

THE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

When we step to the telephone, take down the receiver and with ease, converse with a friend blocks, perhaps miles away, we never pause to consider the wonderfully intricate and delicate mechanism set in motion by this simple act, nor to appreciate the efficient service rendered. A service which enables us to summon a physician from any distance, at any hour of the day or night, that saves the merchant hours of valuable time, often a journey involving days and weeks, and spares us all so many annoyances and disappointments; in fact a service that has become one of the absolute and indispensable necessities of comfortable living; and yet, perchance, let the wires, owing to some unavoidable mishap, fail once to respond, how ready we are to demur. The constant and rapid growth of the Highland Park Telephone exchange, of which Mr. C. T. Ford is the very capable manager, speaks volumes for the satisfactory service rendered, and that it is being more and more appreciated is evidenced in the new switchboard recently installed, owing to the increase of new subscribers which made it necessary to enlarge the capacity of the exchange. This new switchboard is of the common battery relay multiple type, with 60 lines and a capacity for 240 subscribers. To one endowed with sufficient intelligence to appreciate its wierd and fascinating equipment the office of the exchange is an interesting place, with its switchboards with their "jacks" and lamp signals, battery and cord circuits, fuse cases, dynamotors, storage batteries, motor generators, and so on ad infinitum. Power is furnished from the C. & M. Electric Railway company's power house, and one of the most important and interesting features of the exchange is the cable running down the street to the switchboards.

MRS. C. C. YOE ENTERTAINS.

Mrs. Charles C. Yoe, whose home is delightfully suggestive of the most charming hospitality, entertained Thursday at an elaborate luncheon in honor of Mrs. William H. Moore, of New York City. Covers were laid for fifteen, and the guests were Mesdames William H. Moore, James Hobart Moore, Paul Smith, Edward A. Small, John J. Mitchell, Samuel Insull, James Dunn, Martin D. Hardin, Nelson Thomasson, William Burry, Charles Ware, J. McGregor Adams, Charles Barnes, Mrs. Small and Mrs. C. C. Yoe, the hostess.

The diningroom was all in pink, the prevailing color throughout, American beauties and ferns forming

the table decorations. The reception hall was in pink and white chrysanthemums, and the library and drawingroom in pink carnations and ferns and quantities of gloire de lorraine, that exquisite new pink pink begonia which is so popular just at present for decorative purposes, were used throughout the rooms, lending a very dainty effect.

MRS. E. A. SMALL ENTERTAINS.

Mrs. Edward A. Small was hostess at a large and fashionable reception given in honor of his sister, Mrs. William H. Moore, of New York City, Wednesday afternoon from 4 until 6 o'clock. Mrs. William H. Moore is spending the week in Highland Park the guest of her sisters, Mrs. Paul Smith and Mrs. Edward A. Small, and no more delightful social events have ever transpired on the North Shore than the lavish entertainments which have been given in her honor during the past week. Notwithstanding the rainy, disagreeable weather the day of the receptions the beautifully decorated rooms were thronged with a brilliant gathering of guests.

The floral decorations by Bahr were most artistic and beautiful. The reception hall was in pink chrysanthemums of the gorgeous Eagan variety, in the drawingroom the chrysanthemums of deep red, bronze and gold gave a charming Japanese effect; the diningroom was resplendent with huge, bright yellow chrysanthemums, and a profusion of red carnations and ferns formed the floral decorations in the library, where Mrs. Small and Mrs. William H. Moore received the guests. Assisting in receiving throughout the rooms were: Mrs. J. Hobart Moore and Mrs. W. H. Caliein, of Chicago, Mme. Small and Mrs. Paul Smith.

The diningroom was presided over by the following young ladies:

Misses Lora Smith, Jean Troxell, Evva R. Egan, Helen Boulton, Carolyn Shields, Myrta Sweetland and Frances Hawkins.

Miss Nell Van Schaick, who was to have assisted in the diningroom with the other young ladies was unable to be present, owing to the severe cold with which she is afflicted.

Weir served, and the delightful music added not a little to the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer A. Montgomery have closed their home and gone to Chicago, where they will remain a couple of months and then go to Florida for the balance of the winter, returning to Highland Park about the last of April.

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