

MRS. CLEVELAND RECEIVES

Seven Thousand Visitors of High and Low Degree at the White House.

DECORATIONS ON A MOST LAVISH SCALE

Belliance of the Principal Room Shows Anything So Similar Occasions Before—Diplomatic Corps Comes First.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Seven thousand persons gathered outside the white house today for a period varying from one to six hours. Her patience has its reward in every case for the president and Mrs. Cleveland shook hands with every one of them.

The closing New Year's reception of the present administration was the most brilliant of Mr. Cleveland's eight years in office, and of Mr. Arthur Simmons, the president's famous colored messenger, whose services in the white house dates back thirty years, shook his head sadly as he viewed the far-reaching crowd from an upper window, and declared it "the greatest inception since de wah."

The cold, gray sky that threatened rain served merely as a foil to the brilliant forest that moved for hours through the porch of tropical plants that filled the softly lighted parlor inside the executive mansion.

The diplomatic corps, as usual, furnished the high lights in the picture. The decorations and decorations of every sort from the white and silver of the German military attaches to the green and crimson of the Chinese minister almost entirely pale the Paris gowns of the receiving party and of the official guests behind the line.

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