

THE SOCIAL GATHERINGS

VARIOUS PLEASANT AFFAIRS IN ALL PARTS OF THE STATE.

A Week's Record of Dinners, Receptions, Germans, Parties, Weddings and All Such Like.

LYNCHBURG, Dec. 11.—One of the most pleasing and original entertainments it has ever been our good fortune to attend came off at the Calisthenic Hall on Monday night. It was gotten up by Mrs. P. J. Dixon, of the Reading Circle of the King's Daughters, for the benefit of the W. B. F. A. of St. Paul's church, and was successful from start to finish. It commenced with a bright little comedietta entitled "The Only Young Man in Town," that interesting and much best individual being represented by Dr. Charles M. Blackford, and his persecutors and admirers Misses Louise Langhorne, Lucy Morris, Hattie Hutter, Jessie Faulkner, Mollie Kinler, Katie Blake and Imogene Zeale. Their efforts to entrap and inveigle the innocent and unwary youth into their snares were laughable in the extreme; one of the charms was musical, two or three of a domestic turn, one giddy and fond of dancing, skating, etc., and another literary. The last undertaker to read Ralph Waldo Emerson aloud to him, but discovers that he has read to him, and he has fled in dismay, and solves herself with his overcoat, which she has left on a chair when he had his hasty retreat and fondly clasps it to her bosom! The domestic girl discovers that she has a fearful cough and prescribes a dose of home-made cordial, but before she has time to pour it from the bottle he fastidiously starts out a side door, and rather than so good a remedy should be wasted, and being like John Bull's wife, of a "frugal mind," she drinks it herself. But it is the widow (as usual) who while the rest are displaying and discussing their several accomplishments, she, sitting by the fire and silent in her becoming little cap and weeds, suddenly declares that she must leave, and bears off "the only young man in town," a willing captive in her sable train.

The whole thing was well cast and admirably rendered, and the large audience showed their appreciation by repeated applause.

After the play was over the celebrated "Peak Sisters," hailing from Alaska, made their bows and proceeded to give one of the most varied and enjoyable concerts ever heard in Lynchburg. Under the skillful management of their sister and director, Miss Jennie Vandergrift, who favored the audience with an interesting account of the "Peak" family's misfortunes and vicissitudes in early life, and finally surmounting difficulties and attaining success, these twelve charming women gave an exhibition of their respective talents that was truly remarkable.

Another of these gifted beings sang "Bonnie, Sweet Bessie," and her sympathetic and cultivated voice charmed every one present. The ladies were to be congratulated for providing such a "feast of good things" for the cultivated people who attend.

The First Baptist church was the scene on Thursday afternoon of one of the prettiest marriages that has ever occurred in our city. The bride was the attractive young daughter of our well-known townsman, Mr. Lewis Preston Collins, formerly of Augusta county, now of the local wholesale house of Messrs. Guggenheimer & Co. Miss Kate Ford was maid of honor, and Mr. Sidney Kelly best man. Rev. Dr. Felix Adams presided at the organ, and the attendants were as follows: Miss Edna Moorman, sister of the bride, with Mr. L. B. Craddock, Dr. W. P. Mathews of Manchester with Miss Ruth Jennings, Mr. T. A. Almond and Miss Bessie Collins, sister of the groom, Mr. James H. Milner with Miss Lelia Almond, Mr. Herbert Moorman, brother of the bride and Miss Nannie Vaughan. The ushers, six in number, alternated in couples and single file. Crossing in front of the altar they took positions on either side of the chancel. They were: Messrs. E. P. Shaffer, T. L. Young, C. C. Rowlett, B. B. Byland, A. R. Carrington and V. C. Smith. The ceremony over, Mr. and Mrs. Collins took the Norfolk and Western train for a tour North, followed in their new relation with the congratulations and best wishes of a host of friends.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Norvell Otey, daughter of Colonel Kirkwood Otey, of this city, and Mr. James A. Scott, at Court-street Methodist church, December 22d, at noon. Invitations have been received in the city to the marriage of Miss Mary Virginia Minnetree, daughter of Colonel Joseph P. Minnetree, of Washington, D. C., to Dr. Horatio Bust Nollfield, on Wednesday, December 21st, at the Church of the Ascension. The future bride has frequently visited in Lynchburg, and is well known and much admired by many friends here.

Mr. B. E. Floyd and Miss Mary F. McGraw were married on Sunday by Rev. S. J. Ligan.

Rev. T. M. Carson has recovered from his recent indisposition and was well enough to leave on yesterday morning for Petersburg to attend a meeting of the missionary committee of the new diocese of Virginia, recently organized in this city.

Thornhill's condition on yesterday we learned was better, and Dr. John Walker was also resting more quietly.

Mr. Peter J. Williams had a chill on yesterday, and his friends are solicitous about him.

The little son of Mr. James Lee, of Daniel's Hill—Garnett—fell several days ago and broke his arm in two places. The friends of Mr. O. R. Pettyjohn will be sorry to learn that there is no change in his condition for the better.

Mr. T. W. Wilkins and Miss Ann Ambler were married on yesterday at the latter's home in Annerhet.

Miss Belle Walker, of Rocky Mount, was maid of honor at Mr. Wilkins' wedding of the groom, best man, Miss Lucy Lewis and Miss Lucy Walker were bridesmaids, attended by Dr. Craddock and Mr. Joe Lacy, as groomsmen. The Rev. T. M. Carson performed the ceremony, and a large party from Lynchburg went over to partake of the festivities. Among the guests were Mr. Samuel Eyles, Messrs. Harry, James and Allen Wilkins, brothers of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Christian and St. George Ambler. Many of the neighbors were also present. The house was gracefully decorated with vines and flowers, and a sumptuous luncheon was served, embracing all of the delicacies of the season—oysters, cold turkey, partridges, salads of all kinds, wines, cream, jellies, cakes and fancy breads. The bridal couple left on the afternoon train for a Northern tour, and the Hill City people returned home.

Mr. Harry Stabler was in the city on Sunday.

Mr. W. A. Miller went to Bedford City on business on yesterday.

Mr. Max Guggenheimer has gone to New York, and will be there at the Hotel Bayou until the 23d of December.

Twenty persons were baptized at the First Baptist church last Sunday night. They were converts of Mr. Noedham's meetings.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Blair Hadford, at his home in Bedford county, near Forest Depot, on Sunday morning. He was a brother of the late Winston Radford, Jr., who died about six months ago.

success. The proceeds will go to the new church fund.

Miss Lizzie Button gave the first of her December teas last Thursday between the hours of 4 and 6. A constant stream of pretty girls and handsome matrons were going in and coming out at the hours named.

Cards are out for a reception on Friday night at their home on Park avenue in Mr. and Mrs. George Fleming, given in honor of their brother, Mr. Frank Peyton Fleming, and bride.

Miss Ethel Toy left for her home in Atlanta yesterday. Her extreme regret at leaving her friends, as well as she has the numbers of friends and admirers she has made during her stay in our city, she has made during her stay in our city.

Mr. Frank Kinckle, Jr., son of our Mr. J. A. Kinckle, Esq., left on town train for same place (Atlanta), the same train for same place (Atlanta), to enter into the shoe business in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Dinger and their interesting little girl, Bertha, have gone to Aiken, S. C., for the health of the latter, who is sometimes seriously affected with bronchitis.

Miss Lena Alexander has returned from a pleasant visit to the Misses Carrington, at Kustburg.

Miss Mabel Hickson left for Richmond on Saturday for a visit to the family of Mr. Ashby Jones.

Miss Mamie Fauntleroy, of Lynchburg, has returned to her home on her way to Alexandria to visit her aunt, Mrs. Dr. Taylor.

Hon. Paul Edmunds also passed through the city yesterday on his way to Houston to be present at the marriage of his son Henry to Miss Riley on the 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bowman have returned from their wedding tour.

The young man interested in the subscription for the new building of the church, Mr. Charles Price's office, and decided to have the plan on Tuesday, December 21st, a committee was appointed to make all necessary arrangements, and a grand time is expected.

Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 17.— Society this week has been unusually quiet. This is owing mainly to the fact that nearly all of the society people are engaged in making preparations for the Christmas holidays. This interesting season's Christmas promises to be very lively here, and a number of entertainments are already being talked about.

The rage for marriages, so prevalent here in October and November, has extended to the county. Next week, about usual quiet of Massaponax church, about ten miles from this city, will be celebrated by the celebration of several weddings.

A large and fashionable audience was present at the Opera-House Friday night, for the occasion of the appearance here of the Schuman Quintette Concert Company. The music, both vocal and instrumental, was of a high order of merit, and was thoroughly appreciated by the audience, in which were a number of our most talented amateur musicians. The most talented amateur musicians of our county, Confederate Veterans, of Maury Camp, were in the audience.

The neighborhood of Widewater, in Stafford county, always a lively one, was unusually excited a few days ago over a number of very interesting races with local horses, given by the young men at Ardenkade, on the Potomac. Mr. Alfred Pyke's Sultan won the gentlemen's race, and Mr. Taylor Cooper's St. John captured the one for three-year-olds. The turnout and fashion of Widewater were well represented, and visitors from New York and England were also present. The races were exciting, the weather pleasant and the occasion an interesting one.

Cards have been issued for the marriage of Miss Lizzie Jones, daughter of Mr. W. M. Jones, of Caroline county, to Mr. William R. Trainham, of Richmond, the wedding to take place at Massaponax Baptist church, in this county, on Wednesday, December 21, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Mounce, of Richmond, are visiting friends in Caroline county.

There was never finer sport in hunting in this section than now. A few days ago Mr. Melville Johnson, of this county, killed a fine deer, weighing about 150 pounds, which fell within a few feet of the hunter in the wilderness.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Mr. William Berkeley Farish to Miss Irene Farish, both of Caroline county. The ceremony will take place at St. Peter's Episcopal church, Port Royal, Wednesday, December 21st.

Mr. James Carswell, of Rectortown, Fauquier county, spent several days in this city this week, the guest of Mr. Duff Green, on Eighth street.

Colonel Robert Beverley, of Fauquier county, was in the city this week on his way to Essex county, where he will visit his son, Mr. J. H. C. Beverley, and family.

The engagement of Mr. Lucian R. Colbert and Miss Daisy M. Bullock, both of this county, is publicly announced. The wedding will take place at Massaponax church, Tuesday, December 24th, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

Mr. Oscar A. Baker, of Washington, D. C., and Miss Emma Jett, of this county, will be married at the residence of the bride's parents Tuesday, December 27th.

Mr. J. D. Ficklen has returned from an extended visit to New York city.

Mr. Elmore K. Stokes, of Newport News, is in the city visiting relatives and friends.

Colonel H. Von Schon has returned from a ten days' visit to Philadelphia.

Judge James B. Sener, of Washington, D. C., spent several days here this week mingling with friends.

Mr. H. H. Wallace has returned from a visit to Washington city.

Mr. H. Clay Thomas, of Thomasville, N. C., is here for a ten days' visit.

Messrs. John and Luke W. White are visiting friends in North Carolina.

visiting Mr. D. C. Cole and family on Thursday street, left for her home in Henderson, N. C., this week.

Mrs. Ruggles Tallaferra is visiting friends and relatives in Norfolk.

Dr. D. J. Sale, of Essex county, was in the city this week.

Mr. W. H. Berrey has returned to his home in Baltimore after a pleasant visit to this city.

Miss Agnes P. Roach, of Madison county, is visiting relatives in Stafford.

Miss Estelle Cooper, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Baltimore for the past several weeks, has returned to her home in Stafford county.

Mr. Albert Sunderlin and wife, of New York, are "back here" in Stafford county, where they will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Weedon, who have been visiting friends in Washington, D. C., have returned to their home in Stafford county.

Staunton, Va., Dec. 17.—The entire week in Staunton's social circles has been uneventful. Not even a 5 o'clock tea has come off to break the dreadful calm.

Every one is too busy getting ready for Christmas to even think of gaieties. The streets and stores are filled with purchasers of the lovely Christmas goods, so that many hearts will be made glad on the glorious Christmas morn.

The new quarters of the "Beverly Club" have been finished, and the Club has moved. The rooms are well adapted for club purposes, and there is a rumor that some time during the holidays the members of the "Beverly" will tender to their lady friends one of the "sweetest" receptions of the season.

A sad accident happened to the little son of Mr. Camillus Kolner, of Swoope's, not far from Staunton, a few days since. The child was turning a grindstone, and standing on a very insecure platform. The grindstone fell on the boy, and the iron axis struck him in the eye, putting it entirely out. Dr. Henkle was sent for, and, together with Dr. Hartman, of Swoope's, removed the eye. It is visited by Mrs. C. G. Gause, of Iron Gate, is visited by Mrs. Benjamin Blackford, of this city.

Mrs. A. H. Fultz organized Wednesday afternoon a "Young Men's Christian Association and Temperance Union." The first year are: President, Mrs. Joseph Barkman; Vice-President, Miss Mary Williams; Secretary, Miss Katie Knowles; Treasurer, Miss Lillie Fuller.

Mr. Camoleon Sommers, one of the attaches of the Keeley Institute, of Martinsburg, W. Va., is in town making arrangements to open an institute here in a short while. A house has been secured for the purpose.

Miss Estelle Aust has recovered from a serious attack of typhoid fever, and is able to be out again.

The small boys are perfectly charmed at the city council granting them the privilege of shooting off as many fire-crackers as they like Saturday, the 21st, and Monday, the 22nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer H. Paine have gone to Richmond to visit Mrs. Robert Taylor.

Mrs. Dr. McChesney has returned from Richmond, where she has been with her daughters, Mrs. Yarborough and Mrs. Cone.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Catlett are in New York city.

Mrs. Alexander Nelson, of Roanoke, Va., is spending some time in Staunton with her sister, Mrs. John Stout.

Mrs. Judge Charles Grattan has gotten back from Port Defiance.

Misses Lizzie and Agatha Gay are visiting friends in New York.

Miss Marie Bruce has gotten back from Charlottesville, where she has been the guest of Misses Belle and Nora Moran.

Miss Page Osborne, of Petersburg, is in town, visiting Mrs. Thomas A. Bledsoe, Mrs. Ballard Boone is in Lexington, Va., spending some time with relatives.

The cadets of the Staunton Military Academy gave the "bright little play," "Alton's 1000 Men," at the Opera House last night. It was to help about paying the expenses of the various foot-ball games they expect to have.

Miss Susie McEurt, of Rockbridge county, is the guest of Judge and Mrs. Charles Grattan.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ker, Jr., have returned from a delightful visit to Washington.

Miss Nannie Graham, of Lexington, Va., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. George M. Cochran.

Miss Hattie Kolner has gone to New market to visit friends.

The first debate between the Harrisonburg and Staunton Debating Societies has been postponed until after Christmas.

Miss Ella Crane has gone to Millboro to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. R. S. Turk has gone to Richmond to spend several days.

Ludie, left this week for Baltimore. They will also visit friends in Philadelphia before they return.

Miss Helen Blair, daughter of Judge Henry Blair, of Salem, Va., is the guest of Mrs. Antrim.

The Rev. A. R. Moore, editor of the Missionary Weekly, of Richmond, was the guest yesterday of the Rev. B. A. Abbott, the associate editor of that paper.

Mr. George Wrenbaker is visiting his sister, Mr. Douglas Lettwich, in Richmond.

Dr. George D. Levy, of Staunton, has been here this week.

The Rev. A. L. Edwards is at Leesburg.

Miss Branham, of Palmyra, is the guest of her friend, Miss Bessie Webb.

Mr. Edward M. Dalton, of Lynchburg, is here.

Miss Marie Bruce, who has been visiting the Misses Moran, in this city, has returned to her home, in Staunton.

Miss Lillie George is now in Richmond visiting her aunt, Mrs. S. E. Woodfin.

Mr. P. Kracker, of New York, is in this city.

Mayor S. E. Woods has just returned from a trip to Staunton.

Miss Leak A. Seay, of Columbia, Fuvanna county, has been at Wright's Hotel this week on a visit to her brother, Mr. T. J. Seay.

The Rev. Mr. Locke and his daughter, of Green Mountain, are visiting the Misses Meade.

Messrs. Joseph I. Fay, S. S. Black and Max Fay, of Baltimore, have been in the city this week.

Mrs. Martin, a frequent contributor to the literary periodicals, is the guest of Mrs. Gooch, on South street. She is the daughter of the late Rev. Joseph E. Martin, who was about twenty years ago, and afterwards became an Episcopal minister.

Miss Fannie K. Turpin, sister of the Rev. J. B. Turpin, has returned to her home in this city. She has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Collin Stokes, of Prince Edward county.

The ladies of the Episcopal church cleared from their diamond bazaar, which was held this week, about \$300.

The Hon. J. R. Wingfield is extensively improving his place, "Woodlands."

The Hon. John E. Massey and wife were in town to-day.

Major Bolton, chief engineer of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, expects to spend here from \$2,500 to \$3,000 in improvement of "Branchland," the McBryde place, which he has recently purchased.

Lexington, Va., Dec. 11.—Miss Maggie Freedland with her guests, Miss Carrie Moore, of Richmond, and Miss Bettie Clark is again this winter entertaining in an elaborate style.

Miss Freedland's first reception was given Friday evening. The four spacious rooms of McCrum's hall were thrown open to her guests in honor of Miss Carrie Moore, of Richmond. Evergreens, ferns, cut and potted flowers filled every nook, and the sweet odor of hot house plants and the glow of the lamps artistically arranged about the rooms.

Those present were: Miss Freedland, old rose, olive velvet trimmings.

Miss Bettie Clark, black lace and lavender, silk trimmings.

Miss Carrie Moore, blue crepe and point lace.

Miss Bessie Shipp, black lace and pearls.

Miss Lucy Shipp, white organdie and lace.

Miss Lucy Pendleton, pink silk and lace.

Miss Nannie Graham, white silk and lace.

Miss Mary Preston Graham, black crepe de chine and roses.

Miss Agnes Graham, white crepe and ribbons.

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