PAST PLEASURES.

Miss Cowles gave a reception Friday afternoon.

The Loyal League met at Kinsley's Thursday evening.

Miss Lillie Doane, of No. 1827 Prairie avenue, gave a theater party at McVicker's Friday.

Mrs. G. N. Stanton, of No. 47 Bellevue place, gave a charming reception Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 6.

Mrs. C. H. Jordan, of No. 603 Jackson street, entertained the Young People's Association Friday evening.

Miss Grace Clark, the daughter of Senator Clark, gave a dance and banquet to her friends Tuesday evening.

Mr. E. A. Everts gave a dinner at Kinsley's, Thursday evening, entertaining a congenial party of gentlemen.

Mrs. Pawdon Stevens, of No. 922 Monroe street, entertained a few friends at whist on Wednesday evening.

Professor and Mrs. Elisha Gray entertained the Fortnightly Club, of Highland Park, at their pleasant residence Thursday evening.

Mrs. J. MacGregor Adams gave a luncheon Wednesday afternoon, entertaining a select company of ladies between the hours of 3 and 6.

The Misses Campbell, of No. 2826 Michigan avenue, assisted by Miss Cowles and Miss Griggs, gave a reception Friday from 3 to 10 o'clock.

The Qui Vive Euchre Club was entertained Thursday evening by Miss Burr at No. 779 West Monroe street. Miss Sargent and A. L. Hurdle were the recipients of prizes.

Miss Anita McCormick gave a charming party Friday, gracefully entertaining about seventy-five people. Music, dancing and a dainty supper were the pleasing features of the entertainment.

The second annual banquet of the Underwriters' Association occurred Thursday evening at the Hotel Richelieu, those present including the prominent insurance men and underwriters of the city.

A pleasant entertainment was the afternoon reception given by Mrs. John B. Mayo, No. 2312 Calumet avenue, last Saturday, the hostess gracefully entertaining a large company of well known society ladies.

The Misses Gregstein entertained the Euclid Social Club with progressive euchre and dancing Wednesday evening. The souvenirs were beautiful thoughts from the poets, bound in ivory and designed for the occasion.

A very pleasant progressive euchre party was given at the residence of Mrs. E. O'Brien, No. 21 Bellevue place, Tuesday evening, in honor of Miss Ida Brighty and Mrs. Conover, of Albany, N. Y., and Miss Marion Brown, of Detroit.

Tuesday evening Mrs. Palmer Kellogg introduced her daughter Grace to Chicago society by giving an elegant ball and reception. At 10 o'clock Mrs. Kellogg presented her daughter to her guests. Mrs. Kellogg was assisted by Mrs. Hendricks, Mrs. L. Doane, and Miss Susie King.

Mrs. W. Vernon booth received her friends from 3 to 6 on Wednesday afternoon at her beautiful residence, No. 355 East Elm street. The guests were served with an elaborate pink lunch and tea, the artistic little dining-room for the time being transformed into a veritable bower of ferns and pink roses.

The leap-year party by the ladies of the Imperial Club Thursday night proved a signal success. The attendance was very large, and the ladies displayed a tact and efficiency in the conduct of the entertainment, and the gentleman unanimously voted the party one of the most successful in the history of the organization.

The Misses Montgomery gave a musicale and breakfast to sixty friends Wednesday morning. Miss Adele Lewing, Miss King, Mrs. Bigelow, Miss Mulford, and Miss Maxton contributed to the musical programme, and Mrs. F. H. Gardiner read in a delightful manner her interesting paper, "French Mystics and Port Royalists."

The leap-year party under the auspices of the ladies at the Kenwood Club last Friday evening was one of the most successful and delightful entertainments the club has enjoyed, and the ladies were cordially congratulated upon their efficiency in the management of the affair. An informal hop was given at the club last evening.

Miss Montgomery gave a musicale Wednesday last, which was attended by about sixty ladies. Fraulein Adele Lewing played and the Misses King, Mulford, Bigelow, and Maxton gave the vocal numbers. Mrs. F. H. Gardiner read an original paper, "The French Mystics and Port Royalists," which was listened to with much interest.

The first party of the La Font Pleasure Club at Martine's West Side Academy occurred Monday evening. The club consists of a number of North and West Side society people. About seventy-five couple tripped the light fantastic. M. R. C. Smith was presented with an elegant watch-charm by the club members in honor of his 21st birthday.

One of the receptions of the week was given by Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Burke at their handsome residence, No. 25 Walton place, from 3 until 6 Wednesday. Mrs. Burke wore a Parisian Felix toilet of bois de rose velvet en train, with Pompadour bodice and demi sleeves, edged with point lace; diamonds. She was assisted in receiving guests by Mrs. Watson Blair, Mrs. Ducat, and Miss Hammond, Miss Isham, and Miss Lyon. There were over 150 guests.

Master John J. Frisbie, son of C. P. Frisbie, residing at No. 1335 Fulton street, was very agreeably surprised Friday evening, it being his 11th birthday, by quite a number of boys and girls about his age. They had a very enjoyable evening, and in the midst of their games they were ushered into the supper-room, where a bountiful repast was in readiness for them. John was the happy recipient of the usual amount of presents on such occasions, and will never forget the party.

Miss Annie Barnard, No. 3012 Indiana avenue, gave a very pleasant dancing and donkey party Wednesday evening in honor of her friend, Miss Rose Conway, of Manitowoc, Wis. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Tebbetts, Misses Leahy, Conway, Smith, Reynolds, Osher, Cleary, Alice and Lucy Keene, Barnard, and Messrs. Albert Swart, L. A. Mitchell, Charles Kinsman, James Parker, Robert Wright, George Shattuck, Walter Williams, T. W. Berry, C. M. Stiles, and G. R. Barnard.

Mrs. Jesse Holdom gave a very enjoyable dancing party Wednesday evening at her home, No. 3324. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. George L. Rhoades, Judge and Mrs. Prindiville, Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Fleetwood, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Ranney, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Gartside, Mr. and Mrs. Edward N. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Schuyler, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hovey, Dr. Elbert Wing, Mr. John J. Knickerbocker, Miss Clara F. Brachvogel and Mr. Henry C. Fuller.

There was a delightful birthday celebration at Mrs. Horner's, No. 1705 Michigan avenue, Thursday evening. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Mandel, Mr. and Mrs. Selz, Mr. and Mrs. Schwab, Mr. and Mrs. Lehmann, Signor Tomasso, Mr. and Mrs. Yondorf, Mr. and Mrs. Kahn, Mr. and Mrs. Ohrenstein, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Horner and Mr. and Mrs. F. Neumann, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Bloom, Mr. and Mrs. Allen C. Story, Mr. and Mrs. Woolf, Mr. and Mrs. M. Foreman, Mr. and Mrs. Clayburg, Mr. and Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Walter C. Arnold and many others.

Miss Cora Davis entertained twenty of her young lady friends Wednesday, from 1 to 3, at the residence of her aunt, Mrs. A. McNeill, of No. 3154 Michigan avenue, the occasion being a pink luncheon. The house was beautifully decorated with pink roses and cut flowers of the same color. Covers were laid for twenty-two, the guests being Miss Sarah Gould, Miss Jessie Grey, Miss Clara Dore, Miss Martha Wells, Miss Edith Lorimer, Miss Bessie Alling, Miss May Bartlett, Miss Florence Henderson, Mrs. J. R. Walker, and the Misses Palmer, Chapin, Benton, Havens, Maxwell, Otis, Falkner, and Jenks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Raber, of No. 2311 Wabash avenue, were agreeably surprised by a number of their friends Thursday evening. Nothing was left undone that could add to either the comfort or pleasure of those present. Refreshments were served at 11 o'clock, after which music and dancing continued into the wee sma' hours. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Cave, Mr. and Mrs. John Burke, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cave, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Kindorf, Mrs. W. J. Seinwerth, the Misses Gillespie, Reynolds, Ivison, Hanlon, Appleton, Martha, and Goss, and Messrs. Coey, Shafter, Perry, Hanlon, and Smith.

The annual election of officers of the Union Club occurred last Saturday evening, resulting in the election of the following ticket without opposition: President, J. McGregor Adams; Vice President, Milton C. Lightner; Secretary, John R. Gott; Treasurer, Henry A. Keith; Directors, E. F. Comstock, F. S. Winston, J. T. Howe, J. B. Breese, and J. R. McKay, the latter to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. C. Black. The above, together with the hold-over Directors, A. H. Burley, A. J. Marble E. F. Lawrence, and Leslie Carter, with the officers as ex-officio members, constitute the management of the Union Club for the ensuing year.

The Douglas Club gave one of its delightful "informals" to its members on Friday evening at the club-house on Ellis avenue, about forty members and their lady friends being present. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Compton, Mr. and Mrs. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Penhallord, Mr. and Mrs. Buhrer, Mr. and Mrs. Stanton, Messrs. J. F. Burrell, Ridgley Rea, C. A. Richards, A. A. Beebe, George Cook, Harry Gardner, Melancthon Smith, M. A. Mead, Misses Hattie Fowler, Grace Gardner, Minnie Ludlow, Belle Kelly, Mattie Fowler, Blake, Phillippi, Adams, Jordan, of New York; Porter, of Ottawa.

Thursday evening the Imperial Club gave another of its most enjoyable receptions and a ball at the West Chicago Club House on Throop street, which was attended by no less than two hundred ladies and gentlemen. One of the features of this delightful occasion was that several of the "knowing ones" had previously arranged that it should be a genuine "leap year" affair in all that this custom implies, and, as was anticipated, for a little while, at least, created more or less solicitude in the minds of the many fair ones as to the manner of comparing their programmes with those of the sterner sex. Many indulged in the ever-fascinating progressive euchre, in which several valuable prizes have been won during the season.

The Amphion Pleasure Club held a reception Friday evening at Apollo Hall, 154 couples being present. The members' names are as follows: T. J. Hogan, T. J. Powers, I. T. Fitzpatrick, D. Leonard, F. J. Foran, J. A. Foran, W. F. Ryan, J. Downey, W. J. Sweeney, G. C. Schaefer, J. J. Collins, A. J. Kearns, and A. J. Cronin. Some of those who were present are as follows: Misses Roache, Misses Conway, Mrs. Mahoney, Mrs. Dwyer, Miss Mahoney, Miss O'Connor, Miss Sullivan, Miss Hubert, Miss O'Donnell, Miss O'Connor, Miss Petterson, Miss Burke, Misses Boland, Messrs. F. Parrott, M. Ostara, A. J. Ryan, C. M. Tronemd, J. O'Connell, J. O'Connor, M. O'Connor, J. Fitzpatrick, A. O'Connol, J. Boland, J. Wirth, T. J. Ryan, and C. McMahon.

Mrs. Edward Ayer, of No. 481 North State street, gave a green lunch to eighteen young ladies Tuesday, at 1:30 o'clock. The lunch was given in honor of Mrs. Ayer's daughter, Miss Elizabeth Ayer, and was one of the most charming affairs imaginable. Mrs. Ayer, attired in a handsome black silk toilet and white point lace, received her guests, assisted by her daughter, Miss Elizabeth, who wore a white silk toilet combined with black silk, and Miss Ethel Sturges. The guests were Miss Kirkland, Miss Louise Kirkland, Mrs. Dunlap Smith, Miss Corwith, Miss Porter, Miss Ethel Sturges, Miss Helen Fairbank, Miss Caroline Larrabee, Miss Carpenter, Miss F. Van Schaack, Miss Otis, Miss Thompson, Miss Kimball, Miss Newell, Miss Russell, Miss Abby Russell, and Miss Peasley.

The Misses Gregston gave a delightful euchre and dancing party to seventy-five ladies and gentlemen at the family residence, No. 3437 Michigan avenue, on Wednesday evening. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Adcock, Mr. and Mrs. Compton, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Partridge, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Babcock, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Compton, Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Raber, Mr. and Mrs. Blackall, the Misses Raber, West, Chumasero, Robinson, J. Robinson, Emma Adams, Fitch, Irons, McClure, Odell, Lilla Gale, Meadowcroft, Haselton; Duncan, Nichols, Ida Duncan, Morrison, Robbins, Davis, Fraser, Gardner, Speer, Williams, Gale, West, Grace Gardner, Purington, and Adele Gale; Messrs. King, Raber, Trude, Chumasero, Haines, Dow, Marcy, Thompson, Johnson, Grouch, Tuck, Evans, Ellis, Taylor Young, Nicholls, Meadowcroft, Fraser, and Senator Cochran, Colonel Kennedy, and Dr. Byram.

Last Wednesday was a gala night at the Onaway Toboggan slide. The attendance was large, the slide in admirable condition, and the gay costumes presented a picturesque sight, as nearly all the participants were attired in the pretty suits peculiar to that fascinating sport. The skating pond for the children is nearly completed and when finished, will provide a splendid sheet of ice for the little folks. Among others present were: Mr. and Mrs. John W. Root, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dix, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Meeker, Mr. and Mrs. W. Prettyman, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Ryerson, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Houghteling, Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap Smith, Mr. George H. Rozet, Mr. and Mrs. Dunlevy, Miss Porter, Miss Rose Farwell, Miss Jones, the Misses Carpenter, Miss Grace Farwell, Mrs. Dudley Wilkinson, Miss Ryerson, Mr. J. M. W. Jones, Mr. Thomas Baxter, Mr. George Payson, and others.

The People's Church Literary and Social Club met Friday evening last at the residence of Mr. Holmes, No. 281 Ashland avenue. Miss Harriet Ranney and Miss Emma Davis were elected Corresponding and Recording Secretaries respectively. Miss Hallie Lessee sang two selections. Professor Austin Bierbower read an essay on the obscure in literature, claiming it to be rather the result of impotency than great talent, showing also that the greater ability consists in conveying the clearest meaning in a sentence, and that life is too short for the study of the Brownings, Hegels, and Dantes. The paper was unique and deserves more than a passing notice. The club then adjourned to the ball-room to exercise the heels as well as brains, and lingered in the fascinating maze until awakened by the "Home, Sweet Home." There was a large number in attendance, despite the great fall of the mercury.

One of the handsomest entertainments of the season was the lunch given by Mrs. F. Willis Rice last Monday afternoon at Kinsley's. The beautiful apartments on the third floor were decorated and draped with rare taste, and suggested a homelike and exclusive appearance rarely obtained in an establishment of this nature. The ball-room, with its chaste and ornate decorations, was set apart for the service of the lunch. The tables, each characterized by a distinct and exquisite decoration and arrangement, were scattered through the spacious rooms, and here Mrs. Rice's guests enjoyed a menu perfect in every detail. The hostess was assisted in the reception by Mrs. James W. Nye and Mrs. Eben Lane. At each cover was a strip of satin ribbon containing the date and year, with a quaintly interlaced monogram in one corner, and glued to the opposite side was a little Haviland bonbon pattie, hand-painted and gold-lined, with the fluted sides folded over. These pretty favors were filled with bonbons, and carried away as souvenirs of this charming entertainment.

Mrs. Horace Tucker and Mrs. Smith J. Sherwood jointly gave a reception to their friends at the Douglas Club, No. 3518 Ellis avenue, Wednesday evening. The affair was largely attended, those present including, among others, the following: Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Buhrer, Alderman and Mrs. T. C. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hale, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Horton, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Sibley, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Somers, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hildreth, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wixon, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Tucker, Mr. and Mr. W. H. Belding, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Abner Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fry, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Connors, Dr. and Mrs. B. Rel. Van Doozer, Mr. and Mrs. G. Bardon, the Rev. and Mrs. James E. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Tucker, the Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Fleetwood, Mr. L. O. Goddard, Miss Sadie Tucker, Mr. Lee Caswell, Mr. Fred Tucker, Miss C. Farber, Miss Bessie Tucker, Mr. Robert Hale, Mr. Ed Hatch, Mr. Frank Wixon, Miss M. London.

An elegant pink lunch was given by Miss Eleanor Dupee to forty-nine young ladies on Thursday from 1 to 3 o'clock, at her home on Prairie avenue. The lunch was served by Werner in pink courses on little round tables accommodating six persons. Each table was draped with a snowy damask cloth with a pink satin scarf placed diagonally across it, the long fringed ends falling to the floor. A bowl of Russian cut crystal was placed in the center and filled with pink roses. At each plate was laid a ship of pink satin ribbon containing the name of the guest etched in gold. The favors were dainty pink satin, hand painted and with a quaint fanciful monogram of the hostess in gold on one side. Among the guests were Miss Sprague, Miss Kellogg, Miss Hammill, Miss Wells, Miss Haven, Miss Gould, Miss Alling, Miss Davis, Miss Lee, Miss McWilliams, Miss Hunt, Miss Dupee, Miss Kent, Miss Mather, Miss Vanschaack, Miss Cowles, Miss Pardridge, Miss Drake, Miss Locke, Miss McKindley, Miss Warner, Miss Walker, Miss Rend, Miss Dempster, Miss Spalding, Miss Chamberlain, Miss Adsit, Miss Dora, Miss Drake, Miss Ingalls, Miss Booth, Miss Schufeldt, Mrs. Mabbitt, Mrs. Dupee, and Mrs. Van Schaack.

Mrs. R. C. Woodrow gave a reception and german to 100 guests on Thursday evening at the Woodruff Hotel, on Wabash avenue and Twenty-first street. Among the guests were: Mrs. E. C. Marshall, Mrs. Boardman, Mrs. and Miss Mulligan, Mrs. and Miss Herrick, Mrs. and General Duke and Miss Duke, of Kentucky; Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Hanford, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roloson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Towns, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pardridge, the Misses Butterfield, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Magin, Mr. and Mrs. James Crouch, Mr and Mrs. Harry B. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Fritch, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Tolman, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Van Schaack, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. White, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clifton, Mr. and Mrs. Germain Thorne, Miss Fanny Lock, Miss Judith Marshall, Miss Cora Davis, Miss Marion Mulligan, the Misses Hannah, Cook, Lorimer, Palmer, Griggs, Higgins, Rapplove, Bull, Couch, Everhart, Hord, Bevan, Hinch, Mitchell, Stone, Child, and Byram, Messrs. W. R. Keep, G. Alexander, Chauncey Kelsey, Charles Brown, Robert Locke, Will Porter, Walter L. Roloson, J. J. Knickerbocker, Charles Clifton, George Hurd, Will A. Thompson, Hurd, Charles Hill, Harry Hall, Hobert Locke, Fred Aldrich, Will Sard, J. B. Long, W. F. Tuttle, Walter Herrick, George Morrison, W. S. Jinks, and Albert C. Battelle.

The first party of the season given by the the Young People's Dancing Club of the South Side occurred at the residence of Mr. C. J. Mauran Tuesday evening at No. 244 Michigan avenue. The club is composed of the young aristocracy of the South Side, and judging from the first party the club is a certain success. The club was organized by representative young society ladies, who selected the gentlemen members by ballot, and in consequence an elegant set of dancers are members of the new organization. The club numbers twenty couple. A series of dancing, theater, and sleigh ride parties are outlined for the season. A collation was served by Kinsley, and music by Freiberg's Orchestra. Among the members present were the Misses Tattie Wentworth, Mame Mauran, Grace Price, Sadie Anderson, Mae Emerson, Nina Bevent, Hattie Smith, Pauline Fuller, Mame Cozzins, Kitty Mills, Mae Eldred, Sadie Wheeler, Kittie Price, Miss Colby, Miss Lotta Shreve, and Messrs. James Parker, F. Ziegfeld, Jr., Frank Wentworth, Owen R. Trayner, Charles Trego, Will Jefferson, Edward Wilkins, Edward Sutter, George Cook, Frank Sherman, Hiram Sweet, Art Singer, Mat Auberry, Edward Davis, Frank Spaulding, Charles Kirkland, Charles Cullom, and others. The committee on arrangements for the next party consists of Miss Hettie Wentworth, F. Ziegfeld, Jr., and Will Jefferson. The party will be given Tuesday, Jan. 31, at the Woodruff Hotel.

A pleasant dancing party was given Friday evening at St. Caroline's Court Hotel, participated in by resident and former guests of the house. The Second Regiment Orchestra played the accompaniments to sixteen numbers; lemonade frappe, salads and ices, cut flowers, pretty, and often exquisite, toilets lent their charms; the grand march deployed at 10 o'clock over the canvased Brussels of the parlors, the tesselated pavement of "the court," and the waxed parquetry of the main dining-hall, and not till a very fashionable hour were the triumphs of the committee, Messrs. Fairbank, Hotchkiss, Strong, and Carrell, at an end. Among those present were: Charles A. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Philip L. Anten, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman L. Barbour, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Bond, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Borland, Mr. William Brown, Miss Gracie Brown, Chauncey Carpenter, W. A. Carroll, H. E. Carrell, Mr. and Mrs. William P. J. DeLand, George Essex, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Fairbank, Master Mitchell Fairbank, Miss Lucille Fairbank, Mme. Wilson, H. L. Flint, Mr. and Mrs. George Fritze, Miss Georgie Fritze, Master Walter Fritze, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hargis, William S. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Hotchkiss, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Hotchkiss, Master Charles Hotchkiss, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William Kerr, Miss Anna Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Loomis, Miss Gracie Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. John McLaren, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Magill, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Miller, Miss Lillian Miller, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Moffatt, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram P. Murphy, Miss Hattie Lou Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Newton, Miss Mary Perce, of Galesburg; Professor Perkins, F. P. Potter, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Rice, Mrs. E. C. Sheldon, Mrs. Stetson, William H. Strong, Albert W. Towsley, Miss Gussie Wilson, Miss Lucy Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson, A. D. Wentz.