

BRIGHT WEEK IN SOCIETY CIRCLES

Debutantes Eagerly Looking Forward to Opening German of Monday Club.

LINES INSPIRED BY A WOMAN

James Lindsay Gordon's Bonny Lorraine Traced to Romantic Origin.

The early death of a Virginian noted for the versatility and brilliancy of his talent recalls the fact that James Lindsay Gordon was, in his early life, a poet of promise.

The following lines are believed to have been inspired by a woman, who, in her maturity, was a great beauty and social leader in Richmond. She was a student at Edgehill, Albemarle county. Mrs. Randolph's famous school, when Mrs. Gordon attended the University of Virginia and it was then that their acquaintance began. The lady was at that time Miss Minnie Anderson, of Savannah, Ga. She afterwards married Mr. William Allen, of this State, and now lives in New York. The poem is entitled "Bonny Lorraine" and reads:

Bonny Lorraine.

Bonny Lorraine, have you forgot? The day we walked the morning lea? I still keep the blue forget-me-not That you took from your hair and gave to me. Would you like to walk those ways again; With me at your side in the morning time? Do you ever think of your youth's sweet prime, And your young boy lover, Bonny Lorraine? Ah, well I remember the time we stood By the glancing river, when the day was done, And the whispering trees in the dim old wood. Turned crimson and gold in the setting sun; When your heart and your lips and your eyes were fair, To cling to me then as your life's one love. Do you remember it, Bonny Lorraine? Surely your heart can never forget The night I told you that last farewell; Your long soft lashes with tears were wet, And your anguish more than your lips could tell. And you kissed me then, as I stood in the rain. And held me fast as you bid me go With your desolate golden head bowed low— I know you remember it, Bonny Lorraine.

Across the street where the music swells, you glide thro' the throng in the shadowy gance; In your ear the chime of your marriage bells; In your heart the dream of the old romance. I see you glimmer across the pane, The jewels ablaze in your shining hair, And the form of another about you there; But I do not envy him now, Lorraine, Let him bow down low at your royal feet, And sing love's song if it gives him joy; I sang it once and found it sweet, In the days when you charmed me— a foolish boy. But I never shall awaken the old refrain, Its beautiful music is almost hushed; My heart was touched but it was not crushed, And it loves you no longer, Bonny Lorraine.

Dance on while the music thrabs and beats, Drink memory to death in your wedding wine; He knows not your life, whose quick glance meets The false, sweet light in your eyes divine. I can look on you now with never a pain— On your proud, fair face and your splendid eyes; And then, looking up to you startle skies, Thank God that I lost you, Bonny Lorraine.

The Monday German.

Debutantes and pretty society girls are looking forward with pleasure to the opening dance of the Monday German Club that will be given in the Masonic Temple, December 19th. The Monday is the senior and leading German club of the city, and the series of dances which it gives are carried out with the utmost elegance of detail. The debutantes are usually brought out formally at the opening entertainment. The list this year is a remarkably pretty one, and includes Miss Martha Robinson, Miss Courtney Crump, Miss Louise McAdams,

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Club patronesses for the season are Mrs. Thomas Nelson Carter, Mrs. John Stewart Bryan, Mrs. Thomas Bolling, Jr., Mrs. James W. Allison, Mrs. Joseph B. Willard, Mrs. Edward J. Willis, Mrs. C. T. D. Myers, Jr., Mrs. Allen Potts, Mrs. Levin Joyner, Mrs. Gideon Dayenport and Mrs. R. Carter Scott. The german will be given alternate Monday nights, beginning at 9 and ending at 12 o'clock. The club officers include Mr. Thomas Nelson Carter, president; Mr. John Stewart Bryan, vice-president; Mr. George Melville Reid, secretary and treasurer. The executive committee are: Colonel Ja Laue Stern, Mr. Kirkwood Mitchell, Mr.

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MISS AGNES DA PONTE. Miss da Ponte is from New Orleans, but is spending the winter in Richmond, and has opened a studio for the instruction of classes in china decorative work at No. 206 East Grace Street.

No. 315 East Main Street, on December 14th, from 11 A. M. to 1 P. M., and from 4 to 6 P. M. The chocolate will be served to each caller.

Christmas Bazaar. The ladies of Temple Beth Ababa will hold a bazaar from December 28th to December 31st, inclusive, in the Seventh Street armory. The proceeds of the bazaar will go toward the fund for completing the interior decoration of the new Temple, now in process of construction in the West End.

The booths at the bazaar will be most attractively finished, and many beautiful articles will be offered for sale. The program of entertainment during the weeks will be gotten up with great care, and will embody novel and charming features.

Mrs. Sam Cohen is bazaar chairman. At the Woman's Club. Mrs. J. Calvin Stewart, chairman of the day, discussed "Phylanthropy" at the Woman's Club on Monday afternoon at half-past 4. Through the courtesy of the Educational Association the members of the Woman's Club are invited to attend the lecture to be given at the Young Men's Christian Association Hall on Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock by the Hon. W. W. Stetson, superintendent of public instruction in Maine. Mr. Stetson will be one of the speakers at the convention, which will be held in Norfolk this week, and has consented to stop over in Richmond to address the association here. His subject will be "The Educator's Duty to the Schools."

Ladies' Morning Musicals. The Ladies' Morning Musicals met on Wednesday, November 26th, at 4 o'clock. The afternoon was devoted to Rubenstein. After a life of Rubenstein had been read by Miss Greener, and anecdotes of Rubenstein read by Mrs. Embury, the following interesting programme was enjoyed: Barcarolle, F. Minor—Miss Zelle Minor. The Asra—Miss Isabel McBain. Melody in F—Mrs. George H. Whitfield. "The Art Like unto a Flower"—Mrs. George Warren. Staccato Study, by request—Miss Minor. "The Wanderer's Night Song"—Mrs. Warren and Miss Bridges. Mrs. Whitfield was the accompanist of the afternoon. The next meeting will be on Wednesday afternoon, December 14th, at 4 o'clock promptly. Tschalkowsky will be the composer for study. Miss Zelle Minor will be in charge of the programme.

Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Confederate Memorial Literary Society will be held Tuesday, December 8th, at 11 A. M. The Central Committee of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities will meet Tuesday, December 8th, at 8 P. M. The December meeting of the Colonial Dames will be held at the residence of Mrs. William Todd Robins, No. 319 East Franklin Street, December 9th at 4:30 o'clock. Mrs. Herbert A. Clifton, who returned from her recent Western trip and will preside at the meeting.

The Chisel at Home. The parlors of the Woman's College presented a most attractive appearance Saturday evening, December 6th, when "The Chisel," the college quarterly, was at home to its subscribers and to the students and faculty of the college. Decorations in blue and gold harmonized with the cover of the first issue of the quarterly for this session, which was greeted with great enthusiasm by all present. The Chisel staff, including Miss Edith McCarthy and Miss Tod Motley, editors-in-chief; Miss Hallie Council and Miss Nonie Harris, local editors; Miss Minnie Denney, exchange editor; Miss Clara Virginia Becker, '98, alumnae editor; Miss Elise Hodgson and Miss Lily Madeline Decker, business managers. Recitations, vocal and piano numbers, and simple refreshments were served by eight of the college girls. The current number of the Chisel, published last week, and containing contributions and is a number, which will be read with great pleasure and profit, not only by the college students, but by women of an older, growth, throughout the city and State.

Ladies' Missionary Society. The Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society of Park Place Methodist Church will hold a most attractive sale of dressed dolls and fancy articles for the Christmas holidays at Mrs. L. B. Morris's millinery store on Fifth Street, beginning Monday, December 8th, instead of Tuesday. The sale is a specialty of hand-painted rag dolls that will delight the heart of any child.

Ladies Present. Mrs. C. W. P. Brock presided at the meeting of the Confederate Memorial Literary Society held last week for the election of officers. The following ladies were present: Mrs. R. A. Patterson, Mrs. C. O. B. Cowardin, Mrs. W. R. Vawter, Mrs. J. D. Crump, Mrs. G. A. Lyon, Mrs. W. N. Hamlet, Mrs. T. A. Cary, Mrs. A. Belrne Blair, Miss Minnie A. Daughman, Mrs. W. A. Harris, Mrs. R. E. Gaines, Mrs. W. D. Freeman, Mrs. J. B. Hill, Mrs. W. A. Crenshaw, Mrs. N. V. Randolph, Mrs. N. C. Shelton, Mrs. C. C. Johnson, Mrs. S. Emma

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Afternoon Tea and Cards. Mrs. John N. Upshur will give a tea next Thursday afternoon in honor of her daughter, Miss Elizabeth N. Upshur. The tea will be followed at night by a card party, to be participated in by the season's debutantes and the young men.

Lilliputian Wedding. A lilliputian wedding will be given at Cavalry Baptist Church, Friday, December 9th, by the pupils of the infant department. In addition to the wedding, there will be music and recitations.

Prospective Weddings. A number of weddings will interest Richmond society this week. That of Miss Julia Crittendon Harris, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Harris, Jr., to Mr. John Franklin Wilkins, of Washington, will take place very quietly Tuesday afternoon in the home of the bride on West Franklin Street.

For Benefit of Retreat. The Richmond High School Literary Association will repeat the play, "Tris, or Beyond the Rockies," at the Academy of Music on the evening of December 15th. This play was given at the Casino in September for the benefit of the Bryan Day Nursery and Kindergarten, and proved to be a theatrical as well as a financial success.

Richmond Literary Factor. Messrs. Dodd, Mead and Company are so impressed with the fact that Richmond is rapidly becoming an active factor in the book mart that they have listed it along with larger cities in order to ascertain its tastes and preferences in current publication. "The Eagle's Shadow," by James Branch Cabell, is mentioned as one of the most popular books and one of the best sellers in the fall output.

Miss Taliaferro's at Home. Miss Harristo Lee Taliaferro is at home Thursday afternoons of each week to her friends, the members of the Art Club and to all who feel interested in a series of charming talks to be given by Admiral Harrie Webster in relation to his (Continued on Seventh Page.)

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