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THE SUMMER SEASON STARTED.

Beautiful Tuesday German at Lynchburg—A Number of Delightful Events Elsewhere—Personal Mention.

LYNCHBURG, VA., April 20, 1892.

THE Tuesday Club german opened the week brilliantly last night at Calisthenic Hall with about twenty-five couples.

The music furnished by the Italian band was fine, the floor in good condition, the dressing exceptionally tasteful, and the girls after their long Lenten rest looked as fresh as roses. What would you more? The german was led by Mr. Guy Langhorne with Miss Beck, of Philadelphia, and the following society belles and beaux were present: A. B. Percy with Miss Bessie Faulkner, H. Nicolas with Miss Bailey, William James with Miss Cora Glass, S. Keely with Miss Bolling of Wytheville, Tom Adams with Miss Nannie Hutter, Lawrence Sollenberger with Miss Maggie Payne, R. T. Clark of Roanoke with Miss Jennie Wellford, L. R. Moore with Miss Nina Holt, Bransford Adams with Miss Louise Langhorne, John Payne of Roanoke with Misss Hallie Hutter, Henry Humphreys with Miss Collins, Robert Dirom with Miss Preston, James Scott with Miss Norvell Otey, J. E. Shumate with Miss Shumate, Stephen Clark with Miss Kate Holt, Mr. Collins with Miss Amine Hamner, J. M. Otey with Miss Lula Glass, A. Figgatt with Miss Lizzie Graham of Lexington, Mat Carrington with Miss Alice Lee, G. E. Vaughn with Mrs. A. T. Powell, J. Duval Tyler with Miss Lillie Lee, J. B. Miller with Miss August, R. Howison with Miss Laura Langhorne.

The stags were Robert P. Bowyer, Peyton Marshall and George C. Hutter, and the chaperons were Mrs. C. E. Beald, Mrs. C. P. Poole, Mrs. E. S. Hutter and Mrs. John H. Lewis.

After the german a large and congenial party repaired to the residence of W. N. Wellford, Esq., on Clay street, where a recherche and delightful supper was given by Miss Wellford and the Misses Hutter, and enjoyed only as a party of german dancers can enjoy devilled crabs, ham sandwiches, olives, coffee and chocolate at 2:30 in the morning.

The tables were gracefully presided over by the charming young hostesses, and the beautiful rooms, adorned with growing plants and cut flowers of varied hues, were lighted by soft lamps, which shone on the bright young faces, showing no trace of weariness or fatigue, even at that weird and unearthly hour!

The Fortnightly Club held its last meeting for the season on Tuesday night at the residence of Captain C. M. Blackford, on Diamond Hill.

As previously agreed upon, the usual essay and readings were dispensed with in favor of an informal discussion as to the best means to foster and preserve an active interest and participation on the part of members. Many valuable suggestions were made, and the occasion was a most enjoyable one, in respect both to the literary and social entertainment.

A very delightful "Kaffee Klatsch" was given on Wednesday afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock by Mrs. John H. Lewis, Court street, in honor of her guests, Mrs. John Hunters, Jr., and Mrs. Moncure Perkins, both of Richmond. The tables were exquisite with their floral decorations of La France roses and apple blossoms, each lady of the receiving party wearing a spray of the latter as a bouquet de corsage. Miss Hutter, the niece of Mrs. Lewis, presided at the coffee table and served the fragrant beverage in dainty cups of Sevres, while Miss Nannie Hutter was the genius of the punch bowl, and either the young lady herself was very charming or else the punch especially alluring, for the truth compels us to record that the corner where it was generously dispensed was the point of interest and centre of attraction.

Salads, beautiful breads, olives, almonds, raspberry cream and other delicacies made a menu that was particularly enjoyed by the married ladies, many of the "Round Dozen Club" (of which Mrs. Lewis was at one time president) of pleasant memory being present.

Later in the evening some few favored members of the male sex were permitted to enter the charmed circle, and they seemed to appreciate the privilege accorded them as highly as it deserved.

Mrs. General J. A. Walker is in the city visiting Mrs. A. S. Payne.

Miss Lizzie Graham, of Lexington, who has been visiting Miss Norvell Otey, also left on yesterday, to the regret of many friends.

Miss August, of Warm Springs, Va., is again visiting in Lynchburg the family of Mr. S. C. Tardy, to the delight of the Lynchburgers.

Mr. Graham Robinson and bride, nee Miss Gill, of Baltimore, passed through the city yesterday en route to their home in Wythe county.

Miss Mollie Early has returned home from an extended trip through the West.

Dr. Dillard went to Richmond yesterday to attend the meeting of the State Medical Board.

Mrs. C. M. Borum and family left yesterday for their summer home near Strasburg.

To-day is the primary, and the "Hillites" and "Clevelandites" are out in force. Men who have not seen the sun rise for years were out this morning betimes.

All of the pretty Lynchburg school-girls who came home to spend Easter have returned to their respective seats of learning(?) and we miss them sadly.

The Concordia Glee Club, assisted by local talent, will give a concert at the Young Men's Christian Association Hall on Monday night next.

The Randolph-Macon Academy ball team will play a match game of base-ball with the Pantops Academy club in this city on May 3d.

The Pantops team are great ball players, having played the University of Virginia on a close score of 6 to 3 in favor of the "Varsity." Randolph-Macon will put out nine ball players hard to beat under Captain Boyle, of Baltimore. The game will be very interesting.

The Lynchburg German Club will give their first german after Easter on Friday night, May 1st, at Calisthenic Hall, beginning at 9:30 o'clock. Strangers are expected, and a brilliant time is anticipated. Will write you all about it. RUTH RIPPLE.

Danville.

DANVILLE, VA., April 23.—Surely this has been a lively week. Easter Monday was a glad holiday, and over half the population hied itself to the country to enjoy the breezes and to picnic. A thunder-storm broke up many happy parties, but on the whole the picnic people had a good time.

Monday night the much-talked-of "Merchants' Carnival Drill" came off. The Academy of Music was packed with people and the programme was a success in all particulars. The drilling of the Danville Military Institute was by Captain Saunders and the Society Amazonians by Major Goodwin.

Miss Skinner represented Estes & Wooding; Miss Selden represented Fourqurean, Price & Co., Richmond; Miss Mattie Gravely represented W. B. Brooks & Co.; Miss Kate Gravely represented Daily Register; Miss Pairo represented Danville Electric Street Car Company; Miss Clark represented Danville Electric Street Car Company; Miss Guerrant represented Fetzer, Overman & Williamson; Miss Goodson represented Jarck; Miss Walker represented F. O. Kidd; Miss Martin represented W. O. Strange; Miss Henderson represented Guerrant & Co.; Miss Jordan represented John W. Ferrell & Co.; Miss Taylor represented Riverside Cotton Mills; Miss Estes represented Dance Brothers & Co.; Miss Wooding represented Misses Avery; Miss Harvie represented W. J. Dance & Co. All the young ladies were handsomely attired and their drilling was perfection itself.

Probably the handsomest costume on the stage was that worn by the representative of Messrs. Fourqurean, Price & Co., of Richmond, Miss Maria Selden.

This performance was for the benefit of the Young Men's Christian Association and netted a handsome sum.

On Tuesday evening a brilliant audience witnessed at the Academy of Music the charming comedy drama "A Scrap of Paper," as rendered by the Danville amateurs. The members of the company were leading society people, and it was conceded that their performance was the best amateur performance of the kind ever given in the city.

The cast was as follows: Prosper Couramont, George C. Cabell, Jr.; Baron De La Glaciere, George G. Temple; Brisemouch, Landed Proprietor and Naturalist, Scott Watson; Anatole, his ward, Freeman Dance; Baptiste, servant, P. H. Dalton; Francois, servant to Prosper, W. W. Keen; Louise De La Glaciere, Miss Mattie Clark; Mlle. Suzanne De Russeville, cousin to Louise, Miss Maria Selden; Zenobia, sister to Brisemouch, Mrs. Simms; Mathilde, sister to Louise, Miss Kate Gravely; Madame Dupont, housekeeper, Mrs. Harrison Robertson; Pauline, maid, Miss Fannie Harvie.

So heartily was the play enjoyed that there is a general demand for its repetition.

The new city hall has been a scene of beauty this week, for there the Ladies' Benevolent Society people held a bazaar for the benefit of the Home for the Sick. It was a miniature industrial exposition with ample fun and frolic interspersed. The bazaar commenced on Wednesday and closed Friday night, the result being very gratifying financially and otherwise.

Next week promises also to be a very gay one. The Easter german Monday night promises to be the most pleasant affair of the kind ever given in Danville, as every arrangement has been made to make it a complete success. The spacious hall of the new municipal building has been secured for the occasion, and will be gayly decorated with flags, bunting and flowers. The Raleigh band will furnish music for the sixty or more couples who will grace the occasion, among whom will be several ladies and gentlemen from Reidsville, Greensboro and Lynchburg.

Miss Ada Pace, of Richmond, is the guest of Miss Lettie Pace.

Mrs. M. H. Coleman is visiting friends in Richmond.

Misses Marie and Bessie DeWitt, of Lynchburg, are visiting Miss Daisy White.

Miss Carpenter, of Lynchburg, is the guest of Miss Bessie Bouldin.

Miss Annie Wilkins, of Pittsylvania, is visiting Mrs. Greenhow Maury.

Miss Mollie Morgan, of Salem, N. C., is visiting Miss Pattie Spencer.

Mrs. W. P. Averett has returned from a visit to Winston.

Mrs. W. E. Griggs has returned from a visit to the same place.

Rev. Frank Stringfellow will lecture here Monday night on "Scout Life in Lee's Army."

Misses Dora Mitchell and Anna Morris, of Henry county, are visiting in the city.

A cablegram announces the safe arrival of Mrs. John G. Covington and family at Bremen.

Lexington.

LEXINGTON, VA., April 22.—The past Lenten week opened with a german on Monday night at McCrum's Hall. The stereotyped phrase of being looked forward to with much pleasure wouldn't serve in this article, as everybody knew it would rain and there would be no chance for new spring dresses. A few were out just the same. It was withal a very enjoyable affair. Mrs. Colonel Pendleton, Virginia Military Institute, and Mrs. Haskins, of Lexington, were the chaperons. The following young ladies and gentlemen were present: Misses Maggie Graham, Hopkins, Shepp, Semmes, Williamson, Pendleton and Lizzie Graham. Messrs. W. B. Henderson, Ransom, Stovall, Jordan, E. Sproule, Martin, Smith, Cunningham, Land, Hudson, Mourning, Groner, Bullett, Figgatt, Goode, Robinson, Hobson, Letcher and Gilkerson, Captain S. B. Walker and Colonel Pendleton, Virginia Military Institute.

A few of our society people attended the german in Lynchburg Tuesday night. Among the members were Mr. S. P. Figgatt, of the bank of Lexington, and Miss Lizzie Graham, one of our most popular belles.

Mr. J. N. Jones, of Richmond, with a party consisting of Messrs. Jones and Turner and Mr. Cooke, visited Lexington in a tourist car on the Chesapeake and Ohio Sunday.

Two parties of Staunton school girls (always welcome visitors here) passed through the city the city this week en route to the Natural Bridge. One was from Miss Baldwin's school and was chaperoned by Madame Jarmin. Misses Foster, Willard, Houghwout, Casewell, Davis, Scoville and Stricklen made up the party. The other party consisted of Misses Castex, Robertson and Farrar, who were going with Miss Sadie Anderson to her home at Rockbridge, Bath county, to spend Easter.

Major Thomas Gillmore, of the Greenbrier Male Academy, which was destroyed by fire last week, will locate at Lexington.

Miss Bertha Howell is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Belle White is in Baltimore and Washington visiting friends.

Miss Helen Gay, of Minnesota, is the guest of Colonel John A. R. Varner.

Mrs. D. E. Laird, of Lewisburg, W. Va., is visiting friends here.

Professor and Mrs. Nelson, of the University, have as their guest their daughter, Mrs. W. S. Forrester, of Louisville, Ky.

One of the big events of next week will be the launching of the University's new boat, the "Annie Joe." This magnificent new flyer has been in town several days, but the ceremony of christening and launching has been detained by the inability of General Fitz Lee to be present. He will make the speech of the occassion. The boat will be christened by little Louise Haskins. It is named in honor of a very popular young lady of Lexington and a great favorite of the students.

Mr. A. T. Barclay will represent the Lexington church at the Presbyterian Elders' convention in Richmond.

Petersburg.

PETERSBURG, VA., April 22.—[Special.]—A most delightful german was given a night or two ago at the residence of Captain S. S. White, in Dinwiddie county. The following were among the couples who participated: Mr. I. W. White and Miss Hattie Jones, Mr. W. C. Rives and Miss Bettie Powell, Mr. William Powell and Miss Mary Edmunds, Mr Thompson Baskerville and Miss Iva Lucy, Mr. John D. Rives and Miss Alice Jones, Mr. Guy Wedlock and Miss Fannie Rives, Mr. Kennedy Powell and Miss Lucy White, Mr. Charles Edmunds and Miss Helen Wedlock, Mr. Taylor and Miss Carrie Hardy, Mr. T. C. Lucy and Mrs. T. C. Lucy, Mr. T. W. Neblett and Mrs. T. W. Neblett. During the evening a fine supper was served.

Misses Maggie and Louise Zimmer are on a visit to friends at City Point.

Mr. George S. Pickrell, of the United States Navy, and Mrs. Pickrell are in the city.

Judge W. H. Mann is in the city.

Misses Berta and Maggie Wright, of Ashland, who have been spending their Easter holidays with Misses Bettie and Mattie Wright, have returned home.

Miss Susie Williams, of Lynchburg, is on a visit to Miss Belle Green on High street.

Misses Hawkins and Watson, of West Point, are on a visit to the Misses Tennant.

Miss M. Scott Woody, of Lynchburg, is on a visit to friends in this city.

Dr. J. T. Watson and Mrs. Watson, of Philadelphia, are in the city, the guests of Mr. Peter Arrington on High street.

Mrs. McElrath, of Radford, is here on a visit to her parents.

Mrs. John Hawkins, who has been on a visit to her daughter, in Bristol, Tenn., has returned home.

Mrs. Fannie Fisher, of Richmond, is on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Couper, on west High street.

Miss Lena Adkins, who has been visiting friends at Disputanta, in Prince George county, has returned home.

Miss Maggie Baylor, of Norfolk, is on a visit to friends here.

Miss Susie E. Granger has gone on a visit to friends and relatives at Burkeville and Crewe.

Miss Jessie Ramkey, of Richmond, is on a visit to friends in Petersburg.

Mr. M. R. Saal, of Baltimore, is in the city.

Mrs. James Micon, of Baltimore, is on a visit to Mrs. W. E. Morrison.

Miss Ashbey, of Fredericksburg, is on a visit to Mrs. William H. Camp.

Mrs. Frank Massie, of Charlottesville, is spending some days with friends in Petersburg.

Mrs. C. R. Haines has gone to Norfolk on a visit.

Miss Nonie Leath has returned home, after a visit of some weeks to friends in Norfolk.

Charlottesville.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., April 23.—The past week has been marked by two brilliant affairs, the leap year german and the annual Easter german, the latter by the Eli Bananas. The former occurred in the University library and was a bal poudre. The young ladies were gowned in pink with hair powdered after the manner of a by-gone day. The gentlemen wore dress suits faced with pink, and the further antique style of lace cuffs and collars was observed. The supper at midnight was a very elegant affair, the ladies serving their cavaliers with all the grace that made the olden days at the old Virginia capital so delightful to our cavalier great-grandfathers.

The german was led by Miss Maud Burthe and Miss Virginia Mason to the music of Thilow's orchestra. In the beautiful train which they led were Miss Bessie Martin and Miss Maggie Ferguson of Richmond, Miss Shumate of Lynchburg, Miss Frank Brown and Miss Alexander of Savannah, Miss Old of Norfolk, Miss Barringer of North Carolina, Miss Digges of Missouri, Miss Stewart of Washington, Miss Estelle Burthe, Miss Mary Roscoe Randolph, Miss Antoinette Burthe and Miss Adele Burthe of the University, Miss Marcy Cochran, Miss Margaret Mason, Misses Moran, Miss Annie Frice, Miss Lucy Maury, Miss Evie Bowcock and Miss Annie Maury of Charlottesville, Miss Lizzie Hancock and the Misses Perkins of Albemarle.

Among the gentlemen were Messrs. W. R. Gordon, R. Greene, Pinkney, Stewart, Heath, J. B. Robertson, Shelton, Blackford, Murray McGuire, T. Sims, R. Mason, Beasley H. Norton, George Mason, Maury, Harvey, Bernard Harrison, Andre Burthe, Harden, Tuttle, H. Randolph, T. Lee, Michie, Taylor, McCormick, Dr. Magruder, Leake, Bryan Marshall, Calhoun, Lassiter, Leake Bryan, N. Randolph, Hollins Randolph, Lee Thurman, Thomas, Cockrell, J. Mason, Cameron, George Ainslie, Hanckel, Ramsay, August, Dillard Peter, Thornley, Mulligan Tilton.

The chaperons were Mrs. Burthe, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Randolph, Mrs. Mallett, Mrs. Whitemore, Mrs. Perkinson, Mrs. Rosser, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Moran, Mrs. Maury, Mrs. Maverick, Mrs. Glenn, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Barringer.

Elis' german took place in Washington Hall Thursday night. The hall was beautifully decorated. I have room only for the names of old Elis present, who were Messrs. Kinney of Staunton, Andre Burthe of New York, Walter Taylor of Washington, Corse of Roanoke, George Ainslie of Richmond, James L. Gordon and George W. Morris of this city.

The contest for the orator's medal, given by the Jefferson Literary Society, took place last evening in the public hall of the University. Mr. Lewis H. Machlen, of Fairfax, Va., was the successful orator. His subject was "Father Damien, the Hero of Molokai." Mr. James D. Johnston, Roanoke, Va., probably received the loudest applause for a few sentences eulogistic of Grover Cleveland. The music by the college orchestra was very fine.

The eight-year-old child of Mr. W. P. Maupin, of White Hall, died yesterday.

Mrs. M. H. S. Long is at Old Point Comfort.

Mrs. T. L. Williamson, of New Market, is visiting her father, Mr. Drury Burnley, of this place.

Mrs. Dr. Koethe, of Brooklyn, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Dr. Miller.

Miss Charlotte Cochran, of Fauquier, is visiting the Misses Bryant.

Miss Eliza Nelson has returned from Alabama.

Mrs. C. D. Carter (nee Duffner), of Richmond, is quite ill.

Miss Julia Peyton is in Richmond.

Mrs. Caldwell Pattie, of Warrenton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. W. Brand.

Captain Eugene Davis and Professor Garnett are the delegates from Christ church to the Episcopal Council, which meets in Danville next week.

Mr. T. P. Edwards is in the city.

Mr. G. W. Spooner, city engineer, has gone on a visit of inspection to several Western cities. When he returns he will report to the city council his observations on street and sidewalk construction.

Fredericksburg, Va.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 23.—One of the most enjoyable events of the week was the entertainment given Friday night in the Opera-house by the Fredericksburg Auxiliary to the Masonic Fair now in progress in Richmond. Our people turned out in large numbers and patronized liberally the various booths, supper table, ice cream saloon, etc., until midnight. The management of this affair was under the direction of Mrs. Joseph Hable, president of the Auxiliary; Mrs. John S. Taliaferro, vice-president; Mrs. George H. Chewning, secretary, and Mrs. W. T. Dix, treasurer, assisted by a number of fair young ladies. A large sum was realized, which will be forwarded to Mrs. J. H. Capers, in Richmond.

A large number of persons of this city went to Berea church, about four miles from this city, Wednesday evening to witness the marriage of Mr. Henry A. Crittenden, a prominent citizen of Stafford county, to Miss Hattie M. Brewer, youngest daughter of Mr. C. W. Brewer. Rev. Dr. T. S. Dunaway was the officiating clergyman. Mr. W. L. Amiss, of this city, acted as best man and Miss Nannie Brewer was the maid of honor. Ushers: Messrs. W. N. Blake, George P. King, C. J. Chartters and Dr. J. E. Tompkins. Miss Addie Beckwith, of this city, presided at the organ and played the wedding march. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, growing plants and evergreens. After the ceremony the bridal party went to the home of the bride's parents, where a handsome reception was held, and later the bride and groom went North on a bridal tour.

On April 19th, at the residence of the bride's brother-in-law, Mr. B. F. Nalls, in Fairfax county, Mr. James T. Blackburn, of Stafford county, was married to Miss Elizabeth V. Howell, daughter of the late John Howell, of Alexandria, Va., Rev. J. H. Davidson officiating.

Cards are out for the marriage of Mr. Charles L. Franklin to Miss Lou, daughter of Mr. Henry Ebert, both of this city. The ceremony will take place in the Presbyterian chapel on Thursday next, April 28th, at 8:30 P. M.

Messrs. W. H. Hurkamp and George B. Pearson have returned from a visit to friends in Washington.

Mrs. C. W. Edrington, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. John W. Stone, in Washington, D. C., has returned home.

Miss Lillie Bullock, of Spotsylvania county, was visiting friends here this week.

Miss Jennie Smith has returned from Old Point, where she spent some time with friends.

Miss Jeannette Bradley, one of the most popular of our society belles, is in Richmond, the guest of Miss Carrie P. Moore, on west Grace street.

Miss Emma Laube, of Richmond, was in the city several days this week, the guest of Miss Mary A. Griffin, at her elegant home on B street.

Miss Fannie Leavell, of Spotsylvania county, is visiting her grandfather, Mr. John M. Leavell, in Culpeper.

Miss Nannie Morton, of Orange county, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Cowardin, in Richmond.

Miss Mary Frazer has returned to her home in Orange county, after a pleasant visit to relatives here.

Mr. Charles Herndon has returned home from New York.

Miss Sue Starke, of Richmond, is spending some time with Mr. W. H. Cunningham and family, on B street.

Mr. Eugene Foster, of this city, has returned home from a visit of several days to relatives and friends in Washington, D. C.

Misses Mamie and Lucy Sthreshley, of Stafford county, were the guests of friends here this week.

Miss Emma Walker has returned from Washington, where she spent some time visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Ida Dixon, of Spotsylvania county, has returned from a visit to relatives and friends in Bridgeport, Conn.

Mr. Charles Clarke, of Fairfax county, and Miss Martha Abel, of Stafford county, were married in Washington last Wednesday.

Staunton.

STAUNTON, VA., April 23.—A german was given Wednesday night at Hotel Mozart by Mrs. William H. Cooke to her daughters and their friends. This was the first time for many weeks that the young folks had been able to indulge in this merry device, and it was all the same enjoyed. Mr. Hampton Wayt and Miss Clemence Cooke led the german, and many new and beautiful figures were introduced. Favors were used in nearly all the sets, and this added very much to their beauty. Among the young ladies present were: Miss Cooke, New York, in white brocaded silk trimmed in swansdown; Miss Clemence Cooke, gray net and silk Marechal Neil roses; Miss Niler Fowle, white and blue mull; Miss Florie Williams, blue challie; Miss Lillian Arthur, pink mousseline de soie; Miss Ellie Foster, lavender silk and gauze; Miss Etta Everett, Kentucky, net over green silk; Miss Carrie Opie, Baltimore, Md., black net over Nile green silk; Miss Foster, Shrieveport, la green silk and chiffon; Miss Dyer, New Orleans, cream China silk; Miss Ellen Guigon, embroidered mull. Some of the gentlemen present were: Messrs. Worthington, Woodward, Sublett, Hilliary, Murray, Nelson, Bumgardner and many others.

The chaperons were: Mrs. Dalls, Mrs. R. S. Turk, Mrs. H. H. Kenkle and Mrs. B. Stevens Cooke. Delightful refreshments were served all during the evening.

A quiet but exceedingly pretty wedding took place Thursday morning at the residence of Mr. George P. Baker, at which Miss Nellie Kelterborn and Mr. Fulton Dale, both of Sayannah, Ga., were married. Miss Kelterborn has been a pupil at the Augusta Female Seminary for some time, and had made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Baker, so was married from their house. Mr. and Mrs. Dale left immediately for Niagara Falls, the lakes and as far west as California.

The ladies of the city mission gave a charming entertainment last night at the opera house. The house was well-filled and the ladies realized a nice sum for their good work.

Mrs. H. Wayt King and son left yesterday for a visit to Norfolk and the Eastern Shore, Va.

Thomas Ruse and wife, of Charlotte, N. C., are in town with their father, Dr. P. B. Ruse.

James Ker, Jr., ticket agent of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, left last night for Washington. He will spend several days with friends there. His sister is here. Miss Jennie McCue accompanied him.

Miss Maude Cooke has gone to Huntington, W. Va. She will be there some time.

Professor Bobertson, superintendent of public schools, is so much pleased with the industrial element in the Boston schools which he has been visiting that he proposes introducing it into our schools next session. So we will soon have graduates in cooking and such useful arts.

Superintendent E. C. Glass, of Lynchburg, visited the Staunton schools yesterday.

Miss Chloe Sams, of Baltimore, and Miss Ada Baker, of Norfolk, are the guests of Mrs. J. Addison Cooke, east Beverly street.

Mrs. Lieutenant Dabney and Mrs. Dabbs returned from Washington a few days ago.

Miss Minnie Wilson, of Chicago, who has been with her sister, Mrs. George F. Wilson, for the past week, returned home Friday night.

Mrs. Dr. Blackford went to Lynchburg, her old home, to spend Easter, and is still there.

Mrs. B. T. Bagby left for Richmond a few days since to visit Mrs. A. E. Heinrick.

Mrs. Jonas Hayeman is visiting her mother, Mrs. Litterman, of Charlottesville.

Norfolk.

NORFOLK, VA., April 23.—There is hardly a girl in town whose conscience reproaches her on neglecting Lenten duties, because not a day has passed that every one has not gone to church at least once and perhaps twice, but now that is all over, and for the first two or three days one hardly knew what to do with oneself in the afternoon, time hung so heavily. However, that too is over, and any afternoon couples may be seen strolling quite amicably over the bridge or leaning on the breakwater of one of Norfolk's many attractive points. Here Easter Sunday was such a sweet day that not a soul could complain of the weather, so every one appeared in their very best and went to church in a contented and happy frame of mind. Quite a gay week has been spent by the society people of Norfolk. On Monday night there was quite an attraction at the theatre, as the Johns Hopkins Glee and Banjo Clubs gave their annual entertainment there, which was largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. After the concert Miss Ramsay gave a very handsome reception at her home, on Bute street, to her guest, Miss Franklin, of Philadelphia.

The house was exquisitely dressed in cut-flowers and growing plants and the rooms were brilliantly lighted, while the soft lights of the halls and alcoves were very pleasant to those who were inclined for a tete-a-tete, and from all that could be seen a good many were inclined. Among those present were Misses Emily Baker, Bessie Taylor, Fannie Leigh, Pattie Taylor, Lilly Fahr, Mary Taylor, Sallie Walke, Minnie Baker, Bessie Chamberlin, Sue Yeatman, Louise Due Barry, Bell Irvine, Blanche Taylor, Lizzie Taylor, Annie Vaughn, Clara Borum, Nina Taylor, Margaret Wrenn, Lucy Baylor, Mary Southall, Mrs. George Hodson, Mrs. Grant and Mrs. W. H. Kennedy. All of the John Hopkins Glee Club were present and also among others were Messrs. Robert Baldwin, Turner Battle, Walter Willard, William Baldwin, B. N. Leigh, French Lighlman, P. Byrd Thompson, William Preston, Tyler Smith, Meade Osbourne, Richard Byrd, Frank E. Wilcox, Stuart Johns, Leighton Hubard, Kensey Johns, Edward Baid and Edward Hanewinckel.

On Tuesday evening the Assembly gave its last and most brilliant ball of the season at the Montefiore Hall. The young ladies were all dressed in fancy costumes, which added considerable to the interest of the ball. Besides the dancers there were a great many spectators who watched with a good deal of interest the roles and how they were carried out. At about 12 o'clock a very handsome supper was served in the banquet hall of the Montefiore. Among the delicacies were raw oysters, spring chicken and French peas, tomatoes and mayanaise dressing, oyster patties, croquettes, salmon and French dressing, strawberries, cream, ices, coffee and punch. Among those present were: Misses Fannie Leigh, dresed as Folly; Lucy Baylor, Dresden Shepherdess; Jennie Blamire, Tambourine Girl; Bessie Chamberlain, Evangeline; Marion Stires, Kate Greenaway; Maggie Blamire, Mary, Queen of Scots; Patty Taylor, Lady Capulet; Kate Bell, Psyche; Bessie Allyn, in silk attire; Nina Taylor, Gretchen; Pink Ramsay, Swiss Peasant; Sue Yeatman, Dolly Varden; Annie Hume, Shepherdess; Eloise White, Spaniard; Emily Baker, Hyacinth; Lilly Fahr, Woman in White; Minnie Baker, Spring; Ethel Bain, Sweet Anne Page; Mrs. Hobson, Fisher Maid; Mrs. Kennedy, Kate Greenaway; Mrs. Reed, Folly.

The Easter german given by the Norfolk German Club came off on Friday night at the Montefiore ball; It was quite a brilliant affair and largely attended.

Williamsburg.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., April 23.—The season of abstinence from worldly pleasure having been broken by the advent of Easter, invitations were sent out several days ago to a german to be given on Friday night, the 22d instant, but on yesterday the rain poured down all day, and as night approached it increased in volume and was accompanied by a brilliant electric display. Notwithstanding this, our lovers of the dance were intent upon paying their devotions at the shrine of Terpsichore, so about 9 o'clock the rattle of carriages was heard conveying the faithful through rain and storm to Cameron Hall, which in a short time presented a brilliant scene. Amid strains of sweet music and merry laughter the revellers were soon oblivious to the high carnival being held by Jupiter Pluvius and "on went the merry dance." The chaperons were Mrs. R. B. Scott, Mrs. C. W. Coleman and Mrs. John B. Spencer. The following belles and beaux were present: Miss Jennie Morecock with Mr. R. C. L. Moncure, Miss Elizabeth Morecock with Mr. J. H. Parr, Miss Bessie Cannon of Norfolk with Mr. F. K. S. Smith, Miss Pattie Morecock with Mr. W. A. Van Ness, Miss I. Scott with Mr. O. T. Edwards, Miss Henrietta Booth with Professor H. S. Baird, Miss Bessie Scott with Mr. Charles W. Coleman, Miss Virgie Armistead with Mr. Lee S. Guy of Norfolk, Miss Meta Smith with Mr. Page Van R. Stires of Norfolk, Miss Rosa Emory with Dr. Baker of Richmond, Miss Virginia Peachy Wise with Mr. W. H. Webster. Among the stags present were Mr. Ewell Scott of Newport News, Mr. Harry Humphreys of Old Point, Mr. James Bickford and Mr. John W. Brown of Hampton.

The dance was led by Mr. Charles Washington Coleman in truly artistic style, and the music was furnished by Professor Paulo Mosquio's orchestra.

Notice was posted yesterday calling a meeting of the ex-Confederates at the court-house at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of making an effort to organize here a Confederate camp. Owing to the weather the meeting was postponed until to-night.

Mrs. R. M. Smith with her daughters, Miss Meta and Edith and Miss Elizabeth Morecock, leave on Monday on a visit to Washington city.

The Turf Association of James City county was organized yesterday at Toano with Norvell Henley as president. A track is being laid off near Lightfoot station.

Rev. Mrs. T. C. Page and her sister, Miss Mackie Powers, of Clarke county, who has been visiting here for some time, left for Richmond yesterday to visit relations.

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IN SOCIETY'S REALMS.

FELIX ON CONVERSATIONAL ART.

One of the Qualities Which the Modern Society Devotee Greatly Lacks—Marriage of Miss McIntosh and Mr. Morton.

IN LIFE we are confronted with many an unmodified motto which, in reality, has the narrowest limitations. "Speech is silver and silence is gold," sounds ponderously wise and full of discretion, yet silver is the current coin which enriches the treasury and in its interchange makes sweeter music by its resonant chink than was ever dreamed of by the weighty, unsociable presence of gold. Fame, fortune nor happiness have ever yet been reached through the golden medium of silence, though they may been lost through the too careless handling of silvery speech. Its "active voice" is even then preferable to the uncomfortable, mysterious and brooding "passive voice."

It is lamentably true that one of the lost arts of our social age is that of conversation. Never was any generation so rich in themes, any nation with so prolific a vocabulary—a great garden of events and thoughts in full and beautiful blossom—and we cull the flowers generously if at random, but take not the pains or lack the power to gather them into an artistic bouquet of conversation with any regard for harmony or care for the contrasts of colors.

Occasionally one meets with a fluent and brilliant talker, but such powers we find are almost as purely a gift from nature as are the refreshing oases in the midst of the desert, for rarely, if ever, is the art taken up as a graceful and still more useful accomplishment and made the capital of one's attractions, as it did of the immortal De Stael.

Art has sent its far-reaching and illuming rays into every other branch of society, and why this, the very key-note on the sounding board of culture, should be left untouched and dumb, save in the general service of utility, is a strange torpidity of one of the members of ambition.

We all talk; that is, we cover the ground in the immediate neighborhood of our life; but it is as jerky, unsettled and spasmodic, very like a horse-car trip on a rough track, where the effort is to land you at some objective point, and it matters not how. A sudden shaking up, now a brief, smooth run, then off the track and on again, a stand-still for somebody to get off, a sudden stoppage for some one else to get on, and there you are, with no conception of the route, or any definite knowledge of your exact whereabouts. The next time you undertake a conversation with the old Latin meaning of the word "easy talk," in even the most cultivated of drawing-rooms, see if it has not proved to be the Italian term "gab," from gabbare, "to talk loosely," and mentally you have had an unsteady horse-car trip.

In this practical period conversation as an art in social life seems to carry with it some vague idea of pedantry, a fatiguing march upon stilts, or a preconcerted plan of ready-made talk. Pas de tonte, or let us pray to be delivered from all such. The whole charm of conversation lies in its spontaniety, its naturalness and freedom of range, where no effort or exertion is made and the mind follows no guide but inclination. Bookishness in conversation is only exceeded in bad taste and stupidity by "shop," yet without the knowledge of books loquaciousness has no power of attraction beyond "a tinkling cymbal and sounding brass." Reading should only have that influence upon the mind which the life giving stream of water has flowing through fertile lands, making to spring up new germs and invigorating the soil so that the great trees are stronger and the small flowers brighter and the lowly grass of the fields a fresher food for the roaming herd.

The poet Cowper has better embodied something of this thought in the lines—

"If conversation in its better part
May be esteemed a gift and not an art;
Yet much depends, as in the tiller's toil,
On culture and the sowing of the soil.
Words learned by rote a parrot may rehearse,
But talking is not always to converse."

The most distinctive gift of conversation, for it is rarely acquired, is the charming faculty which some people possess of unconsciously inserting the sparkling fluid of vitality into the most commonplace incidents related; such magic tongues as can turn aught it wills into values as the touch of King Midas transformed twigs and pebbles into gold. This natural style of drawing bold, striking outlines, filled in with unexpected angles and unique climaxes, is always entertaining because totally lacking in monotony, but it is one of these situations dependent upon what the literary world talks so much of now as "the point of view." Such talkers consider treatment more than they do the subject, and therein lies the delicacy and rarity of such a gift. A stretch of wintry moorland, a bare, cold rock here and there and above a dull and leaden sky is dreary and unpicturesque enough in nature. Under the skillful reproduction of a true born artist it makes a picture famous for its wondrous effects in variations upon one tone and marvelous absence of monotony where all was monotonous. Such is the scope for art to rival nature and a clever talker to wax brilliant over nothing.

Perhaps the most agreeable essential in conversation is that quality which we call "tact" and the French name "savoir faire." Its germinator is true kindheartedness, with the effort as well as desire to make all who converse with you at ease and self-satisfied, but its accomplishment is only acquired with a cool as well as graceful judgment. The reconteur, the anecdoter, should have a most conspicuous amount of tact in his capabilities to avoid that unhappy accident of inadvertently "stepping on other people's toes." Sydney Smith warned us against such unkindness as well as ill breeding when he wrote: "Do not describe an execution in the drawing-room of a host whose grandfather was hanged at Tyburn Hill."

The great Tallyrand's monumental diplomacy was but the more ambitious service of tact. On one occasion the wily Madam Recamier thought to entrap him and naively asked, "Tallyrand, if Madam de Stael and myself were both to fall into the river which would you try to rescue first?" Replied the invincible smooth tongued, "Why Madam de Stael, of course, as a woman of your universal accomplishments would be sure to know how to swim."

We hear in the scientific world of "generators" for heat, steam, electricity, &c. The same power for the impetus of conversation might be termed "stimulators," for without this accumulating and encouraging force the machinery of thought refuses to do ample work. It is at this point that the "silence more eloquent than words" is felt in its most potent existence. It we recall those whose society has afforded us the most pleasure, if we are not mistaken, we will find them to have been those who seldom opened their