



MUSICAL & THEATRICAL

IN MUSICAL CIRCLES. It is really quite out of the question to attempt writing a musical letter this week, for there is nothing at all going on.

I believe preparations are being made for another concert to be given in connection with the exhibition in the autumn, but I have not heard any particulars so far.

Last Sunday evening, Miss Drake, of Boston, sang in the Centenary church choir. She gave the solo, "Oh! rest in the Lord," from the Elyah, very sweetly.

Mr. Tipton, organist of St. Clement's church, Philadelphia, is making a short visit in the city. He is the guest of Mr. Thos. Morley. I think a great many people would be very glad if our organists would arrange for a recital to be given while Mr. Tipton is with us.

But all our musicians are fearfully lazy just at present, and I am reaping the benefit. I had intended noticing the masonic affair which took place in Carleton last week, but as all who took part, sang things which have been noticed over and over again, it is hardly worth while.

Miss Henderson, the leader of Centenary choir, will spend her holidays in Gagetown. Mr. Percy Bourne, organist of St. Paul's, is again on his post, having spent his holiday in the country.

SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

Just at present the amateur league does not appear to be in a flourishing condition, and some of the enthusiasts are getting discouraged. They can hardly be blamed, however, for the cold indifference of the public is enough to knock the life out of anybody. The action of Stewart in leaving the Lansdownes has had a good deal to do with the demoralized condition of that team, and whether he was justified in doing what he did is a questionable matter. Stewart is a very good ball player and a valuable man, and while his club is in the front rank he is all right in every way; but whenever luck (or whatever it is) is against the club, Stewart is not so agreeable, and there is usually trouble. I believe efforts are being made to get the nine together again, and some of the players who put some money into it, are more than active. I do not think that anyone ever expected to make any money out of the league, although there was a little put into it, but if the boys really care for the sport, there should be no trouble in playing out the schedule, when a player would only have to lose one afternoon a week. I understand that the Lansdownes want to go into the league again afresh, with their defeats thrown out, but it is not likely that the other teams will agree to this. The Lansdownes are a rattling good team, but have been playing in hard luck, and had no reason to be discouraged. The Thistles, too, are beginning to feel dissatisfied with things in general, and are apparently not so eager for base ball as they were at the beginning of the season.

All kinds of reasons are put forth for this indifference on the part of the public, and one often wonders what has become of all the people who last year growled about professionals and wanted to see St. John boys represent the city on the diamond. There were quite a number of people who thought that way, last year, a great many more than we see over at the league games.

"I don't think the daily papers are giving us a fair show," was the remark of a manager whose enthusiasm has survived the general indifference; "we had a very good league game Saturday and there wasn't a daily paper represented. This is not going to encourage the players or help to get the public interested, and yet some of these papers were strong advocates of amateur ball."

The Y. M. C. A.'s have set a pace that the other clubs find very fast indeed, and although everybody wants to see good ball, it would have been more interesting if the teams were more evenly balanced. The Y. M. C. A.'s have a good many things in their favor. They have two or three experienced players, and what is of equal importance—good management. The Shamrocks are also very well managed, but the players are mostly new ones. The other two clubs were somewhat at sea, and now that they have lost a few games, seem to have no backing to encourage them to further efforts.

Sport of the kind that draws the crowd is at a very low ebb in St. John, and the enthusiasts are few and far between. And I do not see that it has helped business any. You know last year there was a good deal of talk about base ball and the way it interfered with business, but this summer business has everything its own way, and judging by what one hears around town it is not any better from the lack of base ball enthusiasm.

There is no doubt that a number of St. John's young men are developing more muscle this year than they did last, but they are not enthusiastic over anything in particular, and I don't think the present state of affairs has done anything to give the town a lively appearance. Anything that will keep the people on the move is a benefit to the city, and even if our last year's ball teams did cost considerable money, it showed enterprise, and made a very favorable impression on a people for whose applause provincialists are always looking, to say nothing of the advertising the city got. And it was advertising that could not fail to impress those who were attracted by it that we were a hustling people and know a good thing when we see it. Two of last year's Shamrocks are now playing in the national league, and are doing good work, while others who played in the New Brunswick league, have gained recognition that hundreds of ball players in the United States are working hard for.

There was a new man behind the bat for the Chicago's in Boston last Saturday, and he played good enough ball to make the greater portion of an audience of over Splint Seatings.—Dusal, 242 Union street

BISHOP COURTENAY'S STORY

Of Strange Telepathic Sympathy of a Dying Person.

The writer of the following account is well known to me, and permits the publication of her letter, excepting only the names. She had previously related to me much of her story, in the presence of her husband: "On the night of the 13th of March, 1879, I was going to a dinner party at Admiral —'s. While dressing for the same, through the door-way of my room, which led into my husband's dressing-room, I distinctly saw a white hand wave to and fro twice. I went into the room, and found no one was there or had been there, as the door on the other side was closed; and on inquiring I found no one had been upstairs.

"While dressing nothing further occurred, but on arriving at Admiral —'s a strange feeling of sadness came over me. I could eat no dinner; nor afterwards, when we had some music, could I sing well. All the time I felt someone, or something, was near me.

"We went home, and about eleven o'clock, or perhaps half-past, I commenced undressing. I distinctly felt someone touching my hair, as if they, or he, or she, were undoing it.

"I was very frightened, and told my husband I felt so. He laughed at me. When saying my prayers, on praying as I always did for the recovery of a sick friend, instead of as usual asking God to make him well, all I could say was, 'O God, put him out of his misery.'

"I got into bed, and a voice, the voice of my friend, distinctly said, 'Good bye, Sis' (which he used to call me).

"Whether I fell asleep then or not I don't know, but I distinctly felt a kiss on

8,000 people ask who he was. Yet he was a familiar figure on the St. John and Shamrock grounds last season, and played in a position both in St. John and Boston that gave the grand stand a chance to become familiar with his countenance. The stranger was Merritt, who caught Sexton when he pitched for the Shamrocks, and that Anson is satisfied with him as a player is shown by the fact that he is giving him plenty of work to do. When Manager Keeffe ran across him last year, he was not regarded as a great player, but he impressed him favorably enough to bring him to St. John. Mr. Keeffe naturally feels pretty good over the results of his base ball experience.

If everything goes well Charlie Kearns will have a benefit next Friday afternoon at the St. John grounds. Arrangements are being made for a game between the Y. M. C. A.'s and a team composed of a number of the old Nationals. Kearns and Ritchie will probably be the battery for the Y. M. C. A.'s and White and Mills for the Nationals. If the teams can be brought together, the game should be worth seeing and draw a crowd.



A MORNING BREAKFAST.

The Y. M. C. A.'s are talking of bringing some outside clubs to the city, and are thinking of the Lewistons for a starter. It was hoped that the Y. M. C. A.'s of Brockton, Mass., would come down this way but the managers of that team found it impossible to get four or five guarantees of \$50 each, and would not venture on the tour. A few good games with outside clubs would prove quite an attraction and an effort should be made to bring them here.

Lacrosse has taken a back seat lately, but this has largely been due to the absence from the city of a number of the most enthusiastic members of the different clubs. There are a number of men in each team who seem to keep them together, and when they are away it is almost impossible to get the rest together for practice.

JACK AND JILL.

Room for Others Now.

"The Willows," Hugh McCormick's new summer hotel at Reed's Point, has had an unusually successful first season. During July the rooms were all taken, and up to Thursday of this week the guests filled the house. The few rooms vacated then by those who have spent two, three and four weeks there, will no doubt be taken again when the people learn that they can be accommodated. It is a delightful place for a summer outing—convenient to the city by rail and within a stone's throw of the steamer's wharf, the boat coming and going to St. John five days in the week. Besides all this there is a warm welcome from an obliging host and hostess.

Moonlight on the River.

The letter carrier's excursion up the river Tuesday evening is being looked forward to with a great deal of interest. The tickets have been sold to friends of the carriers only and in this way a select crowd is assured. The David Weston has been chartered for the occasion, the Citizens' band will furnish music, and all the other arrangements are on a scale that will be sure to make the carriers' first excursion a grand success.

Comprehensive Institutions.

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my cheek, and I saw my friend, who told me 'he had left me some money, but that he wanted it to be left differently, but had had no time to alter it.' A vivid line was across his face. I woke crying.

"About, I think, five days after, a letter was brought to me with a deep black border. I felt what it meant. It was to tell me of the death of my friend —, who had passed away at half-past ten p. m., March 13. The letter proceeded to tell me he had left me some money, but that the writer (his brother) was too ill and upset to give me any further particulars, or tell me of any messages he had sent me, only that his brother 'had died murmuring my name.'

It appears (continues the Bishop) that it was the dying man's wish to alter his will, and leave the money to one of her children, his godson, rather than to herself, "as he thought people might misconstrue his motives;" and she adds, "His brother ended his letter by saying, 'If ever woman was loved on earth, my unhappy brother loved you; and if we ever meet it can never be as strangers, but as brother and sister.'" Further on she writes, "I did not know this, but suspected it before his death."

Here there was mutual affection—on one side of unusual strength. Each, moreover, habitually thought of the other, the dying man the more continuously and intently of the two, until at length the object of his devotion seemed to hear his voice, and, even reading his thoughts, became aware of his special wish concerning her and her child.—Bishop Courtenay, in Blackwood's Magazine.

Got Somebody Off at Rockford.

A well-known Chicago physician returned from a little visit to relatives in the interior of the State last week. He had been carried by his destination once before, so when he boarded the car in the evening he called the porter to him as soon as that dignitary's attention could be attracted and held the following conversation with him:

"John, here's a dollar for you."
"Yes, sah."
"And I'm going to get off at Rockford tonight," continued the doctor.

"Yes, sah," said John.

"That means I don't want to be carried through to Dubuque."

"Yes, sah."

"So, if you can't wake me up in time to dress, I want you to see that you get me off anyway, no matter what happens."

"Yes, sah," and they parted.

In due season the medical man went to his berth with a feeling of blessed security. About daybreak he was awakened by hearing a feminine voice from the section just across say: "Porter, are we in Dubuque yet?"

A FREE HINT!

QUESTION: How Can I Furnish a House at a Low Cost?

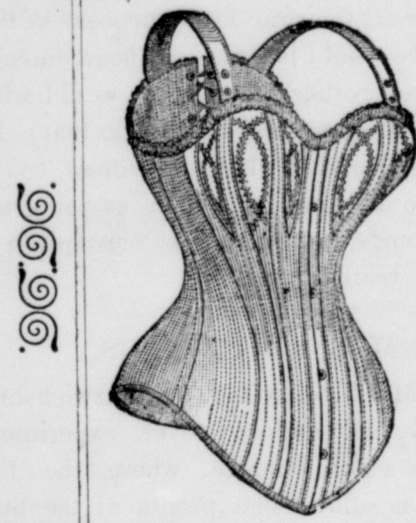
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THE OTHER SIDE.

A Solid Business Man's Talk With a Tailor Who Demanded a Deposit.

He was a substantial and well-known business man of the city, and when he walked into a tailoring establishment on Main street the other day, he asked in a business-like way to be shown some plain gray goods for a business suit. The second piece shown him struck his fancy and he asked the cost, told how he wanted it made, and had his measure taken. Then handing the tailor his card he said:

"Your place was recommended to me by Mr. —, who always deals here.

After asking when he should call for it he started out.

"We always require a deposit of \$10," suggested the tailor.

"A what?"

"A deposit of \$10. You know, sometimes people forget to come after clothes, and they have to be sent to the misfit man."

"You mean you want me to pay \$10 down?"

"Yes, sir; it's necessary in our business."

"Suppose you make a mistake in the fit?"

"Oh, we always make them fit before they go out."

"Now, see here, Mr. Tailor, suppose you get things mixed and cut out my cloth on the pattern of that slab-sided, sloped-shouldered, bandy-legged dude you just measured, do you suppose altering would do them any good? Not much. Now you have had a square whack at me; you have gone all over my anatomy with that string and triangle. You have punched me in the side and poked around to find out where the joints were, and if you haven't done it right I don't expect to pay for it. Hear? I'll tell you what I'll do, though; I'll give you a \$500 bond to be here on time and take the clothes if they fit, leaving the question of fit to a committee of three selected tailors. But you will have to pay the expenses. Or I'll do this: I'll pay you for the suit now if you will give me a bond of the same kind to make the clothes fit or return the money with interest. But you must pay all expenses. If you don't want those terms, partner, you can look me up in Bradstreet's and find out who I am and make the duds, or you can pay me for the trouble of submitting to this measuring business. See? But you don't get any contingent fee out of me on a suit of clothes."

The tailor took the risk.—Ex.

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