

## SOCIAL NEWS.

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The WOMAN'S ERA extends Easter greeting to all its friends and subscribers.

The coming Easter Reception at Berkeley Hall has awakened considerable interest. We hear that some very smart costumes are to be worn. The committee composed of Messrs. Geo. S. Glover, Joseph Lee, Edward E. Brown, J. H. Lewis, U. A. Ridley, W. H. Washington, and Chas. L. Smith, guarantee that all anticipations of a good time will be fully realized.

Mrs. Belle Mitchell and her daughter Miss Bessie, who came up especially for the Grand Opera, were suddenly called home in the midst of the musical season, by the sad death of Mrs. Douglass of New Bedford.

Mrs. Edward B. Jourdain has moved to New Bedford.

Invitations are out for an Easter party to be given under the auspices of the Cambridge Dancing Class. We need no further assurance that it will be an enjoyable affair, than the fact that it is given under the management of Mrs. G. W. Lewis and Miss F. M. Clary.

Miss Annie Hemmings is expected home from Vassar, Friday to spend her Easter vacation.

Miss Alice Smith of Newport, R. I., and Miss Bessie Mitchell of New Bedford are coming up for the Easter party.

Dr. J. Francis Smith of New York intends spending one or two days in Boston at Easter.

Mrs. Robert Terrell of Washington gave a very charming reception last week for Mrs. Joseph Lee of Auburndale, who is paying Washington a short visit.

Miss Nina Pinchback, the daughter of ex-Gov. P. B. S. Pinchback, now residing in Washington, is to be married to Col. Toomey of Baltimore on Thursday March 29th. The wedding, is to be private, but a reception is to be given to the bride and groom.

It is whispered in and around Washington, that one of its sweetest and most popular young ladies, who by the way is a school teacher, has recently become engaged to a prosperous young druggist.

Engagements and weddings seem to be quite the order of the day; and June seems to be the favored month for the consummation of plighted troths,

It is rumored that another Washington lady is to wed a prominent Boston lawyer in June.

Mr. Joseph Douglass, violinist, is in town for a short time.

New York is not behind Washington or Boston in this respect. The engagement is announced of Miss Emily Ray, cousin of Mrs. O. M. Waller to Mr. Frank P. Downing.

We also hear of two engagements from Philadelphia: that of Miss Bessie Abele to Mr. Frank Cook of Washington, and her sister Miss Dottie Abele to Mr. Charles Cook.

By the way, a number of very recherche teas have been given during the winter by a club of Boston's society girls, composed of Misses Georgine Glover, Annie Hare, Maud Cuney, Libbie Watson, Louisa Lewis and Lillian A. Lewis. Thus far, they have been entertained by Misses Maud Cuney, Libbie Watson and Georgine Glover.

Miss Lillian A. Lewis, of the Boston Herald, has moved from Westminster to Myrtle Street.

Mr. J. Percy Bond, after having enjoyed town life for five or six years, is now living with his father at Readville.

Mr. W. Appo Johnson and Mr. Charles Richardson have moved from the Back Bay to the West End and are now at 11 Myrtle street.

One of Boston's popular young men whom the girls have dubbed "Lord Chumley" met with a little experience not long ago, which would have resulted rather disastrously to the perpetrators of the joke, had not the gentleman in question been of an even and tranquil temperament. "Lord Chumley" who prides himself on his exuberant growth of hair, which by the way was quite becoming, was waylaid by several of his fun-loving friends the other night, and one side of head shorn of its glossy ringlets. This tragedy was enacted in a well known gentleman's furnishing store on Dartmouth street, and the victim was firmly held in a chair by several of his friends while another deprived him of his curls, despite his entreaties, struggles and threats of revenge. He is now consoling himself with the thought that it will soon grow out again, as everything comes to him who waits.

Mme. Sisseretta Jones, who sang for Mme Melba at the latter's rooms in the Hotel Savoy, New York, is going to Paris to complete her musical education. This was brought about by the advice of Mme Melba who offered to sing at a benefit to defray the expenses of a course of study in Paris.

Miss Ednorah Nahar is spending a few weeks in Boston. She contemplates going abroad in the Fall.

Mr. J. C. Benjamin of Norwich, is confined to his house by illness.

A Japanese Tea, for the benefit of St. Monica's Home for Sick Colored Women, is to be given Easter Tuesday night in the Guild Room of the Advent. The cause is a most worthy one, and should be well attended.

Rev. O. M. Waller, rector of St. Thomas', Philadelphia, and former assistant rector of St. Phillips P. E. Church, New York, assisted in services at the latter church, Bishop Potter officiated.

Mr. Oscar L. Mitchell is to be ordained shortly at St. Augustine's. He is at attending the Theological School at Cambridge.

At the last confirmation at Trinity Church a new and beautiful feature introduced was the giving of flowers with the confirmation certificate to each candidate. The beautiful font was filled with long-stemmed Catherine Mermet roses which, after the services were over, Dr Donald distributed to each of his new members. Mrs. J. H. Lewis, her young-daughter, Mary, and her sister, Miss Melvin were members of the large class confirmed.

The amateur theatricals which were to be given during the Easter holidays are postponed to allow "center-rush" Lewis of the Harvard foot-ball team, one of the actors, time to have his nose mended. Mr. Lewis came from Amherst to Harvard covered with honors won on both athletic and intellectual fields there, and will always carry some of the distinguishing marks of a successful college career—in the athletic department. Fortunately his intellectual gifts and splendid voice have made him as fine an orator as athlete.

The next annual convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association will be held in Atlanta, Ga. This is a departure and proceedings will be watched with interest. Miss Ida B. Wells speaks of it and of an incident connected with the recent convention at Washington as follows:—

Of course the colored woman suffragist won't be in it at all in that prejudiced town, it's bad enough in Washington, but there they can speak out in meeting and rattle the body of the hall with other delegates. But colored Washington is agog over treatment accorded Mrs. A. J. Cooper last week. She was sent as a committee of one to invite Rev. Anna Shaw to address the Colored Woman's League. This lady was at the Riggs House and Mrs. Cooper went to the elevator to go up to the ladies' room; the elevator boy refused to allow her to enter, stating that orders had been given to permit no colored person to go up in the elevators. Mrs. Cooper sent Rev. Shaw a note explaining the situation and that lady came flying down to see her, expressing her righteous indignation, but that did not change the rules of the house. To a Chicagoan (?) the whole thing is such a ridiculous farce. Mrs. Cooper had, less than a year ago been thrown out of a waiting room in North Carolina, but one doesn't always expect such things under the dome of the Capitol.