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BERLIN

The American Woman's Club decided to carry out the idea mentioned in these columns some time ago, and gave a leap-year dance for the young folk last Saturday, instead of the regular monthly entertainment. No cards are out yet, but rumour has it that some of the enterprising young ladies made use of their prerogative on that day, so fatal for the so-called stronger sex.

Mrs. Albrecht's *Bal Poudre* last Friday was a splendid affair. About forty people were invited, including almost all the young married couples of the colony. So many beautiful women such as Mrs. Nenn, Mrs. Francis McClennan, Mrs. Putnam Griswold, Mrs. Arthur Davis, Mrs. Julius Hutmacher, Mrs. Thackara and her daughters, Miss Kerr, Miss Francis McElwee, and Miss Heinemann have rarely been seen together in a ball-room. Many of the gentlemen wore knee-breeches, a fact which added to the picturesqueness of the spectacle. The rooms were finely decorated with palms and festoons, the supper-room, especially, with its deep rose-coloured decorations, looked like fairyland. And the supper was worthy of that old epicurean Lucullus. That all present had a grand time goes without saying.

Mrs. Everett Maeler, of Kurfürstendamm 52, gives a tea next Tuesday afternoon, March 3rd.

Mrs. Whittemore of Detroit, Mich., has arrived in Berlin, accompanied by her daughter. The ladies are staying at Nürnberger Strasse 19.

Miss Della Thaler, of Milwaukee and Chicago, gives a concert in Berlin on March 11th in the Bechstein Saal, and will play in Dresden some time in April. Miss Thaler is a most attractive girl and a fine pianiste. She is a pupil of Professor Sgambati, of Rome, and of Mrs. Bloomfield-Zeissler, of Chicago. On the concert programme for March 11th are works by Bach, Liszt, Schumann, Chopin, McDowell, Sgambati and Tschalkowsky.

Two more American singers have been added to the staff of the Royal Opera in Berlin. Mrs. Eastman McClennan, wife of the famous singer who is already engaged at the Royal Opera, has signed a contract for five years under most favourable conditions. And Mr. Markus Kellermann of Cincinnati, a baritone singer, has been engaged under equally good conditions for seven years, even without the usual *Gastspiel* for the purpose of observing what impression he would make on the critics and the public generally.

The Bishop of London, Dr. Winnington Ingram, visited Berlin at the end of last week, as the guest of the British Ambassador, Sir Frank Lascelles. He arrived on Wednesday at about noon, and was met at the station by the Ambassador and driven to the Embassy, where lunch was taken. In the afternoon Sir Frank took his guest out to the links of the Anglo-American Golf Club, at Westend. As the Bishop was not familiar with the links he was beaten the first time by his host, but later on he had an opportunity of revenge.

An erroneous impression appears to prevail in some quarters that the Bishop's tour was mainly one of rest and recreation. If this idea needed a correction it was provided by the Bishop's pastoral work on Thursday and Friday. Despite the miserable weather Bishop Ingram, accompanied by his chaplain, set out in the Embassy carriage early on Thursday morning, making a round of visits to sick members of the Anglican community, speaking words of comfort to and greatly cheering those whose infirmities prevented their presence at the special service that evening. Among those visited was the popular British chaplain, Rev. James Fry, who is ill with bronchitis.

Lunch was taken quietly at the Embassy. In the afternoon the Bishop again appeared at the Golf course, but suffered defeat again, no doubt owing to the rain and darkness setting in rather early. At six o'clock the Bishop preached at a special

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THE ENGLISH LICENSING BILL.

It is inevitable that Mr. Asquith's measure should have aroused criticism and opposition. However much may be raised against it on technical grounds and on grounds of practical expediency, the crucial difficulty is really this, that although an attempt is made to legislate against intemperance rather than against the publican, nothing but the most broad-minded generosity will save the publican from superfluous sympathy. Party weapons have long been sharpened for the attack, and the measure has already been denounced in the House of Commons, and out of it, as a measure of spoliation. Mr. Asquith is confronted with the twofold charge of ignoring great and legitimate private interests, and of ignoring them without achieving his attack on intemperance. It is urged that you cannot reduce intemperance by reducing the number of licensed houses; on the contrary, instead of having places under the direct supervision of the police you will have places quite beyond their control. For his part, Mr. Asquith declared that his Bill aimed at attaining two main objects: first, the reduction of the facilities now given for the retail sale of intoxicating liquors; secondly the gradual but complete recovery by the State of its dominion over a monopoly which it had imprudently allowed to slip out of its control. He argued that the monopoly value of licenses was founded on an expectation not sanctioned by the law—namely, the expectation that once granted they would be renewed indefinitely, and that the justices would not allow effective competition. Nevertheless, interests had been allowed to grow up without the domain of the law, and these it was

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Hofrat McBride takes this opportunity to inform their many friends that his wife is slowly recovering from her prolonged illness, and Mrs. McBride wishes to express her thanks and appreciation to all those who have manifested such personal interest in her welfare.

The prices of tickets at the Royal Opera for the Ash Wednesday Concert tomorrow evening, for the benefit of the Widows and Orphans Fund of the Royal Orchestra, will be as under. The soloist will be M. Eugen d'Albert. I. Rang 7 marks. II. Rang Fremdenlogen 6 marks, Mittellogen 5 marks, Seitenlogen 4 1/2 marks. III. Rang Prosceniumlogen and Mittellogen 3 1/2 marks, Seitenlogen 3 marks; IV. Rang Balkon 3 marks, Mittelgalerie and Prosceniumlogen 2 marks, Seitenlogen and Stehplätze and Seitengalerie 1 1/2 marks; V. Rang Mittelgalerie 1 mark, Prosceniumlogen and Sitz- and Stehgalerie 75 pf.; Parquet to 14th row inclusive 5 marks, 15—19 row 4 marks, Stehparquet 2 marks. The sale of tickets in advance begins at 10 o'clock this morning at the Opera House.

The programme of the V. test performance by pupils of the Royal Conservatorium, which is to take place, with orchestra, at the Vereinshaus on Thursday evening next at 7 o'clock, will comprise: Pianoforte works by César Franck, Sgambati, and Moszkowsky; the Russian Carnevall for flute, by Ciardy; a Violoncello Concerto in E, by Saint-Saëns; Overture for orchestra, by B. Egg; and songs by Beethoven and Nicolai. Tickets at the office of the Royal Conservatorium, Landhaus Strasse 11, II.

At the Central Theatre today, Tuesday, the 25th performance of *Der fidele Bauer*, an operetta in 1 Prologue and 2 Acts by Victor Léon, music by Leo Fall, will take place with a special illumination of the whole theatre.

The guards in the city today are furnished by the 2nd Grenadier Regiment No. 101. The band plays about 12.30 p. m. in the Neustadt.

CHURCH SERVICES: DRESDEN.

ALL SAINTS' (ENGLISH) CHURCH, Wiener Strasse.
Tuesday, March 3rd. 10.0 a.m. Matins.
Wednesday, March 4th. *The First Day of Lent commonly called Ash Wednesday.* 8.0 a.m. and 12.0 m.d. Holy Communion. 11.0 a.m. Matins, Litany and Communion Service. 4.30 p.m. Evensong.
Thursday, March 5th. 8.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
Friday, March 6th. 10.15 a.m. Holy Communion. 11.0 a.m. Matins and Litany.
Saturday, March 7th. 10.0 a.m. Matins.
Chaplain: The Rev. C. A. Moore, M. A., B. C. L.

THE AMERICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, Reichs Platz 5, at the head of Reichs Strasse.
Wednesday, March 4th. *Ash Wednesday.* Lenten Services 11.0 a.m. and 4.0 p.m.
Thursday, March 5th. Litany 4.0 p.m.
Friday, March 6th. Litany 3.0 p.m. followed by Address on "the General Convention in Richmond" by Miss Von Holt.
The Rev. J. F. Butterworth, M. A., Rector.

PREBYTERIAN CHURCH, Bernhard Strasse 2, at corner of Bernhard and Winkelmann Strasse.
Services every Sunday at 11.0 a.m. Communion on the first Sunday of the month.
Dr. Paul will continue to conduct the services until further notice.

GASTON AND ALPHONSE.

"I think he deserves a flogging," said a mother to Mr. Plowden, regarding austerely her eleven-year-old son. "So do I," said the Rhadamanthus of Marylebone. "You give it him." "I'd rather you did," said the mother. "No, you do it," said Mr. Plowden. After you, my dear Alphonse!

FUTILE EXPANSION.

We are sorry for the French peasant who, sleeping in a hotel for the first time, spent the greater part of the night trying to blow out the electric light, thereby injuring himself internally.