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THE MORGAN RECEPTION.

One of, if not the social event of the season, was the reception Mrs. Capt. O. H. Morgan gave last Friday evening, Dec. 23rd, for her daughter, Miss Helen. Some over one hundred invitations were issued and nearly all responded in person; the number being limited by the plan to give their guests a pleasant evening without over-crowding. Mrs. Capt. O. H. Morgan, Mrs. William Morgan and Miss Morgan received.

The Morgan residence, on Fort Sheridan road north, is of such size and admirable internal arrangement that it lends itself easily to the most happy effects in decorations. The hall, parlor, library and sitting room all open into each other by large doorways, so as to make them practically, on such occasions, one room. These several doorways were dressed with palms, wild smilax and greens, so as to conceal entirely their casings; they seemed a succession of arches.

The parlor mantel was banked with masses of red carnations and ferns, while that in the sitting room was banked with meteor roses and asparagus ferns. Every fire place was concealed with greens of some kind, and the long needles of the Georgia pines were used with admirable effect. In one end of the parlor a heavy group of palms, etc. were arranged so as to conceal the musicians behind them with fine effect; the soft strains seemed to come from the forest, so unique and perfect was the arrangement. The walls of all the rooms were hung with holly.

The dining room was in some respects, the climax of the decorator's skill. Its table centre piece was of red cyclamens and maiden hair ferns.

Mr. Bahr has the largest and choicest supply of cyclamens in all this region, and he must have put hundreds into that dining room piece, making it a marvel of beauty. It is only just to Mrs. Morgan and the decorator to say, that the decorations of the Morgan home that evening was the finest this city has seen for many a season. Mrs. Morgan wisely selected Mr. Bahr, as a man who understands his work, and then told him what they wanted, and hence the happy results.

Fitzgerald furnished the music and Madame Taylor catered. As a whole, it was a very recherche affair in every way, worthy of those who gave, as well as those who enjoyed it.

The Choral society gave an Old Folks concert entertainment at the Club House, Tuesday evening, for the benefit of the members of the Club and their families. The old time costumes were in order, as well as old time tunes. We wonder if they sang "Sherburne," and the "Ode on Science," as well as some other favorites of the fathers, and did they get the "pitch" with an old time tuning fork, "Do, Si, La, Broad is the road" etc. We wish we could have a genuine old time singing school concert. This Tuesday evening's entertainment is spoken of very highly by those there.

"Watch-night" will be observed in the Ebenezer Evangelical church, Saturday night, Dec. 31st. Services will begin shortly after 9 o'clock.

Gunther's Bon Bons and Allegretti's Chocolate Creams can be found fresh at Dale Sweetland's; coming today for New Years.

ECHOES OF CHRISTMAS.

THE BAPTIST.

"They had the best Christmas entertainment I ever attended there," said our very intelligent reporter who was on the spot, last Friday evening. They had a house full, an excellent spirit pervaded everything and all seemed happy in trying to make others happy. The recitations by the children were excellent as selections and finely rendered. The children spoke with unusual self-possession, clearness and penetration of voice. The six-year-old son of Prof. Wilson seemed to take the front rank, showing that his sire is training him in the way he should go.

Superintendent Erskine called out his "three boys" to sing a triplitt, Messrs. Bortree, Wilson and Warren, a kind of ascending series melody, which convulsed and brought down the house with a vigorous encore, and the same repeated "cum var," as the musicians say. They will preserve and repeat it next year by special request.

The Santa Claus part was a great success, his journey from the Klondike being heralded by a series of telegrams received by an operator, until he reached Highwood, when some one feared he would have to stop and get something to "warm up;" but every one knew the Electric cars on which he came did not stop for such purposes. His presents for the children were numerous and highly enjoyed. H. M. Prior was on hand with his violin.

Sunday the school, after voting thanks to Mr. Erskine for his admirable service, elected Prof. Wilson supt., Charles H. Warren assistant, Miss Grace Elvey sec'y, with A. E.