

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

This afternoon at the Ora Street Methodist church, the "Pastor's Helpers" will hold their regular semi-monthly meeting. An interesting program has been arranged and all members, ladies of the church and their friends are invited to be present. The organization meets at 3 o'clock p. m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

The concert yesterday afternoon at the Hillside academy given for the entertainment of the Ladies of the Altar society of St. Lawrence's church was very successful, the young people acquitting themselves very creditably. The large room in which the concert took place was decorated with Christmas greens and there were about seventy in the audience. One of the features of the first part of the program was the skirt dancing of little Miss Annie Ward, who carried her five years very gracefully. The children played and sang delightfully. The trial scene from "The Merchant of Venice" was given, the roles of Portia and Shylock being cleverly taken by Miss Janie Jones and Miss Ruth Gray. After the concert, the guests remained at the invitation of Mother De Planck refreshments being served by the children.

The Arts and Crafts Christmas sale which closed yesterday was of special interest and many new things were shown. There are numbers of articles still left and others being finished for the holiday sales. One of the handsome exhibits was a hand-made brass screen, the article work of Miss Bessie of Arden. The woven fabric counterpane, etc., are unusually good this season and will prove popular.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Presbyterian church will hold their regular meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the church annex. Miss Sarah Miller, a missionary from Korea, will address the meeting on the subject of Korea.

The first round of the men's singles golf tournament was played yesterday afternoon at the country club. The nipping wind kept away and the tea room was more popular than ever. The second round will be played Saturday. The scores yesterday were Mr. J. E. Rumbough defeated Mr. F. G. Simpson; Mr. E. C. Sawyer defeated Mr. J. A. Burckel; Dr. C. S. Jordan defeated Mr. L. H. Jones, Mr. J. G. Adams won by default from Mr. A. S. Barnard.

The Woman's Missionary society of the First Presbyterian church will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Sunday school annex. The regular program will be shortened in order that the talk on Korea by Miss Sarah H. Miller may be heard. Miss Miller is a returned missionary.

The faculty recital yesterday afternoon at the Asheville School of Music and Dramatic Art was one of the finest heard in the city in some time. Miss Lily Jackson opened the program with a well written paper on the life of Mozart. Mrs. Westall's fine voice was heard in an aria from "The Marriage of Figaro" and never to better advantage. Her voice seems to have gained depth and brilliancy. In "Vol Che Sapete," Mrs. James G. Stikleather was again heard after an absence from the recitals for several months. While different in quality, Mrs. Stikleather's voice is no less beautiful and her rendition of the

aria was especially appreciated. Miss Westall, Miss Jackson and Mr. Barker were heard in those numbers which gave them an opportunity of displaying the technique and individuality of each. Mr. M. F. Connell in the Sonata in G major, played with remarkable strength and efficiency, and was further aided by dulcet tone of his instrument, a rare old violin and valued at \$5,000. Mr. Connell picked up the violin during the summer and later had the instrument authenticated by experts in Boston. The largest studio was crowded yesterday and the recital was in every way a success.

The Christmas holidays will bring many social diversions after a peculiarly dull autumn. There will be the usual dinners, teas and private dances with a possibility of a Christmas ball at the Country club. At the Battery Park hotel any number of small and large affairs will take place, the ball room having been engaged for several concerts, dances, etc. The program for the week at the Battery Park has not been announced yet, but no doubt will include unique features for the entertainment of the guests and patrons. Mr. J. L. Alexander has received a number of requests from Asheville people asking whether the new nutcracker will be open for public inspection when completed. The suite de luxe and the bridal suites will be shown to a limited number on application, it is understood.

Some members of the Asheville club will, probably at the annual meeting of the directors, in January, bring up before the club a movement which, if carried, will be received with interest. Several of the members would like to revert to the custom of former years when the club observed Ladies' day and gave during the season occasional dances. The memories of the dances which were of foremost importance socially still linger, and it is possible that they may again be included in the club program for 1910.

Miss Lillian Weaver entertained last evening with a bridge party in honor of Miss Hazel Shanklin at her home on Chestnut street. The red decorations artistically carried out in the shading of the lights, the flowers made an effective background for the light evening gowns of the women who were present. The score cards were designed in red also and the prizes were handsome. A collation was served late in the evening. Miss Weaver's guests were Miss Mary and Miss Jessie Stikleather, Miss Katherine Mason, Miss Adelaide Loughran, Miss Myrtle Rollins, Miss Marguerite Wadsworth, Miss Fannie Wheeler, Miss Maude Gudgey, Miss Ruby Robertson, Miss Bettie Eites, Miss Kate Nichols, Mrs. Erskine, Miss Frances Dufour, Miss Eleanor Lamberton, Miss Georgia Dennis, Miss Mattella C. Coker, Miss Albee Drummond, Mrs. Henry Westall, Mrs. McClarin, Mesasra. Frank S. Y. W. G. Borne, Ambrose Featherstone, Tim Coker, Charles Polson, Mr. Hersey, Mr. Greenlee, F. R. Eaker, Harry Theobald, Jack Crowell, Ralph Carrier, Verna Gudgey, Gilliland Stikleather, Mr. Mulligan Cleaveland, Dr. R. Nichols, Mr. Erskine, D. R. McIlhara, Perry Cobb, Loring Raoul.

Last evening at nine o'clock, the marriage of Miss Jane Swift to Mr. Henry Talbot Sharp was solemnized at the home of the bride, in Waynes-

ville, North Carolina. The decorations in the front parlor, where the ceremony was performed, were of Christmas greens and white. Just before the ceremony Miss Mary Boone, accompanied by Miss Quindlan King, "Thou Art My All" by Beethoven, and "Because" by Beethoven. At the appointed hour the little bride appeared, John Swift, Jr., and Thomas H. Howell, entered the parlor to the strains of Schubert's wedding march, played by Miss Mary Gwyn, accompanied on the violin by Miss Margaret Stinfield. They proceeded to the altar, which was arranged in the bow-window, and gath- ering up the ribbons formed the aisle for the bridal party. Rev. R. W. Alexander, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of Tarboro, entered and took his place at the altar. Following him came the groom with the best man, Mr. Robert H. Patton, of New York. Then came the maid of honor, Miss Sara Swift, sister of the bride, dressed in white, bustle and carrying an arm bouquet of pink La France roses.

The bride entered with her father and was met at the altar by the groom, where they were made man and wife, the impressive ring ceremony of the Episcopal church being used. After the prayer and while the bride and groom were kneeling, Miss Mary Boone, impressively sang, "Oh! Perfect Love." The bride wore a white crepe de chine robe over white tulle, trimmed with princess lace, and a veil which was held in place by a wreath of orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. After the ceremony, a reception was held and refreshments were served in the dining room, which was decorated in pink carnations and similar. In the library the numerous and beautiful gifts were displayed. The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. J. P. Swift, one of the leading business men of Waynesville, is an attractive and accomplished young woman, who has a large circle of friends. The groom is an energetic young business man of Denver, Colorado, a member of the first of Sharp and Marquis. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sharp, of Pool's Rock, North Carolina, one of Virginia's old and prominent families.

The out-of-town guests present were, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sharp, Miss Frances Sharp, Pool's Rock, N. C.; Miss Florence Sharp, Charlotte, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Graves, Portsmouth, Va.; Mr. R. H. Patton, New York city; Miss Lewis, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Paucette; Mr. and Mrs. Julian Woodcock, Asheville, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. John T. Bailey; Mr. George M. Trotter; Mr. H. A. Hillier, Canton, N. C.; Misses Mary and Minnie Gwyn; Mr. Lenoir Gwyn, Springdale, N. C.

Miss Lucy Penningman and Miss Susie Penningman will not return from college for the holidays, but will spend Christmas with friends in the east.

Miss Mary Louise Swope returns from Pelham Manor for the midwinter vacation, December 22nd.

Mr. W. E. Brown, of Brevard, is in the city for a few days.

Mr. Dubois Ross returns from Cornell university shortly for the holidays.

Mr. Mulligan, dispatcher of the Southern railroad, has returned from a several weeks' visit in Tennessee and the South.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Powell and daughter, Margaret, who have been visiting friends and relatives in the city, have returned to their home in Charlotte.

Miss Hilda Mitchell, of Columbia, S. C., is visiting Miss Watkins for several days.

Messrs. R. R. Williams and Mark W. Brown have returned from a trip to Richmond and other Virginia cities.

Miss Laura Carter will arrive today from Mount Eagle, Tenn., to spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. T. P. Davidson, before leaving for New York to take passage for Germany.

Charles O. Marquette, of Atlantic City, is spending a few days in Asheville.

Mr. Robert A. Cummings, of Pittsburg, who is connected with the National Casket company, is spending a few days here on business.

Miss Hortense Jones and Miss Sarah Jones will arrive in Asheville about the 20th to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cowan are expected to arrive in the city shortly to spend the holiday season with Mrs. Cowan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James J. Britt.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Bradlee left yesterday afternoon for Philadelphia and New York.

Mr. Harvey H. Harrill, of Jacksonville, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Harrill, of this city.

Mrs. W. M. Jones has returned from a several weeks' visit with her son, Dr. William Jones, of High Point, and with Miss Hortense Jones at Raleigh.

Mr. W. S. Bryan of the University of Chicago will spend the holidays in Asheville.

Miss Burns returns shortly to Toronto, Can., after a several weeks stay at "Ridgeway."

Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe leaves tomorrow for Charlotte. Dr. Dewberry is expected in Asheville the same day to take charge of Central Methodist church.

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