

Week's Social News

THERE will be an unusual profusion of June weddings this season. Indeed, for some time it appeared that they would come at the rate of two a day. There are to be at least three on the 11th, and at one time it was rather certain that two, whose guests were to be selected from the same circles, would take place on the 25th.

Following is a partial list of patronesses for Miss Grace Spencer's recital with the Symphony orchestra: Mrs. Alfred Hand, Mrs. W. W. Scranton, Mrs. T. H. Watkins, Mrs. L. B. Powell, Mrs. C. D. Simpson, Mrs. H. Brady, Jr., Mrs. T. C. Van Storch, Mrs. J. Benj. Dimmick, Mrs. E. P. Reynolds, Mrs. George Sanderson, Mrs. H. W. Kingsbury, Mrs. Richard Matthews, Mrs. E. L. Fuller, Mrs. E. J. Foster, Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Mrs. William Connell, Mrs. Gilbert D. Murray, Mrs. Everett Warren, Mrs. B. E. Watson, Mrs. James P. Dickson, Mrs. George duB. Dimmick, Mrs. C. B. Penman, Mrs. L. S. Oakford, Mrs. E. H. Ripple.

der what the woman does who hasn't opinions but must wait for some one to make them for her and tack them fast to the thing she calls her mind. Dear me, how polky life must be to that woman.

"Husband thinks thus or so." Husband doesn't believe in psychology, or potatoes. Husband says it may rain next week."

Imagine it! My opinions aren't always very bright, neither are they particularly original in character. But they're mine. I don't make the claim that they are oracles. Oh, no, just my own ideas, and I try and see without a squint. But I'm willing to be convinced, and I like to change my opinions real often. It's more entertaining.

"For instance, last week," she continued. "I was glad we didn't live in the volcano belt. This morning I decided that a land of strikes is almost as disquieting to the mind as a land of craters. Night before last I thought the sky was very far off and that the moon needed rubbing up with sapolio or something. Last night somebody was by my side to help me look at the moon, and there was no dimness in heaven or earth. I like to change my opinions," repeated this cheery woman.

People act so funny about that paper receptacle near Sanderson's drug store. Those who are in the habit of tearing up letters and scattering the pieces to the four winds, continue rather generally to do the same. It's almost a hopeless task to reform a paper scatterer. He is like a gossip, and the litter and mess he makes of the streets like the litter and mess a gossip makes of reputations do not offend his tastes.

Then comes along a school girl who has been taught to obey those in authority. She sidles shyly up to the paper receptacle and drops therein the infinitesimal bits of a letter from a bush, through a brier, during those dreadful days of her captivity. There are many gifts of oratory—lips touched with the blazing coals from the altar, rich magnetism of personality, rare jewels of words, noble thoughts sublimely expressed, but perhaps most of all is to have a tale of heroism to tell and to tell it vividly, swiftly as this woman in her quiet way told it Monday night, for people like to hear of

brave deeds and when the voice that recounts them is the voice of a woman that has risen plaintively in prayer from the awful silence of a loathsome captivity certainly the tale enthralled all ears.

It isn't at all likely that Miss Stone's dramatic recital of a half year's perils will inspire any other woman to want to go to Bulgaria and get herself kidnapped, but it is certainly a wonderful thing to hear her tell this story of today than which nothing more madly incredible, more marvellously thrilling can be recounted of the dim ages long ago, in the history of wild races and their struggles. It is a good thing, once in a while, for us to be stirred from our fatuous complacency that modern civilization is making such radical changes in the human heart and its original savagery that the scenes of other epochs cannot be repeated with additional frills wrought out of an up-to-date fabric of brutality. It is a rather expensive romance to those who have brought the woman's life with their gold, but it will not be a great surprise to those who are watching the course of events if the revelation of such an atrocious deed will result in the utter change of such conditions in unhappy Macedonia. Saucy Bess.

Musical Gossip.

OF MISS CORDELIA FREEMAN, director of the Studio club, which gives its annual concert this evening at Guernsey hall, the New York Musical Courier has the following in its issue of May 7:

"Miss Freeman, while making a specialty of vocal art, is possessed of a versatility in range and in this respect of specialization. Together with her well-known ability as a concert soprano and teacher of voice, she is a most successful conductor, and her Studio club of wo-



MISS CORDELIA FREEMAN.

men's voices is, perhaps, the finest organization of its kind under a woman's patron. Miss Freeman possesses the most flattering testimonials from Georges Shreiff, of Paris, and from Royal Professor Julius Hey, the renowned Berlin pedagogue. Dr. Heinrich Reimann and Herr Wolf, of Berlin, and Marchot, of Brussels, praise her unusual ability as a composer, and songs, choruses, genre music, and many other things prove her originality and gift of melody. Miss Freeman's concert experience covers America and Europe, and her repertory comprises not only the classics but the best of recent compositions.

The Studio club, which was organized by Miss Freeman five years ago and has since been exclusively under her direction and instruction, comprises many of the finest voices in the city, such as Mrs. Edith Martin, Miss Elsie Powell and others well known to both musicians and the public. The singing of the club has made an impression upon Mr. Francis Fischer Powers, the famous artist and teacher, that he has engaged Miss Freeman to teach and conduct a large chorus, composed of his pupils, at his New York studios next season. The club has the assistance of a most charming artist in Mr. Percy Hemms, bass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, whose beautiful voice and pleasing personality have made name and fame for him in the metropolis. Miss Julia C. Allen will sing a solo, and a number of her pupils will play obbligato to the choruses. Miss Charlotte Blackman, whose ability as a pianist has been given to her by her eminent soloists and chorus.

A Song of Four Seasons... Leonard Selby Studio Club. Die Grosse Nacht... Schumann. Ich Lulle Blume... Schumann. Had a Horse... Korby. Mr. Percy Hemms. The Snow... Elgar. My Snowy Breasted Pearl... Old English. The Pretty, Pretty Creature... Old English. Old Folks at Home... Foster-Rogee Studio Club. Introduction and Polonaise... Vicetemps. Nocturne... Denna. In Spring... Well Studio Club. Edward... Lowe. The Cigarette Girls' Chorus... Bluet Studio Club.

It is with great pleasure that the announcement is made of the artist's recital to be given by Miss Grace Spencer at the Lyceum, Monday evening, June 9. The Symphony orchestra, Prof. Theodore Hamberger, conductor, is very dear to the hearts of Scranton people. The concerts of this organization have been the most distinctly artistic successes brought to the city much celebrated talent. This occasion will, however, be notable for the reason that Miss Grace Spencer will be the soloist. For years she has had a claim on the public as Miss Spencer. For the past four years her lovely voice and her brilliant dramatic talent have been given to the Lyceum and church societies and various entertainments where special gifts were in demand. She has been the most gracious of young women and this is the first opportunity that her friends have had to show their appreciation. She has delighted them as "Carmen," and thrilled them in the role of "Lena." Indeed, her versatility has really rendered her services indispensable in all large entertainments where the festive were pre-eminent. She deserves much recognition on this occasion and will doubtless receive it. She has studied with Madame Timmermans-Randolph for some time and is a great credit to her teacher.

Mr. Reeve... the well-known pianist, has just received an offer from Blausius & Sons, piano manufacturers, of Philadelphia, to appear at a series of recitals to be given at their immensely sale-rooms next fall. Mr. Jones has not appeared in concert for some time past, owing to a sprain which affected one of his wrists, but has now entirely recovered and will doubtless accept the offer of the Philadelphia firm, and will also be heard in concert often during the coming season. Mr. Jones' next appearance will be made at the National extended concerts in this city, at which he will be solo pianist.

The two pianoforte recitals by Mr. Pennington, director of the Conservatory, announced for May 27 and June 3 in Guernsey hall, have been commended in one and this will be given in St. Luke's Parish house auditorium, Tuesday evening, June 2. Mr. Pennington will be as-

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The following musical selections will be rendered at the morning and evening services tomorrow at Elm Park church, under the direction of Mr. Alfred Pennington, organist and choir master. MORNING. Organ—Melody in B flat, No. 1. Clausman Choir—Antem. "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled." Gardner Organ—Pastorale in F. Rebling Choir—Antem. "O Come to Me Ye Poor." Florio Organ—Festal March in D. Elvey EVENING. Organ—Offertoire in F. Welby Choir—Antem. Bonum Est in B flat. Shelly Organ—Offertoire in B flat. Deshayes Soprano Solo—"The Shadows of the Evening Hour." Draper Mrs. Ezra H. Connell. Choir—Hymn, Selected. Organ—Allegro from Concerto in D minor. Handel Mrs. Lenore Thompson, contralto; Mrs. Ezra H. Connell, soprano; Mr. Alfred Wooler, tenor; Mr. Philip Warren, bass.

Miss Elsie Van Dervoort, formerly of Elm Park church choir, is now solo contralto at the Washington Avenue Baptist church, in Brooklyn, N. Y. The Young People's Choral union, which was organized under Professor C. B. Dorman's direction in October, 1896, and has since made itself so well and favorably known in concert giving, has the honor of being chosen to render the vocal music at the installation of the officers-elect of the grand commandery of Knights Templar. This interesting ceremony will take place at the Lyceum on Wednesday afternoon next. The society carries as its full title that of the Young People's Choral Union of the Melody Street Presbyterian church. It began as a class in singing, originally intended simply to improve the music of that Sunday school. Beginning with two members, Sunday school teachers and pupils, it grew within four weeks to thirty that number. It has held its rehearsals under Mr. Dorman's direction on every Monday evening since its organization, summer and winter, with an average attendance of ninety per cent. Usually every member is present. The society has given a number of very successful concerts, rendering important choral works of great composers—Costa, Handel, Haydn and Beethoven. At the present time the organization has a membership of seventy-five, and is rehearsing the favorite cantata, "The Haymakers," for early presentation. The selection of this Choral union, under Professor Dorman's leadership, to participate in the imposing ceremonial attending the installation of the newly elected officers of the Knights Templar grand commandery, assures an appropriate and magnificent rendition of the beautiful music belonging to that ceremonial, accompanied by Bauer's orchestra.

Will F. Burke, the song writer and vocalist, has been meeting with much success as manager of his own company, upon a recent tour of the valley towns. Bauer's band of forty men will appear on parade Monday as an escort to the visiting commanderies of Knights Templar, who will enter our city to the conclave during next week. On Tuesday, they will also participate in a grand parade on all the commanderies. The band will appear for the first time in their new uniforms, made by John Simpson. The uniform is of dark blue material, with black braided trimming, and as for neatness and finish of workmanship, are as fine as any. The members of the band wish to state to their patrons that they intend giving open air concerts during the summer months on the Flat plot, corner of Lackawanna avenue and Jefferson, and, as a means of raising money toward their equipment, they intend putting in several hundred chairs on the grounds for their patrons, at the small sum of ten cents each.

Theo. Prosser, music publisher of Philadelphia, Pa., accepted and will shortly publish Mr. Alfred Pennington's new work, which is entitled, "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken." This is one of Mr. Wooler's best songs. It is very melodious and will, no doubt, become a favorite with church singers in general. The following musical selections will be used at tomorrow's services in the Second Presbyterian church: MORNING. Organ Prelude—Andante in G. Merkel Anthem—"O Beautiful Jesus"—Stainer (Sung by Request). Offertory—Solo, "O Lamb of God" Miss Gargan. Bradsy Organ Postlude. Stern EVENING. Organ Prelude—Pastorale. Flagler Chant—"Salutem." Quartette and Choir. Anthem—"Lord Now Lettest Thou Thy Servant." Rowley Quartette and Choir. Offertory—Trio, "My God, My Father, While I Stray." Schaecker Misses Black and Garagan and Mr. Morgan. Organ Postlude. Hesse Mr. J. M. Chance, organist and director.

The Wilkes-Barre Record says: "The concert given by the music class of Yatesville and vicinity on Tuesday evening was a success in every way. The class is under the direction of Miss Nettie Newell, of Scranton, and was ably assisted by Miss Ethel McDermott, pianist, of that city; Howard Fear, of Plifton, and Wesley Natrass, of Luffin, violinists. The stage was decorated with ferns and flowers, enhanced by the softened light of banquet lamps. The young ladies wore costumes of white. The pupils showed careful training and reflected much credit on their instructor. The violin, piano and vocal trio, by Mrs. Fear, Miss McDermott, and Miss Newell, and the violin solo by Wesley Natrass received hearty encouragements. The recitations and piano duets were also especially well given." Miss Spencer, of Scranton, has accepted the appointment as soprano at the First Methodist Episcopal church, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Sadie Kaiser. Those who were heard from the choir were Mrs. Drum, Mrs. Burleigh, Miss Alberta O'Neill, Miss Bessie Lane and Miss Lulu Gaffney, and Miss Spencer, of Scranton. Yesterday the musical committee agreed that Miss Spencer was their choice and offered her the position. Miss Spencer will receive \$500 per year for her services. —Wilkes-Barre Leader.

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VIEW OF A WOMAN

SHE was a brilliant and charming woman, merry of eye, and kind of thought, and still young. She said decidedly: "I have an opinion about every earthly thing. I suppose there are those who would be glad to have I hadn't. I'm glad that I have. It is nice to have opinions about everything; it keeps you alert and alive and you don't get into a rut. I often won-

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