

Social Personal

THE NEW YEAR ball surpassed the most vivid hopes of its promoters. Many elements enter into that pre-eminently satisfactory result. In the first place, it is said that it more nearly realized the original idea of the Bachelors, several years ago, when the aim was to have a dance where congenial people in the select circles, with their holiday guests, could be entertained in a manner at once irrefragable in degree and yet to the highest degree enjoyable.

In this respect the ball given Tuesday night at the Bicycle club was singularly well managed. About two hundred guests were present, thus at no time causing a crush. The floor was by far the most faultless ever had at these annual dances, and the natural advantages of the house were obvious. The reception rooms at the front made a radical change in the programme, as elaborately arranged as they were. An opportunity was afforded the patronesses to greet all present, and the result was a delightful reception preceding the dance, when people figured in the luxurious rooms to an unprecedented extent before descending to the ball room.

The beautiful decorations provided by Decorator G. W. Watkins attracted unlimited admiration. The Oriental charm of the reception rooms contrasted with the light and delicate draperies which gave the ball room a flower-like effect singularly lovely in its completeness. The music has been the subject of much complimentary notice. Bauer surpassed himself, and, as can be readily observed from the appended list, the programme was up-to-date:

- 1. Two-step, "King of the Turf".....Tobias
2. Waltz, "Zenda".....Wilmarth
3. Two-step, "Fox Hunters".....Pean
4. Waltz, "The Bachelors".....Englander
5. Two-step, "Up the Street".....Cushy
6. Waltz, "Blue Danube".....Strauss
7. Two-step, "On Duty".....Royce
8. Waltz, "Honey Dew".....Holmann
9. Two-step, "San Toy".....Johnson
10. Waltz, "Blue Bird".....Johnson
11. Two-step, "Boola Boola, Eli Yale".....Johnson
12. Waltz, "Frensch des Lebens".....Strauss
13. Two-step, "Blue and the Gray".....Johnson
14. Waltz, "Blue Bird".....Johnson
15. Two-step, "Every Race Has a Flag".....Johnson
16. Waltz, "The Goodbye".....Johnson
17. Two-step, "San Toy".....Johnson
18. Two-step, "A Fragrance".....Johnson
19. Waltz, "Can't Tell Why I Love You".....Johnson
20. Two-step, "Salem".....Johnson
21. Two-step, "Tiger Lily".....Johnson
22. Waltz, "Obsequy".....Johnson
23. Two-step, "Bunch of Grapes".....Johnson
24. Waltz, "Wedding of the Winds".....Johnson

Great credit was given to William Hanley, Jr., who catered and whose service on this occasion was notably excellent. The floral decorations by Clark were superb. Mr. F. S. Godfrey, of the Jersey, loaned some pieces of furniture from his Turkish room to add to the effectiveness of the reception rooms. The committee patronized home industries on this occasion, as even the invitations came from a Scranton house, that of Reynolds Brothers. Messrs. Blair, M. E. Paul, and W. J. Torrey are receiving continual congratulations over their brilliant success.

The Country club tea, given New Year Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Watkins, on Monroe avenue, was a great success. The affair was directed by the entertainment and house committee, largely attended, and was most enjoyable. Mrs. J. Benjamin Dimmick and Mrs. Henry Bellin, Jr., presided at the table in the dining room. Mrs. W. Scrogins was at the luncheon table. Mrs. H. H. Brady, Jr., Mrs. C. E. Sturges, Mrs. T. H. Watkins, Mrs. E. L. Fuller, assisted in entertaining the guests. Refreshments were served by Misses Marjorie Warren, Eleanor Moffat, Gertrude Courson, Ruth Archibald, Gladys Watkins, Grace Latta, Anna Sturges, Margaretta Bellin, Dorothy Warren and Edith Holland. Music was furnished by the Mandolin club.

Governor and Mrs. Stone gave a New Year reception on Tuesday, which was attended by several Scranton people. The careful taste of the Governor's wife was never more cleverly shown than in the dining room arrangements at this time. The color scheme was the holiday hue of red. A huge centre-piece of poinsettias, with their flame-like blossoms and green foliage, gave a most effective touch to the table. The flower-piece was huge in the space it occupied, but not in height, as the brilliant design was heaped in a low mound. Candles, with shades of low similar hue, stood at intervals at head and foot of the table. The chief feature, however, was the great bell depending from the chandelier and formed entirely of red roses—the interior-set as thickly as possible. Above it were caught very wide red ribbons, which fell to the table corners and in loops to the floor. A pretty

Messrs. Clarence D. Kerr, of Enslinwood, N. J.; Frank Liden, of Hallett and Little, Morristown, N. J.; Arthur Hull, Lawrence Waites. A delightful subscription dance was given Monday night at the Bicycle club, under the direction of a committee composed of Messrs. Isaac Haslam, E. H. Ripple, Jr., George H. Russ, Ford Pratt, Truman R. Burns and Clarence Gilmore. The patronesses were: Mrs. Charles Schlager, Mrs. J. L. Connell, Mrs. John Simpson and Mrs. Theo. Wolf.

The dance given by Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Scanton on Monday night was one of the best ever given in this city. As a finale for the old year and a hint of the early dawn of the century, its going out was marked by the dancing of the Virginia reel, the quaint diversions making an attractive and pleasing effect on the old and staidly guests. A cotillon followed, led by Messrs. Worthington Scanton and E. S. Moffat, Jr. Bauer furnished the music and Sherry, of New York, catered.

Preparations for the Marie Antoinette Fete to be given on the 7th, 8th and 9th of February are actively progressing. It is probable that rehearsals will not begin before January 15, as that will give abundance of time for securing perfection. There will probably be eight dances, in which many prominent young people in the city will participate. The chaperones for the children's dances in "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" will be Mrs. D. E. Taylor, Mrs. J. L. Connell, Mrs. Willard Matthews, Mrs. J. E. McNulty, Mrs. W. D. Boyer, Miss Jennie Reynolds.

A committee of prominent men will conduct the financial work. Miss Lois Schlager entertained on Wednesday at cards in honor of her guest, Miss Emma Scudder, of Trenton, N. J. The guests were: Misses Carrie Hutchings of Mooick; Helen Patterson, Sara Burr, Gertrude Corson, Frances Osborne, Elizabeth Hand, Ella Brown, Marguerite Koehler, Elizabeth Stevens, Amy Northrup, Alice Burns, Helen Hulbert, Mabel Shepherd, Clara Von Clef, Jessie Peck, Mary Gearhart, Marion Osborne, of New York; Florence Simpson, Miss Floyd, of Montana.

A pretty dance was given by the Cooking club at the Country club Monday night. The young hostesses were: Miss Marjorie Warren, Miss Edith Watkins, Miss Dorothy Ward, Miss Elizabeth Dickson, Miss Emeline Tracy, Miss Louise Smith, Miss Laura Reynolds, Miss Janet Storrs.

Mrs. John Jermyn entertained at a luncheon on Thursday. Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. M. Decker, Mrs. C. P. Matthews, Mrs. E. B. Sturges, Mrs. E. P. Kingsbury, Mrs. Chittenden, Mrs. G. P. Sanders, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. A. B. Blair, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. William Connell, Mrs. A. E. Hunt, Mrs. W. W. Scanton, Mrs. E. S. Moffat, Mrs. J. A. Liden, Mrs. James Archibald, Mrs. W. F. Hallett, Mrs. B. M. Winton.

Miss Lois Tracy entertained a company of young friends Thursday at Richmond Hill at a bowling party. The guests were: Misses Elizabeth Blair, Elizabeth Davies, Margaret Bellin, Gertrude Courson; Messrs. John Blair, Walter Courson, Edgar Connell, Gardner Plumley, Frank Law.

The marriage of Mr. Arthur Hutchinson Chase, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Elizabeth C. Williams, daughter of ex-Congressman W. W. Williams, took place Tuesday night at the home of the bride's parents at 200 High School street, North Scranton, in the presence of a large throng of friends. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. C. W. Williams, daughter, Dr. Logan, Miss Hannah M. Williams was bridesmaid. Mr. Allan Chase was best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Seybolt have announced the marriage of their daughter, Romayne, to Mr. Douglas Bunting, the ceremony having taken place at the family residence of Mrs. Seybolt on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Bunting will be at home to their friends in Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Chester L. Weiss and Miss Clara La Bar, formerly of this city, were happily married in Philadelphia on the afternoon of Thursday, Jan. 3, by Rev. Robert F. Y. Pierce, D. D. Both the contracting parties are well known in Scranton and have a large circle of friends, who congratulate them upon the happy event. Mr. and Mrs. Weiss will reside at their new home, 2312 Cleveland avenue, Philadelphia.

Movements of People. Florid. C. B. Clark is ill at his home in the North End. Miss Liden, of Trenton, N. J., is the guest of Miss Hunt. Miss Wagner, of Morristown, is the guest of Mrs. T. H. Watkins. The Misses Wagner, of Orange, are the guests of the Misses Archibald. Charles Wenzel, of West Lackawanna avenue, is in New York on a business trip. William F. Hallett was registered at the Hotel Burlington, in New York, yesterday. Miss Mary McDonald, of Chicago, Ill., is the guest of Miss A. Sheridan, of Maple street. Mrs. Lavenex, wife of the late Mr. J. B. Jermyn, has returned to her home at Wilkes-Barre. William Soper, chief of police of Walton, N. Y., is visiting his brother, Attorney C. H. Soper, at this city. The Misses Andrews, of New York, who have been the guests of Mrs. A. M. Decker, have returned to their home. Miss Alice Bates, who has been visiting at the home of Mrs. T. E. Jones, has returned to her home in Plainfield. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Matthews and their two daughters, Misses Marion and Evelyn, will leave today for a three weeks' stay in Florida. Miss Lettens, of New York, and Miss Hall, of Morristown, N. J., who have been the guests of Mrs. H. H. Brady, Jr., have returned to their homes. Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Moses, of 123 Madison avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth, to Leonard Friedlander, of Hazleton. At home, Sunday, Jan. 13. Miss Mamie Finney, of Seventh street, a student at the Lock Haven Normal school, has returned to that institution after spending the holidays at her home in this city. Superintendent George Howell and Professor J. T. Watkins returned last night from Funkhouser, where they attended the Wyoming county teachers' institute, the latter acting as musical instructor during the week. Mrs. Stuart Baldwin, of Trenton, N. J., is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. P. Y. Pierce, at the Post Avenue Baptist parsonage on Milton avenue. Mrs. Baldwin has been an invalid for several years, but it is hoped the change in climate and special treatment during her visit to Scranton will prove beneficial. Mrs. William K. Lavery and the Misses Lavery gave a pink tea Monday afternoon from 4 to 7 to meet Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Adams, of Coudersport, N. Y. The ladies assisting were: Mrs. Woodrow Archibald, Finch, who catered

HER POINT OF VIEW

"WHAT on earth is the use of making resolutions?" demanded a Scranton woman of a friend yesterday. That method is good only for children under twelve. They have illusions, bless them, which may lead them to keep such intentions as 'I resolve to mind mamma this year.' 'I will not ask for two pieces of pie,' 'I won't tease brother,' 'I will study my lesson on Monday evening night.' But for grown up, especially women, what's the use? In the first place we'd never keep 'em in the world. Just let me resolve to do anything and that's a sure sign I won't do it. Just let me say 'Now I'm going to do this' or so on Tuesday and you can make up your mind that some member of the family will get pneumonia or will have a visitation of out of town relatives or there'll be a cyclone all on purpose to interfere with my plans.

"Dear me," she continued, "I heard a real good woman say the other day 'I'll go to Pittston tomorrow if the Lord will,' and I noticed that she put that proviso in every time. She belongs to a church which makes a special fid of the form of phrasology. It does sound very holy and somehow gives you a take-off-your-hat feeling. But I've wondered whether it helps her to carry out her plans with any more accuracy, or if she minds being disappointed any less on account of it. 'Of course,' she went on, 'I don't suppose you mind things so much when you firmly believe the Lord intervenes on all occasions, but somehow I don't believe I'll ever get to the point where I can really and truly feel, down deep in my heart, that an overruling Providence sends a cold in my head to prevent me from going to a Wilkes-Barre dance, or arranges to have Sarah Ellen, our cook, fall down the kitchen steps and sprain her ankle in order to make me postpone the thimble tea I was going to have this week. 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