

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Nancy Wynne Is Glad to Know That the Assemblies Will Be Resumed This Year—Delightful Children's Party—A Father's Struggles

AREN'T you excited to hear that they are going to have an Assembly this year? Somehow we've got so used to a dearth of entertainments we've forgotten that, since the war is over, there is no reason why the exclusive old dances should not be resumed, except that all the men are not yet back.

So the committee has very sensibly decided to have only one and to hold that one late in the season after the men have returned. There's very little doubt in my mind that this will start the social ball rolling. Debutantes who would otherwise perhaps have let the season slip past, simply attending parties on small scales, will probably be introduced as before the war, and there will be private balls, and perhaps Joe Norris will again get up the Bal Masque.

The committee of the Assemblies this year includes S. Pemberton Hutchinson, Gouverneur Cadwalader, Henry Brinton Coxe, Beauveau Bortie, Jr., Casper Morris and Dr. Charles D. Hart, who is secretary.

Only once before during the Civil War was there any real interruption in the holding of the Assemblies, which, peculiar to Philadelphia, may be said to establish the social position of those who subscribe.

The six patronesses have not yet been named, and I've been wondering who will be the bride patroness. I think the cloak is likely to fall on Marlana Gowen, Mrs. Dawson Coleman, if she lives here, but some say the Colemans are going to settle in New York. Hannah Randolph would be a logical person excepting that she has married out of town and the new husband is English, not a Philadelphian. There will be plenty to choose from, though, for the weddings are coming on apace these days.

In 1915's winter they had only one ball, for every one was so shocked about the war it did not seem possible to have much entertaining. The following year, however, it was judged best to have the two balls and they were held the usual times—the first Friday night in January and the last Friday night before Lent. I say night, advisedly, for did you ever know an Assembly to begin before 12? And goodness knows, if I got into bed about 6 o'clock on Saturday morning I was doing well. Then when we entered the war the balls were stopped until hostilities were over.

All the debs of last year as well as this will have the usual excitement of seeing who subscribes and who doesn't.

THE kiddies had a great time at the Stotesbury's on Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Stotesbury gave a party for their little grandchildren, Frances Mitchell and J. Kearseley Mitchell, and Nathalie, Frances and Ned Hutchinson. They are the children of Mr. Stotesbury's daughters, Frances and Edith. Odd thing, wasn't it, that they both married widowers? Mrs. Hutchinson has a step-daughter who is married now. She was Clinton Hutchinson and married Hollowell Morgan.

The kiddies were treated to a moving picture show and then they had dancing and refreshments. There were about a hundred small tots and they had a wonderful time.

HER grandmother and her great-grandmother were both named Sylvia. Consequently she wanted to name her first daughter after them. The oldest children were boys and this was her first chance to use the family name. Father was long on plain names and considered Sylvia very gaudy, and as Mother's name was Mary he thought he would like to use that. However, when Mother said, "Don't you really think that Sylvia is a nice name for the baby?" he agreed, on the spur of the moment, hoping to change things later. But for a week the baby was Sylvia.

When he arrived at the office, the glad news having preceded him, he was greeted with a cordial, "How's the baby? What are you going to call her?" "None of your business, Tom. She's a fine youngster." Later in the day some one else accosted him. "Well, what is the baby's name?" "Oh, go to blazes!" was the vehement response.

The stenographer came in, registering sympathetic interest. "What are you going to call the baby, Mr. —?" "Oh, I really couldn't say; I don't know much about names, you know." And so it went on for a whole heart-breaking week, until finally Mother gave in, gave up her dreams of perpetuating grandmother and the baby has been Mary ever since. Father can now discuss her without blushing.

Social Activities

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cuesta Harrison, Jr., of 243 East Rittenhouse Square, will give a dinner in honor of their two daughters, Miss Augustus W. Harrison and Miss Ellen W. Harrison, on December 23, before the dance to be given that evening by Mr. and Mrs. Percy H. Clark, of Cynwold.

Mrs. W. E. Goodman, of Chestnut Hill, will give a dinner in honor of her granddaughter, Miss Mary Ervin Appleton, at the Bellevue-Stratford, on December 22, before the Saturday Evening Dancing Class.

Among those who will entertain at the opera tomorrow evening are Mrs. Fitz-Eugene Newbold, of 1739 Pine street; Mrs. John H. Fell, of Chestnut Hill; Port Washington; and Mrs. William Paul O'Neill, of Rival, whose guests will include Mrs. J. Ogden Hoffman, Jr., Mrs. Sydney Errington Maris, Miss Frances S. Mears and Mrs. Nicholas Biddle.

The first Christmas dance will be a masquerade on Saturday evening, December 28, at Crusaders' Hall, Germantown.

The committee includes Mrs. Frank L. Patterson, Mrs. Alfred S. Orchard, Stanley Bortie, Mrs. G. Harry Davis and Mrs. Bernardo De H. Stokes.

A dance will be given at The Greystone, School House Lane, Germantown, on Friday evening.

A dinner was given on Saturday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brinton Coxe, of 109 South Twenty-first street, in honor of Miss Helen Tower, whose marriage to Major William Robertson, of Nashville, Tenn., will take place this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sellers Barnes will give a dinner tomorrow evening at their home in Bryn Mawr.

Ensign and Mrs. Henry Wharton, who are spending a few days with Mrs. Wharton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hayward Myers, of St. David's, will leave on Friday for San Pedro, Cal., where Ensign Wharton has been transferred.

Miss Jess P. Maule, daughter of Mr.

MISS BESSIE SLACK MARRIED IN LOGAN

Wedding Solemnized at Home of Bride's Brother and Sister-in-Law

An interesting December wedding was that of Miss Bessie W. Slack, daughter of Captain Frank E. Slack, U. S. A., who is at present in France, and Mr. Frank Pollard, of 2322 South Twelfth street, which took place on Saturday evening at the home of the bride's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Slack, 1841 Wyoming avenue, Logan.

FLONZALEY QUARTET IN FINE CONCERT

Appear Before Chamber Music Association in Schubert and New French Quartet

The Flonzaley Quartet, composed of Adolfo Betti, first violin; Alfred Pochon, second violin; Louis Bailly, viola, and Iwan d'Archeambeau, cello, appeared in the third concert of the Chamber Music Association at the Bellevue-Stratford yesterday afternoon.

The work of the quartet is well known in Philadelphia and at yesterday's concert they showed a perfection of ensemble, a unanimity of phrasing and a restraint and balance of tone, as well as an exquisite quality which is probably equaled by no other similar organization now appearing before the American public. Such results are obtained only by years of playing together and by the most severe and unrelenting individual practice and ensemble rehearsal.

The first number on the program was Schubert's quartet in D minor, the work in which with great fervor, minor Schubert reached his highest point of quartet composition. It was played throughout with perfection of execution and ensemble, notably in the difficult finale, and interpreted with strong emotionalism, without, however, too much of a sacrifice of the classic style which the composition, as a whole, demands.

The second number consisted of two movements of a quartet in E minor by Alcega Magnard, a French composer, who lost his life in the first year of the war. Both movements are very interesting and, especially, the first movement, but none at all of Magnard's own master, D'Indy.

The "second movement," a "Serenade," is one of the same serene and melodious character. It seemed at first hearing as though a program would have helped clarify the movement as to its meaning, but none of the "tricky" order, however, and called for a high degree of musicianship in its performance. The movement is a strong emotional contrast and is highly original, both in thought and style, there being here and there a trace of the influence of Cesar Franck, especially at the end of the first movement, but none at all of Magnard's own master, D'Indy.

The concert closed with two short pieces, "The Lonely Shepherd," by Josef Plehva, and "The Shepherd's Farewell," by Ernest Shore, neither of any value as string quartets, but forming apparently a pleasant contrast to the serious works which preceded them. They gave the members of the quartet an opportunity for individual expression in solo passages, in which they excel.

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RECTOR SAYS TEACHERS' WORK RIVALS CHURCH

Doctor Tomkins Lauds Women in Appeal for Increase in Their Salary

The Rev. Dr. Floyd W. Tomkins, rector of Holy Trinity Church, Rittenhouse Square, today issued an appeal for higher salaries for school teachers.

"Among the noblest and best of our citizens stand the teachers of our public schools," Doctor Tomkins said. "Their spirit, their denial, their love for their work is not equaled even in the church. They are a select body and are doing much for the advancement of our country in all that is good."

"That such a body of men and women should be subjected to such a state of financial support is both unchristian and wrong. They should be the best paid workers of our Commonwealth. It causes a tinge of shame to the many of our citizens who are in Cleveland and Chicago, who are increasing their salaries, while Philadelphia shows no such advance."

"The public spirit of a community is manifested not only in its care for morals, but also and chiefly in its care for the children. The horrible cruelty to children during this year's war has been a terrible lesson to us. The Europe should be zealous in caring for our American young people. And the teachers who are dealing with them daily in school should claim the best that we can give in the way of support, both financial and moral. Let us rise to the opportunity afforded us to show our public spirit and our patriotism and to demand that the bill to be introduced in our next Assembly be passed by a unanimous vote. By so doing we will do credit to ourselves and to our State and city, and give courage to the teachers who are doing such splendid work."

PLAN BIG XMAS FETE

Firm Will Dismantle Machinery to Make Way for Affair

Thousands of dollars' worth of machinery will be temporarily dismantled to make room for the Christmas celebration of the Chicago Opera Company to Philadelphia at the Academy of Music, where Cleofonte Campanini's organization will appear for one week, beginning Monday.

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ART EXHIBITION TODAY

Smaller Works of Noted Artists Assembled at Alliance

A Christmas exhibition of small works of art will be held today and tomorrow at the Philadelphia Art Alliance, with a private view for members and their guests this afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock.

"What income is safe for the Baby's Health" by William C. Bayer, of the Bureau of Municipal Research, with discussion led by Miss Edith Hillis.

MISS ELEANOR LONGSTRETH

Who will dance in one of the sets in the pageant which will precede the Charity Ball on Thursday, December 26

LITTLE MISS CARSON

MISS EVELYN CARSON

Young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Nevin Carson, of Merion

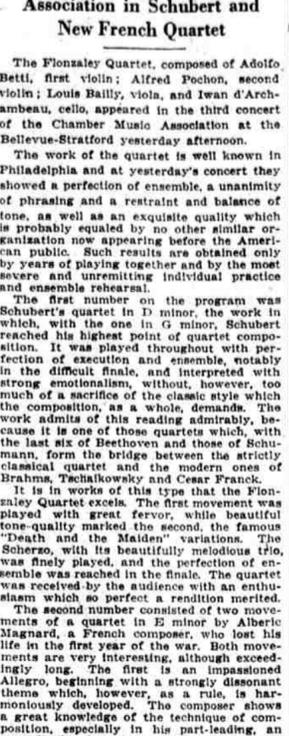


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DR. ASHURST PROMOTED

Lieutenant Colonel Now in Charge of Nantes Hospitals

Dr. Astley P. C. Ashurst, who went to France as a major in command of Base Hospital No. 32, recruited at the Episcopal Hospital, has been promoted to lieutenant colonel and placed in charge of all hospitals in the Nantes sector. His place as director of the hospital unit, located in the city of Nantes, is being filled by Dr. Emory G. Alexander, 1701 Spruce street.

News of Colonel Ashurst's promotion has been received by his sister, Mrs. Edward P. Ashurst, of 1701 Spruce street, who has been at the front with an operating team and that he was kept at work constantly. He praises the work of the Episcopal unit, which went to France early in 1917, equipped to care for 600 patients, but has been caring for from 1600 to 1600 ever since it was established. The hospital recently was enlarged to accommodate 1600 more patients.

CHICAGO OPERA COMING

Organization to Give Performances Here, Beginning March 3

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CHURCH ELECTS NEW PASTOR

Messiah Lutheran Chooses Minister From Ohio

The Rev. Ross H. Stover, of Wapakoneta, O., will be held today and tomorrow at the Messiah Lutheran Church, Sixteenth and Jefferson streets, to succeed the Rev. D. E. Weigle.

Stover is an authority on church advertising and has introduced novel methods in newspaper advertising and other forms of publicity for church work. He is a graduate of Whitburg Seminary, Springfield, O. When he took Wapakoneta pastorate the congregation had only 100 members and had been burdened for thirty-five years with a debt of \$1000. During the first year the membership was doubled and the debt eliminated. Today the church has 800 members.

Sing in Heroes' Honor

The eleventh district presbytery committee, I. O. O. F., will hold a Liberty Sing this evening at the Cincinnati Lodge, Amber and Norris streets, in honor of men from that lodge who are overseas. A program of speakers has been arranged.

OUR DOUGHBOYS SHARED FOOD WITH PRISONERS

Chateau-Thierry Hero Says Harsh Side of War Forgotten After Battle

"They were treacherous men and willing to stab their captors in the back, but when we got them tucked away behind the lines we had to forget the harsh side of war and feed them. Many times I have seen our doughboys share their water and limited rations with their prisoners."

Of course, it was a Pennsylvania boy who made this statement, and he happens to be Miles Lynch, of Pittsburgh, veteran of Chateau-Thierry and now a patient at the Cape May Hospital.

The generous attitude toward Germany that Lynch and other wounded soldiers exhibit is due to the fact that they are patients and it is almost as difficult for these fearless men to explain.

Lynch offers a partial explanation by saying that war is impersonal and that when the fighting ends and the soldier swings back to normal routine he ceases to cultivate the element of hate.

"When we are fighting," said Lynch, "we hated the German army, but when the fighting ceased, we were then compelled to recognize the Germans as individuals. Not knowing any of them it was impossible to maintain the spirit of hatred. One of them sent a machine-gun bullet into my shoulder, but that is all in the game of war and now that the war is over, I am more interested in retaining my health than getting revenge."

Lynch was a member of G Company and went into action in the latter part of May. Luck smiled upon him and not a scratch did he receive until July 15. "On June 6," said the soldier, "I was trying a message, when a horse I was riding was killed. On the night of July 14 we were subjected to a terrible barrage and at 5 o'clock the next morning went over the top for an attack. Late in the afternoon I was hit and put out of action."

It cannot be said that the boys are spending a vacation at Cape May, for despite the good care and attention they receive it must be borne in mind that they are patients in a hospital and that a hospital is not a fun parlor.

There are boys who have lost arms and eyes and others who are recovering from shell-shock, and the boys who are recovering from shell-shock are recovering from the Red Cross, so that any embarrassment that they might suffer through failure to receive back wages is spared.

Take Joseph D. Hood, of Connelville, Pa., who sustained twelve wounds in the fighting

Y. M. C. A. MAN WRITES OF TOUR UNDER FIRE

Visited Advanced Post Where Yankee and Boche Shells Made Job Hazardous

The Y. M. C. A. work in the war zone was not confined to huts and positions immune from danger far behind the firing line. C. A. work was subjected on their errands of mercy to the fire of the enemy's machine guns, district director of recreation, zone of war, to George W. Braden, associate secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in this city.

"I had just returned from a trip to an advanced post," the letter reads, "where I had distributed the comforts to the soldiers that the Y. M. C. A. is in a position to give. The battalion in reserve held a line directly in back of a high road that ran along the river and was well protected from enemy vision by a row of trees, which formed a perfect screen."

"At this particular point the second line was no more than 400 yards from the enemy trenches. However, I succeeded in interesting the major in command of these troops to let them get into the games and exercises I had for them. Well protected, as we were, we went through an hour of mass athletics. Frequently shells from our guns and those of the enemy would whistle through the air, but after we had gotten into the game with our enthusiasm worked up we hardly thought of being at the front, but rather felt as though we were back in the old school yard playing during recesses."

"Once or twice a shrapnel shell would burst somewhere near us as a reminder that we were not playing the idle game of peace but the stern and rigorous game of war."

Mr. Braden is also in receipt of a letter from John S. Nollen, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for Italy. Mr. Nollen writes the advance necessitating the moving of all headquarters and other stations to a camp program of recreation and athletics must be prepared for the army of occupation to consume the time of the soldiers previously allotted to studies and war training.

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at Verdun. He is the last word in sunshine and mental happiness and expresses but one wish, namely that he be spared the Christmas holidays with the folks back home. He went to France with the 30th Infantry, of the Eightieth Division, and on October 10 participated in an attack on boche machine guns.

A shrapnel shell exploded near him. He lost his left eye and sustained eleven wounds on his limbs and body.

Frank M. Miller, of Washington, Pa., lost his voice during his capture. He was taken to the front, but in recovering and is perhaps the proudest man in the big institution. He was a chauffeur for General Peyton March when that General was overseas. He often drove General Pershing, said Miller, and a more democratic man cannot be found in the ranks. He is a brave man, too, and many times escaped German bullets by a narrow margin.

"General Pershing was not a man who directed the battles from a bullet-proof dug-out. He was everywhere on the line and often rode directly up to the line of artillery. As a chauffeur he had time to talk to his staff officers about the doughboys and always his attitude toward them was one of sympathy and pride."

Just to spread a bit of Yuletide cheer through the hospital, the Red Cross has arranged to pitch giant Christmas trees in the room that was used as an office when the building housed summer tourists. "We will have an entertainment on Christmas Eve," says a Red Cross official, "and on Christmas morning distribute presents to every man in the institution. Not a man will be missed, and if any man is unable to enjoy the fun that is to be staged around the tree we will carry it to his room. Tobacco, cigars, candy and cigarettes will be distributed."

One man who looks forward to the celebration is James A. Adams, of San Francisco. Adams lived in Chestnut Hill until he was fourteen years old and then went to the coast. He went to France with a signal-corp unit and while on the Belgian front he was hit by a shell which shattered his eye. It impaired his vision, but the surgeons are confident that his sight will be restored.

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