

SOCIETY PREPARES FOR BIGGEST CHARITY BALL

Will Attend En Masse Season's Grandest Affair for Benefit of Phyllis Wheatley Home

The news of the pre-Lenten ball, the grandest society affair that Chicago has ever had, has taken not only the city but the entire state by storm. The announcement in last week's Defender caused all Chicago to organize for the sole purpose of lifting the six thousand dollar mortgage which is on the Phyllis Wheatley Home for Self Supporting Women of our Race.

Much Effective Work

Under the leadership of Mrs. J. H. Johnson and the chairmanship of Mrs. Lulu Love Lawson the leading citizens of the Race have responded nobly to the cause.

Miss Essie Arnold, the charming niece of Col. and Mrs. John R. Marshall, has secured the services of over one hundred patronesses. Wm. H. Kelly, Chicago's Beau Brummell, has been made chairman of the patrons and Mr. Julius N. Ayendorph, Chicago's arbiter elegantium, will have charge of the floor committee. Miss Blanche Shaw is chairman of the reception committee and Miss Maude J. Roberts will have charge of the ushers, who will be some of the most popular and beautiful young ladies and debutantes of the season. Mrs. J. W. Lewis will have charge of the West Side branch of the entertainment. Mrs. Adam Perry of the Evanston branch and Mrs. A. G. Fairfax of the Maywood branch.

Press to Turn Out

A large delegation representing the press of Chicago will be on hand. Hon. Robert S. Abbott, owner and editor of the Chicago Defender, with his entire staff; Fenton Johnson, representing the Champion magazine; S. B. Turner of the Illinois Idea, Kathryn Williams of the Half Century and Julius F. Taylor make up the delegation.

Preparing the Armory

The Eighth Illinois Regiment armory, 25th and Forest avenue, where the monster affair will be held on the night of the 19th of February, two days before the Lenten season, is undergoing special preparations. A special box is being constructed for the patronesses and patrons, who, according to Miss Arnold and Mr. Kelly, represent the social element of the city. The officers of the entertainment are Mrs. J. H. Johnson, chairman of the board of directors; Mrs. Evelyn Casey, secretary; Mrs. Jesse Johnson, treasurer; Lulu Love Lawson, chairman of the entertainment committee; Mrs. Mayme Meredith Odum, secretary.

Mr. Stewart's full orchestra will furnish the music and the latest dances will be on the program. Shelton Brooks has written a new piece for the occasion. Mrs. Lawson said to a Defender reporter last night: "I expect this to be the greatest and the most unique dance entertainment Chicago has ever had. The Phyllis Wheatley Home can be saved IF CHICAGO WILL SAVE IT!"