

Social Personal

ON TO BE sad at Christmas is a pitiful most of all. When the mirth of the year is without And the shadows are least to fall.

Then to listen for far-off footsteps That never again draw near, And to walk for a voice in the silence Is to dread the Christmas cheer.

To know that in dream or waking The waning places are new, When to gather in dear communion The little ones and the old, The wanderer and the waiting Into the safe home fold Is the heaven of hope and mercy.

This Christmas-tide promises to be perhaps a trifle less gay than many of those in the past, when not a note of holiday week and scarcely an afternoon remained unoccupied. While the holiday social season in reality began Thursday night with the Princeton dinner, the date of which had been changed in order that it might be open for undergraduates to attend, but few events including much elaboration of detail precedes the New Year ball.

The Cornell dance on the 29th is the subject of much interested conversation. This event, at the Bicycle club, will be delightful in every respect. The concert will be the most elaborate public affair of the year, as the guests at the dance will of course attend in evening dress, making a brilliantly picturesque effect in the pretty hall. Dances in honor of college men are always attractive, and usually result in "the time of my life" for many a maiden fair.

The New Year ball is the much-talked-of event of holiday week. Preparations are being rapidly completed for the greatest success of the season. While the committee numbers but three gentlemen upon whom falls all the details, which are many, the results of their efforts will be as satisfactory as could be desired. A unique scheme of decoration will be employed in the ball room, where but few floral effects will be noticed. Clarke will decorate the supper and reception rooms. The former will be a bower of oriental beauty by means of innumerable Japanese lanterns of odd and pretty designs.

Har will be the music, and on this occasion there will be the melody but for one orchestra. Handily will cater, and as the invitations are from Reynolds Bros. it will be seen that home patronage is to be observed.

Immediately after the holiday active preparations will be started in the work of arranging the Marie Antoinette fete for the benefit of the Home for the Friendless. The accompanying children's fete, "The Play of Hamelin," will be considered by many the most pleasing feature of the entertainment, produced as it will be by more than 150 children in costume effects.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil H. Betts, of 1734 North Washington avenue, gave a charming dancing party last night in honor of Miss Hill, of Virginia, a sister of the hostess. The "Green Ridge" dancing club was included in the number of guests. Those present were: Miss Davidson, Miss Bennell, Miss Mary Davidson, Miss Hull, Miss Van Cleef, Miss Dimmick, Miss Helene Hull, Miss Nettleton, Miss Kennedy, Miss Morrison, Miss Koehler, Dr. L. C. Kennedy, Messrs. G. B. Davidson, Von Dusen, Arthur, Robert and Donald Hull, J. H. Fuller, Shafer, Brock, Morris, Dr. Edward S. Jones, Dr. Corser, Dr. Fordham.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick S. Godfrey will entertain a house party at the Jermyon, Christmas week. Among their guests will be Miss Haight, of New York; Miss Simpson, of Elmira; Miss Besse Dean, of Wilkes-Barre; Mr. W. R. Pierce, of Philadelphia, and Mr. J. B. Fassett, of Tunkhannock.

Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey will give a dinner-dance next Thursday night, when their elegant suite of apartments and the corridors adjacent on the third floor will be utilized as on previous occasions.

The Misses Hutchings entertained at cards at their home in Moose Thursday afternoon. The guests of honor were Miss Watt, of Carbondale. Among the guests were Miss Bennell, the Misses Elizabeth and Grace Sanderson, Miss Edith Hill, Miss Mabel Schliager, Miss Jessie Dimmick, Miss Jessie Ripple, Miss Josephine Doster, Miss Amy Northup, Miss Helen Stevens, Miss Emma Puris, Miss Gertrude Miller, Miss Elma Williams, Miss Emma Foster, Miss May Albro, Miss Anna Atherton, Miss Louise Gunster, Miss Helen Halbert, Miss Grover, Miss Bryden, of Dunmore; Miss Carter, the Misses McMillan, Miss Bryden, Miss Howe, of Pittston; Miss Burr, of Carbondale.

Miss Anna Diehl will entertain a company of guests on New Year's eve at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lily S. Richard, on Wheeler avenue, in honor of Miss Hallett, of Syracuse.

Mrs. R. Q. Powell will give a luncheon next Wednesday in honor of Mrs. Thomas Trask, of New York.

The Qui Vive club will have a dance December 26 at the Bicycle club.

Miss Charlotte Hand, Miss Elizabeth Winton and Miss Helen Hand attended a luncheon on Thursday given by Miss Dunning, of Wilkes-Barre.

Mrs. A. de Orville Blackinton gave a beautiful luncheon on Wednesday in honor of Mrs. William Connell.

The boys of the Industrial association will sit round a log fire tonight at the Parish house and hear Christmas stories told.

Mr. and Mrs. James G. Shepherd delightfully entertained the members of Elm Park Chautauque circle on Tuesday night.

A subscription dance will be given next Thursday night in the Knights of Columbus club house. It will be under the patronage of Mrs. William Kelly, Mrs. Joseph O'Brien and Mrs. Dorothy Burke.

Miss Mabel McMahon, of New York, will be the guests of the Misses Sanderson, on Clay avenue, during the

holidays. Miss McMahon is a typical Vassar girl of very brilliant attainments and many personal attractions.

Miss Cornelia Galpin will entertain with an informal tea at "The Homestead" next Thursday afternoon, between the hours of 5 and 8. She will be assisted by Miss Bonnie, of New York; Miss Edith Torrey, of Honesdale; and Miss Anna Laverty, of this city.

Miss Jessie Ripple will entertain a company of friends at a masquerade next Thursday night at the home of her parents, Colonel and Mrs. E. H. Ripple.

Miss Mabel Schliager and Miss Helen Stevens will be guests at a house party next week given by Miss Jessie Loomis, of Wilkes-Barre.

Miss Esther Moses will entertain in honor of Miss Martha Singer, of Carbondale, during Christmas week.

Movements of People

Miss Grace Spague is ill with an attack of appendicitis.

Miss Mary Dickson is at home from boarding school in New York.

Miss Marjorie Warren has returned from Farmington for the holidays.

Professor J. M. Chance will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents at Salem, Ill.

Miss Mary A. Hildebrand, who is attending the Forest Park university, St. Louis, Mo., is spending the holidays with her parents at Cleveland, Ohio.

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The following are samples of the letters received by Dr. Hartman concerning the cures effected by Peruna in his hospital.

Hon. P. Simon, United States marshal, Mobile, Alabama, speaks in high praise of the merits of Peruna.

"After having used Peruna for my cold, I can say that it is the most excellent remedy for the grip and catarrh of the nose."

Mrs. Frank Bauer, of Menominee, Minnesota, in a recent letter, says:

"I cannot say anything else but good of your medicines. For seven winters I had suffered with la grippe, and by each attack was confined to my bed. In the winter of 1898, I was attacked



last December which lasted more than three months and which left me with catarrh, and several of my friends advised me to try your wonderful medicine, Peruna. I began with it and it certainly did me a great deal of good. I was so well satisfied that I purchased another bottle and followed your directions, which you furnish with every bottle, and I am glad to say that it has cured me. I shall certainly recommend Peruna to all my friends."

Henry Distin, of Hebbardsville, O., writes the following: "I think I would have been dead long ago if it had not been for Peruna. Since I took it I had la grippe very bad. The doctor came to see me every day, but I gradually grew worse. I told my husband I thought I would surely die if I did not get better soon."

"One day I picked up the newspaper and accidentally found a testimonial of a woman who had been cured of grippe by Peruna. I thought my husband wanted to try it. He went directly to the drug store and got a bottle of Peruna. I could see the improvement in a very short time and was soon able to do my work. I continued using it until I was entirely cured."

"I have induced a great many to try the medicine and all have had the same results. I have used it in my family for my husband and children for colds and la grippe. I would not be without it in the house. I really think it has added years to my life, and I feel I have no one to thank but God and Dr. Hartman. If other sufferers are induced to try this wonderful medicine they will give me in singing its praises."

Mrs. Theophil Schmitt, wife of the ex-secretary of the German consulate, writes the following letter to Dr. Hartman in regard to Peruna.

"I had another slight attack, but as I had Peruna in the house, I was able to get up the next night. My wife wanted to send for the doctor, but I took small doses of Peruna ever half hour and improved right along."

Henry Distin, the inventor and maker of all the hand instruments for the Henry Distin Manufacturing Co., at Williamsport, Pa., is probably the most active old man in Philadelphia today.

He and his wife recently celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. Two friends who went away on a holiday journey and never came home again. She had missed them sorely, the fair young girls with their bright hair and laughing eyes, and the tragedy which met them on their way had left a deep impression upon her childish memory. So this birthday of hers she thought of those whom she would so gladly greet, and as a consequence two graves down in New England have holy wreaths above them this Christmas, and two lonely, childless old people whose lives were made desolate one day when death smote all their loved ones at a single blow, are cheered by the kindly thought of a little child far away among the Pennsylvania hills.

Saucy Bess.

MUSICAL GOSSIP.

The Junger Maennerchor, of the South Side, are hard at work rehearsing for their first minstrel show, to be given early in January. The songs will be of the latest and many novelties will be introduced in the chorus singing. The opening chorus will show up the full strength of the society and with Lawrence's orchestra of ten pieces will be one of the best ever given in the city. The common and chorus will number fifty people. The entire musical production will be in charge of Prof. W. C. Ott, of the Lawrence band, who so successfully produced two of the Teddickraz society's one for the Electric City Wheelmen of this city.

One of the bright musical stars of the vaudeville company which will appear at the Lyceum next Thursday and Friday afternoon and evening will be Miss Susie Kraus, who is a vocalist of unusual ability. The rendition of "The Holy City" by Miss Kraus is among the best musical features of the entertainment, though it is said she does even better. Judged from an artistic standpoint, in Italian operatic airs which are introduced later.

Miss Grace Spencer, who is among Miss Timberman-Randolph's most promising pupils, possesses qualifications that would undoubtedly bring success should she desire to use them in a professional way. At the recent operatic recital, as well as at the pres-

entation of the "Gondoliers" in this city some time ago, Miss Spencer demonstrated that she not only has a pleasing voice but is gifted with unusual dramatic ability.

The Lawrence orchestra at the Gaiety theater, under the direction of Prof. Edger Vines, is as good as one-henry in large cities. They receive many compliments from the companies and ladies who play there.

Mr. Reeve Jones, the well-known pianoforte virtuoso, has not been figuring any and spending very hard work this season. Mr. Jones, however, is not out of music by any means, as future events will probably demonstrate.

Mme. Blauvelt has announced that she will receive opera again next season.

KNIGHTS OF MALTA.

Falstone commandery, No. 153, at Brooklyn, N. Y., lost everything by fire on the morning of Dec. 11. There was no insurance.

Meredon San commandery, No. 99, and Rising Star commandery, No. 204, at Lancaster, Pa., have arranged to hold a great Red Cross council in April next, and have appointed committees to take charge of the preliminaries for the event.

The six commanderies of Harrisburg, Steelton and Middletown, Pa., have arranged a schedule of Malta socials for the winter season. On Dec. 6 large delegations were present with Columbian commandery, No. 123, at Middletown. The next social will be held on Jan. 8, with Star of America commandery, No. 113, at Harrisburg.

Arza commandery, No. 218, at Johnston, Pa., sent in a liberal donation to the Knights of Malta hospital fund, and in sending in the remittance Recorder Sir H. U. Lehman wrote: "We are going to keep up the good work and in the future you will hear from us again. We hope that our little mite may have the blessing of God in this glorious undertaking."

America commandery, No. 284, at Renovo, Pa., received a large check by special remittance on Dec. 12, when Grand Recorder Sir George Pierce gave the novitiate a thorough drill in the unwritten work of the order. The appendant Order of the Red Cross and Steelton was rendered by the degree staff of Le Lodge commandery, No. 77, of Williamsport, with Sir E. P. Bardo, P. C., as sovereign commander.

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