

CLINCH-VAN SCHAICK.

On Wednesday, October 22, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. A. G. Van Schaick, occurred the marriage of Miss Frances Van Schaick and Mr. George Owens Clinch. At 3:30 o'clock the family circle assembled in the large west room, where the mullioned window of white chrysanthemums and graceful vines, the prie dieu and white ribbons suggested the temporary chancel.

The officiating clergy were Rev. P. C. Wolcott, of Highland Park, and Rev. N. Bayard Clinch, brother of the groom. While Tomasso's orchestra was playing the wedding march, the bridal party entered. The ushers were Mr. H. L. Van Schaick and Mr. Gerard Van Schaick, brothers of the bride, and the bridesmaids, Miss Ellen Van Schaick, sister of the bride, and Miss Alice Ludington, a cousin of the bride, both in pink. The bride, attired in white meteor crepe and wearing a tulle veil and carrying a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley, entered alone, and was met by the groom who was attended by Mr. Charles E. Fox. After the beautiful and solemn service and the congratulations of the family, there was a reception to friends from Highland Park, Chicago, and the suburbs. The guests entered the reception room through the hall bay and left through the pretty conservatory, which was a marked floral feature. In the west room of the second floor was an attractive exhibit of wedding gifts, not including those of the family, but the number and variety of pictures, furniture, glass, china, silver, linen, etc, suggested that here was a bride whom many delighted to honor, and the careful and charming selection of these loving gifts was in itself a pretty tribute to the bride. Meantime a diningroom and library. The center table was beautifully decorated with white chrysanthemums and silver candelabra with dainty shades of silver filagree and white. The bride's and groom's cakes, with the suggestive monograms, C. V. S., were duly cut and served to the dreamers. The bridal bouquet was thrown to eager aspirants. The shower of rice scarcely equalled that of the good wishes as the newly wedded pair said farewell to Highland Park and started on their wedding journey.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinch will be at home to their friends November 20, at 5120 East End avenue, Chicago.

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THE PASSION PLAY OF OBERAM-MERGAU.

The citizens of Highland Park are to have the opportunity of enjoying a rare treat on Thursday evening, October 30, when A. R. E. Wyant Ph.D., of Morgan Park, Ill., will deliver a lecture in the First Baptist church at 8 o'clock on the world-famous Passion Play. The stirring scenes of the great drama will be reproduced by many beautiful stereopticon slides.

Dr. Wyant met personally and became acquainted with a number of the leading performers, and a knowledge of the evident simplicity and sincerity of their lives added much to the impressiveness of the play as he saw it afterwards. Most of the principal players are wood-carvers; the others are peasants and local tradesmen. Each regards his part in this religious drama as an act of worship. It would be sacrilege to reproduce it elsewhere. Occasionally there are those who go to see the Passion Play with some prejudice against it, but they find nothing in its representation to shock the most sensitive religious instinct. The universal impression is profoundly spiritual. The history of the play:

As far back as the twelfth century there had been a Mystery or Passion Play performed at Oberammergau. And doubtless this dramatic representation of scenes from the life of our Lord, which was so great an instrument of teaching throughout Europe during the Middle Ages, would have passed away and been forgotten, as elsewhere, but for an incident which made it a fixed institution.

When a great pestilence raged through that mountain village in 1663, the people cried to God and vowed that if they were delivered, as a token of their gratitude, every ten years they would "present in living pictures the passion of Jesus Christ."

The plague ceased, and that vow, bequeathed as a sacred obligation from generation to generation, has been faithfully kept until the present day.

Tickets for this lecture are 25 cents and are on sale at Cummings' drug store.

IN MEMORIAM.

A month's mind solemn requiem high mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's church for the repose of the soul of the late Father Madden, Thursday, October 30, at 9:30 a. m. Rev. E. A. Kelly, of Chicago, will be celebrant; Dean Gavin, of Waukegan, deacon, and Dean Flaherty, of Rockford, Ill., subdeacon. All old friends of Father Madden are cordially invited to attend.

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