

# SOCIETY NEWS AND CHAT.



The Isabella Association connected with the National Exposition to be held in Chicago in 1893 had a very interesting meeting in the studio of Miss Caroline Ransom, 915 F street, on Monday afternoon, under the auspices of its president, Mrs. Isabella Beecher Hooker. There were present, among others, Dr. Dickinson and Dr. Waite, of Chicago, and the ladies of the executive board now in the city. Mrs. H. F. Blount, having been appointed vice president for the District, occupied the chair, and stated briefly that they had come together to get rather than to give information. The ladies representing the executive committee explained that the Isabella Association was not fostered by the Government. It originated as a memorial of the progress made by women during the past four hundred years, dating from the reign of Queen Isabella, who made the discovery of Columbus possible by her encouragement and aid. The motive of the association is to educate and develop women by making them acquainted with the work accomplished and their progress in civilization since that time. It is an object of the association to build a permanent building outside the exhibition grounds to be devoted to art, literature, and, above all, a "congress" on the main floor, where women can hold a series of conventions and compare notes and devise methods for a still wider development of all their powers. A great many ladies took a brief part in the discussion, among them Mrs. Isabella Beecher Hooker, Mrs. May Wright Sewall, Mrs. Corinne Brown, Miss Mary Eastman, Mrs. Berwick Colby, Mrs. Jessie Wright Colburn, of Maryland; Mrs. L. H. Stone, of Michigan; Dr. Winslow, Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, and others. At the close of the meeting it was stated that Miss Ransom offered her studio for the free use of the Isabella Association whenever they desired a place of meeting. The offer was accepted with thanks, and many ladies paid their dollar and thus became members of the association. Among others present were Mrs. Pratt, of Boston; Mrs. Merrill, of the New York Herald; Belva Lockwood, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Dr. Winslow, Mrs. H. N. Balfour, Mrs. J. W. Powell, Mrs. L. DeF. Jennings, Mrs. C. W. land, Miss Coyne Fletcher, Mrs. Dr. Helberger Burrill, Dr. Wicks, Mrs. Judge Bentley, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. Hines, wife of the ex-Commissioner, and Mrs. M. D. Lincoln.

The entertainment given at the Shoreham on Monday evening in honor of Miss Emma Jean Wilson was in every way a brilliant success. The audience was composed of leading society people, many of whom came in evening dress. The ball-room of the Shoreham is a very beautifully appointed apartment, well suited for handsome entertainments. Miss Wilson was assisted by Mrs. Annie Louise Powell, who was in excellent voice, and by Miss Harriet Parsons, of Boston, and Mr. Henry Xander, both of whom acquitted themselves with great skill at the piano. Mr. Xander's performance being very brilliant. Miss Wilson looked charming in an art gown of soft white silk, and she read her selections with a refined sense of appreciation of their motive that was very effective. The scene from "As You Like It" is especially adapted to displaying her melo-dramatic power to advantage, while the piece, "The Ruggles' Dinner Party," was irresistibly funny. Mrs. Powell's song of "Good Night, Sweet Dreams," was beautifully and artistically rendered, and both Miss Wilson and Mrs. Powell received several encores. Among those present were Dr. Bartlett, Mrs. Dolph, Mrs. Ex-Senator Kellogg, Mrs. Maj. Powell, Miss Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson, Mr. E. B. Hay, Mrs. and Miss Cabell, Mr. and Mrs. Kelm, Mrs. L. DeF. Jennings, Mrs. H. N. Balfour, Miss J. Richards, Mrs. Rice, Miss Cynthia Cleveland, Mrs. Spider, Mrs. Rhines, Miss Kenna, and Mrs. Blount. Mr. Seeley and several other young gentlemen acted as ushers, being in evening dress, with boutonnières of violets.

A large gathering of friends witnessed on Wednesday the marriage, at noon, in the First Congregational Church, of Miss Blanche Deplane Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Williams, 424 Third street, and Mr. Charles E. Cooke. The space around the platform and reading desk was decked with palms. The bride was led to the altar by her father, and was preceded by her maid of honor, Miss Isabel C. Williams, sister of the bride. The ushers were Mr. Louis Wells, Mr. Charles Holmer, Mr. Charles S. King, and Mr. William Miller. Mr. Gordon Van Hook acted as best man. Dr. Samuel Newman, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony, which was very impressive. Professor Bischoff presided at the organ. An elaborate wedding breakfast followed the ceremony, after which the happy pair left for a trip through the North. They will visit New York, Philadelphia, and Atlantic City, and on their return will be glad to see their friends at the Lincoln. The bride wore a gown of tan-colored camel's hair, trimmed with golden-brown velvet and silk and gilt braid. Her shoes and gloves matched in shade. Her hat was of brown velvet and gold lace, with sprays of wisteria falling gracefully over the side. The groom is a prominent member of the Columbus Athletic Club, and is engaged in the work of the Geological Survey.

Mrs. A. F. Springsteen, of 1810 Thirteenth street, accompanied by her charming little daughter, Ruby Marie, left the city yesterday on the Florida special for a month's sojourn in the "Land of Flowers." Mrs. S. visits her sister, Mrs. E. B. Briggs, Lakeland, Fla., and, while making that place her headquarters, will take a trip to Jacksonville and St. Augustine, stopping at the Hotel Ponce de Leon for a few days.

Mrs. Gen. Spinola is slowly recovering from her recent severe illness. General and Mrs. Spinola had expected to start on a brief Southern trip this week, but her physicians think it wiser to postpone her departure until the 20th of the month. On account of her illness Mrs. Spinola has been utterly unable to make her calls, but she hopes to do so on her return a little later in the season.

Mrs. Wilson, wife of the Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue, has left for her home in Hamilton, Ohio. Mr. Wilson will join her the latter part of the week, to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth D. Wilson, and Mr. W. S. Padonner, on the 18th instant.

Mrs. Charlis W. Cunningham left yesterday for Philadelphia, where she will pay a short visit to her son, thence going to Providence, where she will visit relatives for a month.

Mrs. Spottwood, wife of Capt. W. G. Spottwood, of the War Department, has gone to Johnson City, Tenn., where she will pay a long visit to friends.

Senator, Mrs. and Miss McMillan will spend the summer in European travel.

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The concert in aid of the Woman's Hospital and Dispensary on Thursday afternoon at the British Legation was an unusually attractive one. The names on the programme represented the best musical talent of the city. Miss Shepherd, Mr. Elliott, Miss Harlan, Mr. Pier Stevens, Miss Marie Decca, Mrs. Mauro, Signor M. Maina, Mrs. Spencer Irving, Miss Amy Hare, Miss Hyde, Mr. Rice, Mr. Will Curtis and Miss Nellie Hunt comprised a galaxy of vocalists and musicians seldom heard on one occasion. Miss Marie Decca was in splendid voice, and her rendition of Eckert's "Swiss Echo Song" was one of the finest and most artistic pieces of vocalizations. Miss Harlan's "Love Song" and Mrs. Mauro's "Land of the Leal" were sung with fine expression. Miss Amy Hare was brilliant, Miss Hyde (contralto) in "Mein Glück" was excellent, and Mr. Curtis' handling of the violin was delicate and artistic. St. Julian and Lady Pauncefoot and Miss Pauncefoot were indefatigable in their efforts to render the occasion a success. Great credit is also due Miss Bell, president of the Friday Morning Musical Club. The concert was given under the auspices of the Ladies' Committee, and under the immediate charge of Miss Bell, who arranged the programme. Among the many notable guests were Mrs. Russell Harrison and Mrs. McKee, Madame Mendonça and her three daughters, with their guests, Miss Hunt and Miss Campbell; Mrs. Justice Harlan, Madame Romero, Mr. and Mrs. Holaday, Dr. and Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Romero's mother, Mrs. Allen; Mr. De Struve, Mrs. Emmons, Mrs. Henry, Miss Shepherd, Mrs. Joseph M. Carey, Miss Cove, Mrs. Cowles, the Misses Thomas, the Misses Patton, Professor and Mrs. Cabell, Mr. and Miss Hopkins, Mrs. Jean Lander, Mrs. Morrill, Miss Swan, Mr. and Mrs. Breckinridge, Mrs. Senator Payne and her niece, Miss Payne; Mrs. Jerome Burnett and Mrs. Deloss Gould, of Terre Haute, Ind.; Miss Edmunds, Miss Mitchell, Miss Grace Davis, Mrs. Dolph, and Miss Gouverneur. Although the programme was a lengthy one the audience stayed to hear it through—one of the highest compliments that could be paid.

The Woman's National Press Association held their regular monthly business meeting at Willard's on Friday night, Mrs. M. D. Lincoln, president, in the chair. The committee having the recent reception in charge made returns, and orders on the treasurer to pay all outstanding bills were drawn. An amendment to the constitution, offered by Mrs. Emily L. Sherwood, that has been pending for some time, was passed, namely: "That no office of this association can be occupied by the same person for over three consecutive years." Several prominent journalists applied for membership, and their credentials were referred to the executive committee. Other routine business being disposed of, Mrs. Colby, editor of the *Woman's Tribune*, was selected to read a paper, "The Doll's House," at the next public meeting, two weeks hence. A vote of thanks to Mr. Small, the florist, for a donation of the potted plants and a handsome centre piece of flowers used at the Press Association reception last week was passed and the secretary ordered to notify him of the same. Thanks were also unanimously voted to Mr. Staples for his hospitable treatment and unwearied kindness to the W. N. P. A., also to Messrs. Brentano for cards, etc., after which the association adjourned.

Mrs. Hildrup, No. 1 Iowa Circle, held a small reception on Tuesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. English and Mrs. Benedict, of Connecticut, who are spending a few days in the city. The two hours from 4 to 6 were greatly enjoyed by the guests, among whom were Madame Romero, Mrs. Menocal, Mrs. Hieborn, Mrs. McClellan, Mrs. Jules Guthridge, Mrs. and Miss Carson, Aymer, with her guests, Miss McGleney; Judge and Mrs. Lawrence, Gen. Raum, Miss Causton, Mrs. Carvallo, Mrs. Allen, of Washington; Mrs. Almerna B. Williams, Mrs. Upton, Mrs. and Miss Cleary, Major and Mrs. Tyrrell, Miss Soule, and Mrs. Mills. Refreshments of salads and ices were served in the dining-room. Miss Tyrrell poured tea in the library.

Mrs. John B. Allen held her last and a very pleasant reception at No. 10 B street northeast on Monday last. Mrs. Allen was handsomely attired in black satin, with black and gold passementerie trimmings. Receiving with her were the well-known writers, Mrs. Kate Tannatt Woods, of Salem, Mass., and Mrs. Hicks, ("Sapphire Sparkle," of New York) and Mrs. W. F. wearing a trained dress of black velvet, with lilac garniture; Mrs. Hicks, imported costume of gray cloth and pink roses; Miss Tannatt, of Walla Walla, in black lace costume; Mrs. Representative Wilson, of Washington State, toilette of corn cloth and brown velvet, and Miss Wyckoff, daughter of Lieut. Wyckoff, of the Navy, in becoming costume of gray.

A very enjoyable dancing party was given by the Misses Brown, at their home, 432 M street, Friday evening, in honor of their guests, Miss Alice Mackay and Miss Vinnie McGregor, of Brooklyn. Among the many present were Mrs. and Mrs. R. A. Beuchler, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Greenfield, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Sterns, Miss Alice and Miss Draney, of Paterson, N. J.; Miss Nixon, Helen Wells, Carrie Cowles, Lotta Jackson, Mrs. Kavanaugh, and Messrs. B. W. Gheen, W. E. Colladay, E. W. Smith, W. A. Brown, La Mar Cobb, Lee Pichly, and T. A. Brown, Jr.

The brilliant correspondent, "Margaret Manton," Morrill, of the New York Press, Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette, Philadelphia Press, and other journals, left for New York on Thursday. Mrs. Manton Merrill has been at the Arlington for the past three months.

Wednesday Baron de Vriere gave an elegant breakfast at his residence on Vermont avenue in honor of Mr. Hansen, of the Russian Legation, who will soon leave for Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stewart Osborn have returned to Chicago. Mrs. Osborn made many friends during the season and was greatly admired.

Major and Mrs. R. G. Rutherford have taken up their residence in a commodious new house in the West End, No. 1811 Nineteenth street.

Miss Campbell, who has been visiting the Misses Mendonça for a few weeks past, returned to her home in New York Thursday.

Judge W. T. Newman and Mrs. Newman, of Burlington, Iowa, are guests of their cousin, Mrs. Newman, 2403 Pennsylvania avenue.

Mrs. L. DeF. Jennings has been invited to read a paper on "Chautauqua Clubs" at Sorosis Club, New York, in April.

Mrs. E. H. Merrill, of the Boston Globe, and Miss Helen Winslow, of the Boston Herald, left Washington on Monday.

The correct styles in full-dress shirts at Miller's, shirt makers and ladies' and gentlemen's outfitter, Eighteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue.

Mrs. C. B. Cilley, of 1328 I street, always holds a pleasant reception on Tuesday afternoons. That of last Tuesday was a notable event, and brought out all the genius for entertaining of this popular hostess. There were many ladies of renown assisting her, and for a mid-Lenten reception it was quite gay. Mrs. Cilley wore a dotted muslin over crimson India silk. Among those assisting were Mrs. Kate Tannatt Woods, the authoress, in black velvet; Madame Mendonça, old-rose satin; the Misses Mendonça, gay afternoon toilet, and Mrs. Ole Bull, in black lace. Those calling were Mrs. Veazey, Mrs. Waldron, Miss Smith, Mrs. and Miss Batchelder, Boston; Mrs. John Elderkin, New York; Mrs. Gen. MacCartney, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Mrs. Christie, Miss Mary Eastman, Boston; Mrs. and Miss Patterson, Mrs. and Miss Cabell, Mrs. and Miss Wardworth, Miss Walworth, Miss Peachy, Miss Denver, Miss Faulkner, Mrs. Ogden, Mrs. Clark, Professor Ogden, Mrs. Mary Lowe Dickinson, Mrs. Talbot, Mrs. Len Allan, Mrs. Adece, Mrs. Nell Belt, Lieutenant and Mrs. Hutchins, Lieut. Doherty, Lieut. Beatty, Mrs. Estes Rathbone, Mrs. Bourne, Boston; Mrs. Jules Guthridge, Mr. and Mme. Plaza, Miss Florence Brown, Miss Millard, Mr. Makall, Mr. Gill, Dr. McPherson, Capt. Abbott, Colonel and Mrs. Rutherford, Miss Cathbert, Miss Elliott, Mrs. G. W. Brown, Mrs. and Miss Manning, Miss LaBau, Miss Mattingly, Miss Kelton, Mrs. Cullom, Mrs. Stockbridge, Mrs. Hoar, Mrs. Shields, Mrs. and Miss Scranton, the Attorney General and Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Riddle, Mrs. Foulke, President and Mrs. Rankin, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Frances Colton, Mrs. Pratt, Boston; Mrs. Emily L. Sherwood, Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Guthwaite, Dr. Webster, Miss Knowles, and Miss Clarke. Tea and light refreshments were served.

Miss Annie Fisher, daughter of First Auditor Fisher, was united in marriage on Wednesday to Hon. Benjamin Benson Caboon, of Missouri. The ceremony was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, 2006 G street. Rev. Father Floyd, of St. Stephen's, was the officiating clergyman. The handsome bride was elegantly attired in a traveling costume of gray cloth, with garniture of silver and steel passementerie, and gray hat with bunch of white heather. The latter was worn in compliment to the groom's nationality. An altar was erected in the bay window of the drawing-room and here the ceremony was performed. The groom was attended by Mr. William H. Dennis as best man. A handsome wedding breakfast was served. The marriage was witnessed by the bride's parents, Judge and Mrs. Fisher, Miss Virginia Fisher, Mr. George P. Fisher, Jr., of Chicago; Assistant District Attorney Caboon, of St. Louis; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Caboon, of New York; Capt. Barrett, of the Navy; Col. Berrett, Hon. and Mrs. J. B. Henderson, Mrs. Chinn, Hon. Mr. Pennington, Mr. and Mrs. George Alfred Townsend, Miss Bonwell, of Philadelphia; Major and Mrs. Wood, Judge and Mrs. Edwards, and a number of other friends.

Among the notable Easter weddings will be that of Miss Bessie Rutherford and Mr. Richard A. Whittingham, of Baltimore, which is announced to take place on Thursday, April 2, at noon, in Epiphany Church, the same place where the parents of the bride-elect were married just twenty-five years ago. The ceremony will be performed by the father of the groom, Rev. Dr. R. A. Whittingham, of Baltimore. There will be four bridesmaids and a maid of honor. The five ushers will come from Baltimore and Philadelphia. The marriage ceremony will be followed by a breakfast and reception from 1 to 3 at the residence of the bride's parents, 1811 Nineteenth street. Invitations to the number of one thousand have been issued for the church ceremony.

Miss Breckinridge, who accompanied Secretary Proctor and family to Fortress Monroe, is still at the latter place, where, with Miss Proctor, she was entertained at an elegant luncheon on Thursday by Miss Pennington, of the Garrison.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Maloney, of Le Droit Park, have issued cards for the marriage of their daughter, Rena, and Mr. H. D. Pettit, of Philadelphia. The ceremony will take place in Wesley Chapel, on the 18th instant, at 10:30 A. M.

The Yale Glee and Banjo clubs will give another of their delightful concerts at the Academy of Music (Lincoln Music Hall) March 30. Mrs. William C. Whittemore will give them a handsome reception after the concert.

Dinners were given during the past week by Mr. and Mrs. Foulke to Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. McKee, by Miss Painter in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Abbott, and by General and Mrs. N. L. Jefferies to a company of sixteen.

The marriage of Miss Louise Merrick, daughter of the late Richard T. Merrick, and Mr. G. E. Hamilton will take place on Wednesday, April 29, in St. Matthews's Church.

Mrs. A. W. Lowery arrived early in the week from Detroit. Lieut. Lowery had already secured quarters at No. 1412 I street, where they are now comfortably settled.

Miss Mildred Lee, of Virginia, who is now in New York, visiting Mrs. Robertson, of 145 West Fifty-eighth street, is expected shortly in this city.

Miss Claire Okie left Washington yesterday for Kingston, Ontario, where she will be the guest of the Lord Bishop of Ontario and Mrs. Lewis.

Mrs. Agnes C. Moore and Miss Daisy Moore will start to-morrow for the South, where they will travel for a couple of months.

Mrs. C. M. Pepper has returned to the city from Detroit, where she went to attend the funeral of her sister.

Mrs. Isaac Henderson, who has been visiting her daughter in San Antonio, Tex., is expected home this week.

Mrs. Frank M. Gates, of Kansas, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Welch, of 1637 Thirteenth street.

Mrs. Rusk, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Noble, and Mrs. Wanamaker are at home informally on Wednesday.

Mrs. A. R. Smith, of New York, is visiting Mrs. Frey, of 1612 Rhode Island avenue.

Mrs. W. D. Owen has been unable to pay all her return calls on account of illness.

Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. and Miss Carr have taken rooms at the Clarendon.

Mrs. George Alfred Townsend is the guest of Mrs. Bentley on Ninth street.

Representative and Mrs. Blanchard left for Louisiana last evening.

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