackcloth and ashes are expected to outwardly prevail.

Already since Ash Wednesday there have been two or three quiet euchre parties, and behind closely drawn curtains several exciting whist contests have been indulged in. I know of two progressive euchre parties that have been made up for next week, but the enchanting game will be played behind curtains (made of sackcloth perhaps), and ashes may be sprinkled about in profusion. Anyhow, the names of the contestants will not find their way in print unless some more cruel scribe than the one who showeth this pen gets a peep at the proceedings. Tell on these dear girls? Not I. My pate is not overburdened with fur now, and I have no locks to lose.

Women are mighty close kin to men anyhow, and they know just as well as men how much to enjoy a little game on the sly.

Were you ever in a town (like Danville, for instance) where the laws were very stringent, and eagle-eyed policemen were ever on the alert? Then you must know what a glorious sensation it is to get in a quiet room with boon companions, pull down the shades, arrange the transom, muffle the table with the bed blankets, and have a nice little game of draw-poker, ten cents ante, fifty-cent limit, all the while "passing," "raising" and "calling" in subdued whispers and announcing the necessary demands on the dealer in raised finger pantomimes. Ain't it jolly? I smile. Just so the meek and penitent girls find a sweet enjoyment in whist and euchre during Lent, and just so lots of them hereabouts are going to have oceans of quiet fun between now and Easter; at least so I am reliably informed.

The last german of the season prior to Lent was heartily enjoyed at Central Hall last Monday evening. The young ladies got it up, still claiming the privileges of leap year, and the following were present: Misses Grace Donaha, Willia Phifer, Maria Seldon, Laura Mitchell, Lula Neal, Emma Wooding, Mary Armistead, Mattie Clark, Emma Chalmers, Lucie Estes, Annie Ayres, Ellen Ruffin and Miss Vass. The guests were Messrs. John Raine, Charlie Craddock, Ben Walker, Scott Watson, Freeman Dance, Overton Beatwright, Ed. Perkinson, Mabry Edmonds, Dr. Cabell, George Meade, Thomas Edmonds, David Chalmers, Witt Jones, Page Ayres, Gilbert Rosser, Hunter Dalton and Hugh Covington. At midnight an elegant lunch was served and the dancing was continued until the wee sma' hours.

The visiting Elks who came to Danville last Monday from Norfolk, Portsmouth and Richmond to institute a new lodge here, declared they had never struck a more hospitable place than the City by the Dan.

The Grand Lodge, as organized preparatory to initiating the would-be Danville Elks, was officered as follows: Judge C. W. Murdaugh, of Portsmouth, grand exalted ruler; Frank F. O'Connor, of Norfolk, grand esteemed leading knight; George A. Tabb, of Portsmouth, grand esteemed loyal knight; W. A. Fiske, of Norfolk, grand esteemed lecturing knight; C. W. Murdaugh, Jr., of Portsmouth, grand secretary; H. L. Maynard, of Portsmouth, grand treasurer; R. L. Reid, of Norfolk, grand junior guard; J. P. Dolan, of Portsmouth, grand tyler; and W. B. Johnston, of Portsmouth, grand organist.

The following representative Elks were present also: From Norfolk Lodge No. 38, R. G. McFarren and S. Hamburg; from Richmond Lodge No. 45, J. J. Powell, G. W. Epps, E. J. Brannon and B. M. Angle; from Portsmouth Lodge No. 82, W. McMonagle, W. A. Neville, E. W. Maupin, L. J. Boale, W. D. Sirian, R. J. Callona and W. T. Dolan.

The day and a large part of the evening were spent in initiating the Danville Elks and installing the officers of Danville Lodge No. 227. A little after midnight a "Social Session" was held at Francisco's dining parlors. Mr. Hamburg was elected president of the Social Session, J. A. Lawson secretary and Jerrie Nicholas officer of the day. A splendid repast was enjoyed, champagne popped at a lively rate and along towards 3 A. M. the happy Elks dispersed.

A literary and social club has been organized by a number of ladies and gentlemen under the mystic name of "D. C. L. S. C." and held a most pleasant meeting last Tuesday evening at the residence of Rev. T. B. Thomas, pastor of the First Baptist church.

After the usual exercises in "secret lodge" the company was invited to the dining-rooms to enjoy an elegant and dainty repast set by the hospitable host and his charming wife.

At the conclusion of the feast music and literary exercises were enjoyed. Misses Raine and Wood rendered excellent solos.

Friday night the T. Y. O's. held an interesting meeting at the residence of Mr. E. H. Miller. Judge Farrar, of Amelia, was the guest of the society and a few friends not members of the T. Y. O. were present, all of whom were delightfully entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Miller. Judge Farrar delighted the company with one of his inimitable and most humorous forty-minute talks or lectures. The Judge will spend several days in the city.

Mr. J. W. Yarbrough, of Semona, Person county, N. C., and Miss Virgie Wilkins, daughter of Mr. T. W. Wilkins, were married in North Danville on Wednesday, Rev. W. T. Doggett officiating. After spending a few weeks in North Carolina Mr. and Mrs. Yarbrough will return to North Danville to reside.

Mrs. S. C. Morton, of South Boston, is visiting her sister, Mrs. B. C. Watkins.

Rev. H. M. Hope, pastor of the Main-street Methodist Episcopal church, has been attending the Grand Lodge of Knights of Honor in Roanoke. He is the grand chaplain of that body.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi W. Scoville, formerly of Danville, now of Lynchburg, spent the week in the city.

Misses Madge and Blanche Graham, of Alexandria, are the guests of their aunt, Mrs. D. E. Graham.

Mr. Walter W. Waddill spent a portion of the week in Roanoke on business.

Mrs. James S. Woodside and her sister, Mrs. Brown, of Baltimore, spent Wednesday night with friends in this city while on their way to Georgia and the far South on a pleasure tour.

Mr. W. L. Slaughter, one of Danville's champion commercial tourists, has returned from a most successful Southern trip, and replenishing his sample-case, started out Friday for the West, going by Fredericksburg, where he spent a few days with relatives.

Rev. J. C. Rosser left Thursday for Norfolk, where he will attend the Fife meeting, and go from there to Mathews Courthouse to conduct a revival meeting.

Professor Frank Dawson, of the Danville Military Institute, spent the week at Hampden-Sidney College in attendance upon the Chi Phi Fraternity alumni banquet. Professor Dawson was selected as the poet of the occasion.

Mr. H. O. Kerns, of Halifax, one of the members of the grand working committee of the Grand Lodge of Masons, spent Thursday and Thursday night with his Masonic brethren in this city.

Major J. D. Patton, of Richmond, spent two days of this week among his hosts of Danville friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Robinson, Jr., are now residing at Colonel J. M. Neal's on Main street.

The elegant building on Main street occupied by the Orinoco Club has been repainted inside and out and handsomely furnished. The club now has charming quarters, and is one of the permanent institutions of the city.

Colonel James M. Neal has returned from a business trip to Richmond.

Miss Noocella Woodson, of Nottoway county, is the guest of Mrs. C. H. East.

Mr. E. W. Grigg is in Winston on business.

Mr. Eugene Withers has been in Richmond nearly all the week taking depositions.

Dr. L. E. Harvie made a flying trip to Richmond this week.

Mrs. W. Y. Noell is visiting in Chatham.

Mrs. J. Edmunds Mason, who is now at a Philadelphia hospital, is rapidly improving and will be home ere long.

Mr. J. R. Jopling, who has been confined to his house by sickness, is out again.

Mr. James E. Schoolfield, the merchant evangelist, has just finished a most successful religious revival at Franklin Junction and left to-day for Keysville to commence a similar meeting there to-morrow.

Charlottesville.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., March 4.—Mr. A. P. Bibb, Mr. R. H. Wood and James E. Irvine have been appointed by the Young Men's Union of the Presbyterian church to conduct the services and to attend to the interests of the organization. The Union, which was but recently organized, will meet on the last Wednesday in each month.

During Lent services will be held at Christ church as follows: Mondays, 4 P. M., "Talks on Confirmation"; Wednesdays, 12 M., litany service and address; Fridays, 5 P. M., evening prayer and address.

Miss Lizzie Crampton, of Maryland, and Mr. Busey, of Washington, D. C., are the guests of F. B. Moran at Comyn Hall.

Mrs. John Page, of Hanover county, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Dr. R. W. Nelson, of this city.

Miss Rosa Fontaine, of Green Springs, is visiting Mrs. Mary Minor.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward Morris, of Birmingham, Ala., have been the guests of Captain M. Woods this week.

Mrs. Page, of this city, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. W. Sandridge, of White Hall.

Mrs. Deacon, of Greenwood, expects soon to start on a trip to Europe for her health.

The Rev. J. E. Armstrong, of Baltimore, is visiting friends in this county.

Home Beer has no superior.

SOCIETY NOW IN WEEDS

MOURNING OVER DEPARTED GAYETY.

Characteristics of the Season—Washington Customs in Richmond—A Number of Brilliant Events Up to the Last.

SOCIETY has folded its hands and taken its seat to talk over the season as girls the day after the ball sit down to discuss its every feature. The universal comment on our prolonged and brilliant season is that it has been a perfect barometer, revealing a great and paramount change in the temperature in our social atmosphere. So complete is the revolution in our world of varnish that we, the very revolutionizers, are astounded by the metamorphos is so apparent while those who after an absence of a few years have this winter returned to their old haunts and bents literally found them bent into unnatural shapes and only the haunts of old customs in shadowy view.

There is not a single phase of society which this season did not seem to have been newly renovated with an extra polish and a more elaborate fringe of elegant design upon it. The effect is so new and startling that the mind has not yet recovered sufficiently to discover the hidden cause. Washington with its delirious fever of gayety may be near enough for contagion. But there is no law making time decrease distance, so we are no nearer the national capital now than of old. If we are to continue to catch such violent and malignant forms of etiquette and gayety, for the very safety of the Commonwealth's exchequer universal vaccination and strictest quarantine will become necessary.

Several times this season formal calling would be going on during a typical winter's storm, hostesses in their lamp-lit drawing-rooms in airy costume receiving and serving a complete repast, and the fair visitor, whether a coachman assisted her without or not, would murmur some vague apology about the weather. "Didn't stay in in Washington, and we couldn't do it, either, you know."

A little while since to visit in the rain was preposterous, uncivilized. Rainy days were sent for especial missions—darning and mending, putting to rights top drawers, reading and tearing up old letters, poping corn or making caramels. If these homespun occupations must be crowded out of life, then let us ask to have the cosy, comfortable in-door days banished too.

The hours for visiting have changed also. After 1 o'clock is permissible, but after 4 is more fasnionable, and quite convenient when the afternoon is ended up with some two or three charming "at homes," with their refreshing collations and an agreeable escort to walk home in the wintry twilight. So unusual for small events and germans was it for a young man to bring a carriage, unless the weather made it necessary, that there was a plan adopted by some livery firms by which a young man paid a quarter a week before an event upon the chance of a carriage if it rained. If it chanced to be a starlit night the livery people made the quarter clear, if not the young man had his "hack," as it was then called, for the convenient amount of the aforesaid quarter, and tripped the "fantastic" with lighter conscience as well as tread. And so on are countless other differences in our code of entertaining which the lack of space forbids recounting at present, as the two days in the week past allowed the finals, much transpired absorbing interest.

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Monday evening the Richmond german at the Belvidere gathered to itself great glory in its grand finale and lingered even longer over its dance, as it was the last for many an evening. As usual it was skillfully led by Mr. Jo. Lane Stern, and a delightful supper was served. Those present were: Mrs. George Ross, Mrs. Archer Anderson, Mrs. Arrants of New York, Miss Arrants of New York, Mrs. John Enders, Mrs. C. P. Lathrop, Mrs. Thomas Bolling, Mrs. Allan Donnan, Mrs. William Talbott, Mrs. Charles E. Smith, Mrs. Levin Joynes, Mrs. R. G. Cabell, Mrs. E. C. Mayo, Mrs. J. A. Welsh, Mrs. W. R. Trigg, Mrs. Moncure Perkins, Mrs. Bryden Tennant, Misses Bachmann, May Arrants of New York, Eugie Tennant, Helen Cameron Woolfolk of Kentucky, Lyle Jones of New York, Ellen Bruce of Halifax, Crampton of Washington, Lelia Montague of Baltimore, May Handy, Emma Barksdale, Bessie Addison, Nannie Lay, Bessie Lay, Lelia Myers, Fannie Ross, Hattie Ross, Bessie Martin, Nannie Burthe, Irene Langhorne, Virgie Brock, Netta Potts, Addie Johnson, Mary Anderson, Norma Walker, Evie Walker, Berta Wellford, Barton and Helen Ross, Virgie Archer, Elise Williams, Callie Ryland, Lou Adkins.

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On Tuesday a luncheon was given by Mrs. Thomas N. Carter which was very charming in every feature and proved that the graceful dispensation of hospitality by this accomplished young hostess was incapable of aught but success.

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