## PLEASURES OF SOCIETY

The following ladies are requested to meet with the St. Cecilia Society tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Stieff music rooms on North Tryon street: Mesdames Richmond, J. W. Zimmerman, J. F. Wilkes, Mather, E. R. Russell, Norwood, Gardner, J. A. McMillan, Harvey Lambeth, George Stephens, Sam Houston, W. F. Dowd, and Misses Julia Alexander, Evelyn Johnston, Mary Armand Nash, Bettie Nash, Bessie Leslie, Dora Allen Sater, Kate Torrence, Josephine Osborne, Lottie Gray, May Fletcher, Woodfin Chambers, Margaret Thurmond and May Courtney Oates.

A number of new voices have come in to the society this winter and the officers are very anxious to have the fullest chorus that can be had in a city the size of Charlotte. With Mr. Harry Zehm as director, good music may be expected from the choral.

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The literature section of the Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. C. M. Patterson on North Church street this morning at 11 o'clock.

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Mrs. W. C. Via and little daughter, Miss Virginia Via, who have been visiting Mrs. C. A. Misenheimer, have returned to their home in Wadesboro.

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Misses Lolle and Osie Shuford, of Gastonia, are visiting at the home of Mr. George W. Wearn.

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Mrs. Vinton Liddell will receive informally this afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. W. J. F. Liddell, at No. 604 East avenue. Mrs. Liddell leaves to-night for an extended trip to Northern cities.

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Mr. Kyle M. King and bride, nee Miss Nellie Brownlow, a daughter of Representative Brownlow, of Jonesboro, Tenn., spent yesterday in the city, guests at the Central.

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The Fortnightly Pleasure Club will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock with Mrs. J. O. Gardner, in Piedmont Park.

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Young ladies of the Diatelean Literary Society of Elizabeth College, rendered a delightful programme last evening in their handsome hall at the college, the theme of the meeting being journalism. With precision of thought and happiness of expression the young ladies presented several phases of newspaperdom, of the magazine field and allied subjects. It was altogether an evening of pleasure and profit. A clever bit of work was in the programme, which Miss Townsend, a talented young artist, made to represent the front page of a newspaper. Upon it were the names of the speakers and their subjects, as follows: "The Evolution of the Modern Newspaper," by Miss Habenicht; "The Most Prominent Newspapers in America," by Miss Gieschen; "The Magazine of To-Day," by Miss Wyse; selected recitation, by Miss Byrd; "The Printing Press," by Miss Hoffman; "The Newspapers of Charlotte," by Miss Le Fevre.

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Mrs. J. J. Bowen, of Raleigh, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Eldred Griffith, on West Seventh street.

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Miss Sallie Adams, assistant in the Carnegie Library, left last night to visit relatives in Washington city.

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The Shakespeare Club will meet this evening with Mrs. Cochrane, corner College and Ninth streets, at 8 o'clock.

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Miss Isabel Bryan, who has been the guest of Mrs. H. A. London, Jr., returned yesterday to her home in Newbern.

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Mrs. W. J. Montgomery, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. C. Register, returned this morning to her home in Concord.

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Mrs. Harry S. Mather will entertain at cards this afternoon at 4 o'clock at her home in Piedmont Park.

## MR. RICHARDSON RESIGNS.

### Leader of the Excellent Academy Orchestra Sends in His Notice to Manager Schloss.

Mr. D. Amati Richardson, leader of the Richardson Orchestra at the Academy of Music, has sent in his notice of resignation to Mr. S. A. Schloss, of Wilmington, manager of the Academy. The notice is designed to go into effect November 26th. "Sergeant Kitty," due to be at the Academy the 24th instant, is the last attraction of the month.

There is no friction, no infraction of contract, either on the part of Mr. Schloss or Mr. Richardson, it is said. The situation seems to be like this: Mr. Richardson has from time to time [illegible] pieces. He would [illegible] his contract with Mr. Schloss [illegible] is just what Mr. Richardson doesn't want to do. He says that the people have become used to music with ten pieces, and he doesn't want to give them anything inferior. With the present remuneration he does not feel that he can afford to furnish a ten-piece orchestra. Mr. Schloss may feel that he is paying all that he can for an orchestra—as to that it is not known. The resignation has been sent. A reply has not been received.

Whatever may be the outcome, The Observer feels it is but justice to speak in this connection of the excellence of the music which the orchestra has given. It has been ambitious, and more than that, artistic and well-rendered. There is, The Observer ventures to say, not as good an orchestra in the State, and it is doubtful if there is a better in the South. It is to be hoped that the music at the Academy will not be allowed to deteriorate. The orchestra will continue its work under Mr. Richardson and give concerts through the State.

### Spinners Advisory Committee.

The advisory committee of the hard yarn spinners held their regular weekly meeting last night. While no official report was given out, it is understood that the affairs of the spinners are constantly being improved and the spirit of co-operation continues to extend. An office has been rented at No. 22 South Tryon street.

### Minstrels at Ebenezer.

The young people of Ebenezer will give an entertainment in the form of a minstrel in the old church building, five miles south of Charlotte, on the Pineville road, on the evening of the 30 of November. The admission will be ten cents. Misses Wilson, Griffith and Kirkpatrick compose the committee of arrangements.

Bales of cotton to the number of 2,300 have been discharged from the after-hold of the Norwegian steamer Guernsey, which arrived at Bremen November 5th with her after-hold cargo on fire. The discharged cargo is found to be somewhat damaged.

## BRIEFS.

### Minor Happenings in and About the City—Events of a Day.

—The St. Agnes Guild of St. Peter's Episcopal church will meet in the vestry room this morning at 11 o'clock.

—The invitations to the reception which Trinity Methodist church was to have given to-night have been recalled.

—Cotton receipts yesterday were 49 bales, bringing 9.65 cents. On the same day last year, 162 bales were received at 11 cents.

—Dr. W. L. Ussell, of Union county, has opened a suite of dental offices in the Wilkinson building, on South Tryon street. He is a graduate of the Atlanta Dental College, at Atlanta, Ga.

—The Charlotte Medical Society will meet in the city hall to-night at 8 o'clock, when a special paper will be read by Dr. A. J. Crowell, and business of special importance will be transacted. A full attendance is desired at this meeting.

—The stock exchanges of the city did little business yesterday on account of the storm in the Northeast, which blew down nearly all wires and broke connection between New York and the South. Cotton reports were had only from New Orleans and Chicago.

—Local secret service officials have been informed of a counterfeit ten-dollar bill which is in circulation. It is a reproduction of the photo-mechanical process of the series of 1901, check letter D, and is numbered 174. It has a period instead of a comma between "Washington" and "D. Co." The work is bungling and should be detected with ease.

—A meddlesome small boy came near causing a serious accident yesterday when he climbed upon two box cars lying on the Fidelity Mills sidetrack of the Seaboard Air Line and released the brakes. The cars rolled down upon the main line, near the Liddell shops, where one of them was derailed. The track was blocked to a considerable extent.

—In the football game at the park yesterday afternoon between the Dilworth Athletic Club and George Wilson, Jr's., team, neither side scored. The best work was done by Capt. Wilson and Lenoir Chambers, of the same team. The two teams will play off the tie Saturday, and the Newsboys will play the winning team on the following Tuesday for the pennant.

—The following named Mecklenburg Presbyterians left yesterday to attend the Synod of North Carolina, which began its sessions in Durham at 8 p. m. yesterday: Rev. G. W. Belk, Capt. William Anderson, Squire C. H. Wolfe and Dr. A. J. Crowell, of Charlotte; Rev. P. H. Gwynn and Mr. John McDowell, of Steele Creek; Mr. R. S. Burnett, of Hopewell; Mr. J. P. Sample, of Mulberry, Rev. A. F. Cooke and Mr. Henderson, of Paw Creek.

—Jim McLelland, a young negro, was arrested last night for the larceny of a dozen pairs of socks from the store of J. B. Ivey & Co. The negro was seen acting in a suspicious manner as he came out of the store by Officer Henderson. McLelland pretended to be drunk and as he walked on down the street, he dropped a bundle, which he immediately picked up and walked on. Officer Henderson then followed him and placed him under arrest, finding on him the socks with Ivey's trade-mark.

## PERSONALS.

### The Movements of a Number of People, Visitors and Others.

Messrs. C. W. Tillett, E. T. Cansler and Thomas W. Alexander left last night to attend Supreme Court at Raleigh.

Mr. Don Clingman Humphrey is spending a few days in Greensboro on business.

Mr. L. L. Harris left yesterday to spend a few days in Richmond, Va., on business.

Capt. E. Dilling, of King's Mountain, was in the city yesterday, staying at the Buford.

Mr. Frank Armfield, of the Monroe bar, spent yesterday in the city and left last night for his home.

Mr. David S. Hamilton left yesterday on a business trip to Greensboro.

Mr. Thomas H. [illegible], of Portsmouth, Va., is spending [illegible] in the city with his son, Dr. [illegible] Wright.

Mr. Jake F. [illegible] returned yesterday from Greensboro.

Mr. Arthur Levy, of New York, is spending a few days in the city with his sister, Mrs. J. A. Solomons.

Mr. J. L. Hartsell, of the Concord bar, was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

Misses Della Nolen and Jane and Carrie Morris were visitors to the city yesterday from Gastonia.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Price and son, William A. Price, Jr., and Mr. H. T. McCutcheon, of Davidson, were in town yesterday, staying at the Central.

Mr. R. R. Haynes, president of the Cliffside Cotton Mills, was a Charlotte visitor yesterday.

Mr. J. J. Farriss, editor of The High Point Enterprise, after spending Sunday in the city, returned yesterday to his home.

Mr. William B. Streeter, of Wilmington, was a Charlotte visitor yesterday, staying at the Central.

Mr. O. V. Willis left yesterday for Columbia, S. C.

Frank Griffith, traveling representative of the J. P. Stevens Engraving Company, of Atlanta, Ga., will leave this morning for the North in the interest of his house.

Mr. Eugene Morrison, of Statesville, was a Charlotte visitor yesterday.

Mr. J. J. Farris, editor of The High Point Enterprise, spent Sunday with the Conference.

Mr. W. F. Harding left last night for Raleigh to attend Supreme Court. Col. W. B. Rodman will go to-night.

Mr. W. [illegible] Pemberton, who has been the guest of Dr. W. O. Nesbit, left last night for his home in Concord.

Messrs. S. [illegible] and [illegible] Durham, and Reid Dixon of Davidson College spent Sunday in the city [illegible]

[illegible] Harding of Monroe was a visitor in the city yesterday. Mr. Harding is a candidate at the Democratic primaries for Solicitor [illegible]

Mr. [illegible] Messer, of Concord, is [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Messer.

Deputy United States Marshal Vance Berrgin is in the city.

Mr. R. M. Warlick, of Newton, spent last night in the city.

Mr. A. McArthur, of Rock Hill, S. C., was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Mrs. E. Buchanan, of Lincolnburg, spent last night in the city, a guest at the Central.

Mr. L. W. Porter, of Shelby, is among the visitors in town.

Mr. F. Stikeleather, of Asheville, is registered at the Central.

### "A Message From Mars."

While the character of Horace Parker, the hero of "A Message from Mars," which Charles Hawtrey is to introduce here on next Monday, is avowedly an extreme exaggeration of some of the most disagreeable traits of selfishness, it has an unquestionably true basis of fact, and suggests some thoughts about the average Englishman's attitude towards his women kind. This attitude is, as a rule, radically different from that of the American. The influence of older civilization—possibly it might be more truly named barbarism—is to make the English wife still prone to regard her husband as in many ways "her lord and master." She warms his slippers and house coat, and does innumerable little errands, and is solicitous for his comfort generally.

The American wife and the American girl seem in English eyes to be not only independent, but imperious. The contrast with his own women appears to be, however, not displeasing or unattractive to the Englishman, as is evidenced by the great number of Englishmen who have of late taken American wives, and by the remarkable popularity of our girls in English society. The selfishness of Horace Parker is said to be so naturally and unconsciously portrayed by Mr. Hawtrey that it creates amusement rather than resentment, and if his reformation is sudden it is welcomed warmly by the audience, who have been won by the underlying charm of his personality and who do not doubt the sincerity and lasting effect of the change.


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### Entertainment of Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The senior chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew were entertained last evening at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Harris Mallinckrodt, at No. 6 East Morehead street. After a short business meeting, which included a discussion of plans for the future work, Mr. John Fox rendered some delightful songs. A light collation was served at 11 o'clock.

### Death of an Aged Colored Woman.

Nellie McDonald, a colored woman, whose age was alleged to be 113 years, died Sunday at her home, at the corner of Bell and Long streets. She was buried in Pinewood Cemetery yesterday afternoon.


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