# WOMEN'S CLUBS LEND THEIR ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOL AUTHORITIES

# NUMEROUS SOCIAL FUNCTIONS BRING GAYETY ON WINTER NIGHTS

## Ladies Are Securing Data and Preparing Report Regarding Children of Proper Age Who Fail to Take Advantage of Educational Facilities Offered by State.

By Laura Bride Powers.

The greatest problem that confronts the people to-day is not the Panama affair, nor the tariff matter, nor any of the politico-commercial questions that conjure up special sessions of Congress and call forth platfrom platitudes and editorial eloquence, but it is a matter that concerns the children of the toilers, those millions of children that a few years hence will be called upon to assume the duties of citizenship, and to whom will fall the solution of such of our social and economic problems as are solvable with the means at hand. And that these children may be properly equipped to meet these conditions, it is necessary that they secure such education as will render them at least intelligent beings, capable of understanding the rights and duties that come with the accession to manhood and womanhood. And since education makes for the development of character, and character is the keystone of good citizenship, then the only safeguard of our nation lies in the proper education of our children. Now, "Wherefore these platitudes?" says the cheerful unobserver. "Didn't we solve that problem long ago when we established our public school system, under which every child who wants it can obtain a free education?" Ah! therein lies the problem—in the clause. "Who wants it?" And the problem is enlarged by another clause, "Whose parents or guardians permit him to take it."

Clearly, under the law, every child has the right to acquire an education, but what of the children who refuse to accept the state's munificent offer and who prefer the liberties and licenses of the street instead? And what of those parents and guardians who will not, or cannot, see to it that their boys and girls accept the education thus provided for them? And what of that class of parents who turn their progeny out to work during the years that should be spent in the schoolroom?

### FIRST LAW A FAILURE.

It was the existence of these conditions that called forth, in 1874, the enactment of a law by the Legislature called the "compulsory education law," wherein "every child between the ages of 8 and 14 years shall go to school for at least two-thirds of the school year, twelve weeks of which shall be consecutive," etc., and then came the enumeration of the "exceptions" that punctured the law so full of holes as to render it valueless. So far as known no prosecution of parents or guardians was ever obtained under the law, although violations of the spirit of the enactment were manifest wherever boys and schools were contiguous.

That flagrant violations of the law existed in San Francisco was well known to many men and women interested in the rights of children, the result of which was a combined effort toward the enactment of a new law upon compulsory education, and at the last session of the Legislature such a measure was adopted. Women from the California Club and from the Settlement districts went before the legislators and explained the duty that the State owed to itself, and urged that a law be framed without the flaws of its predecessor, and this is what they gave us, briefly: Every parent or guardian having control of a child between the ages of 8 and 14 shall send such child to school at least during five months of the year, eighteen weeks of which must be consecutive, unless it be proved to the Board of Education that the child is ill, or the parents extremely ill or poor, or that the parents need the support of said child; failure to comply with said regulations is punishable by arrest on the charge of misdemeanor, and on conviction a fine from $10 to $50 or imprisonment from five to twenty-five days, or both, may be imposed. So says the law! And its "say" has really proved of some benefit, although its prosecution has not been as vigilant as its projectors had hoped. Too many loopholes? Well, perhaps.

Now, the women's clubs have undertaken the task of helping the educational authorities in the work, notably the California Club, the Settlement clubs and the Associated Charities, and these are now busily engaged in compiling reports upon this all-important question, which Superintendent Langdon and Mr. Woodward of the Board of Education are anxiously awaiting.

The new law calls for the appointment of one attendance officer (truant officer) for every 20,000 children, whose duty it shall be to respond to calls from the principals in his district, and to visit the homes of such absentees as directed, learning the cause of such absence, or if truancy (which, by the way, is not classed as a crime) has been perpetrated. Now, many a lad neither vicious nor incorrigible has "played hookey," and so has his father before him. But it is not that lad that the law is made to reach. It's the fellow that has defied authority at school, either because his interest in school has not been roused or because he is idle and rebellious and prefers to "loaf" around the streets, parks or wharves with his gang. Of this class there are two species—one whose parents co-operate, to the best of their ability, with the attendance officer and the teacher, and the second species, whose parents are totally indifferent in the matter. This is the class from which the thugs and highwaymen are recruited. And it is therefore this class with which we are most concerned, and with which the "compulsory education law" must be made to reach.

### VALUE OF THE HOME.

During a recent address to the California Club Miss Stebbins, the probation officer of the Juvenile Court, made the interesting statement that in the 325 cases of boys and the twenty-five girls that have come under her supervision since May, the largest number have come from homes of drunkard parents, one or both; the second largest, where the parents had been separated, and the breadwinning and the homemaking devolved upon one parent, and the third class, where a step-parent, usually a stepmother, had been introduced into the household. Here is a negative tribute to the economic value of a home—a home in its true sense, with its order, comfort and protecting love—as the most potent factor in the development of character. But what is to be done for the children who showed a lack of discrimination in their selection of parents? Are we justified to see them wander at will into the byways of idleness, ignorance and crime simply because their natural protectors have failed to fulfill their obligations? Clearly we as a progressive and intelligent people must put forth our best efforts for these unhappy children, first, for the humanitarian reason of saving these fellow beings from ruin, and second, for the selfish reason of saving ourselves from them. Now, the new law makes provision for these wards of the people by enabling us to establish "parental schools," such as are in successful operation in many Eastern cities. These schools are of two types, one the "Parental Day Schools," where occasional truants and "mild" incorrigibles whose home influences are healthy may attend. The hours are longer than those of the regular school, and the hands are given much to do. Manual training and military drill are interspersed with elementary school work, and numerous cases are recorded where exemplary boys have emerged from the active course given in this ungraded school. But, to be sure, success depends largely upon the personal efficiency of the teacher. Then, for the class whose homes are parodies on the name, and where discord and vicious conditions exist, there is the "Parental Boarding School," where the children are housed and maintained, in addition to the training given in the "Parental Day School." Juvenile criminals are not received in either of these schools, but are sent to the "Reform Schools," such as this State maintains at Whittier and Ione. Boston, Chicago, New York, Albany, Brooklyn and many other Eastern cities maintain both types of parental schools, while a few have as yet adopted the first class only.

As for San Francisco, there is no apparent reason why Superintendent Langdon's recommendation to the Board of Education, dated July 18, should not be acted upon at the beginning of next term. And it is to this end that the clubwomen are bestirring themselves to assist in the work, which assistance the School Board has graciously consented to accept.

### BEGIN DRUDGING EARLY.

As to the appointment of the new "attendance officers," there seems to be no immediate necessity for change in the method now in progress, save, perhaps, the appointment of one or two more to assist in the work. Mr. Woodward declares there are no funds wherewith to pay "attendance officers" at present, two police officers in citizens' clothes detailed by Chief Wittman attending to the duties and seem to perform those services very satisfactorily. It is true they are not specially "trained" to the work, but both are men of kindly nature and seemingly understand the duties. It was my privilege to accompany Mr. Floyd upon his rounds of "rounding up" derelicts in the Latin quarter and noted the tact and intelligence with which he handled the little tykes of the cul-de-sacs that thread Telegraph Hill. Here, by the way, is the heaviest work to be done, for here is the law violated with the connivance of full knowledge of the parents. Little chaps whose business is with books are out selling limes or matches, ducks, etc., with their fathers or often on their own account, and it is a fact that many of these fathers own the houses in which they dwell and make a good return of their day's perambulations, but are afflicted with the "get-rich-quick" fever and crave the nickels the little chaps bring home. But here in this new Italy, where babies grow like mushrooms and there's ever room for one more, e'en though the rooftree consists of but two or three cubbyholes, there is the reign of simple happiness and radiant content. No jarring note of quarrel or complaint was heard in our rounds, but a soft and smiling declination to comply with the officer's request that Mary be sent to school. "But she's my girl. She must help me wash, Signor," says an interpreter, voicing the protest of a smiling young mother with a lusty infant under one arm and a tiny tyke at her skirt. Needed her to help with the washing! Ah, me!

Little Mary had begun her drudgery early in her tiny career, and yet there was the overburdened mother. Well, the officer convinced the mother, who had never heard of the Rooseveltian crusade that, washing or no washing, Mary would have to go to school, and go then. So Mary, black eyed and pretty, was scrubbed and combed and taken to school, but it took the star—that magical star on the breast of a brave policeman—to produce the desired effect. My best efforts at "moral suasion" were entirely wasted on desert air.

With the coming of the new term, let us hope that the little Marys and their brothers may be gathered in by the protecting arm of the new law and, while it may create a few hardships for a few worthy parents, it is for the greatest good to the greatest number and it is with the children of the poor that we, the club women of San Francisco, must first concern ourselves. And that concern extends to every man and woman who loves children and who gives thought to the future welfare of society.

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CLASS B

This class includes high grade Pianos of national reputation, usually sold for $400, $450 and $550. During this sale they offer the $450 style for $286, and the plainer cased instruments for $257 and $264. The $550 grades sell for $345, $327 and $318, according to the style and design of the case.

CLASS C

This class includes the highest class Upright Pianos and Grands by makers of international renown. The prices on these instruments vary from $600 to $1000 at regular selling. In order to close them out quickly they have reduced the price an average of about $200 on each instrument.

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# RECEIVE THEIR CONFIRMATION

## Archbishop Montgomery Gives Pledge to Boys and Girls.

### St. Patrick's Church Scene of Sunday Afternoon Services.

His Grace Archbishop Montgomery administered confirmation to a large number of boys and girls yesterday afternoon at St. Patrick's Church, on Mission street, between Third and Fourth. The church was crowded to the doors with the parents, other relatives and friends of the little children who were receiving their confirmation.

The sermon was preached by Archbishop Montgomery. He dwelt on the reasons why parents should send their children to the Catholic schools. The good works of the Catholics were lauded by the prelate.

The services were very appropriate and the little girls looked pretty as they filed before the altar. A short address on temperance was given the boys before they gave their promise to abstain from intoxicating liquors.

Those who received confirmation were:

Charles P. Ryan, Joseph J. Keaney, John J. Lavelle, George J. Bruns, Philip P. Quill, Joseph F. Gleason, Bryan J. O'Connor, George J. Beekman, William J. Sullivan, Daniel M. McNeil, Thomas J. Maher, James D. Feeney, William E. Graham, Joseph T. Shea, Chesley J. Rappold, Edward A. Smith, Edward J. Archer, James P. Preaty, Vincent A. Gonzales, Hugh J. McNulty, James P. Kerwin, John M. Rowan, Andrew C. Therwell, Ambrose L. Milton, Timothy T. Shea, Edward A. McConalogue, Michael I. Dougherty, Matthew S. Ryan, Joseph J. Murray, John P. Silk, Martin M. Griffin, Richard F. Cassidy, John T. Finnerty, Gustave P. Peters, John F. Lee, Thomas B. Geary, Francis H. Johnston, Daniel J. Nozigliia, Franklin J. Mercier, John H. Ash, William A. Brennan, George P. Jory, Joseph A. Goane, Joseph J. O'Connor, James P. Kelley, Charles T. Weback, George H. Marlowe, John F. Tufte, Edward A. Joyce, Eugene W. Kelly, John J. Flannery, Louis F. Lewis, William M. Kelly, Joseph A. Doherty, Alfred J. Fair, Leslie M. O'Hair, Oliver M. Cullen, Charles T. Nagel, Edward J. Doyle, Harold D. Bertram, Joseph J. Manning, Joseph A. Hussey, James J. Murphy, Lawrence P. Furjong, Stephen J. Pratt, Clarence P. Wessels, Thomas W. Sayers, Harry A. Dunn.

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### STATE SCHOOL FUND MAY GET A MILLION

#### California May Yet Be Enabled to Secure Commission on Land Sales.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 5.—If California can secure the commissions on the sale of Government lands which are awarded to other States, it is estimated that the State school fund will profit to the extent of $1,000,000.

State Controller Colgan has addressed a letter to Governor Pardee informing him of the facts. It appears that in every State where the 5 per cent commission is allowed, the State was admitted into the Union with an enabling act calling for such an award. This was not done in the case of California, however, and hence it has never enjoyed its percentage from the sale of public lands. Several bills have been introduced in Congress in California's interest, but they were in each instance loaded down with other provisions and suffered defeat. A renewed effort will be made to secure California its commissions.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. E. D. Olmstead of Spokane is at the Lick.

R. M. Green, a mining man of Oroville, is at the Lick.

George L. Hoxie, an attorney of Fresno, is at the Lick.

Arthur Levinsky, an attorney of Stockton, is at the Palace.

E. L. Finley, a newspaper man of Santa Rosa, is at the California.

J. W. Roberts, son of one of Madera's well known bankers, is at the Palace.

C. H. Markham, president of the Houston and Texas Railroad, and R. S. Lovett, chief counsel of the Harriman lines, who have been in the city for a week, departed for the south last evening.

# Dancing Parties Are at Front in Amusement Line Among Those Who Believe in Looking Upon Merry Side of Life and Many Pleasant Affairs Are Enjoyed.

In the midst of the social season and in the confusion of Christmas shopping, dancing parties stand in the foreground as the most favored of all diversions. The stimulating music and the easy rhythm of the waltz afford rest for many a tired brain and those who enjoy tripping the light fantastic insist that the pleasure far outstrips the fatigue that follows. Cotillon clubs are flourishing and private homes are the scenes of many delightful dances as the season goes merrily on.

### ENGAGEMENTS.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Bernheim of Portland, Or., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss May Koshland, to Philip I. Jacoby of this city.

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An engagement of considerable local interest has just been announced in Los Angeles. The principals are Miss Viola Winter and Fielding J. Stilson. The bride-to-be is a daughter of William Winter of New York, dean of American dramatic critics. The groom-elect is a young business man in Los Angeles, a member of Mayor Snyder's Art Commission and secretary of the University Club and a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity of the California University. No date is set for the wedding.

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The engagement of Miss Florence M. Handy of Ukiah to George B. Scott of Honolulu is announced.

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The engagement reception of Miss Tillie Savannah and Louis Hirsch was held last Sunday at 606 Fell street.

### WEDDINGS.

A brilliant social event in Sacramento was the wedding of Miss Clara L. Phipps and John P. Onstott Jr., which took place on Wednesday last at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Phipps, 1418 N street. The Right Rev. William Hall Moreland conducted the marriage and read the full Episcopal service. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Maud Phipps, maid of honor, and Miss Dora L. Onstott, sister of the groom, and Miss Marie Weldon, cousin of the bride, were bridesmaids. J. Glen Onstott of Yuba City, the groom's cousin, was best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Onstott are visiting the south on their honeymoon.

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Miss Bertha Cornforth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cornforth, and Charles Francis Aaron were the principals at a very pretty church wedding in Marysville on Wednesday evening. St. John's Episcopal Church was the scene of the sacred service, which was conducted by Rev. William H. Stoy. The floral decorations were lavish and in excellent taste.

The bride was attended by Miss Clifton Swischer, maid of honor, and Miss Walton and Miss Wilbur, bridesmaids. Harry B. P. Carden was best man. The ushers were Robert F. Watson and Arthur H. Redington.

The marriage was followed by a reception and supper at the Cornforth residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron, upon their return from their wedding trip, will reside in a new home they have recently purchased from Mrs. N. Rideout on D street.

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The marriage ceremony of Miss Alice M. Thompson and Frederick J. Aschman was quietly solemnized Wednesday evening at St. Vincent de Paul's Church.

The bride was attired in a blue traveling suit with white picture hat and carried an ivory prayer book. She was attended by Miss Ethel Thompson, maid of honor. Alonzo Davidson was groomsman. Father Ryan performed the ceremony. Supper was served later at a downtown restaurant, after which the bride and groom departed.

After a brief honeymoon the young couple will go to housekeeping in their new home, which the groom presents his bride as a wedding gift.

The romance is the happy culmination of a courtship which dates back to their school days.

Miss Thompson is a petite brunette and popular in the circle in which she moves. She is a prominent member of Young Ladies' Institute No. 1. She is the daughter of William O. Thompson.

Mr. Aschman is a prominent mining man of Phoenix, Ariz.

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A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mrs. Bolesworth, 201 Plymouth avenue, Ocean View, Wednesday evening, November 18, when Miss Olive Bolesworth and Louis Good, both of Ocean View, were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Cooper in the presence of a large number of friends.

The bride was given away by her father and attended by her sister, Miss Ethel, while Fred Good, brother of the groom, acted as best man.

Many handsome gifts were displayed in the beautifully decorated rooms. Supper followed the ceremony and later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Good left for a honeymoon at San Jose.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Kiepen, Mr. and Mrs. B. Kraft, Mr. and Mrs. F. Winkler, Mr. and Mrs. A. Roberts, Dr. and Mrs. Vandre, Mr. and Mrs. G. Musell, Mr. and Mrs. J. McInerney, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hood, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kerrigan, Mr. and Mrs. J. McClellam, Mrs. J. Hayden, Mr. and Mrs. F. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scott, Mr. and Mrs. P. Pellegreni, Mr. and Mrs. W. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. B. Bolesworth, Miss Good and Mr. Hemmings and others.

### CLUB PARTIES.

The California Women's Whist League opened a new series of duplicate whist on Thursday, December 3, eighteen tables being filled. Several new members were present to begin the series and the directors were highly pleased with the attendance, which proved how popular the team work has become. High scores were made by Misses Young, Averill, Deering, Snook, E. Duffey, Peters, Russell and Guissino, Korts, McCartney, Teague, Morrill, Miller, Ryan, Standish and Andrews.

The directors held their regular monthly meeting in the morning and admitted four new members.

On Thursday, December 10, the members will play for club pins and Mrs. Grace will instruct them in "63." There will be no game on Thursday, December 24. The straight whist prize on Monday, November 30, was won by Mrs. Frank Weston of Oakland.

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The El Alma Club held its third reception Friday evening at Cotillon Hall. The hall was decorated in red and green. Sixty-four couples participated in a delightful "night cap" german, led by Benard Farrell, assisted by Miss E. Thomsen.

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The semi-monthly social of the Romita Dancing Club was held Saturday evening, November 26, at Occidental Hall, Supreme Court building. A bean-bag party, which had been announced as the particular feature of the evening, excited much curiosity among the members as to what justification the committee of arrangements had in store for the merry-makers. During the german the secret was disclosed, when the dancers were handed bean bags, and it was explained to them that they were expected to throw the bags into the holes of a receptacle which had been provided for the feat, the dancers standing in line at a distance of ten feet from the target. The successful throwers had the privilege of selecting his partner for the rest of the german, and the unsuccessful were obliged to go to the end of the line to try again.

Refreshments were served after the german and dancing was resumed until 11:30 o'clock.

The committee having the affair in charge consisted of Mr. Frederick K. Blue, president; Cliff B. Rushmer, treasurer; Miss Nina Jean Cook, secretary; Miss Cornelia B. Farrell, Mr. J. E. Nelson, Miss Georgia W. Braun, Miss Cara C. Jagger, Mr. R. C. Jackson and Miss Mae H. Snyder.

Among those present were: Miss Nina Jean Cook, Miss Cornelia Farrell, Miss Cara C. Jagger, Miss Mae H. Snyder, Miss Anna Lowry, Miss Maybelle Young, Miss Lena Gillis, Miss Edna S. Hampton, Miss Mayme Eagles, Miss Mae Cook, Miss Stella Outsen, Miss Bertha Annand, Miss Edna F. Farrell, Miss Mae Schulze, Miss Lillian Baumgarten, Miss Mattie Fried, Miss Maude Hall, Miss Mabel Benjamin, Miss Queen Johnson, Messrs. Frederick K. Blue, Cliff B. Rushmere, J. E. Nelson, R. C. Jackson, Phil Ossman, Hebbard H. Harvey, Louis H. Frost, Al Dupont, A. C. Outsen, Frank E. Arthur, Elmer Bett, Arthur F. Schuster, R. T. Onyon, George Matthai, Adolph J. Alviso, Walter Steers, J. B. Outsen, Carl Amick, W. Mobley, Geo. W. Drew, J. D. Richardson, A. J. Adams, Edgar Howard, A. P. Tarleton, Jack Dempsey, M. E. Browne, J. Arthur Sinclair, J. M. Ratto, Robert B. Knox, James Grinsell, Eugene White, Mrs. Austin Cook, Mrs. C. H. Jagger, Mrs. R. Snyder and Mrs. Charles Farrell.

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Zeta Chapter of Delta Sigma Delta will have an assembly at Golden Gate Hall on Friday evening, December 11. The patronesses are Mrs. C. L. Goddard, Mrs. W. V. Sharp, Mrs. L. Van Orden, Mrs. L. L. Dunbar, Mrs. H. A. Carlton, Mrs. J. G. Sharp.

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The Rialto Social and Outing Club gave a delightful party to Miss Mamie de Sparr at her residence, 3417 Twenty-sixth street, on Thanksgiving evening. Music and dancing were enjoyed until a late hour.

Those who attended were Thomas McGovern, Mrs. T. McGovern, John Makowski, Mrs. J. Makowski, John Kamna, Miss Alice Nelson, James Cruden, Miss Mamie de Sparr, Armand Amiot, Miss G. Nelson, A. Lippi, Miss Louise Amiot, E. de Sparr, Miss Ora Wilson, Ed. L. Marden, Miss Clara Vanderford, Robert de Sparr, Jennie Amiot, E. King, Miss Rose Shauger, A. H. Marden, Miss C. Giubbing, R. Olivi, Miss Tyson, W. H. Quast, A. W. Dickieson, I. P. Ostotoh, G. Mayle, Mrs. Buickner, T. Otto, Miss Sadie Marden, Miss L. Bickerstaff, James O'Leary, B. Pavlnielli and L. Schmmally.

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The Seniors of the Girls' High School gave a very delightful dance on November 25 as a welcome to the "Baby Juniors." The large auditorium was tastefully decorated with choice potted plants and greens from the conservatory and garden of the school.

One of the prettiest features was the grand march of the hundred seniors with their junior partners through an arch of green intermingled with red berries, which was upheld by the Senior "twins" in light green dresses. The J. D. Hynes' orchestra rendered the dance music excellently. A pineapple lemonade was served. The dance was a great success and the finest of its kind ever held in the High School. Miss Liehl, the class president, was aided by the executive committee, Misses Lilian B. Cotrel (chairman), Corinne Gradwohl, Anita Rose, Ethel Northern, Lucy Jourdan, Charlotte Estes and Marian F. Cotrel, and the reception committee, Misses Paula Wright and Marjorie Buffington.

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The Twentieth Century Missionites, a musical social club, will give an inaugural entertainment and musicale at Mission Opera Hall next Saturday evening. The following programme will be presented:

Overture, orchestra; recitation, Otto Ryst; song, Miss E. Thompson; musical act, George Bralye; recitation, Nels Bralye; comic impersonations, Miss May Pettee; vocal solo, Miss Maud Pettee; instrumental quartet, selected; magical act, Charles Bloom.

Dancing will follow the programme and a full orchestra from the membership will render the music.

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The Majestics will give a dance at Mission Opera Hall on Tuesday evening, December 15.

### HOME PARTIS.

One of the most enjoyable and unique social functions last week was a "quiz party," given by Miss Bertha Hammerich and Miss Ingrid Hansen at the home of the former on Wednesday evening. The parlors were daintily decorated in Nile green, and the favors for the evening were Nile green question marks tied with a bow of scarlet ribbon. The winners of the first prizes were Miss Mamie Hanlon and James Barnes, and Miss Elsie Gunzel and George Maguire were the recipients of the consolation prizes.

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A pleasant party was given last Saturday to Miss Irene Konigstein by Miss Sadie Jacobson. Those present were: Miss Gladys Goeggel, Miss Josephine Levy, Sadie Amber, Hazel Mirky, Rose Carey, Gertie Hoffmann, Edna Shirpser, Edna Goggel, Irving Sharff, Alfred Konigstein, Sylvain Mirsky, Earl Roullier, Geraldo Roullier, Harry Romaine, Selig Richwater, George Schneider and Arthur Wendt.

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On Saturday evening last a reception was tendered Miss Frances Brantwein of 927 Washington street, the occasion being the fifteenth anniversary of the young lady's birthday. The apartments were handsomely decorated with the flora of California, and a most entertaining musical programme was presented.

Among the guests were: Arthur Cunningham, Miss Wentworth Searight, Frank Frick, Miss Winnie Epstein, Albert Levy, Miss Gladys Sherwood, Mr. Stone, Miss Ethel Sherwood, Mr. Leidner, Mrs. Leidner, Mr. Lecari, Mrs. Lecari, Miss Frances Lecari, Paul Shayman, Mrs. Sophie Shayman, Miss Eva Levy, Miss Lynch, Miss Ceona Bonnerville, Miss Helen Gerade.

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Mr. Briggs was tendered a reception at his home, 318 Guerrero street, Monday evening, November 30. The guests presented Mr. Briggs with a beautiful smoking set. Supper was served in the dining-room, which was handsomely decorated with autumn leaves and great bunches of chrysanthemums. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Dettill Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Williams, Dr. Zilimer, Mrs. Marvin of Oakland, Mrs. Bohm, Miss Mamie Nolan, C. Keese, Mrs. Pickett, E. Zohrn and Captain Seeley.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. Flyshaker celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary to-day at their residence, 763 Bush street, yesterday afternoon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Lathrop of Stanford University entertained at dinner Wednesday evening in honor of the members of the Gamma Beta Society at Stanford. Covers were laid for twenty-two and the dinner was elaborate. The banquet hall, a recent addition to their beautiful home, Alta Vista, was opened for the occasion.

The table was decorated in carnations and violets, which were of particular significance to the guests.

The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hodges, Miss Eunice Gray and the members of the Gamma Beta Society; Misses Marie Burnham, Geraldine Brown, May Vorlius, Grace Moore, Florence Ross, Helen Salisbury, Hazel Patterson, Milola Ward, Emma Chambers, Margaret Higgins, Florence Judd, Helen Thoburn, Ruth Gilbert, Pauline Gartzman, Belle Condery and Helen Lewis. The Gamma Beta Society is a local organization, formed for the purpose of obtaining a charter of Gamma Phi Beta, one of the most exclusive of Eastern Greek letter societies.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Sulsberg gave an enjoyable house warming at their new residence, 1330 Haight street, on Saturday evening, November 28, when many friends were hospitably entertained.

The following programme was excellently rendered: Piano duet, Misses A. and C. Lighe; solo, Miss Annie Rooney; reading, Eugene V. Sullivan; piano solo, Howard Swift; solo, Mrs. George Addison; barytone solo, Frank Scully; contralto solo, Mrs. James Kelly; remarks, by Hon. John T. Dare.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Sulsberg, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Swift, Dr. and Mrs. Ragan, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene V. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. John Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. George Addison, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Dare, Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Finkler and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cutter, Mr. and Mrs. Sollenger, Mrs. Annie Pleath, the Misses Annie Rooney, Celia Tighe, Annie Tighe, Laura Meyers, Lillie Sulsberg, Gussie Anderson, Annie Fennell, Mamie Cobine and Pearl Sulsberg; Messrs. Fred Meyers, Dr. F. Duncan, H. T. Schmidt, Frank Sculley, James Merrill, J. Fennell, Howard Swift, Victor Apdler.

### PERSONALS.

Mrs. C. A. Neumeister, wife of Dr. A. E. Neumeister, has arrived from Kansas City, Mo., and will receive her friends at 944 Post street.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Kline have returned from their Eastern trip and will spend the winter at their home, 1630 Hayes street.

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Mr. Leon S. Rosenblatt of Portland, Or., is a guest of his brother, Henry Rosenblatt, 1911 Pacific avenue.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Oppenheim have removed to the Hotel Bristol, 1528 Sutter street. Mrs. Oppenheim will be at home on first Mondays.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fickenscher will receive their friends from 3 to 5 o'clock on the first and second Sunday afternoons of each month.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lobenstein (nee Fleishman) have returned from their wedding trip and will receive Sunday, December 13 at their home, 127 Steiner street.

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Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Bernstein announce the barmitzvah of their son Sydney on Saturday, December 12, in the Synagogue, Stockton and California streets, at 9:30 a. m. Reception at residence, 1415A Jackson street, Sunday the 13th, from 2 to 5 p. m.