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It is a busy world; the days go swiftly by, counting themselves with the eternity that lies behind, and in the stress of life and work we sometimes forget to say the word of love and gratitude that is in our hearts.

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For such consideration and loyalty we now thank you. This year has been the largest in our history. Next year will be larger yet. You have helped to make our establishments one of Carolina's great institutions, and so here is a hand-grasp and a thank you and an earnest hope that you may be as happy as you deserve, which is the most genuine wish we can possibly express. And as we have worked to serve you in the past, so we will in the future endeavor to do.

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PERSONAL

The Movements of a Number of People, 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 Selwyn yesterday.

Among the visitors in the city yesterday were Messrs. Lynn E. Williamson, of Burlington, and Mr. J. E. Williamson, of Worthville.

Mr. Wilson Wallace is spending the holidays with his father, Sherwin W. Wallace, on North Poplar street.

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

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 Christmas 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 Laurinburg, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Mr. B. G. Falls, 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 guests at the Central yesterday.

Mr. C. C. Robbins, of Gaffney, S. C., was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Mr. S. A. McFaddin, of Greensboro, spent yesterday in the city on business.

Mr. F. C. Black, of Maxton, spent yesterday in the city, stopping at the Buford.

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 holidays.

PUCINI AND HIS OPERAS.

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

Although the exquisite operas by Puccini, composer of "Madam Butterfly" 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, "La Boheme," in 1894, 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 "Mamma Lucia," which was given in Italy at a time when Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana" and Leoncavallo's "Il Pagliacci" were all the vogue; this was in 1891. Five years later came "La Boheme" and this proved tremendous success in all the larger towns of Europe as well as of this country. At first "La Boheme" was sung in America by a wandering Italian opera troupe, just a year after its premiere in Turin, Italy. The next season Mr. Henry W. Savage obtained the English rights and produced it in New York with Yvonne de Treville as Mimì, 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 of Sardou for a model, was written in 1893 and a year later Mr. Savage gave the same in English.

"Madam Butterfly," the latest so much bespoken and bewritten tragic opera, was finished three years ago and first produced at La Scala in Milan with indifferent success; later it was rewritten and then given at the "San Carlo" in Naples. 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 Belasco of like name.

As to the music in "Madam Butterfly" one might say that, though there is in it that exotic element, descriptive of a land and scenes foreign to us, it is also full of the language of human happiness and woe which must be understood by everyone able to feel. "The Girl of the Last Night" has also been adopted 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 of the music in 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.

Puccini 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 year at "Covent Garden" Puccini operas have had as many performances as the Wagnerian operas, a success equally pronounced in America for the young Italian genius.

"THE PRINCE CHAR"

Play Pleases Fair-Sized Audience—Cyril Scott is All Right and the Claudius Were Good.

A fairly good-sized house, considering the circumstances, greeted the presentation of "The Prince Char," with Cyril Scott in the title role last night. Those who went out were well repaid, for 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 line or feature of the performance related to the character of Claudia. In act I, Claudia, played by Beryl Pullman, was 5 years of age, and act 2, played by Helen Pullman, she was 12 years of age, and in act III, played by Catherine Cameron, 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.

Drawing For Prizes.

A big bagful of coupons was lodged into the Observer office last night by habitues of the firm of Gertrude Bruns & Dixon, for the annual prize drawing. The sum of \$150 in trade is given away to holders of the three lucky numbers. One coupon is given to every purchaser of one dollar's worth of goods. The numbers drawn last night by Willie Farrell, 10,383 and 7,944. The prizes are valued at \$50, \$25 and \$15, respectively. Those who hold these coupons are invited to call and get their goods.

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

TO-DAY'S HEADLINES.

One needs neither be a prophet nor the son of one to foretell the city-folk which will be sady exposed 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 tinge of brimstone and language unworthy of utterance. The morning after—the headache—does by platitude, for which reason there is no occasion for lengthy writing. Only one point remains to be emphasized and that's the number.

Police and Firemen Paid Off.

City Treasurer Wearn yesterday paid the policemen for their services during the month the pay roll aggregating \$1,771.12. The officers of the sanitary department were also paid off, their salaries amounting to \$382. The firemen were paid off Monday, their checks aggregating \$1,643.21. All of this was in anticipation of the Christmas season.

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