

Literature, Music, Art, and Social and Personal Notes.

Social and Personal.

The Board of Lady Managers of the Old Dominion Hospital tendered a reception to the graduate nurses and their friends at the "Nurses' Home," on Broad street, Monday evening from 8 to 12 o'clock. The following ladies were present: Madame William Graham, William Shelton, George A. Lyon, Dalney Carr, Kate Wynn, Maria Robinson, Norman V. Randolph, William Horton, Frank T. Crump, Miss Minnie Baumhamer, Miss Lily Cayce, Mrs. Alfred Gray, Mrs. Bland Smith, Mrs. Addie D. Lyons, Mrs. L. D. Bushell, Mrs. A. L. Lorraine, Mrs. T. B. Johnson, Miss Matilda P. Harris.

Mrs. Annie Maria Wetland has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Amelia, to Mr. J. Marshall Atkinson, the wedding to take place Wednesday, June 21st, at 12 noon at the First Presbyterian church, Lynchburg, Va.

Mr. Atkinson is the son of Mrs. A. D. Atkinson, of the Lexington Hotel, and has many friends in this city, where he resided until the past few years. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mrs. A. M. Wetland, of Lynchburg, and is prominent in the social circle of that city.

The Junior Hollywood Memorial Association held a highly interesting meeting at Lee Camp Hall yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, with Mrs. Norman V. Randolph in the chair.

Miss Mary Hill Greening, of Detroit, Michigan, was elected a member of the Juniors. Letters were received from Rev. J. W. Wallen, of Athens, Ga., asking for information regarding the grave of his brother, who was buried at Drewry's Bluff, and from Stateville, N. C., asking about the grave of Robert Archibald King, of Company K, Seventh North Carolina Regiment, killed June 11, 1863, at Cold Harbor, with seven of his comrades. Inquiries will be made by the Juniors as to where these bodies have been reinterred, and the necessary information will be given.

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Mrs. Decatur Axtell is spending some time at the Hot Springs.

The Board of Managers of the Woman's Christian Association held a meeting at their rooms on Franklin street, Monday afternoon, with Mrs. James H. Capers in the chair. Besides routine business, Miss Emily T. Morris was unanimously elected superintendent and the following chairman of committees for the year appointed: House—Mrs. J. Hall Moore; Admission—Mrs. Anna F. Nash; Religious Instruction—Miss Rebecca H. Norwood; Finance—Mrs. M. C. Smith; Library—Mrs. W. Roy Mason; Publication—Mrs. George Armstrong Lyon; Employment—Mrs. Sue W. Wilson; Lunch—Mrs. William M. Wade; Classes—Mrs. Charles F. Vining; Entertainment—Mrs. S. R. Stroupe; Boys—S. Bryan Day Norton; and Free Kindergarten—Mrs. P. Walford.

The following ladies were present: Mrs. Rebecca H. Norwood, Mrs. J. Hall Moore, Mrs. Lee Lorraine, Mrs. M. C. Smith, Mrs. S. W. Travers, Miss Annie Christian, Miss Pearl Bodeker, Mrs. W. Roy Mason, Mrs. George Armstrong Lyon, Miss S. E. Williams, Mrs. Charles P. Walford, Mrs. William M. Wade, Mrs. W. T. Heckler, Miss Jennie Jones, Miss Sadie McRae, Mrs. Nash, Mrs. W. E. Crump, Mrs. Preston Nash, Mrs. W. E. Hartman, and others.

Major and Mrs. James H. Dealey are visiting Major Thomas C. Elder, of Staunton.

Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock Mrs. George Armstrong Lyon called a meeting of the Publication Committee to make the arrangements for the Year Book of the Woman's Christian Association of 1892-93. The following ladies are on the committee: Mrs. J. Hall Moore, Mrs. Charles P. Walford, Mrs. W. Roy Mason, and Miss Pearl Bodeker.

Mrs. Thomas P. Howard, of New York, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. Mercer Shields.

Miss Fanchonie Baby, who has been visiting Miss Mary Brooks, on west Grace street, left last week for her home, in Amelia county.

Mrs. Louis Boussole will leave shortly for Hampton, Va., to spend several weeks, after which she will spend the rest of the summer in the mountains of Virginia.

Miss Lora Chapman, who has been ill at the Virginia Hospital for some time, is improving slowly.

The friends of Colonel James Lyons, who was operated on for his eye-sight, will be glad to learn that he is able to travel. Colonel and Mrs. Lyons left last week for their country home, "Red Hill," in Buckingham county.

A very charming house party was given by Dr. T. Alfred Parker, a recent graduate of the University College of Medicine, at his home, in Bon Air, during the past week. Among those who enjoyed Dr. Parker's hospitality were: Misses Kate Michaux, Eleanor Fisher, Mary Jennings and Ellie Parker. The gentlemen were: Drs. Chichester Pierce, Frederick Downing, Julian Robinson, W. Lowndes Pepe, and T. A. Parker.

Rev. George E. Booker, the popular pastor of Fairmount Avenue church, is visiting friends in Sussex.

Miss Ely Maury Werth has been very much indisposed during the past week, at her home, 323 east Main street.

Miss Julia A. Loram and Mrs. Nickell B. Johnston will leave shortly for Howard county, Md., to visit Miss Lettie McMullen.

Mrs. George E. Booker and Miss Fannie Booker, who have been visiting the former's son, Rev. George E. Booker, left for the country last week to spend the summer with him.

Mrs. F. T. Lafferty left on Monday to spend several months in Albemarle county.

The Richmond Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy had a highly interesting meeting, Wednesday afternoon, at Lee Camp Hall, Mrs. Norman V. Randolph in the chair. Three letters of thanks were received from U. S. Chapter Memorial Societies thanking the Daughters for flowers sent them during the reunion. Mrs. Randolph, in very unfavorable terms, commented on the recent action of the Falls Church Chapter, condemning it for being associated in a Confederate encampment with the Rev. William Ulley and for inviting General Miles to deliver an address. It was decided to contribute five dollars to the Huntington, W. Va., Chapter. Miss Harris, chairman of the Winnie Davis Monument Fund, submitted a very favorable report. Mrs. Frank T. Crump, No. 19 east Franklin street, desires each member of the Richmond Chapter to be a subscriber to the postal card so that the Chapter roll can be properly arranged, as the addresses of many of the Daughters are unknown. It is earnestly hoped that all members will be present at the next meeting to receive their badges. Mrs. Randolph am-

fully Grecian scenery and Greek art. See

tells the fascinating stories of mythology and history in an entertaining way. All the sketches and stories are briefly but clearly written, and historically correct.

There is nothing that is interesting or instructive that is not found in other works. The book is elegantly gotten up. The classic binding in the colors of Greece, white and blue velvet cloth, stamping in gold, etc., was designed by the author.

A book for the people, and a literary publication of great interest is a handy volume of humorous poetry, "Jim Marshall's New Planner, and Other Western Stories." William Devore, "Tramp Poet of the West."

The book is published in attractive style by M. Wilmot & Sons, of New York. It contains twenty-five short stories, humorously and pathetically told in verse, enthusiastically endorsed as accurate history of mining days and appropriately illustrated by Joseph Morningstar and Dolph Levino. Price, \$1.00.

When Mary Hubbard, of Charles City, will visit Miss Florida Hubbard, on north Twenty-ninth street, this week.

Mr. Charles T. Hughes left last week for Gloucester county to visit her mother, Mrs. Lucy H. Ashe.

Miss Nellie Hegerty and Ruby Gardner, after both the recipients of many flattering attentions during their stay in

Washington, have returned to their homes on Church Hill.

Miss Marge Powell, who has been visiting the Misses Dickinson, on Marshall street, has returned to her home in Norfolk.

Miss Nellie Richardson is the guest of Mrs. B. F. Johnson, at Bon Air.

Dr. B. R. Hudnall left last week for his new home, Low Moor, Va.

Mr. F. E. Elsener, who has been visiting relatives in New York, has returned to the city.

Miss Mary Frazer will sail for Europe on the 2d of July.

Captain W. G. Harvey, acting manager of the R. W. Travers band, and Elliott & Son, a band of the Board of Directors of the Virginia and North Carolina Chemical Company, left Wednesday on a business trip to Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Carl Buehrmud, the well-known Richmond architect, left last week on a short visit to Charlotte, N. C.

Dr. J. P. Taylorson, professor of eye, ear, throat, and nose diseases, at the Medical College of Virginia, after an extended trip through the North and West, has returned to the city.

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Mr. George Ben Johnson has returned home, after a brief trip to New York.

MISS JANIE B. ROGERS.



Among the many bright pupils who graduated from the High School last Wednesday, Miss Janie B. Rogers took the lead in June examinations. She is the sixteen-year-old daughter of Mr. W. L. Rogers, of 235 south Pine street, and has been for three years a pupil at the High School. Her examination per cent. this session was 38.75, and her seasonal standing perfect—400. Professor Julian P. Thomas, principal of the High School, commends Miss Rogers as a remarkably bright and promising pupil.

Music and Musicians Books and Authors.

The music publishing firm of Breitkopf & Härtel, in Leipzig, has again put out some of the best novelties:

"The Study of Staccato" on the violin by Rich. Scholz, Op. II, containing exercises and studies for staccato bowing together with an introduction to the technical execution thereof.

"Sonata in A Major," by G. F. Haenel, has been arranged by Fred. David for violin and piano, and is a fine number for study and concert use.

"Romances" (second part) for piano, by F. Scharwenka, Op. 29, No. 1. This opus is dedicated to the virtuous, Maurice Rosenthal.

"Album Leaves," by C. Mischke, Op. 8, "Come, Charming May," and "In Memory of Mozart," two easy and very effective piano solos.

The same firm has also issued recently a volume of rare old church music, viz., "Reponsori, Gregoriani, etc.," by Marcus Antonio Inganno. These vocal compositions are early efforts, and that of the monk Inganno under the title of "Reponsori von den Monasteri." We see not Albrecht, no Italian, Bohemia, nor in the "Autobiography," sometimes, we seem not to be reading at all, merely sitting in the corner of a studio and listening to what the greatest personalities who come and go have to say to us. We enter so entirely into the delightful life that flows around us that we are not surprised to hear our author saying:

"The writing of the present chapter has often been a source of great pleasure to me, for I say with Boieldieu in Richard III, 'I count myself in nothing else so happy as in a soul remembering my good friends,'" So M. Mischke has not given us an autobiography—what he has given us, instead, is a history of his friends entwined with charming anecdotes, many of which are altogether new.

Mischke has now all his imitations with Mendelssohn, Mallrau, Laine, Thalberg, and Dante Rossetti. His Leipziger associations are especially full of Mendelssohn, and give us details of his too early death and of the water-color sketch made of the master's study while it stood just as he left it, before an alien touch had broken the spell or destroyed the charm of the presence which had dwelt there.

The Paris days have a distinctive place and attraction of their own and transport us to the Atelier Gleizes and to Du Maurier, Whistler, Poynter, and the student life there individually and collectively.

The beautifully told story—introduced here-of the life and death of Claude Dupont touches our hearts by its very simplicity and unaffected tenderness. It is a fable of human woe, which M. Mischke has told in the style of his life.

The last chapter of the "Autobiography" is given entirely to Browning and is pre-eminently the finest in the entire book. When M. Mischke came to America, in 1882, Browning gave him the following characteristic letter of introduction:

"To whomsoever it may concern:
I have received such extraordinary kindness from Americans, and number so many of them among my friends, that it would seem ridiculous if I selected those whom I ventured to believe would oblige me were it possible. I shall therefore say, in the simplest of words, that should my dear friend, the painter Mischke, meet with any individual whose sympathy I have been privy to, to be rendered to him or his charming wife, will constitute one more claim to the gratitude of

ROBERT BROWNING."

Browning came frequently to Mischke's studio and their studio conversation, as told in this chapter, is specially interesting and merits far more than a single reading. Mischke painted Browning's study in the De Vere Gardens after the poet's death, and we give below the extract which refers to it:

"All here—only our poet's away... On his table lay a book he had shown me as one he treasured—a little Greek Bible. On the last leaf was written 'My wife's book and mine.' Pictures of his son hung on the walls; so, too, a portrait of his wife when a little girl, by Hayter; one of Hope End, the house in which she lived, and one of the tomb in the English cemetery in Florence where she lies buried. Another reminiscence of her is the low chair to the right of the bed,

she at all times liked low seats, and that chair was a favorite with her."

THE BLACK DOUGLAS. By S. R. Crockett, Doubleday & McClure Company.

The "Black Douglas" of Mr. Crockett's new book is a member of that family who could trace their lineage back so far that they proudly affirmed, "You may see us in the stem, you cannot discover us in the root; you may see us in the crest, you cannot trace us to the fountain."

The "Black Douglas" of "The Crusader," the Douglass, enriched the family arms by the addition of the bleeding heart, by being the doughty defender of the heart of Bruce, the stalwart "Knight of the Tombs," the ruthless in warfare and yet the "Douglas," tender and true! of the song, when in the company of his "lady faire."

"The Black Douglas," whom we are at present considering is William, sixth Earl of Douglas, made earl when he was but a strapping lad, and having his fate told in the following verse:

"Edinburgh Castle, town and tour,
God grant you sink for sin,
And that even for the black dinneur."

The ancestors of the "Black Douglas" have such names as "The Hardy" and "The Grim" and inherited courage is the forte of the race, passed down through the skill of the writer, courage which assumes both restraint and repose, foreign qualities in the usual particular of this warrior cast. He is betrayed at "the black dinneur" but he meets his fate with calm composure, while his attitude toward the Lady Sybil, who has brought him to such a pass, exhibits him as the finest and bravest type of manliness and chivalry.

In conclusion, it has been said of Mr. Crockett's book "that it makes a very good novel, but it would make a very poor play, and we may reasonably hope never to see it tortured into a working resemblance to drama."

M-TEAGUE. By Frank Norris. Doubleday & McClure Company, New York.

This book is an unmistakable outcome of the spirit of locomotion and revolution which has pervaded and disturbed all classes of literature during the past twenty years. In fiction, especially, numerous schools and movements have been formed and inaugurated by uninformed and egotistic entities. Following the example of the foreign brothel-rooms of their cast, they have looked out upon the world, and in all its great events and fads, and in all its grandeur and beauty, found nothing more interesting than themselves. They have imbibed the "new" drop of the "old" chisel and exalted, then they paraded in art and letters. And then they came. They have haunted the side doors of music halls and theatres and have obtained sheltered introductions to chorus girls and ballet dancers. Such acquaintanceship they call love, and such wonderful and varied experience they at once reduce to writing. Can we wonder that their publications are imitations of Shelley and Zola, that they are impure and disgraceful? They have once devoured—this nondescript brotherhood—to express sentiments and sounds by names of colors, and like Virgil's harpies, they have fed only upon the entrails and the innards of the gods. Their gods have been roasted, seventy-five pies and fifty cakes had been baked, fifteen gallons of cream puffs had been prepared, ten gallons of plums had been set before the "happy throng" and thirty chickens were cooked, and besides there were breads, fruits and vegetables in proportion. That was not sufficient, however, to provide all the wedding guests with a square meal."

A Kansas Wedding Feast.

There was a country wedding in Ford county, Kansas, the other day, which was attended by 300 guests. "One large feast," says the local paper, "had been slaughtered and cooked, three hogs had been roasted, seventy-five pies and fifty cakes had been baked, fifteen gallons of cream puffs had been prepared, ten gallons of plums had been set before the 'happy throng' and thirty chickens were cooked, and besides there were breads, fruits and vegetables in proportion. That was not sufficient, however, to provide all the wedding guests with a square meal."

Locomotive Rugs.

During the past few months the Baltimore and Ohio railroad has materially extended the runs of the passenger locomotives on through trains. Formerly engines were changed, on an average, every 100 or 150 miles. It was thought that the mountain grades of the B. & O. and the heavy traffic presented an extension of the runs. However, the experiment has proved successful and reduced the number of locomotives formerly required by twenty-four, which can run in the 100 or 150 miles, and save the purchase of more motive power. Under the new plan locomotives are double-coupled and make from 7,000 to 8,000 miles a month, as against 3,000 to 4,000 under the former method.

Capital Caskets, who is a Past Grand Commander of the Confederate Veterans of Virginia, and former chairman of the

History Committee, in his book, reviews a number of such histories, showing how utterly false they are and how utterly unfit they are for the children of the South to read. With a pathos akin to sadness, he says that "the world has decided against us," and that "there remains to us now but a single hope—the hope of winning and holding something better than a dishonored place in the hearts of our own children."

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Captain Cassons' book is a valuable addition to Southern literature. It is written in his own peculiar vernacular, yet chaste, style, and in addition to his "Glossary of Current History," there are some addresses by himself and other selections bearing on the subject.</p