MINNEAPOLIS SOCIETY.

The week has been reasonably satisfactory. There have been several delightful dancing parties. The german given at Malcolm's on Friday evening was the most elegant, numbering among its guests some of the leading society people of the city. The popular Mikado club, a list of whose members appears to-day, met at Malcolm's on Wednesday evening. They had a jolly time; talk about young people being giddy! Why there were dear old grandpapas with young lady granddaughters, who fairly overflowed with youthful happiness; and dance!—never saw anything like it.

The New Yorkers combine a little musical business with their more frivolous pastime, not too much you know—just enough. I don't know why they do this unless because York state lies next to Massachusetts, and in Massachusetts is Boston and in Boston is "cultuah;" that is hardly a sufficient reason, though it is too far fetched, almost 1,500 miles in fact. The Crescent club danced at Malleom's on Thursday; the Crescents are all young people, and the Mikado of the night before offers an excellent opportunity for a comparison, but it shall not be taken. The S. S. club, wonder if the initials do not mean South Side, gave a fancy dress party on Friday evening, a description of which will be found in another place.

But society did lots beside dance. There were card parties, though scarcely so many as heretofore; among the pleasantiest were the meetings of the Star and I. N. S., clubs. Then a great many ladies entertained informally with the usual happy results. On Friday Miss Eleanor Farnham entertained about seventy-five of her friends. It was a birthday party and the young people will put down Feb. 11 as a red-letter day. One of the notable events of the week was the theater party given by Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Coe and Mr. and Mrs. Shenehon on Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Coe leave for an extended pleasure trip this week. They will take in the principal Eastern cities, spending some time in Washington.

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The young people of the "Pirates of Penzance" company have a pretty good opportunity for getting thoroughly acquainted with each other during the winter, and their home friends have had far more than a surfeit of Sullivan's music. Along toward the 1st of December a young man began to remark in a musical sort of way that he was a pirate king, doubtless alluding to Prof. Porter, and since then his roommate has been assured somewhat less than a million times, in tones whose earnestness could not be doubted, whatever the musical value, that he was a pirate king; it was in vain the stricken friend believed, and said he believed the subject of the pirate awoke with the refrain upon his lips, he read it between the lines of his Blackstone, he mouthed it at breakfast and dinner, nor did he cease singing at eventide. And sure enough Mr. Porter was the pirate king.

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And there was a maiden in that same house. When the youth sang of his pirate king, this maid turned her great eyes upon him, and from her ruby lips warbled forth something about the weather. It was awful. They kept it up for three months. And who can tell the thankfulness of the home hearts when they no longer hear the—chestnut is too mild a word. But all these three months the maid and the man have gone to rehearsal, and you know that a similarity of tastes, especially musical taste, is a marvelous promoter of friendship, and friendship is akin to——but how people will gossip!

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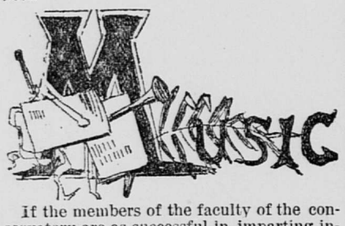
The Mikado club is going to continue its parties right along all winter, and from the casual remarks that have been dropped here and there it is concluded that Lent will not cause society in general the least uneasiness. They will go right on and seek and find pleasure until the snow goes. No sooner will it have disappeared—for a learned sage has said that the plum trees will not be whiter than the ground beneath them at blooming time this year—than everybody will seize a palm leaf fan and a paper-backed novel and go to Minnetonka, where she will dress three times a day, dance three nights a week and rest.



If the members of the faculty of the conservatory are as successful in imparting instruction to their pupils as they were on last Monday evening in pleasing their audience, the people of the city are peculiarly blessed. It is doubtful if a more satisfactory concert has ever been given by local talent; the programme was a judicious combination, sufficiently varied in character to meet the diversified tastes of the large audience, and the numbers seemed suited nicely to the abilities of those to whom they were cast. Prof. Porter has been heard to better advantage than in his solos, but it must be remembered that he has had a great deal of work lately, preparing his role of Pirate King, in which, by the way, he scored a grand success.

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To lovers of the contralto voice the singing of Miss May must give almost complete satisfaction. She is by far the best contralto that has been among us for many a day, if Miss Agnes Huntington be excepted. With tones of great purity and notes of liquid sweetness, she combines a spontaniety that is delightful; she sings as though fairly overflowing with music, but withal she displays a thorough consciousness of her powers, evidently knowing their limit, and not approaching too near it. Fortunately training and study have not made her mechanical in her methods, and her hearers thus have the full benefit of a singularly sweet voice, unhampered by professional tricks. There is one disagreeable feature connected with Miss May's work, and it is mentioned in all kindliness. While singing the lady keeps up a constant and rapid winking, which is very apt to mar the pleasure of those of her listeners who have over sensitive nerves. There may be some good reason for the habit, but it is not practiced while the prelude is being played, and it certainly does not heighten the charm of her singing.

Prof. Zoch has firmly established himself as a prime favorite with Minneapolis people, and he is probably the most popular pianist in the city. The professor's technique is remarkable more for brilliancy than delicacy, and it is easily seen that he excels in fortissimo passages, leading up to climaxes in a way that thrills his audiences. The professor's musical taste is of the leonine order, and he usually chooses brilliant compositions, which never fail to receive justice at his hand. In the selection of his encore last Monday evening Prof. Zoch was unfortunate. He chose a piece which depends entirely for its effectiveness upon the delicacy and feeling with which the theme is given—qualities which were noticably absent in the rendering it received.

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The violin playing of Mr. Grethen was very pleasing, and in him the city has a musician who evidently enters into the spirit of the composition he essays, losing to the exclusion of his own personality. This is a trait as commendable as it is unusual, for there seems to be a constant temptation on the part of musicians to make themselves as prominent as their work. To the music lover the artist is nothing, his music is everything, and the performer is great only in so far as he brings out all the beauties of which the piece he attempts is capable. It would be flattery to say that Mr. Grethen entirely succeeded in this, but he did please his audience very much, and there was no little disappointment at his refusal to respond to the recall he received.

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In marked contrast with the modest method pursued by the modest violinist was the very florid style of the clarionetist. The gentleman's face was a study; his eyes opened to a marvelous width, and every feature was in constant play; occasional little flourishes with the hand conveyed the impression that there was nothing which the maestro could not accomplish, and the complacent satisfaction with which he posed during the interludes was good to see. Indeed the gentleman has every right to be proud of his efficiency, for there has never before been heard in this city such brilliant playing as Mr. Ringwall gave. He seems to be a thorough master of his instrument, and in his hands it produced wonderful music such as few people have, supposed it capable.

THE PIRATES.

The ladies and gentlemen who participated in the production of the "Pirates of Penzance," have every reason to be proud of their success. It was deserved. The opera has been in rehearsal since last November, and the excellent work of the chorus was the legitimate result of honest and thorough preparation.

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The policemen were worthy to wear the garb of "the finest," and their sergeant proved himself an excellent actor—he was immense, both metaphorically and in fact. He suited the action to the word, the word to the action, and he o'erstepped not the modesty of nature—which is a remarkable thing, for amateurs usually either revel in overdoing, or else do nothing. The sergeant was good and his men were likewise.

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Miss French was a revelation to Minneapolis people, and a delightful one. Who would have expected such easy gaiety and abandon as the young lady displayed, such an entire absence of awkwardness and such knowledge of stage business?

And she sings like a bird, just as easy and as sweetly.

Probably she kept right on dancing at the end of the first act until driven to her dressing-room. There was no acting about the young lady's work; it was the spontaneous outpouring of a happy youthfulness, and as such it gave delight to every one who came within the magic spell of the lady's presence.

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But Frederick—well there was a strange combination! A voice that never forgot to be tuneful, and in the upper register was peculiarly sweet and pleasing; into which the owner threw sufficientp assion to show a clear comprehension of the demands of the part and an ability to master them, coupled with action that was anything but good. When Frederick found about his neck a pair of beautiful arms, and listened to words that to most men would have given happiness elysian, he looked as though a hangman's halter had been more to his mind. The music of the part was exceedingly well handled, but it would have been hard to play it to poorer advantage.

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And strange to say, the part of major general presented just the opposite phase—the action was excellent and the singing indifferent. Of Ruth much more can be said. It is a thankless part, and is made the poorer by contrast with the sprightliness of Mabel; but Miss Burt not only was superior to the opportunities of her part, but she was of incalculable service to the chorus; the daughters were in need of some one to help them out and help them moving and give them courage, in all of which tasks Miss Burt assisted.

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Director Patten is entitled to the lion's share of whatever praise his performers deserve, not only for the judicious way in which he led them in the public presentation, but in greater degree for the training they displayed. Many breaks were avoided and hidden by the constant oversight and care of the director, Mr. Patten, deserves praise not only for results accomplished, but for methods as well. He did not hide the stage nor divert the attention of the audience by wild and far-reaching gesticulation, for which everybody is thankful.

MISS STODDARD.

Miss Lillian Stoddard afforded pleasure to many people at the Church of the Redeemer on Wednesday and Thursday evenings by her exquisite singing. Few who heard her rendition of Chadwick's "Lullaby" will soon forget its sweetness, heightened as it was by the matronly costume the lady wore and the home surroundings. Miss Stoddard is an established favorite, and everyone one is acquainted with her voice, which has so often and generously delighted our people. To-morrow evening Miss Stoddard and Mr. Proctor give their second recital at Dyer hall, and a treat is in store for music lovers.

MR. QUINN'S LECTURES.

The people who have been so fortunate as to attend L. Quinn's course of lectures on musical topics at Gethsemane church have had a lasting reward, as well as timely pleasure. Mr. Quinn's lectures have been largely instructive, and they have displayed such a deep and comprehensive knowledge, not only of music, but of the philosophy on which it is founded, that everything said has been valuable. The GLOBE has been extremely fortunate in its synopsis of these lectures, but no condensed account can give an adequate idea of their charm.

Are You Going?

The event of the week in dancing circles will undoubtedly be the annual ball of Minneapolis Division No. 117, Order of Railway Conductors, which will occur on Thursday evening at the West hotel. Every preparation is being made by the committee of arrangements, H. Staples, W. W. Flack, J. C. Berry, L. S. Hough and M. P. Benson. A large delegation of St. Paul people will attend, and the Manitoba will pass all who hold tickets to the ball from St. Paul, Hamline, St. Anthony Park, on the 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 trains. The Minneapolis & St. Louis will run a free special for the accommodation of the guests leaving Minneapolis at 2:30 a. m. Friday. The success of the party is already assured.

The Fountain City club, composed of former residents of Fond du Lac, Wis., will give the first of a series of dancing parties at Malcolm's Tuesday evening. Danz' orchestra will furnish the music and a jolly evening is anticipated.

The entertainment and fair of the Svea band will be continued throughout the week at the hall of the Swedish Brotherhood, opposite the court house. A great many Scandinavians have found pleasure at those concerts during the week past. The attractions for the week to come will consist of promenade concerts, followed by voting, dancing and other amusements.

Mrs. A. H. Bicknell will give a tea party to-morrow to a limited number of friends at her home, on Prospect Place.

J. S. Bradstreet has issued 100 invitations for Wednesday evening, when he will entertain at the Judd house in honor of his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Thwing.

Mrs. S. C. Gale will entertain about thirty friends at tea Tuesday evening.

The several societies of St. Paul's parish give a sociable on next Thursday evening in the church rooms. A cordial invitation is extended to all who come to church or are interested in St. Paul's parish. There will be entertainment in the way of music and refreshments beside the social intercourse.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS.

A number of the child friends of Miss Nellie Fuller were invited to celebrate her birthday last Monday by the little girl's mother, Mrs. Henry Fuller. The afternoon was gayly spent in games that children love, and following them came a supper consisting of all the "goodies" to be desired. After that games were resumed and the children gave some of their kindergarten marches. Twenty-five guests partook of Miss Nellie's hospitality, and all will wish for her a world of happy days.

Miss Pearl Marble surprised her guest, Miss Nellie Robson, of Red Wing, last Tuesday evening by giving a party in her honor. The guests were among the jolliest young people of the South side, and fun abounded. Those present were: Misses Addie Abbott, Kittie Matthews, Clara Southey, Ella Gray, Della Kempton and Messrs. Lamont Crosby, Ollie Torrance, Ed Kempton, Fred McClellan, Bert Larawa, Fred Willard, Harry Phillips, Usher and Porter.

The young people of Plymouth church have treated their friends to several unique entertainments during the winter and that of last Tuesday evening added laurels to their enviable reputation. On that occasion they hid their identity behind a name suggestive of fun, the "Conglomerated Society of Non-Disciplinarians," assisted by the "Family Smith-ique," and the musical and dramatic efforts of the performers elicited merited applause.

President and Mrs. Northrup, of the university, gave a reception to the seniors and juniors, the university faculty and other friends last Wednesday evening. After a hearty welcome from Dr. Northrup and his wife the guests found pleasure in social converse and music.

Members of the Nushka Toboggan club, ladies and gentlemen, to the number of sixty, Friday night were the guests of the Makwa club. After a visit to the slide a colation was served at the West hotel. The visitors were accompanied by Siebert's band and made a fine showing.

The Neighbor club of the Eighth ward enjoyed an old-fashioned taffy pulling on Tuesday evening at the residence of Dr. S. C. Carter, 3023 First avenue south. The prize for the whitest candy was an artistic landscape in oil and was won by Mrs. Dr. George Ricker.

The Rev. C. P. Vaugnes and his wife were the recipients of a substantial present Friday evening from a host who filled their home, and who thus reminded them of the esteem in which they are held by the people of Mr. Vaugnes' church.

Miss Stone was hostess to a jolly party of young people at the residence of Henry Plant, on Park avenue, Wednesday evening. Taffy was the order of the hour and taffy-pulling the occupation. A perfectly sweet time was had.

E. O. Larpenteur, of the North Star Toboggan club, entertained his cousins, the Misses Zenzius, and Miss Frank Hurley and Harry Shearn, of the Columbia Snow Shoe club, St. Paul, on the North Star slide Wednesday evening.

Miss Carrie Nash gave a delightful party on Thursday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Tyler, of Rock Island. The assembly was in the nature of a surprise to Miss Tyler, and both she and the guests enjoyed it heartily.

Byron and Earl Goldsborough were pleasantly surprised at their home, 2921 Pleasant avenue, last Tuesday evening by a big sleigh load of their Western avenue friends. Games and refreshments made things merry.

Dr. Hunter's home was the seat of a charming hospitality the past week. On Tuesday evening Dr. and Mrs. Hunter entertained a number of friends at tea and on Wednesday they gave a delightful dinner party.

Secretary Elliot, of the Y. M. C. A., entertained a parlor full of the members and lady friends of his society last Wednesday evening with choice selections from the quaint sayings of Uncle Remus.

Mrs. Harvell entertained the members of Myrtle lodge at her home, in Oak Lake, on last Monday evening. Messrs. Rugh and Winters, accompanied by the guitar and banjo, furnished music.

The New England dinners given during the week by the ladies of the Church of the Redeemer and of the First Unitarian church were brilliant successes, both financially and socially.

Mrs. J. S. Fry gave a delightful little party last Tuesday evening at her home 1810 Hawthorne avenue. Twenty guests were present and dainty refreshments were served.

A surprise party assisted Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edgerly, 411 Ninth street southeast, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of their marriage last Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Cadwell gave a delightful little party Friday evening at their home, 161 Linden avenue. About twenty-five guests were present.

The "left hand" social, given by the ladies of the Bloomington Avenue M. E. church Wednesday evening, was a very enjoyable affair.

On Monday evening Mrs. Gilbert entertained a number of the young friends of her son, Master Arthur, in honor of his birthday.

Mrs. Dr. Alger, 1227 University avenue, gave a delightful tea party to a limited number of friends Thursday evening.

Mrs. J. S. Frye gave a very pleasant tea party Thursday evening at her home, 1810 Hawthorne avenue.

Dr. and Mrs. Waite had with them about twenty friends Friday evening at their home, 1127 Hennepin av.

Mrs. H. E. Clough, 825 Fifth street southeast, entertained friends at tea Friday evening.

Miss Maud Miller, 104 South Thirteenth street, entertained friends last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. J. W. Thomas, 2015 Stevens avenue, entertained a few friends at tea Friday evening.

Mrs. William Hooker, 2200 Fifth avenue south, entertained friends at tea Thursday.

Mrs. J. C. Thomas entertained friends at dinner Thursday evening.

THEATER PARTY.

The opening performance of the Genevive Ward company was the occasion of the first full dress theater party ever given in Minneapolis. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Coe and Mr. and Mrs. George Shenehon were the hosts, and they have the gratification of knowing that every feature of the novel affair was a delightful success. During the afternoon each of the lady guests received an elegant corsage bouquet from their hosts of the evening, who sent carriages to bring their friends to the opera house, where the gay party gathered. Manager Conklin, with a kind forethought for which the ladies were very grateful, had converted a cloak room near the entrance into a neat dressing-room, where a maid was in waiting to receive the wraps of the guests and assist the ladies in the arrangemens of their toilets. The party occupied one of the fashionable boxes and a few chairs in the circle; the ladies all appeared in evening costume, without bonnets, and the gentlemen were in full dress. After thoroughly enjoying the excellent performance of the "Queen's Favorite" the party was taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Coe, where elegant refreshments were served by May, after which an hour of pleasant converse filled in the evening.

A SURPRISED SHERIFF.

Sheriff Swenson was called upon to entertain Wednesday evening, but no surprise could for an instant make the sheriff and his estimable wife forget the duties and pleasures of hospitality, and the result was that every one of the seventy friends who put in an unexpected apperance received a hearty and cordial welcome, and each in turn congratulated the host on having passed the forty-third milestone of a happy life. Mrs. A. L. Lindquist and Mrs. T. J. Clementscn had made the arrangements very quietly, so that no intimation had been given Mr. Swenson of what was in store for him. The Italian band accompanied the surprisers, and the evening was pleasantly spent with music and mirth. Those present were: O. H. Nelson, A. Backdahl, O. A. Chilson, C. Lindberg, W. Rydmark, Ed Blomquist, C. Bergstrom, E. Norberg, Mrs. John Thompson, Miss C. Johnson, Miss Addie Torubom, Miss Ellen Torubom, Miss Tina Berglund, Miss Anna Berglund, Miss Lenora Johnson, Miss Anna Clausen, Miss Helen Peterson, Miss Gussie Sedgers, Miss Tilda Larson, Miss Julia Larson, Miss Gertie Anderson, Miss Amanda Bergstrom, Miss Nellie Erickson, Col. Hans Mattson and wife, P. J. E. Clementson and wife, C. C. Bennett and wife, N. P. Peterson and wife, R. D. Bergland and wife, John F. Peterson and wife, A. Moberg and wife, A. Bergstrom and wife, E. Dean and wife, A. L. Lindquist and wife, C. A. Blomquist and wife, John Carlson and wife, John Brandt and wife, A. L. Rosander and wife, S. Anderson and wife, C. Sutherland and wife, P. Clausen and wife, A. R. Olson and wife, Col. John Landberg and wife, A. Larson and wife.

AN ELEGANT TEA.

Mrs. G. W. Merriam, assisted by her daughter, Miss Josie, gave a tea party at her home, 516 Eighth street south, on Friday afternoon, which was one of the most elegant of the season. Mr. and Mrs. Merriam have lived in Minneapolis a long time, and among the lady's guests were many of the older residents of the city. Among the floral decorations which brightened the parlors, the mantel, which was banked full with amaryltes and calla lilies, roses and poinsettias, attracted general attention, and an easel basket of roses was much admired. The guests were present from 4 o'clock to 7, tea being served in twelve courses by May. The refreshments were very elaborate, and the unique surprises were delightful features of the dainty menu. The guests were Mesdames Eli Torrence, N. F. Griswold, Donald Kennedy, J. C. Whitney, G. Rensis, George Heney, H. Wilbur, Nelson Williams, C. E. Vanderburgh, J. F. R. Foss, C. W. Case, B. A. Lee, Mel Eddy, Ried, L. Gorton, George Shepherd, F. Kingman, L. E. Ward, Charles A. Bovey, M. Thompson, W. Pettit, C. Pettit, C. J. Bartleson, Willis Baker, Charles Peck, J. O. Pierce, Charles Wales, Col. Aldrich, Edward Backus, A. Horr, Hart Brackett, George W. Hale, S. F. Hance, Armstrong, D. H. Wright, Charles Woods, George Rust, R. S. Goodfellow, Leavitt and V. G. Hush; Misses Ida Baker, Pierce, Nettie Wales, Florence Wales, Mary Corser, Emma Hayes, Carrie Hayes, Minnie Brackett, Clara Shaw, Lillian Pettit, Emma Roberts.

The Young Ladies' Flower mission of the Second Universalist church gave a Cinderella party at Malcolm's last Tuesday evening. "Cinderella" is probably a synonym for dancing, for that was the principal amusement provided, and it was all sufficient. Excellent music was furnished and sixty couple danced a programme of ten numbers, terminating with the german. The party disbanded shortly before 12—a move in the right direction. The treasury of the society will receive a handsome sum as the result of the evening's pleasure. Among the members of the society who assisted in receiving the guests last Tuesday evening were the Misses Kate Stoneman, Louise Kingman, Fanny Brown, Lillian Kinney, May Williams and Minnie Rollins.

S. S.

The S. S. club, composed of some twenty odd young people in the Eighth and Fifth wards, had an enjoyable fancy dress ball on Friday evening at the Twenty-seventh street hall. For the first hour it was a bal masque, but after that time the masks were discarded, especially as the identity of every person present was established after the first five minutes. Some of the costumes were decidedly striking and handsome. Miss Emma Francis represented a Greek maiden, the dress being in perfect keeping, and her classic face bearing out the characterization. Miss Effie Ames was a sailor girl, in blue and white, with sailor waist, short skirt and jaunty hat, and made a cute and winning picture. Miss Marie McColloch was a black Folly, with sable costume and jingling bells from the peak of a conical cap to the point of a petite slipper, and made an attractive figure. Miss Mary Alexander as Night and Miss Minnie Libbey as Morning, made a charming pair. Bertha Hunt and Minnie Allen were gypsies, and Mary Hazlehurst and Edith Blaisdell, milkmaids. Miss Beatrice Jodon as a Roman virgin, Miss Rellie Libby as Folly, Miss Carrie Barnaby, a quakeress, and Miss Ida Farnsworth as Dolly Varden, completed the list of ladies. The young gentlemen, as usual, ran to clowns and Mexicans, but the ensemble was striking and attractive. A list is as follows: Clowns, Charley Ames and W. H. Wright; Mexicans, Edwin S. Renner and A. E. Helmick; Spanish Hidalgoes, Charles Shibley and H. A. Butoff; jockey, Will Dickerson; colored dude, H. D. Alexander; Aunt Hannah, John Ludlum; sewing machine, Orien Webster; Ole Olsen, J. L. Pendleton. The dancing continued until about midnight.

MIKADO.

The Mikado club gave its fifth party last Wednesday evening, and a jolly party it was, too. If a bald-headed philosopher had happened to mount the stairs and stand in the hall outside Malcolm's he would have assumed his most dejected attitude, and with tear-dimmed eyes wondered and pondered upon the frivolity of the rising generation; and at that juncture had the doors been opened, he would have seen that by far the greater number of the giddy throng belonged to the risen generation, and not a few could equal in years, and surpass in experience, the moralist. But happy are they who grow old easily and return once and again to youthful pleasure, and thrice happy the few who cannot grow old at all. The party last Wednesday ended the first half of the series, and five yet remain. The Mikados as a club will not observe Lent, though some few individuals will be missed during the Lenten season. An almost complete list of the members follows. Each member is always at liberty to invite guests, and not a few of these favored if fortune were present Wednesday evening. The membership includes Messrs. and Mme. Charles Cleveland, L. E. Kelley, Dr. E. A. Hutchins, Mart Whitcomb, C. H. Maxcy, C. A. Couch, J. A. Shea, Wesley Neill, W. S. Jacoby, J. C. Warrall, John Wilcox, E. W. Aldrick, R. O. Coe, J. H. Bishop, W. W. Sly, C. Riegel, J. H. Pottle, A. P. Walrath, J. R. Hoffiin, L. S. Huff, A. T. Williams, S. L. Trussell, Chittenden, J. A. Bixby, Gifford, Winchester, A. E. McMullen, Thomas Levering, S. A. Reid, E. B. Clement, S. Woodruff, Gulwits, J. F. Colderwood, Kendrick, Charles Cornman, F. A. Fisher, S. Ferris, J. M. Sullivan, Powell, S. J. Comlee, J. W. Field and J. Fred Smith; Messrs. C. I. Fuller, Casca, Hal Reid, E. A. O'Brien, John Davis, Charles Jacoby.

NEW YORKERS.

On Wednesday the New Yorkers held forth at Curtiss Hall, and as is always the case with the people of the Empire state, a pleasant social evening resulted. The literary feature of the evening was Prof. Dickinson's recital of the trial scene from the "Merchant of Venice," in which the gentleman acquitted himself creditably, the change of voice with which he indicated the several characters being quite remarkable. It is no discredit to the elocutionist, however, to say that the New Yorkers were more pleased with their dancing than with his art—nor to the dancers either, for when ladies and gentlemen and good music are present upon a smooth floor the feet will move and away they go. About forty couples enjoyed the privileges afforded last Wednesday evening, and all commend the New York association.

CRESCENT.

The young gentlemen members of the Crescent club and their lady friends who braved the storm Thursday night were well repaid by the pleasures of the most delightful party the club has yet given. Invitations had been sent to the Ivy Leaf club, of St. Paul, but, owing to the severity of the storm very few St. Paul people came over. Eighteen numbers made up a varied programme, which was gayly danced to Curran's music. In addition to the members of the club a number of invited guests were present from the city, and all are loud in their praises of Crescent hospitality.

GERMAN.

The german given by a number of the leading society young men of this city at Malcolm's Friday evening was a very elegant and enjoyable affair. There was a large attendance and the costumes of the ladies were very pretty. As one figure after another was danced the scene was beautiful, and was greatly enjoyed by the few guests who did not participate. These parties are very private, and invitations can only be secured from the young gentlemen having them in charge.

APOLLO.

The Apollo club, a social organization of the leading young Hebrew gentlemen of the city, gave an informal dancing party last Wednesday evening at their club rooms, corner Second street and Nicollet avenue. About forty couples were present, and the dancing was kept up merrily until a late hour. Seaman furnished the music, delicious refreshments were served, and nothing was left undone that could add to the pleasure of the guests. The Apollos contemplate giving a grand masquerade on the great Jewish holiday of Purim, March 10.

OTHER PARTIES.

The Carpenters and Joiners' Local Union No. 34, gave one of their enjoyable hops last Wednesday evening at the hall over No. 25 Second street south. About twenty couples were present. Refreshments were served and everybody was bent on having a good time, in which they succeeded.

The East Minneapolis Mannerchor gave a masquerade dancing party last night at Germania hall. There is no people who so thoroughly enter into the spirit of the fun, which should be the feature of a masked ball, as the Germans, and the party last evening was as jolly as heart could wish.

HYMENEAL.

RICKEY-WHEELRIGHT.

The marriage of Miss Grace Rickey and J. O. P. Wheelright was solemnized by Rev. C. F. Thwing last Wednesday evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Rickey, 111 South Seventh street. The wedding was very private and, as the engagement had not been announced, was something of a surprise to not a few of the many friends of the happy couple. The bride wore a magnificent robe of cream faille silk en train, with chantilly lace and pearl trimmings, and garniture of white ostrich tips; she carried a large bouquet of pearl colored roses. The parlors had been beautifully decorated with plants and cut flowers from Mendenhall's. The pier mirror in the front parlor was banked high with fan palms and ferns, while trailing asparagus filigreed the space above. Before this beautiful spot the bride and groom stood while Mr. Thwing, who is a near friend of Mr. Wheelright's, pronounced the solemn words that made them man and wife. After the ceremony an elegant wedding supper was served by Domer. The decorations of the table were of simple elegance. On a large mirror in the center stood a beautiful pyramid of fruit; the glass was bordered with large rose-buds, lilies of the valley and smilax. At each plate was placed a single bud of the Catherine Mermet rose—very large flowers of the most delicate pink, each with its own dark green foliage, the long stem tied around with a bow of ribbon.

After an evening of quiet social pleasure Mr. and Mrs. Rickey went to their own home, 28 Twelfth street north, which had cosily been prepared by the groom, and was in complete readiness. They will be at home to their friends after the 21st inst. Many and earnest congratulations will be showered upon the home so auspiciously founded. The wedding guests were Miss Merriam, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones, of Iowa, Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Thwing Messrs. R. F. Anderson, Walter Douglass and C. E. Breeden.

ELWOOD—WOOD.

On last Monday afternoon, at 5 o'clock, the marriage of Miss May Elwood and Lewis N. Wood, of Duluth, was celebrated at the home of the bride's parents, 16 South Tenth street, Rev. C. F. Thwing performing the ceremony in the presence of the family. A wedding supper was served, after which there was a short informal reception, when about forty of the intimate friends of the young people congratulated them. Mr. and Mrs. Wood, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Elwood, took the 9:30 train for Duluth, where they will reside.

ROURKE—BARE.

Miss Nellie Rourke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rourke, and W. S. Bare were married last Tuesday afternoon at the Church of St. Anthony of Padua, in the presence of a large number of friends. Miss Rourke wore a beautiful dress of brown faille silk, trimmed in Siberian squirrel fur, with a cream tufted velvet bonnet and gloves to match. The young couple were attended by Miss Lizzie Rourke and George Rourke. After the solemn marriage service of the Catholic church had been celebrated by Father Reilly the wedding party, accompanied by the intimate friends of the bride and groom, repaired to Mr. Rourke's home, where a bountiful repast was served. Mr. and Mrs. Bare then went to their own home, 727 Monroe street, which had been previously furnished for them. They will be at home to their friends after March 1.

NEAL-LANSING.

The marriage of Miss Alice Neal and J. W. Lansing was very quietly celebrated last Wednesday afternoon at the bride's home on Portland avenue, by the Rev. Mr. Satterlee. An elegant wedding supper was served after the ceremony.

PHILLIPS-WALKER.

The many friends of Col. Platt B. Walker will rejoice with them in the marriage of the colonel's son, James C. Walker, to Miss Nettie Phillips, of Virginia, which occurred on Monday last. Mr. Walker is engaged in the government printing bureau at Washington, where he and his bride will reside.

CARDS.

The I. G. C. club was entertained last Thursday at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Jones, 1500 Park avenue. Progressive euchre was the feature of the evening, and a pleasant time was had by all present. Prizes will be awarded at the close of the series. Among those present were Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Putnam, Dr. and Mrs. C. K. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Wing, Mr. and Mrs. Jerard, Mr. and Mrs. J. Breyer, Mrs. E. Paine, Mrs. Hattie Weeks, Mrs. L. E. Quint, Misses Maud Weeks, Alice Kellogg, Lizzie Paine, M. Kellogg, M. Shafer, Eva Stull and Messrs. F. W. Booth, Frank Hanley, H. J. Altrow, George E. Burke.

The South Side Euchre club met with Mr. and Mrs. Worden, 2215 Twenty-first avenue south. The prizes were won by Mrs. G. D. Sigler and Mr. Young. There were present: Mr. and Mrs. Sigler, Mr. and Mrs. Stockdale, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Horton, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Redfield, Mr. and Mrs. Young, Mrs. R. G. Munroe, Miss Pease and Messrs. Dunn and Reynolds.

The I. N. S. club was entertained last Tuesday evening by Miss Dode Frey at her home on Hawthorne avenue, drive whist being the principal feature of the evening. The head prizes were awarded to Mr. Maxcy and Miss Miller, foot prizes to Mr. Paige and Miss Hall, after which elegant refreshments were served.

Miss Abbie Stetson gave a card party last Thursday evening, at which twenty-eight guests were present. The party was given an additional charm by the presence of Miss Stetson's guest, Miss White, of Milwaukee.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Twine, 222 Eighth avenue south, entertained a number of their friends Wednesday evening, progressive euchre being the amusement provided. Delicious refreshments were served.

Misses Flora and Annie Montgomery entertained their friends on Wednesday evening with the always fascinating game of progressive euchre.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hildebrand gave a jolly progressive euchre party Wednesday evening at their home, on Washington avenue.

On Friday evening the Misses Armstrong entertained the Star Whist club at their home, corner Ninth street and Mary place.

MINNEAPOLIS PERSONALS.

VISITORS.

E. J. Proctor and wife, of Burlington, Vt., are the guests of their sister, Mrs. Hall, at her home on Ninth avenue south.

Miss Nellie Bacon, of Paris, Ill., and Miss Grace Shearer, of Carrolton, Ill., are the guests of Mrs. John F. Bacon.

Mme. George Tyler and Henry Ball are enjoying a visit from their parents, Robert Paige and wife, of Delavan, Ill.

C. P. Gladen and wife are the guests of their son, J. G. Gladen, at his home, 214 West Twenty-seventh street.

Mrs. George C. Rust, of Burlington, Ia., is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. O. Cook, 2747 Stevens avenue.

George B. Huntington, of Luverne, is the guest of Dr. Jonas Huntington, 121 Fourth street south.

Miss Jane Nelson, of Lansing, Mich., is visiting Mrs. Charles Roberts, on Seventh street southeast.

Mrs. W. G. Bell, of Winnipeg, is the guest of Mrs. John H. Robertson, 1315 Second avenue south.

Mrs. H. Piper and Miss Cordelia Shaw, of St. Louis, are the guests of Mrs. J. G. Gardiner.

Mrs. Anna Dodge, of Bangor, Me., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Harter.

Miss Gertrude Moore, of Fond du Lac, Wis., is visiting friends in the city.

Miss Sarah L. Smith is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Moore, 1410 Nicollet avenue.

George I. Lane and wife, of Emporia, Kan., are visiting friends in the city.

Miss Jennie Catherwood, of Grinnell, Ia., is visiting friends in the city.

GONE.

George Camel and family, Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Lindley, Dr. Samuel Lindley and Clarkson Lindley, to California.

Judge E. B. Ames, wife and daughter, Mrs. Bryton, to Washington and the Hot Springs.

C. F. Powell and Miss Powell, to spend the remainder of the winter in Florida and Cuba.

Miss Amelia Albrecht, Mrs. H. J. Naumonon's guest, to her home in Rock Island, Ill.

Mrs. C. J Stuart and family, to join Mr. Stuart at Albany, Or.

Mistook His Meaning.

Boston Transcript.

Brown (who is not over-partial to soap and water)—I've got a lot of real estate on my hands that I'd like to get rid of.

Fogg—Why don't you try lye? If that don't do the business, perhaps you could take a knife and scrape some of it off.

Expressive.

Puck.

Mr. Livingstone van Riper, of New York—May I have the pleasure of part of the next waltz, Miss Frankfort?

Miss Frankfort, whose father owns a Kentucky stock farm—Thanks, awfully, but I've darnced so much I'm 'most foundered.

Mr. William Canby, Jr.,

For some time past associated with Ingersoll & Camden in the real estate business, and Frank A. Mannen, who will be remembered as the real estate commission agent of McClung, McMurran & Co., have formed a partnership in the real estate business under the firm name of Canby & Mannen, and after Tuesday, Feb. 15, can be found at their office in the chamber of commerce building, ground floor, with a choice list of business and speculative property.

THE FASHION IN TEXAS.

They dashed across the gleaming snow,
Two lovers in a cutter.
And rosy cheeks were all aglow,
But 'twasn't cold or frost, you know,
For crimson comes when glances show
The things love dare not utter.

The eloquence of her briefest speech
The secret may discover:
For ardent glances may beseech,
A thrilling touch, a sigh, may teach
The pleasant knowledge sought by each,
The secret of the lover.

But love is never long obtuse:
He set his wits contriving;
For said the knave with cunning ruse:
"I wish I had three arms." "Why choose
Three arms?" she asked. "I have to use
The other two for driving."

A crimson blush, a drooping head,
The inference ecstatic
The maiden caught, for lo! she said:
"Dear, I will drive the horse instead."
'Twas done, and o'er the snow they sped
In happiness emphatic.

What need of wide experience,
Or teaching to assist her?
She wants no other evidence
Than that which subtly captures sense,
And so she deemed it no offence
When smack! her lover kissed her.
—Texas Siftings.

IT HAS.

It is admitted, far and wide,
That it has been the maiden aim,
Since first the world of ours began,
To change the maiden name.
—Tid-Bits.

ELEVATING RAPTURE.

Said Jones, "She's plighted her hand to me,
I'm happy enough to climb a tree!"
Said Brown to Jones, "Don't be soft-headed,
You'll have more cause when you are wedded."
—Detroit Free Press.

MEANS A UNION DEPOT.

Reported Purchase by the Milwaukee Road of the Property of the Hardwood Storage Company.

The Facilities Grand for a Union Depot, and That is Said to be the Object of the Deal.

The Burlington Buying Ground for a Freight Depot--The Market is Otherwise Quiet.

Little Deals Throughout the Week and a Summary of the Transfers and Building Permits.

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