

Miss Bessie Turner is spending the holidays in Kansas City. During the last few weeks Miss Turner has been teaching vocal music in Bethany college, Topeka, Kansas, filling the place made vacant by the illness of the regular teacher.

A charmingly informal gathering of the Patriarchs was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Yates on Tuesday evening. The decorations were in the season's colors, and were most suitable to this beautiful home. A regal Christmas tree bore souvenirs for all the guests. Refreshments also were served.

The opening reception given by the Patriarchs to the Nebraska Art Association passed off with eclat on Thursday evening. Tall palms screened the orchestra, and formed an effective background for the punch tables, which were presided over by Mrs. W. B. Wilson and Mrs. H. P. Eames. The guests were introduced by Professor Willard Kimball to the reception committee, composed of Mrs. C. E. Yates, president of the Patriarchs, the executive committee, Mrs. F. M. Hall and Mrs. J. B. Wright, and Mr. Hall, president of the art association.

In his introductory remarks Mr. Hall referred to the valuable assistance rendered by Miss Clara Walsh and Dr. F. M. Fling in hanging the pictures.

Dr. Fling in turn reminded the association of the devotion and untiring energy of its president, which was rewarded by the presence of a collection of pictures valued at more than \$40,000. Dr. Wharton and Mr. W. J. Bryan also gave short addresses.

Society next week will be particularly interested in the Cotillion party on New Year's eve. Mr. Richards has extended the courtesy of the Lincoln hotel to the Cotillion for this occasion. Each member will invite two guests, and instead of the cotillion there will be the usual dances. Several Omaha guests are expected, in whose honor other social gatherings are being planned.

LIEUT. CRAWFORD MAY APPEAL TO PRESIDENT



William P. Crawford, the young man who has been denied a lieutenant's commission by Secretary of War Root because he jilted Miss Rebecca Douglas, a Columbia, South Carolina, belle on the eve of the wedding is said to contemplate an appeal to President Roosevelt. Meanwhile the whole country is guessing at the reason for the young man's strange and unchivalrous act.

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