



IN MUSICAL CIRCLES.

As a general thing any excitement like that attendant on the Oratorio concerts usually leaves a void in its wake. This time however I think we are a little more busy than before. Hear My Prayer and Zephtha were almost more successful than the selections given on the previous evening, and the large audience testified the general good feeling existing between our leading musical society and the public. The choruses with one exception equalled those of the Sobge Lang and the orchestra added considerably to the effectiveness of the work. That is, it did in the chorus, but some of the accompaniments for the solos were very poor. It might be just as well for some of the members in general, and Mr. White in particular, to glance occasionally at the baton as to the carelessness of this description almost ruined the solo, "Farewell ye Limpid Streams," the soloist, on the former evening, did fall into the parts entrusted to him. Mrs. Allen's "The Smiling Hopes," and Mr. Parker's aria, "Wait for Angels," being perhaps the most enthusiastically received numbers. Mrs. Hea's music was sung in her sympathetic manner, and Mr. Mayes kept up his reputation by the rendition of Zephtha's numbers. Miss Gouillard and Mr. Gouillard presided at piano and organ, respectively. "Hear My Prayer" solo, by Mrs. Allen, and chorus was really beautifully sung, and Mr. Ford kept the chorus thoroughly in hand all through. On Monday evening the society resumed work on Romberg's Lay of the Bell and The Elvans, not that either composition is to be sung very soon, but for the reason that copies of the cantata Christ and His Soldiers had not arrived, and until they were on hand the time had to be filled up. I have since heard, however, that the cantata will be on Monday evening. The Cantata was sung in Trinity church on the Wednesday evening Christmas and New Year's day. Admission will be by tickets, which may be procured from members of the vestry, I believe. There will be no admission fee, as the cantata is to be given as part of the centennial jubilee in connection with Trinity church. I believe that financially the last concert was a success, which ought to be gratifying news to every active member of the society.

she deserved all the praise given her in advance notices. Her voice is a pure, sweet silvery soprano, and powerful withal, one of which her audiences would not grow tired. She has it under excellent control, and displays its cultivation to the best advantage. Her singing, while artistic, is also natural to a degree. As an actress Miss Mason is bright and vivacious and she won much admiration, her appearance is charming. Of the other ladies Miss Gaillard's contralto voice, perhaps, was best liked, though Miss Calhoun was a great favorite. Herman Waldo's tenor voice gives promise of much enjoyment during future evenings, though as an actor he was a little stiff. Francis Gaillard has a good baritone voice, and Adolph Mayer has a nice voice of the same register. Both pleased very much by their singing, while the former showed himself an actor who well comprehended the requirements of his part. Stanley Felch has a good bass voice, and what little of it was heard created a desire to hear more of it on future occasions. As a funny man he was a success and with Kirkland Calhoun made a team that may be depended upon to keep an audience in good spirits. The costuming is a feature of the company. It is rich and varied and the chorus dressing, as shown last night, is bound to prove attractive to frequenters of the academy. The orchestra deserves more than a passing notice. It consists of musicians brought with the company and the talent from this city which assist it make it exceptionally good.

Said Pasha is a pleasing work, the music is very bright and catchy, and is particularly taking in its concerted parts. The plot has a pleasant change of action, and the interest is kept up constantly. The scene is laid in Constantinople and India, and the presence of the Mexican nobleman and the two decidedly Yankee adventurers give the piece a western air which pleasantly relieves the gorgeousness of the orient. The audience when the curtain first rose seemed disposed to be a little cold, but by the time Miss Mason had finished her first solo it had become enthusiastic and the appearance and laughter thereafter was constant. Miss Mason was thrice encoored and presented with a bouquet. Miss Gaillard also was encoored. Most of the quintettes, quartettes and duets had to be repeated. Said Pasha will be repeated this and tomorrow evening.

TALK OF THE THEATRE.

Murphy in Bouchal Baen had the opera house and big crowds for three nights this week. The play is new and not so good as Kerry Gow or Shaun Rhuie, but it is lively with exciting situations, which captured the audience completely. Murphy is as good as ever and his support is up to the average. The Boston Comedy Co., H. Price Webber manager, appear in the institute Christmas day and play for a week. The regular announcement is elsewhere on this page and gives the particulars. Webber and his company are favorites here and will draw a good business without a doubt.

Invaluable to Young Men.

S. E. WHISTON, Esq., Principal, Halifax Commercial College: DEAR SIR,—With the utmost pleasure I look back upon the time spent at Mt. Allison Commercial College. The business training I received under you was thorough and practical throughout, and the proper understanding of accounts and use of business papers, as taught by you, I consider invaluable to any young man. I can therefore cheerfully recommend the Halifax Commercial College to all desirous of obtaining a complete and serviceable business education. Very truly yours, HERBERT TEMPLE, Accountant at Smith Bros.

Assisted to Marry.

It was the custom in good society, during the Georgian period in England, when a man wanted to get married for him to call in the aid of a friend to "assist" him by "recommending" him to a young lady. The delicate task was undertaken by some "best-man" sort of friend, who duly recounted the parentage, education, fortune, and prospects of the would-be suitor to the young lady, who then consulted her friends. If he was thought eligible, matters were allowed into wooing. Is was called being "assisted to marry."

And It Is Collecting

The representative of the Dominion Collecting and Detective Agency has returned from a remarkably successful trip to Halifax in the interests of the agency and new subscribers. Many of the latter were secured. Those who joined first have found that the agency is doing good work in a quiet and effective way. The announcement in PROGRESS has invited many queries, which all show that "the long-felt want" existed and is in fair way to be filled by the agency.

Cash, Clothes, and Christmas.

Cash, clothes, Christmas, are the three words most thought of at Oak Hall at this time. Their inducements always draw, but this year they have made a cash reduction of ten per cent. for one week an additional magnet for a throng of customers. PROGRESS has made the people well acquainted with the store, and it they call the firm will introduce the goods.

The Favorite Pleasure Resort.

The Victoria Rink Company will push things energetically this season. Last year's patronage was encouraging and this year the outlook promises even better.

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ST. STEPHEN AND CALAIS.

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Nov. 25.—"May good digestion wait on appetite," as we trust it did on our friends in the provinces a week ago Thursday. We will now take our turn at the turkey and other good things, and should the former desire be granted our medicine chests will remain closed. There are to be many dinner parties, a few teas, and the day's festivities will close with a dance for the young folks in Grand Army hall, should there be a sufficient number—not previously engaged—to participate.

Mrs. J. D. Chipman will entertain a number of friends on Thursday evening (from both Calais and St. Stephen) in honor of her guest, Miss Howland, of Toronto. Mrs. Hazen Grimmer invited about sixty of her St. Stephen friends to enjoy "drive whist" at her beautiful home on Thursday evening of last week, and it was certainly "the affair" of the early season. Mrs. Grimmer, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Gove, of St. Andrews, received her friends in a handsome gown of black silk elaborately trimmed with jet. At about nine o'clock one could have almost heard a pin drop such silence and devotion were given the game. After numerous gains and losses on either side, the prizes, a beautiful silver tea set, two bottles of perfume, were awarded Mrs. Frank Rose and Mr. John Black, Mrs. Henry Graham and Dr. White were quickly consoled for their losses with a very pretty picture and a silver stick pin in the shape of a pipe. A splendid supper was then served followed by the sound of music, which of course meant dancing—and is certainly a delightful consummation of an evening's entertainment.

Mr. W. S. Falls, of Toronto, Ont., has been spending a few days in St. Stephen, the guest of Mr. Harry Graham. Mr. H. Fairweather has returned to his home in St. John.

Miss Lawson who has been the guest of her uncle, Dr. Jas. Lawson, St. Stephen, has returned to her home in New York. Miss Lawson won many friends during her visit in St. Stephen and was a great acquisition in musical circles, being endowed with an exceptionally fine voice and possessed unlike many of our talented local singers, with willingness to favor her many friends and the public generally.

Mr. Jack Eagles, of St. John, has been making Calais and St. Stephen a visit. Rev. Mr. Haines and family, who have been the guests of Mrs. E. C. Young, Main street, Calais, have just returned to their home in Burlington, Conn.

Mr. Morton Dutch, son of W. S. Dutch, Calais, was married on Wednesday last to Miss Eva Armour, of West Warren, Mass. I hope later to write more fully of the happy event, which took place at the bride's home in West Warren. The "round table" whist club which was given by Miss Mina Downs, on Tuesday evening, was largely attended, there being eight tables surrounded by the devotees of whist, the largest number present so far this season. The game was hardly to be called whist in the strictest sense, since merry peals of laughter were often heard, but which only proved that all were having a "right jolly" time, and not too anxious to contend for the prizes. Miss Joe Moore was again the fortunate lady and received a handsome painted medallion, and her partner, Mr. John M. Stevens, received a very unique and pretty present. After a sumptuous spread was partaken of, Miss Downs announced dancing, which is the usual grand finale to the club of the "Round Table," and is as much a part of it as the game itself.

Mr. George Downes, of Bowdoin College, Brunswick, is at home for the Thanksgiving holidays. Miss Louise King, accompanied by her sister, Miss Belle King, left on Thursday morning for Clifton Springs, N. Y., where Miss Louise will remain the better part of the winter, during the winter months. Miss King will visit Chicago and other western cities before she returns home.

Mrs. Wilfred Eaton in visiting Pennington, N. B. General and Mrs. Charles Hamlin, Mrs. Hannibal Hamlin, and her son, Mr. Hannibal E. Hamlin, are spending Thanksgiving in Calais, the guests of Mrs. Nellie Covey and sister, Main street.

Mrs. George Hind's, with her two children, are visiting Boston and vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Nickerson, of Red Beach, are visiting Boston, and will visit many southern cities ere they return home.

TO THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS: Your statement in last week's issue, as to reason we are not now acting as your agents here is to put it mildly, not exactly as we understand it. You say "Mr. Smith objects to boys competing with stores and on that ground has discontinued his usual order." We have had for months past two boys selling PROGRESS on the streets weekly. These boys have about half of that time had two other boys to help them. We have paid these boys a half cent for every copy of paper they sold, which is what they cost us, and have encouraged every one who bought at our store to buy a copy of PROGRESS. We have no intention of doing this in the future. You knew these facts; why make statement as above?

In our letter of 5th November we stated: "We ask you to appoint another agent or else give them our share, simply because a part of this business is rather an annoyance." We did this as a matter of business; you as a matter of business, appoint a new agent and, consequently, take the business out of our hands and place it in the hands of the new agent. We find no fault with you, only be square with us as to reason, you so doing. Further, we have never had the exclusive agency of PROGRESS here, never asked for it and never expected it. We think that bookstores and from three to five newsboys on the streets can handle PROGRESS here, to the best possible advantage of all concerned. Mr. Carter thinks differently; he is running it, and he has decided who shall act for him here. C. H. SMITH & Co.

[We are glad to give Mr. Smith's note the same prominence as our notice to St. Stephen patrons last week. Limiting the agents of PROGRESS to one or two persons is an old idea of Mr. Smith's, and one over which he has argued, with the publisher again and again. When we explained our system of boys and agents in other cities—Moncton for example—he intimated that in the event of our introducing the same method into St. Stephen he could no longer act as agent. We have introduced it and Mr. Smith is no longer an agent. It was due our patrons that they should know the reason and that is our only excuse for troubling them with a private matter, for it does not matter who sells the paper so long as the people get it. Mr. Smith has allowed an error to creep into his letter in stating that PROGRESS cost, last week, and a half cent—he means three and a half! But it is curious how Master Trail can sell 60 copies so easily while the two or four boys Mr. Smith speaks of beside his own counter sale could not dispose of that number. THE PUBLISHER.

SUSSEX.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Sussex by R. D. Boal and S. H. White & Co.]

Nov. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. George Vaughan, of Point Wolfe, drove from their home on Monday and are spending a few days in town. Miss Emma Clarkson returned home on Saturday. Mrs. Barton Gandy, of St. John, spent Sunday at the Depot house with her brother Mr. G. W. Daniel, who is slowly convalescing from his painful illness.

Miss Louise Trites returned home last week from a pleasant visit to Moncton. Mrs. Lawrence and Miss Gussie Price, of Petitcodiac, have been visiting their sister, Mrs. J. Daly. Mr. E. A. Charters is at present enjoying a trip to the Hub.

Miss Hattie Stockton returned from a pleasant visit to St. John on Monday. Miss Winslow, of Chatham, is at Fox Hill, the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. Montgomery Campbell. On Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Pitfield entertained a number of their friends at dinner. Mr. B. A. Titus and his son, Master Raleigh, of Petitcodiac, were in town yesterday, the guests of Mrs. Ryan.

Mr. C. Philips, of St. John, was in town on Thursday. Mr. John Marvin is seriously ill. Mr. Guy Kinney spent Sunday in St. John, the guest of Mrs. C. Kinney. Mrs. Carr, of Amherst, is at the Knoll. A socialable, to be given by the members of the Methodist church, will be held at Mrs. Jas. Ryan's next week. RONALD.

Volcanic. "No brighter eyes did ever glow Such lovely brows beneath, And never opened lips to show Such rows of pearls teeth."

Thus said I to myself as there I stood with hat in hand To bid "good night" to maiden fair That did my love command.

She smiled; I was about to speak, When horrors I came a-wooing, A shrieking of her nose and cheek And then a giant sneeze!

A sneeze that jarred the earth, and at Whose winding up I found These pearls teeth within my hat, Her left eye on the ground.

—Boston Courier.

A Clever Son of Erin.

The graceful hint succeeds best. It is also witty, it is pretty sure to prove irresistible. Up one of the long hills of County Wicklow a mare was drawing a heavy load of travellers. The driver walked by her side, trying to encourage her as she toiled slowly and wearily along.

The six passengers were too busily engaged in conversation to notice how slowly the car progressed. Presently the driver opened the door at the rear of the car and slammed it to again. Those inside started, but thought that he was only assuring himself that the door was securely closed.

Again Pat opened and slammed the door. The travelers inquired angrily why he disturbed them in that manner.

"Whist," he whispered, "don't spake so loud—she'll overhear us."

"Who?"

"The mare. Spake low," he continued, putting his hand over his mouth and nose. "Sure I'm desavin' the creature! Every time she hears the door slammin' that way she thinks one of yez is gettin' down to walk up the hill, and that raises her spirits."

The passengers took the hint.—Utica Times.

The Queen's Apartments.

In writing of the queen's apartments at Windsor Castle, Elizabeth B. Custer says: There was nothing in these gorgeous rooms that stays by me. There seemed to me miles of corridors, drawing rooms, little and big, dining rooms and boudoirs, all glitter and glow. The usual gilt and ormolu marble and onyx, gloss of satin and rich stuffs, the dazzle of luminous glass pervaded the entire suit of apartments.

We kept looking for some room where there might be a trace of homeliness. We longed to see a work-basket, even if her majesty doesn't do needlework, and a sitting room where there might be an ordinary writing desk, a bookcase with some well-thumbed volumes, or a chair—an American rocking chair even, in which a loving mother had rocked her babies to sleep.

The doors were closed on the queen's and prince consort's bedroom, but ingenious inquiries caused the old housekeeper to give up their secrets. There was no difference. They lived in their state, and I began to think my childish ideas, that kings and queens slept in their crowns, was not far wrong.



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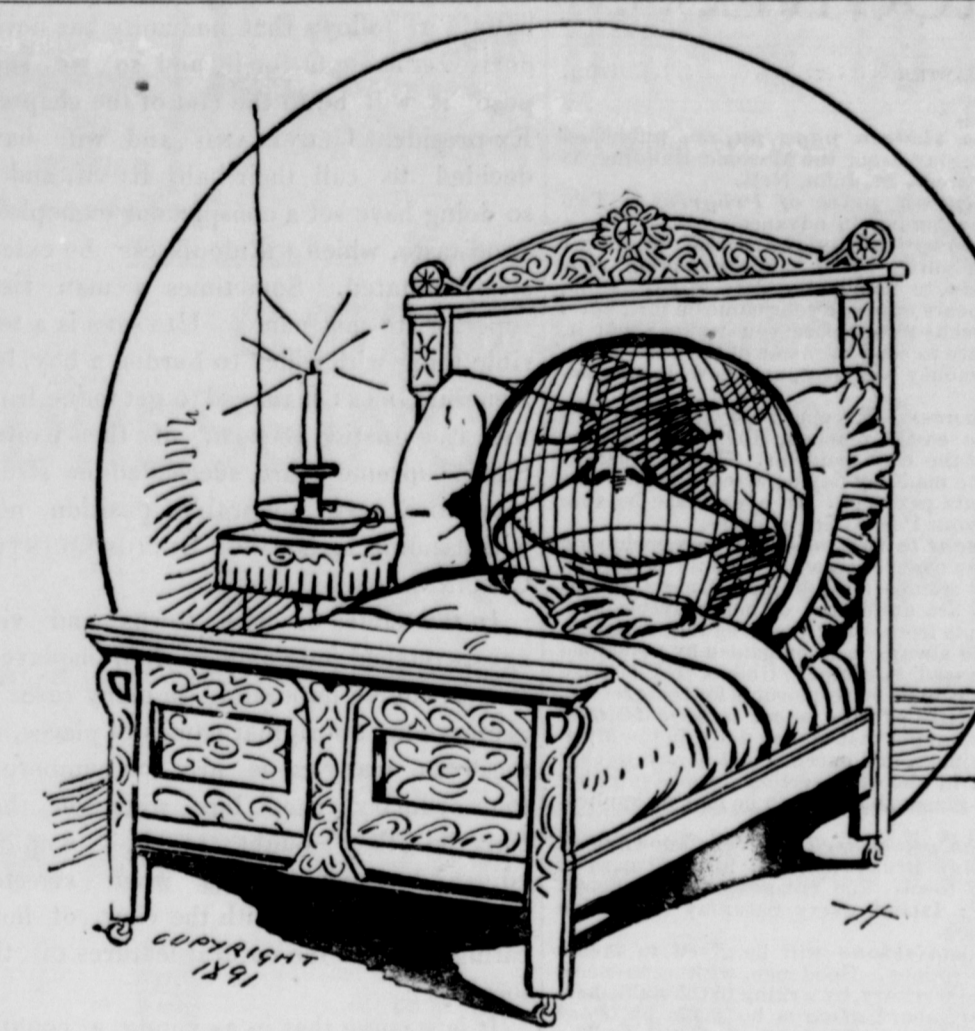
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