

#### IN MUSICAL CIRCLES.

If something startling does not occur very soo in our musical circles I am afraid that I shall be obliged to cover my modest little wares with large canvass awning and shut up shop for the summer season. It seems to me that St. John gets duller and duller, musically, every year, or perhaps one notices it more just at this time. The rehearsal for the Elijah on Monday evening was anything but brilliant as everyone-almost-and all their relations had departed the town for the purpose of celebrating and waving the flag gener- I have my doubts . ally. Tuesday evening the old musical club, which by the way, is soon to rejoice in another, and I hope more appropriate name, met at the residence of Mr. W. M. Jarvis, Princess street. A very good miscellaneous programme was given, Among the selections were the following: "Transscription," Sohengrin, for pianoforte, Miss L. Homer; solo, "The Valley of Shadows," Barrie, Mr. A. Porter; "Ave de Ballet," Warner, for violin, Mr. Wm. Bowden; song "Fiddle and I," Goodeve, Mrs. Gilchrist; "Serenade," Schubert, Mrs. Gilchrist, Mrs. Carter, Miss Elsie Matthew, Miss Eoma Godard, Miss E. McInnis; Cello solo "b" souse," Miss Flossie Bowden; song, "In an oid llage street," Goring Thomas, Mr. I. Allen Jack; "Concerto in G. Minor," Mendelssohn, Miss E. Goddard. The next and last meeting for the season will be held at Mrs. Wm. Gilchrist's, Carmarthen street, on the 16th of June.

Next week I hope to have the pleasure of hearing Miss Denley, soprano, and Miss Chafee, violinist, perform at the recital to be given by the school of music in the Institute, on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Thos. Daniel's many friends in St. John will be glad to hear that he is making headway in his profession and has made many musical friends in Boston, where he is studying under Mr. George Parker's tutorship. The quartette choir, of which Mr. Daniel is a member, is well and favorably known in the Hub. I think I said before that its members were Mrs. Minnie Stephens-Coffin, soprano; Miss Lillian Carll Smith, alto; Mr. J. McCabe, tenor, and Mr. Daniel, bass. Mr. Howard Dow is organist in the church.

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Mr. George Parker, tenor, is now singing in the First Unitarian church, Berkely street. On Whitsunday there was some very fine music given. Among the selections was that beautiful quartette, "God is a Spirit," Sterndale Bennett.

Mrs. Humphrey-Allen is first soprano in Berkely

temple (baptist).
I believe Mr. Harry Daniels, who visited our city in the early spring, is thinking of spending the autumn and part of the winter with us. He would be a great addition to our musical circles should he make up his mind to come.

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At the conversazione and sale of papers at the Church of England institute on Wednesday evening, there were several glees and choruses sung. "The Carnovale," Rossini; "O, who will o'er the downs with me?" and "The Sea King," Smart, being among the number. The performers were, I think, Mrs. Stead, Mrs. Patton, Miss Maggie Smith, Miss Swann, Miss Mamie Patton, Miss L. Smith, Miss Halliday, Mr. A. Porter, Mr. A. M. Smith, Mr. A. H. Lindsay, Mr. P. Bourne and others.

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Mrs. Tepton, the wife of the talented organist of St. Clements, Philadelphia, is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Thomas. Morley. believe we have another musical acquisition in Mr. Lutz, the curate of St. Paul's.

A pretty song I heard lately is called "Mona," by S. Adams. Miss Elsie Matthews, who has been making an extended visit in New York, Philadelphia and Upper Canada, is again at her post in St. John's

church choir.

Miss Halliday has returned from Boston and is also back in the choir. Before going any further with my letter I wish to join with Miss M. V. Hancock's many friends in expressing my deep sympathy in the great loss

father, Mr. Myles Hancock.

As bands and orchestras seem to be coming to the front, it might be in order for me to give the the front, it might be in order for he to give the titles of some arrangements for strings and bands. The following may be found useful: Overture, "Light Cavalry," Suppe; selections, "Red Hussar," Solomon waltz, "Danube Waves," Ivanovici; Overture, "Marco Spada," Auber, "Woodland Whispers," Czibulka, "La Bella Espagnola," Tobani.

One of the pretty features in connection with the bazaar for the Nurse's home will be the chorus of 75 dainty wee maidens, all very young. Mr. Thos. Hall, has, I believe undertaken to train the little choristors and they will sing one or two glees and

the national anthem. the national anthem.

Mr. James S. Ford goes to Houlton, Me., to open a new organ which has been built by Hook & Hastings for St. Mary's Roman catholic church. Mr. Ford's post in St. John's will be for next Sunday taken by one of his pupils. In looking over some old papers I came across a note of a concert given by the Chorel society of St. John's 1971 in the North of St. old papers I came across a note of a concert given by the Choral society of St. John in 1871 in the Mechanics Institute. "The first and principal piece, was the first part of Handel's celebrated oratorio Judas MacCabaeus. The performers were Mrs. G. H. Perley, Dr. Coster, Mr. John McKillop, Miss Agnes Greening (pianist) Miss Edith Sturdee, Miss Gregg, Miss Crane, Mrs. Wakefield and Mr. March. Mr. Peiler was conductor and Mr. Card organist."

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The Citizens' band concert was well attended and proved very enjoyable. The band has improved wonderfully since I last heard them, and played their selections with good taste. Their weakness is shown in the piano parts, the lack of good tone being particularly apparent. Harrison's orchestra also did better than usual, their selection from The

Gondaliers, being very pleasing.

Miss Denley's selection, an aria by Verdi, was somewhat above her. Her voice sounds better in a Miss Beatteay has a good voice and will make a pleasing singer. She sang "The Old Old Farm," as

of Mr. Titus and Mr. Lindsay it is unnecessary to of Mr. Titus and Mr. Lindsay it is unincessary speak, they are both so well known.

Mr. White's cornet solo was an agreeable surprise to me, as I had no idea he was a solo corneter. He played a triple-tongue polka, and showed good exe-

#### TALK OF THE THEATRE.

Under this caption my remarks are apt to become duller and more uninteresting as the summer grows and warms, for before long most of the theatres here in Boston will be closed and nothing but the airiest, lightest trifles will be in order. The Boston Museum has closed its fiftieth regular season, and it finished with a benefit to that charming actress and general favorite, Miriam O'Leary. She made rather an odd choice of a piece for her benefit, as she picked out the time honored Octoroon, and rather astonished her friends by the way in which she played Zoe. I saw The Guv'nor at this house a short time ago with Wilson as the old boat builder, and he certainly stands very high in such eccentric character parts as this. His make- e was something wonderful, but then, all of Wilson's make-ups are studies. I must say it made me feel a trifle sad, not to say weary to see Barron in a young lover's part, one that should have been played by Davenport. Kellar, the magician, opened his season at the Museum last Monday night, and he always draws well.

The Hollis street contains at present the best talent now on exhibition here in the persons of Augustin Daly's company, headed by the charming Ada Rehan. The play for the first week was that which scored a failure in New York, The Last Word, Mark your Linen with Robertson's Printing Stamps. Perfectly indelible.

and it is only saved from being consigned to the mental waste basket of the audiences by the splendid work done by Miss Rehan. This week sees the company in School for Scandal, and Mr. Daly's improvement of a play written by one William Shakespeare called The Taming of the Shrew. Mr. Daly has an idea he can improve on the works left by the aforesaid William S., but

Mr. Willard has finished his Boston season, much to the regret of the people who have heard, admired and gone to hear him again. He is certainly a conscientious painstaking artist, and never loses sight of the fact that he is the character and not the man Willard. He is rather peculiar in some of his ideas, and to my mind thoroughly artistic; he will never take a curtain call till the end of the play, preferring rather to raise the curtain on different settings of the pictures at the close of the acts. He has also been surrounded by a competent company which, under him, give more than the ordinary support.

The Grand Opera house is drawing good houses to greet the younger Salvini who has given us Don Cæsar de Bazan and D'Artagnan in The Three Guardsmen, both of which parts are entirely suited to his manly, robust style; he has not tollowed Mr. Willard's example in the selection of his company, and is a star in the centre of a bundle of sticks.

Melodrama of the ancient and lurid kind rules at the big Boston, the very name of the play being enough to satisfy one of its style, The Wolves of New York, and blood and thunder, pistols, gambling dens, vice following hard on the heels of virtue through act after act, bewilder the spectator until the curtain rings down upon virtue triumphant, and vice its own reward. I wish someone would write a play in which all the bad people came out ahead relief, because as a matter of fact, in the | wou d have a walk over. work-a-day world the bad people do seem to get the most plums out of the pie.

The Globe also opened its doors last week to a melodrame bearing the euphonious title of Work and Wages, but although there were some good people in the cast it did not seem to draw as the managers would like. This week at this house has shown us a bright farce comedy called the Hornet's Nest, and sprightly Louise Allen has repeated her former success in the famous kangaroo dance.

At the old Howard the perennial Pauline Markham, attended by a bevy of beauties, some of them a trifle younger than the fair Pauline disport themselves in various colored skirts and tights through the mazes of an ancient burlesque.

It will not be long before the concerts are on, generally known as the "Pops," and Music hall will flow in liquid strains of beer and strings, and everybody who has to stay in town will squander nickels and absorb lager and music. PROSCENIUM.

### SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

The opening of the base ball season in St. John was not as successful as lovers of the game might have wished; yet base ball is not dead by any means, and it would take very little to arouse the enthusiasm again. This was evident at the St. John grounds Monday, when Geo. Jones drove the ball down to the fence, and Frank White sent it into the creek, while the Colbys' centre fielder looked hopelessly toward the plate. The crowd fairly howled on both occasions, and was good humored for the rest of the day, although there was every reason to

The result of the two games on the A. A. grounds was certainly very discouraging, but one or two members of the base ball committee are largely to blame for it in playing so many inexperienced men on the nine when better ones were available. An amateur team may be desirable, but when it is so decidedly amateur as the one placed in the field Monday, nothing more could have been expected.

In the afternoon game Frank White experienced his first defeat. He pitched the same game that he always did, but on this occasion there was nobody under the little pop flies, and long excursions through the air that the ball always takes when White is pitching. There is something peculiar in his delivery, and with a good field behind him it seems hard to hit him safely, although they can find him often enough.

In the morning game the Colbys' pitcher was almost as much of a colt as Thomson, and the boys should have made a much better showing. For the first two or three innings it was very interesting, but when eight runs rolled up, and appeared on the bulletin board in one figure, the crowd began to get uneasy, and the Colby delegation in the grand stand

Some of the players on the St. John team seemed to lose their heads altogether, and make most glaring mistakes. Starr, at second, was away off, which seemed principally due to excitement, and subsequent loss of judgment. On the contrary, Shaw played a very good game at first, and Sandy Thompson contributed to the general amusement.

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hind the bat was surprisingly good, while the "most popular player" held everything as usual.

Although the Shamrocks had some hustling to get a nine together, better judgment was shown in selecting one, and the committee looked more to the interest of the game. Morris and Kearns were the only professional players on the team. All the rest were men who had showed up well in the junior league, or other amateur clubs, and with one or two exceptions the nine was a good one. At any rate they won both games. Fielding errors were scarce, and they batted Cunningham all right. Of course the Shamrocks did not have as heavy a team to play against as the St. Johns-although the Colbys vere not more than average players—but for all that the Shamrocks had a rattling good team, and the members of the club are satisfied with the prospects for a successful season.

Kearns, the St. Johns' old second baseman, strolled over to the Shamrocks' grounds Monday morning and was pressed into service and Morris caught him in good style. Looney, who pitched in the afternoon, is looked upon as a promising player, and now that the professionals are out of the road, it is quite probable that a number of good amateurs will come to the front.

Since the games Monday there has been considerable activity among the boys around town who have been playing in amateur teams recently. The poor showing made by the St. Johns seems to have given them courage, and teams that were formerly in the shade alongside of those representing the big clubs, are now of the opinion that they can play ball, and are beginning to organize. From this, it is safe to say that we will have plenty of base ball before the summer is over.

At present, it is thought that the Y. M. C. A.'s will have the crack nine of the town, but we will know more about them after today's game. White and Ritchie were the only members of the Y. M. C. A. team who played Monday, all the rest belonged to the A. A. club. Kearns will play with the Y. M. C. A.'s, and if they manage to get many players like him, they have nothing to fear.

The defeat of the Union lacrosse team in Halifax as somewhat of a surprise to everyone, but it has done a great deal to encourage those interested in the game in the sister city. The Unions did not have as strong a team as they usually put on the field, and this, with loss of sleep in travelling and having a good time, largely won the game for the Wanderers. The Halifax players are a lively lot, and although they are not very well up in team work, there are so many good runners and athletes on the team that they carried the honors and won the games by individual play.

The Unions are delighted with the treatment they received while away. The Wanderers drove them all over the city, showed them everything that was to be seen, and treated them right royally. Some of the boys who remained over are now wearing

Considering the other attractions, the time the game was called, and the unfamiliarity of Haligon ians with lacrosse, the games were as largely attended as could be expected. However, it is thought that future games between St. John and Halifax teams will evoke more enthusiasm, as it at the end; it would be a change and a was generally expected in Halifax that the Unions

> The members of the Neptune rowing club are preparing for an active summer's work, and it is to be hoped that they will do something in the way of awakening an interest in aquatic sports. The boat house was brought over this week, and I am told that it will have a number of new boats in it before long, for the use of the members. There is talk of having a ladies' day each week, when members of the club will invite their lady friends for a sail in the harbor. If they manage to get all the boats filled with the fair sex the harbor will present a very pretty appearance, one day in the week at JACK AND JILL.

#### Sporting Talk from Halifax.

HALIFAX, May 26.-The first game of the Social-Mutual nine is over, and a sorry exhibtion it was 32 runs, 3 earned, 49 fielding and battery errors, including bases on balls, will give an idea of the contest. But it was the first game, and with practice, they ought to do better in future. Then the Socials had a weak team, and had great difficulty in securng a nine. Graham pitched for the first time this season, but he ought to do better. Last fall he pitched in the third game between the Socials and the Worcesters, which his nine won, 9 to 8, and also in a game against the Frederictons, whom the Socials defeated 9 to 6. They batted him for a total of ten hits, of which Underwood made four. In this game he was batted for seventeen hits, but not a run was

earned off his pitching until the last inning.

Then the Socials gave him no support, as in the second inning, when Young batted safely, and Downey struck to short, who allowed the ball to go through with him; Young was caught off third, but the baseman muffed the ball, and O'Brien was thrown out at first. This would have retired the side, with perfect play, and the three runs which followed, through White's three base hit, and Murran's long

fly would have been saved.

Downey pitched wonderfully good ball, as not a hit was made off him until the sixth, but then he seemed to place them just where the batsmen wanted them, with the result that the experienced men on the team hit him in succession. With White to catch him, he ought to prove a valuable man for the Mutuals. The team went on the field as though they meant business. The second game of the series, played on the holi-

day, attracted fully 1,000 people, and while the game was close there was almost as much excitement as ever on the grounds. This shows the public are still ripe for exciting base ball, and as long as the score is kept down and remains close, they will shout as lustily as ever. But the Mutuals got a long lead, and from the third innings the crowd kept leaving the grounds. The Mutuals, however, won this time hy their heavy batting, though they would have got but one of their seven runs in the last inning had there been perfect play.

Then the Socials batting was very weak. Graham, who attempts to kill the ball, struck out four times,

and altogether 14 of their men fanned the air. Downey, too, pitched in better form than the previous game, and deserves much credit. Graham was hit for about the same average of hits as in the first game, and in the fifth innings he retired in favor of Connors of last year's St. Patricks. Davison played with the team in the outfield, but do not be surprised to see him in the box soon.

While there is considerable interest, there is not so much as some years ago when games were looked forward to with the greatest eagerness by every enthusiast, and the night of the game the players was the subject of conversation among the crowds on the street corners. But there is none of that so far, though the interest may increase later. Some of this is no doubt due to the opinion prevailing that most of the players are taking part in the game with the expectations of reaping benefit therefrom, and there is not the great rivalry between the clubs that there generally was between the Socials and Atlantasland Y. M. L. A. The players then took part in the games for the amusement, and it was worth more to them to defeat one or the other than the money to be obtained at the gate. Then each club had a large crowd of followers who were ever ready to shout and cheer for their club, and at a close game and the excitement ran high. But it has not been so in these games, of course each club has a few friends, but the general public do not seem to care which wins; they have as much interest in one as the other, as a member of the Social club remarked to me after the first game, "I did not feel the slightest bit affected by the nine being defeated, and hear different to a few years ago, when each club how different to a few years ago, when each club felt so good when they won, and just the opposite when they lost." But it is widely reported that several of the players were asking for a stated sum per game before the season commenced, while one who is well acquainted with the workings of the Mutuals, said the other day: "The players share and share the profits alike, with the exception of White, who gets twice as much as any of the others." However, as I have already stated, if the games should become close and exciting, the interest may increase even to old times. Of this we

shall see. The lacrosse match, I think, was somewhat of a surprise to the St. John boys. They confidently expected to win and perhaps held their opponents rather lightly. They used the stick better than the Wanderers, as might be expected from their experi-

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ence, but while they went in with a rush in the first game, they did not seem to have the staying powers of the Wanderers, whose fine running helped them to victory. The Wanderers won 3 to 1, and with a disputed goal, on either side. The St. John team came here at their own expense, and were given the entire gate receipts, but as there were less than 200 present, this will not prove very profitable. But they had a good time, and will not mind the small loss, and perhaps will feel well repaid in the assistance they have given the game.

The first races of the driving club were a surprise in the matter of attendance; 1,398 paid admissions,

in the matter of attendance; 1,398 paid admissions, of which the grounds receive 25 per cent. Then there were \$60 taken at the stand, and the driving club will reap about \$300 from their first venture.

They will probably hold another meeting July 1st.

H. W. Mackintosh, the Wanderer's mile runner, will train for the championship sports next September, where he will be pleased to defend his title against all comers. A representative of the Boston amateur athletic association was here during the past week, and he was quite enthusiastic over the meeting, and he believes we will have several from the Boston club here.

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