



IN MUSICAL CIRCLES.

After quite a lot of reflection I have arrived at the conclusion that the Spring-what ever it may do in other things—does not turn the average persons face to thoughts of melody, for there simply has not been a thing going on in that line, worth speaking of for the last two weeks or more.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

MONCTON.

[Progress is for sale in Moncton at the book stores of W. W. Black and W. H. Murray, Main street.]

April 22.—Winter seems to have got his iron heel so firmly planted upon the neck of gentle spring that the hapless maid must soon die of strangulation, if she has not already succumbed to his harsh treatment, for all nature seems chilled and shivering with the long deferred hope that the gentle goddess will finally triumph over her enemies and assert her supremacy.

Those who have house-cleared and taken down their hall stoves, in a moment of sanguine anticipation of warm weather, sit apart in chilly cleanliness and wish they hadn't, while the wiser Martha's, who

Miss M. V. Hancock, who has been visiting friends in Boston, has returned to her post in St. David's church. Miss Lindsay acted as organist on her absence.

Miss J. Young has returned from Fredericton and is once more singing in St. David's church. St. John's church choir has lost another member in Miss Isabel Kuel, who left for England on Friday.

I heard of a song by Lohr which I fancy would be pretty. It is called "What Shall I Say?" Ditson & Co. have published a new song for a baritone voice, "Day of Days," by Beardsley Van de Water.

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At the service in Trinity church on St. George's day, the chorists, Mr. Paul's and the Mission assisted the regular choir. An anthem by Shaw, and Morley's canticles were sung. By the way, I hear a rumor to the effect that two organists are on their way from England for two of our Episcopal churches.

are still in a state grimy comfort, gather around their warm hearstones and rejoice. A few of our winter visitors still linger with us, but others have returned to their respective homes in time to render dutiful aid in the spring cleaning.

I am glad to say that Miss Jean Thomson and Miss Call, of Newcastle, are amongst the former. Miss Willett, of Cornwallis, is visiting her brother, Mr. Geo. B. Willet.

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mingled strains of 'Silver Threads among the Gold' and "Do you love me Mollie Darling," came floating on the breeze. I try to conceal the fact in polite society, but in my heart I love the vulgar hand-organ, and if there is a monkey my cup runneth over! So if anyone sees a son of Italy looking for fresh fields to conquer, just recommend him to try the devil's half acre, where he "will fill a long-felt want."

The two school examinations, of which I spoke last week, took place on Friday and Saturday evenings, and outside of the rather too great length of programme, were very successful, and Mr. Oulton, with his assistants, Miss Grierison and Miss Ford, are to be congratulated upon the result of their labors. Some of the recitations were really fine, notably those of Miss Mamie Hanington and Master Roy McGrath. The latter possesses elocutionary talent in no small degree, and is always a great favorite with the Dorchester public.

Master Albert Hickman's "Chinese song" was exceedingly well sung, and provoked wild applause, as did Miss Lulu Robb's solo "Reluctant Dolly Day."

The choir's "See Saw," sung by the school, with about a dozen small children see-sawing on a long board, was very pretty also. The orchestra gave valuable assistance, and if there had been a few less numbers on the programme the audience would have enjoyed the evening even more.

I think the best feature of Saturday evening's performance was "Prof. Lightning Haskin's Wax Works." The seven little old ladies were simply irresistible, and when the wax works went on a strike it was extremely funny.

Master Lionel Hanington as Prof. Haskin was very good. Mr. Russel Forster sang a solo, which was warmly appreciated. Mr. Forster's voice gives promise of being a fine bass, and I hope he will take care of it.

Mrs. Robb and Mr. Oulton sang two duets, "Carrier John" on Friday, and the old favorite, "Singing Lesson," on Saturday evening. There were very many more pretty tableaux, songs and other

amusing things, which were all very well executed, and the audience was very much pleased.

There is an article on congregational singing, etc., in the Churchman for April 18th, which is well worth reading. It is written to the effect that all that is best in music, as well as in everything else, should be offered to God, and is partly in answer to a correspondent who advocates the vexatious question of having purely congregational singing.

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Miss Mamie Fitch took part in "The old folks concert" given in Church's hall, Hantsport, and delighted the audience by her pleasing and artistic execution of the violin.

Mrs. Judson Harris is visiting in Woodstock. Mrs. Miller is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Denovan.

Miss Annie Parker is home from Boston. Miss Parker has lately graduated from the Massachusetts general hospital. I believe she intends returning to Boston shortly, where she will study homoeopathy.

Miss Newcomb is a victim of a gripple. I am glad to learn the Rev. T. A. Higgins, who has been quite ill is recovering.

Mr. Leo Brown has gone to Boston where he will remain for the summer.

AMHERST. [Progress is for sale at Amherst, by George Douglas, at the Western Union Telegraph office.]

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Every day I hear of a new victim. Mrs. Geo. McSweeney and Mrs. Benedict, of Moncton, have been spending a few days in town.

Mrs. John McSweeney and child left on Monday night to spend some time in Bangor. Her sister, Mrs. Bliss, accompanied her as far as St. John.

Mr. A. B. Dickey, M. P., accompanied by Mrs. Dickey, expects to leave on Saturday night by the C. P. R. for Ottawa.

Prof. Max Sterne anticipates leaving shortly for Munich to take a six months' course in vocal culture, and on his return will open a conservatory of music in town.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson and Mr. J. A. McQueen, M. P., spent Sunday and Monday in town, the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Allen, Crescent avenue.

We are all delighted to hear that Rev. Mr. McGregor has decided to remain in charge of St. Stephen's church.

Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Steele, Miss Tighe, and Dr. and Mrs. Tupper, all returned from their three weeks stay in New York on Tuesday evening.

Rev. U. E. Harris sails tomorrow for Liverpool, G. B., for home. He has been in charge of a lot of immigrants for Canada.

Music hall was crowded on Monday night to hear the band concert, assisted by other local talent, and all were delighted, the music being of a very high order.

Prof. Barnaby's musical recital will take place next Wednesday evening, when music lovers will enjoy another treat.

Miss Cutler entertained a number of young ladies at afternoon tea on Tuesday evening.

Miss Jenks, of Parrtown, has been spending a week in town with her sister, Mrs. W. Black.

Dr. Dobson's many friends are glad to welcome him back, after his winter's sojourn in a milder climate. He returned on Tuesday evening and is looking well.

Rev. Richard Simonds was in town on Sunday evening, and assisted Rev. Mr. Lutz at evensong in Christ church.

Miss Ratchford returns this week to Halifax.

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