

SAUNTERINGS

There seems to be some question as to whether or not there will be a charity ball for the benefit of St. Mark's hospital this year, or for that matter a charity ball of any description, the Charity Endorsement committee still being up in the air on the subject and no decision having yet been made. At this writing, Mr. Steigmeyer, the chairman of the Endorsement committee, is out of the city and no definite reason can be obtained for the objection to holding the annual charity ball, though the impression seems to have gone forth that the benefits accruing to the charity fund of the hospital, are so small as to make the effort and the money spent in the affair unwarranted.

The absurdity of this argument may be readily seen in the figures showing the large amount of money turned over to the hospital in the past and also in the fact that the charity ball has been the only source of income for the charity work of the hospital during each year, and has sustained all of the expenses of that work during the year. Some of the ladies especially interested in the work have suggested that it will be all right to omit the annual charity ball, if the charity association will turn over \$2,500 to the hospital charity association or in lieu of that, will authorize a charity ball, the proceeds from which could be used for proportionate distribution to all of the charities.

There is no city in the country of any size whatever which does not hold a charity ball, nobody buys a ticket who can't afford it and what difference does it make who receives the tickets if those who buy several choose to give them away? A charity ball is not supposed to be an exclusive society affair in any sense of the word.

There is another phase which should have due consideration. Every cent of the money spent in the preparations for a charity ball as well as the proceeds which go to charity, stays at home, and the affair always means another spoke in the wheel of everyone who has something to sell which will be needed. It seems to us that any argument against the giving of a charity ball is scarcely tenable, and if the endorsement of any particular committee is withheld, it will be just as well to give the ball anyway, as it has always been in the hands of such people as would preclude the possibility of any individual benefiting other than those deserving of charity. A charity ball is a good thing for the town in a hundred ways, nobody is obliged to buy a ticket and nobody will who hasn't a five-dollar note to spare.

The charity tea given on Saturday last at the Hotel Utah for the benefit of the Red Cross fund, was a brilliant success artistically and financially, the smart ones coming in droves to enjoy the program of dances and vaudeville features and chatter about everything in general as is the wont of the eternal feminine at a tea. From bud to dowager everyone was there, including those popular in and out of society, not excepting little clusters of cunning kittens and whole battens of old cats. Probably the best liked of the vaudeville features were the performances given by Miss Prout, Henry Oleradorfer and Walter Woolf and the dancing of Miss Denise Karrick and Waldemar Van Cott, Jr., was a great hit. Sweet little gels sold posies and pinoche and gave no change nor was any expected. The tea broke up into a hundred dinner parties and that was about all.

Upon the occasion of the visit of President Marion L. Burton and Mrs. Burton of Smith College, Northampton, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bamberger entertained a party of fourteen at a

beautiful dinner on Monday. Following the affair a reception was given President and Mrs. Burton at the University club, which was attended by two hundred guests.

They are now serving draft beer at the Commercial club at five cents a throw. We understand that the sawdust has been ordered for the floor and wouldn't be surprised to see Matt Rump behind the bar before another week is over.

It is rumored that the Alta club is going to install an animal room similar to those in vaudeville theatres in order that there may be a place to put those pests who are tolerated because of their respected families.

If anyone has had an idea that Utah is not one of the coming states in the growing of beautiful flowers, they may be easily satisfied to the contrary by attending the flower show at Walker's store which opened on Thursday and will close tonight at 9 o'clock. It is being given by the Salt Lake chapter of the Red Cross society for the benefit of the European sufferers, the proceeds being gained through the sale of flowers alone, with no additional charge to the show.

Local florists and growers contributed all the flowers on exhibition, which are worth in the neighborhood of \$2,000, including thousands of plants and cut flowers in endless variety and color. The local florists and growers near the city have made a display that is wonderful and they are all entitled to a great amount of credit for their splendid work.

Among the ladies who are in charge of the exhibit and Red Cross sales are the following: Mrs. L. L. Terry, Mrs. D. C. Roberts, Mrs. C. V. Worthington, Mrs. J. H. Frederickson, Mrs. J. F. Nibley, Mrs. Harold Smoot, Mrs. E. A. Smith, Jr., Mrs. W. W. Armstrong, Mrs. J. O. Franklin, Mrs. Ned Green, Mrs. Kean Miller and the Misses Margaret Walker, Norinne Thompson, Mildred McMillan, Margaret Dunn, Helen Spencer, Marian Whitney, Mary Jennings, Lucile Clark, Mary Wall, Gladys and Margaret Richmond, and Bonnie Miller.

Mrs. Glenn R. Bothwell and Mrs. R. E. McConnaughy entertained at a large and elaborate tea given at the residence of the former on Wednesday, several hundred of their friends calling during the receiving hours. They were assisted during the afternoon by Mrs. Frank B. Stephens, Mrs. E. D. Woodruff, Mrs. A. B. Greeson, Mrs. F. W. Francis, Mrs. A. T. Vollmer, Mrs. J. M. Bowman, Mrs. W. P. Tyndale, Mrs. Duncan Grant Richart, Mrs. Lyman Martineau, Jr., Mrs. Frederick R. Palmer, Mrs. Kean Miller, Mrs. B. F. Riter, Mrs. Harold Stevens and Mrs. James Porter.

In honor of Senator and Mrs. Reed Smoot, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Hamilton will entertain at a dinner for thirty in the president's suite at the Hotel Utah on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Wallace M. Bransford was the hostess at a bridge tea at the Bransford apartments on Thursday at which she was assisted by Mrs. J. S. Bransford, Mrs. Lewis A. Evans, Mrs. Elbridge L. Thomas, Mrs. James Rogers and the Misses Allen and Rachael Evans. Fifty friends enjoyed the affair, which was one of the prettiest of the week.

A pleasant affair of Wednesday was that given at the home of Mrs. Henry Cohn when twelve tables of bridge were played. It was under the auspices of the B'nai B'rith auxiliary society society. Assisting during the afternoon, were Mrs. Joseph Lippman, Mrs. Sol Kahn, Mrs. H. Hirsch-

man, Mrs. J. Rosenberg and the Misses Madeline Weitz, Evelyn Mayer and Hortence Levison.

The week in society will open with a dance given at the Ladies' Literary club on Monday evening, by Miss Grace Cowie and C. C. Tullar, for the benefit of the Red Cross work. Aside from the general dancing, there will be numerous feature dances presented by Miss Cowie and Mr. Tullar and others. Among the patronesses of the event are: Mrs. T. W. Boyer, Mrs. S. Siegel, Mrs. F. S. Richards, Mrs. T. B. Beatty, Mrs. W. W. Riter, Mrs. W. N. Williams, Mrs. John D. Spencer, Mrs. Harold Smoot, Mrs. C. W. Nibley, Mrs. C. S. Burton, Mrs. H. G. Whitney, Mrs. N. W. Clayton, Mrs. Edward McGurrian, Mr. James E. Jennings, Mrs. William Jennings, Mr. E. M. Allison, Mrs. Charles King, Miss Edith Shearman and Miss Georgina Webber.

With Mrs. Frank T. Hines as the motif, Mrs. C. T. Thatcher and Mrs. Frank M. Barrell gave an elaborate reception and tea at the home of the latter on Tuesday, which was a very beautiful event. They were assisted in receiving their guests by Mrs. Frank L. Hines, Mrs. William F. Vier, Mrs. Willis Uline and Mrs. John F. Critchlow.

Mrs. J. J. Kinney entertained at a bridge party at her home on Tuesday, half a hundred of her friends being present. Among those assisting Mrs. Kinney, were Mrs. James Ivers, Jr., Mrs. Ernest Woolley, Mrs. B. O. Mecklenburg and Mrs. A. B. Irvine.

Mrs. M. S. Woodward and Mrs. J. M. Bidwell are receiving informally on Thursdays during the month.

The Spirit of Liberty chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, were entertained at the home of Mrs. Otto R. Cherdon on Thursday.

Mrs. C. M. Benedict and Miss Ada Benedict entertained informally at their home on Thursday.

Mrs. J. W. Rooklidge was the hostess at an informal tea in the series of Red Cross events given at her attractive home on Wednesday.

The Crystal Bridge club met with Mrs. Austin K. Tiernan on Wednesday.

Mrs. Dana T. Smith, Mrs. William Reid and Mrs. Minnie Sadler were the hostesses at an informal tea at the home of Mrs. Reid on Friday.

Mrs. Lester D. Freed entertained the Sewing club informally on Monday. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. J. H. Frederickson.

Mrs. M. B. Cheeseman has gone to New York and will visit her daughter, Mrs. Robert M. Campbell at Fortress Monroe before returning.

Mrs. Fred U. Leonard has returned from a visit with Mrs. Garrett B. Wilkins at Milford, Utah.

Mrs. George D. Pyper will be the hostess at a luncheon this afternoon, followed by a matinee party.

Mrs. David Keith is in Los Angeles, where she will remain for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Jeffs will leave shortly for California to spend a greater part of the winter.

Senator and Mrs. Smoot will leave for Washington a week from today.

The sad news was received by Mrs. O. W. Powers during the week of the death of her father, George Whipple, at Burlington, Iowa. Mr. Whipple had a large circle of friends here where he visited on numerous occasions. The funeral was held in Burlington, Ia. where Mr. Whipple was one of the earliest settlers. He was one of the most prominent Odd Fellows in the United States.