THE Z. C. M. I. BANQUET

Employes Have a Merry Time on the Upper Floor of the Factory Building.

SPEECHES AND APPROPRIATE TOASTS.

How People with Funny Names Found Their "Mates"—The Affair Wound Up with a Jolly Dance.

Smiling faces and merry, ringing laughter characterized the banquet given today by the factory amusement association of Z. C. M. I. to the employes of that big institution. Employes and employes mingled in a jolly Christmas feast, and there was good will and "A Merry Christmas" plainly depicted on every countenance.

The big tables were set in the room on the third floor of the factory building, and what a load of good things were there! And after these good things were disposed of, a "Mr. Shoemring" would congratulate a "Mrs. Last" on coming out unhurt from a "tight squeeze" and the latter would express her thanks with the former in the "hard pull" he had experienced, when "Mr. Axe" was unbuckled by "Mrs. Hatchet" because he had not demolished the "all" there was on the table, and he "put back" by unhooking "Mrs. Hooks" that she was another "too pleased" in her remarks.

And so the merry chaff flew round, each doing transport making the house ring in laughter of renewed.

During the morning hours were short speeches by Mr. Sidney Billion and superintendent Weeler.

MORNING PROGRAM.

The "drive de resistance" in the program for the morning was the dinner given at 12:30. Here is the menu:

Oysters	Raw or stewed.
Blood veal.	Sliced ham.
Cheese.	Pickles.
French rolls.	
Apples.	Bananas.
Ice Cream and Cake.	
Coffee.	Chocolate.

The dinner set down to the labors in pairs, beneath the shadow of the "Star of Bethlehem." The menory of dinner was unique and was as the soul of wit, for each "mate" had a "mate" there who was a piece of blue dominoe, 2x4 inches, on each of which were printed a "pun" or "mate" to the other "pun" or "mate" to which was written the name, for instance, "Miss Eve Ivy." For each mate was a "pun" for "Mr. Ivy," and so with a score other attendants. Dinner and the most drawing the place for the "mates" to find each other. "Mrs. Hydro" was required to make with the lady drawing "Mrs. Hydro." Sometimes it was easy to arrange the dominoes so that each "mate" was found in pairs, and the "pun" was read in the "Mr. Ivy" and "Miss Eve Ivy" case, but with a score other attendants,