



IN MUSICAL CIRCLES.

Although we have been very quiet lately in our musical circles I am glad to say that I hear of quite a number of entertainments which are to come off in this month, and in the Easter holidays.

Last week a portion of the St. John's church choir, assisted by other talent, gave a concert in aid of the Springhill sufferers which was very well patronized. I was unable to attend, myself, but hear that it passed off remarkably well.

The concert was a great success, and upwards of \$60 was realized. I hear rumors of other concerts, which will come off in the near future. One is announced for the 14th. It is to be in the city hall, and the children's chorus numbers over 100.

TALK OF THE THEATRE.

The Bijou opens Monday night with an entire new company, with the exception of Jim Curran, who seems to be looked upon as a permanent fixture. Even Professor De Lorme is no more. The Bijou patrons all know "the professor," although he never appeared on the stage.

The trip to Fredericton and Calais was a success, although in the capital the elections monopolized everything. At Calais, however, the company got a grand reception, and made a big thing of it.

An amusing incident occurred while the company was at Fredericton. Prof. Ashley's company, which, it will be remembered, showed at Berryman's hall some time ago, had been giving performances at the capital, selling medicine, pulling teeth, and doing a number of other things too numerous to mention.

I believe it is quite decided that we are to lose Mr. Daniel, as he has accepted an engagement to sing in some church in Boston, the name of which I am sorry to say I have forgotten, but it is wherever Mr. H. Dow is organist. Mr. Daniel leaves on the 1st of April, but he will sing in St. John church the remainder of his stay in the city.

Next Monday evening is the annual meeting of the Oratorio society, when officers will be selected for the ensuing year. After this meeting the rule that the ladies are to pay a fee of \$1 a year will come in force.

Mr. Mackay is endeavoring to make dates with Atkinson & Cooke's minstrels, an organization which is said to have a good reputation. They have a full brass band and a number of new features.

Breaking horseshoes seems to be all the rage, now-a-days, and the boys think it isn't as hard a feat as might be supposed.

Variety artists seem to have strange ideas of St. John, and think it a greater gold mine than the opposition candidates did while running the election. This is the impression one gets from a glance at the figures they ask for one week engagements. And some of them don't even send a recommendation.

Mr. Duff sang a fine bass solo, and "The song that reached my heart," was well rendered by Mrs. Lugrin.

Mr. Racey gave "One sweetly solemn thought" with much expression, and Mr. Duncan, of Marysville, a rollicking ditty about a worthy named McCarthy.

Then again easy times do not seem to agree with some of them, and the managers have to exert themselves in order to keep up the reputation of the house. So far it has only been necessary on one occasion to use extreme measures—the imposition of a fine upon the performers.

Talking about the way the Bijou is conducted, reminds me of the institute. When one thinks of the order kept in the gallery of

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The versatile Webber is in Maine doing a splendid business. Calais gave him good houses and the opening of the new opera house at Danforth afforded a week of successful and popular entertainment to the people.

He lost his bet, but saved the Countess in the story. Aime Millet, the French sculptor who died a few weeks ago, was an habitue of the Divan Lepelletier, a Bohemian club in Paris frequented by artists, authors, and newspaper men.

ROUGH ON THE OLD MAN.

Millet dropped into a chair, struck his fist on the table, and exclaimed: "I have no luck—no luck at all." "But what has that to do with my countess?" asked the novelist.

"Everything. My father bet with me that the countess would die. I took his bet, because I thought you would be obliged to rescue her from her perilous position so as to use her in the rest of the story."

"How much did you bet?" "Ten louis d'or." "The devil you did! That's too much."

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