les Margaret Abbott, of Welles-College, Massachusetts, and Mr. odore Abbott, of Asheville, are ding the Christmas holidays in mont Park with their parents, and Mrs. F. C. Abbott

Miss Alma Pethes, of McColl. 8., spent yesterday in the city, opping at the Central.

Miss Annie H. Brown, of David-son, was a visitor in the city yester-

The subscription dance Friday night at the Selwyn Hotel in honor of the numerous visiting young ladies and those home from college for the holidays promises to be largely attended. Those who will act as chaperones will be: Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Tate, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Graham, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hutchison, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Humphrey, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Humphrey, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Humphrey, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Van, Ness, Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Falson, Mrs. D. H. McCollough, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Robertson and Miss Lucy Oates.

Mrs. John C. Crawford, of Lancas-er, S. C., is the guest of her sister, frs. J. C. Montgomery, on South Try-

Mrs. Joe Person left yesterday norning for Hickory to spend Christ-nas with relatives and friends.

Miss Johnsie Bason will arrive in the city to-morrow from Red Springs to spend a week or ten days with Mrs. Henry M. McAden, on South Tryon

Miss Grace Andrews, of Greensboro, spending Christmas week with Mrs. Charles W. Parker, in Pledmont Park.

Mrs. Charles E. Platt will entertain Friday evening at a "bridge function" in honor of Mrs. Joseph Tull, of Birmingham, Ala.

Owing to a conflict in dates, Miss Mildred Bispham has postponed her reception in honor of her guest, Miss channon, from Friday until Satur-

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ross spent yes-terday in Lincolnton with relatives,

General and Mrs. T. R. Robert son, of Raleigh, arrived in the city yesterday to spend the holidays with Captain and Mrs. W. R. Robertson and Miss Julia Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reid will give the young people of Sardis a party to-night at their home on the Providence road. A number has been invited and the occasion will be alto-

Miss Maude Hayes will entertain a number of triends at her home in opton to-night. Cards reading as follows were is-

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from 5 to 7 o'clock. This reception
will take place at Miss Buffington's A fairly good-sized house, considerhome on North Graham street, and
home on North Gr

The reception which are James and Carlon will give this afternoon to the Confederate veterans who constitute Mecklenburg camp. The beautiful home of Mrs. Sexton, on Park avenue, in Dilworth, has been tastefully decerated for the occasion, and the most rant hospitality will be the portion of every guest. Mrs. Sexton is always a hostess of more than ordinary charm, and this art is never more evident than in these annual receptions. ent than in these annual receptions.
I Christmas-tide, when her home is arown open to the men who wore the ray in the sixtles. Her loyalty is coll-known and no daughter of the built is the recipient of more gracious.

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PUCCINI AND HIS OPERAS.

His Operas as Popular as Wagnerian Operas in London — Interesting Comment of One of Charlotte's

Although the exquisite operas by Puccini, composer of "Madam But-gerfly" have been introduced on the derily" have been introduced on the American stage quite some time ago, one might say with the first Henry Savage production of the four-act opera seria "La Boheme," in 1898, the American public is just of late beginning to appreciate and give full recognition to the genius of this talented Italian musician. Puccini's first notable operatic production was "Manon Lescaut," which was given in Italy at a time when Miascagni's "Cavalleria Rustkana" and Leoncavallo's "Il Pagliacci" were all the craze; this was in 1891. Five years later came "La Boheme," and this proved a tremendous success in all the larger towns of Europe as well as of this countr. At first "La Boheme" was sung in America by a wandering the Mrs. W. B. Ryder and daughter, Miss Virginia Ryder, will leave the last of next week for Columbia, S. C., to spend a month with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Holland, of New York, and Mr. and Mrs. Algie Holland and son, of Sumter, S. C., are spending the hollidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Holland, on South Tryon street.

Mrs. Alice Nalle, and Misses Elfreds, Sidney and Bessie Naile left last night for Chester, S. C., to spend several days with relatives.

of this countr, At first "La Boheme" was sung in America by a wandering Halian opera troupe, just a year after sits premiere in Turin, Raly. The next season Mr. Henry W. Savage obtained the English rights and produced it in New York with Yvonne de Treville us Mimi, the flower girl; since that time it has been one of the feature plays in the repertory of the "Savage Grand Opera Company." "La Tosca," an opera the libretto of which has the tragedy or Sardou for a model, was written in 1898 and a year later Mr. Savage gave the same in English.

"Madam Butterfly," the lately so

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everal days with relatives.

Miss Anna Twelvatrees is spending
to-day in High Shoals. She will reform to the city this evening.

Mr. J. A. Withers, of Worthville,
was a Charlotte visitor yesterday.

Mr. C. B. Whitaker, of the North
Carolina Medical College, left yesterday for Greensboro to spend the holldays.

Col. John G. Young, of WinstonSalem, and Capt. Ernest Young, of
Milan with indifferent success; later

Johnson City, Tenn., will arrive in

it was rewritten and then given at the "San Carlo" in Napres. For the past two years it has been the most popular offering at "Covent Garden" as well as on the other European stages of consequence. The pathetic little Japanese story which is so full of the elemental human passions, love and happiness, then deceit and despair, is based on John Luther Long's book and the drama by David Baless of like terms.

Belasco of like name.

As to the music in "Madam But-terfly" one might say that, though there is in it that exotic element, descriptive of a land and scenes for-eign to us, it is also full of the lan-guage of human nappiness and woe which must be understood everyone able to feet. The idea of the "Leitmetif" has also been adopt-ed in this last of the Puccini operas and is applied with great effect, the theme of the prelude to the first act. being interwoven into the different parts. There is a freshness and brilliance in the orchestra of this

opera, seldom found in the writings of modern composers, and a wealth of original harmonies that can but delight the hearer. Paccini is not a great conductor and he seldom directs his own works;

he is, however, in constant attendance at the rehearsals and takes as active an interest in the singing of the different roles as the singers themselves. It may not be out of place to mention that during the past season at Covent Garden, Puc-cini operas have had as many performances as the Wagnerian operas, a success equally pronounced in America for the young Italian gen-

"THE PRINCE CHAP."

home on North Graham street, and will no doubt be a very enjoyable occasion. Miss Buffington is one of the most efficient and one of the most successful music teachers in Charlette, and her class numbers more than thirty pupils. She is a popular teacher and hostess, and her social evenings with her class are always anticipated and remembered with pleasure.

The leading social event of to-day if the reception which Mrs. James L. Exton will give this afternoon to the Charlederate veterans who constitute Mecklenburg camp. The beautiful Mecklenburg camp. The property and pleasing one, and last night's cast presented it very effectively. Cyril Scott won the drama is a very pretty and pleasing one, and last night's cast presented it very effectively. Cyril Scott won the approbation of the audience easily. Perhaps the main feature or features of the performance related to the character of Claudia. In aut 1, Chaudia, played by Beryl Pullman, was 5 years of age, and in act III, played by Catherine Cameron, she was 13 years of age. There ron, she was 18 years of age. There was a striking resemblance between the girls of varying ages, quite enough to pass them off as the same.

dent than in these annual receptions of Christmas-tide, when her home is thrown open to the men who wore the grav in the sixties. Her loyalty is well-known and no daughter of the gouth is the recipient of more gracious appreciation than is she.

The veterans will meet at the city hall at 2:30 o'clock and go in a body on a special car. to Mrs. Sexton's home. The hours for the reception are from 3 to 5:30, and the one to be given to-day promises to surpass all previous ones. At least 100 guests are expected.

cita- Mr. Robert Young, of Morida, is in- spending Christmas in the city with his mother, Mrs. Ida M. Young.

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PERSONAL

The Movements of a Number of Peo-ple, Visitors and Others.

Mr. J. Allen Wheat, of Virginia, was registered among the guests at the Selwyn yesterday.

Mr. L. W. Sparger, of Durham, was a visitor in the city yesterday. Mr. F. Johnson, of Benson, was registered among the guests at the

street.

Col. W. B. Rodman, division coun-sel for the Southern, has returned to the city after a business trip out of

Mr. W. T. McKay, of Atlanta, Ga is spending a few days in the city with friends.

Mr. Frank Cooper has returned from Fayetteville to spend Christ-mas in the city with relatives. Mr. B. A. Mauney, of Wilmington was registered among the guests at the Central yesterday.

Mr. L. L. McKeown, of Laurin-burg, was a visitor in the city yester-Mr. B. G. Fallis, of Greenville, S. C., superintendent of the Charlotte division of the Southern, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Mr. C. R. Hudson, of the United States Department of Agriculture, was registered among the guesta at the Central yesterday.

Mr. C. C. Robbins of Gaffney, S., was a visitor in the city yester-Mr. S. A. McFaddin, of Greensboro

spent yesterday in the city on busi-Mr. F. C. Black, of Maxton, spent resterday in the city, stopping at the

Buford.

ters, Mrs. Addle Young Marsh and

Messrs. L. W. anj A. E. Jenkins, of arrived in the city last night to spend Christmas with relatives.

Messrs. P. A. Bryant and Plake F Steele, of Statesville, were register ed among the guests at the Buford

last night.

Dr. S. R. McKee, of Asheville, arrived in the city last night to spend Christmas with his brother in Providence township.
Mr. Frank P. Graham returned last night from Chapel Hill to

Christmas with relatives. Mr. Robert E. Ransom who is teaching school at Seaboard, in the eastern part of the State, arrived in the city last night to spend Christ-

BRIEFS.

Few Minor Happenings in and About the City. -To-morrow Christmas will be a year off. The moral is easy. Mr. T. F. Kluttz, Jr., left last night for Salisbury to spend Christmas with relatives.

-There will be no prayer meeting service at the Tryon Street Methodist church to-night.

Mr. Lawrence B. Johnston has refurned to the city to spend Christmas with his family.

—Probably the aldermen who were on the streets last night about 8 o'clock would like to have undone it if they could., -The local force connected with

the Academy of Music presented Manager Crovo with a handsome gold fountain pen last night as a token

—"The Walls of Jericho" will be the attraction at the Academy of Music this afternoon and to-night. Contrary to custom, the price for the matinee performance will be the same as that at night. Messrs. George H. King. Jr., of Rockingham, and Mr. Wilson T. King, of Greenville, S. C., are spend-ing a few days in the city with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. King, on North Tryon street.

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One needs neither be a propher nor the son of one to foretell the nor the son of one to foretell the new of a multitude of the following aliments of a multitude of the following the sadily expected this morning. It is merely a case of cause and effect and the cause was visible last night in the staggering of men and boys, who touched up their conversation with a linge of brim-stone and language unworthy of utterance. The morning after,—the headache,—these be platitudes, for which reason there is no occasion for lengthy writing Only one point remains to be emphasized and that's the number.

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# lo-Morrow

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Messrs. L. W. anj A. E. Jenkins, of of New York, president of the com-Stanley, were registered among the pany, will be able to attend but this, guests at the Buford last night.

Mr. J. M. Fletcher, of Wilmington, promises to be a most delightful one.

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