

Mr. Dunroy expects to leave St. Elizabeth's hospital the last of this week.

Friends of Miss Dora Bachelor will be glad to know that she is convalescing rapidly.

The meeting of the Woman's club Monday, March 28th, will be in charge of the Department of Parliamentary Practice, Mrs. Nellie Richardson leader.

An interesting program in the form of a mass meeting has been arranged. Miss Elinor Young will play Raff's "Spinning Maiden."

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Wells and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Steckley entertained their friends Wednesday evening at the home of the former in a progressive spelling game in which Mrs. Hill and Mr. Talbot were the victors. Those present were Messrs and Mesdames F. A. Brown, Doty, D. Foster, Talbot, H. and Theo. Burgett, Upton, Schwake, Wilson, Aitken, Hutchins, Lynch, Hill, Robbins, H. Porter, Jackson, Casebeer, Summerladd, M. I. Chapin, Fitzgerald, Farnham, Preston, Mrs. McPhee; Misses McPhee, De Lashmutt and Farnham.

The Patriarchs.

Last Saturday night the Patriarchs met and elected a president, treasurer, executive committee and master of ceremonies. In its nine years of existence it has never before been necessary to elect new officers at the close of the season, but in the present instance, the president, executive committee and treasurer having violated the printed constitution of the Patriarchs these offices were vacant and the charter members thought best to fill the vacancies.

All the officers heretofore elected by the Patriarchs have enforced the exact spirit and letter of the constitution and retired at the end of their term with dignity and the approval of the entire membership. Among the presidents of the club who have set an example for their successors for all time are Mrs. Macfarland, Mrs. A. S. Raymond, Mrs. R. O. Phillips, Mrs. R. C. Outcalt, Mrs. C. H. Imhoff, Mrs. W. B. Ogden, Mrs. C. H. Gere and Mrs. Carl Funke. The attempt alluded to in the daily papers to force candidates for membership into the club after they had been rejected by over a third of the number of votes cast, would, of course, destroy any social organization, and the only course remaining after the withdrawal from the organization by the officers, was the election of new ones by those who stood by the constitution. The following legal opinion in this connection is of interest:

"The constitution of any organization or society is the rule governing the entire membership by the members adopted and any willful violation thereof is a severance of its members so violating the same from that organization. So long as one member stands loyal and firm to the constitution and rules of such organization that member is entitled to all the privileges and rights thereof.

Article third of the constitution provides for the manner in which special meetings may be called, and upon the failure of the president to perform the duties therein charged any five members or the executive committee may call and hold such meeting, and when the president fails to so respond to the duty of granting the request of the five members or the executive committee she can be rightfully considered as having withdrawn from the rules governing her office, and is acting in some other capacity other than an officer of the organization which she formerly represented.

This rule would apply likewise to members seeking to violate article seven of the constitution. This article cannot be changed only by a two-thirds vote of all the members in meeting regularly

called. The signing of a petition to suspend article seven would have no effect other than to cast aside the constitution and open the organization's doors to any person proposed for membership. Those persons standing by the constitution and proceeding directly in the manner as therein directed would be the only legally constituted members thereof and would be possessed of all the rights and privileges granted by this constitution."

The officers elected were:

President—Miss Harris.

Treasurer—Mr. W. B. Ogden.

Executive Committee—Mrs. Ogden and Miss Treat.

Master of Ceremonies—Dr. R. B. Owens.

The vice president, Dr. John White, presided at the meeting, and the secretary, Dr. T. L. Lyon, was present and preserved the minutes for the next generation of Patriarchs.

The Battle of Havana.

It was daybreak.

The commander of the Spanish forces advanced to the head of his column and surveyed the field where the great battle was about to take place. His binocular gleamed in the light of the rising sun.

"Ho!" he cried to his aide with some amazement, "surely the enemy have been very busy during the night. They have brought up phalanx on phalanx, some thousands stronger since last I viewed them."

"No, sire," said the aide. "Our spies report the arrival of no fresh artillery or infantry from the detested Yankee land"

"But look yonder!" cried the gorgeous commander in a rage, pointing to the heights along the east. "What do you call that?"

"That, sire, is the camp of the Yankee



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novelists, with their respective stenographers and drink mixers, armed with ten inch telescopes to take notes of the fight which shall take place today."

"H'm!" grunted the general. "And yonder solid ranks to the westward, pray? More of the same ilk?"

"No, sire. That is the Chase sketching class, the Art Students' League and several other representative bodies of lingers, sire! They have come to study the red realism of war and paint masterpieces"

"But certainly to the southward yonder," cried the general utterly baffled, "that formidable array of Gatling guns, mortars, Maxims, et cetera, have been brought up in battle line during the night"

"Sire, they are not what you suppose. On the contrary, they are sundry syndicate kinetoscopes, phonographs, long-distance telephones and other paraphernalia by which 10,000,000 of these same Yanks may see the battle and hear its roar, as well as that it may all be preserved for the nickle-in-the-slot machines throughout the world for the benefit of future generations."

"Caracha caramba!" growled the general, giving the heights a sweep of his

glass, "now I know why these miserable Yanks have prodded us into war. But they don't catch us so easily. Europe doesn't play to the gallery for sport. Give the order that there shall be no battle today; then establish a box office at Havana, with instructions to these curiosity-seekers that unless we get half the gate money there will be no fight. What is the use of our putting ourselves in pawn to the bankers for the benefit of a lot of novelists, artists and kinetoscope syndicates? Give the order! Unless half the gate money is in the Spanish coffers by nightfall the dogs of war remain tied up in their kennels."

And that is how it happened that, although Spain lost the battle, within three days she had paid her war loan, principal and interest, and presented Vizcaya to the President of the United States as a souvenir yacht.

The Warrior.

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