



IN MUSICAL CIRCLES.

Although there has been a little more than usual going on this week, still I fear that I will not have a very good chance of saying very much as the principal and mightiest event, (the oratorio concert) came off so late in the week, and I have not had a chance, so far, to take in the opera, although from what I hear, I fancy the company is doing very good business.

The time has arrived for our choir, etc., to thin out, and music will, I am afraid, be a dead letter for the next two months. Mrs. J. R. Armstrong, Mr. G. L. Robinson, both members of St. John's choir, are summering in the country. Miss Winnie Calhoun, organist of Leinster street Baptist church, has returned from Nova Scotia. Mr. A. H. Lindsay, who has been in St. Stephens, is among us once more.

Mr. George Wilson took the service in the Mission church last Sunday for the first time. I had not the pleasure of hearing him play, but am looking forward to a visit to that church in the near future.

Last Thursday at the meeting of the board in the Centennial school, for the purpose of forming some society, some musical selections were given to make the time pass more pleasantly. Among the performers were Mrs. W. S. Carter, Miss McInnis, Miss Florence Bowden, Miss Nettie Pidgeon and others. I believe there is a project in view of strengthening the choir of the Mission church, by ladies voices. This was talked of some time ago, but I think if possible it will be carried out this time. I do not think that the new members will be in the choir, but they will probably have seats just outside of the rood screen. At least this is what rumor tells me.

We have had two musical acquisitions (?) in town this week, one of which is a fairly good street piano, and I must confess to a weakness for those instruments, and the other a fearful and wonderful combination of bagpipes, cymbals and no one knows what else, but I should say that it was calculated to send any ordinary person insane in about half an hour, or less.

There was trouble at the St. Andrews rink on Monday evening. After the first act of the Princess of Trebizonde, one of the orchestra put up his instrument and left the building. After he had been away long enough to have seen half the men in St. John, it was discovered that he went to stay, if his pecuniary compensation was not forthcoming.

After some little time the matter was arranged satisfactorily to all parties, and the opera proceeded to its close without any more trouble.

I fancy the following list of songs may be of service to some of our singers: "Sing, ho!" for the life of a sailor," by S. W. Lingard; "No day to be," by W. A. C. Cruikshank; "No love like mine," by A. J. Caldwell; "A song of love," by Anton Strelzki; "My love is Arbutus," by C. V. Stamford.

The following paragraph will interest Mrs. D'Angeli's many friends both here and in Fredericton: "The pupils of Mrs. D'Angeli gave their last annual recital in Association hall last Thursday evening. A large assemblage expressed cordial commendation of the vocal work of the following young ladies: Lucie Tucker, Lillian Kendrick, Louise Simonds, Lucy Hayes, Marie Rose, Lillian Marshall, Lillian Waterman, Marian Waterman, Helen Stevenson, Stella Stevenson, Elsie Plummer, Elsie Merrill, Emma Merrill, Josephine Gleason, P. E. Josselyn, Addie Wilkes, C. Stickey, and others. The pupils were assisted by Mr. Fritz; Giese, violinello; Heinrich Schenker, harpist; and Mr. Alfred de Seve, violinist."—Boston Sunday Globe.

TARBET.

TALK OF THE THEATRE.

When this letter was written last week the holiday performances had not come on. They proved disappointing in point of audience and merit. I speak more especially of the Institute where Queena was billed as the attraction. There is nothing wrong with it as a society play—but almost any other in the company's repertoire would have been more appropriate for the holiday.

The opera company has met with fair success—much better than their friends expected. This city is not large enough to give paying houses to two theatres, and I fancy both managements have discovered this fact before this.

The Princess of Trebizonde was a very agreeable surprise. There is even more dialogue in it than in the former operas, and there are no particularly pretty or catchy airs, but the grouping is very effective and the choruses captivating. There are greater opportunities for individual work, and the important part taken by the star, Miss Randall, as well as that bright comedian, Leonard, makes the opera "go."

Miss Randall has not only a splendid voice, but she is also a clever actress. She has excellent support in this direction from the leading members of the troupe. There was a good house Monday evening, a better one Tuesday and one of the best houses of the season Wednesday. I understand the company goes to Halifax after their season in this city. If they put on the Princess of Trebizonde, Halifax readers of PROGRESS will miss a musical and laughable treat if they fail to go.

Mr. Harkins was in the city Sunday from Halifax, and before he left tried to make arrangements for a return tour to this city and appear in St. Andrews rink. I believe he would do well to try popular prices and new local management.

SPARKLER.

The Museum is the only first class theatre open in Boston, and manager Field is to be congratulated upon his choice of a summer piece. Nobe has scored a success, and increasing business maketh glad the hearts of all concerned. It certainly is a funny piece, and in the hands of the company of players gathered together to interpret its quaint conceits, it is a great and glowing success. Our old time favorite, W. F. Owen, has a part well fitted to his powers, and he is supported by a splendid company. Mr. Owen told me he was engaged with the Jefferson-Florence combination for next season, and will be a valuable acquisition to that company.

The great attraction now is the Fall of Pompeii, and it is a magnificent production. One sees the ancient city in all the pomp and glory of a festival day, the sports and pleasures of a pleasure-seeking people are shown in their brilliance and magnificence, until the awful shock comes, the great volcano belches out the death-dealing volumes of lava, and you see the city crumble to its ruin. The spectacle is magnificent and no expense has been spared to make it perfect in every detail. Hundreds of people are employed in its production, and the resources of Pain's great pyrotechnic works have been called upon to their utmost to furnish the necessary effects. It is well worth a journey from St. John, and I am sure every one who comes to Boston

Chapter 1: Weak, tired, no appetite. Chapter 2: Take Hood's Sarsaparilla. Chapter 3: Strong, cheerful, hungry.

will not consider his visit thoroughly rounded out unless he has seen this spectacle.

I regret that this is the last week of the promenade concerts at Music Hall. They have been well patronized and greatly appreciated; so much so that I think the management regret that they have to come to an end; but many of the musicians have engagements, and a lessening of the orchestra would of course make the concerts very much less enjoyable. I for one shall quite miss the occasional dropping in to Music Hall.

You appear to be suffering an embarras de richesses in the way of amusements lately. Opera, drama, and variety, and all appearing doing well. It will be a good thing when the Opera House is finished, so that a company can be furnished with something like a decent place to play in.

Our next season here will, I fancy, be a very good one. We are promised all the notables, among them Demman Thompson in the Old Homestead, and Neil Burgess in the County Fair, both of which pieces are down for long runs.

The weather so far has been beautifully cool and pleasant, but we can hardly hope to escape through July as we have through June.

PROSCENIUM.

SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

Although both the athletic grounds present a lively appearance these days, there is very little going on in the way of sport, as the public know it. The boys are apparently in for exercise, and the grounds are popular resorts. Then again the celebrations in different parts of the provinces have engaged the attention of the St. John boys to such an extent that it was almost impossible for them to think of anything else, and this week they will talk of nothing but the good times they have been having out of town. Windsor, Annapolis and St. Stephen have all been visited, and at every place the boys seem to have had enough experience to keep them in good humor for some time to come.

At St. Stephen, however, there was a little "misunderstanding" that made things somewhat unpleasant for the St. John ball teams. And it was all about cab hire.

This is not a new difficulty in base ball. We have all heard of it before, but it certainly has its amusing side at all times, and is a trifling thing to have any trouble about. When the agreement was being drawn up between the St. John clubs and the St. Stephen representative, the matter of cab hire was brought up, but it was considered so trifling a matter, especially by the St. Stephen man, who said that he would look after it and pay the expenses, that it was not put in the written agreement. There were a number of little things left out of the agreement that might have been in it, and although some of the omissions placed the St. John clubs in a worse position than they might have been in, had everything been thought of and put down in black and white; still nothing was said when the time came to settle up. The cab hire, however, was a different thing. It had been specially referred to, for the St. John ball players were to be driven around St. Stephen in uniform as an advertisement. And they were. They made the best possible use of the "hacks" at their disposal, being driven from the train, around the town, and to the grounds. In the afternoon the hack turned up in front of the hotel again, and the boys got into it, and when arriving at the hotel after the game, the hackman was told what time to be around to take them to the train. When the time came the hackman was on hand, but he had a bill for cab hire, which, in the eyes of the ball managers, looked very much larger than the hack. He was told that the St. Stephen managers would settle with him, but he had been to them, he said, and they had refused to pay for the afternoon's drive. This was a surprise. The St. John men would not pay the bill, and the hackman would not take them to the train unless they did. So the ball players decided to walk, and they did walk to the station in a rain storm that increased their weight to a remarkable degree. In the meantime the hackman had not been idle. He wanted his money, and started out to look for a constable to help him get it, but I understand that the officer refused to act, and the boys did not have to stay over. If there has not been a misunderstanding about the matter, the action of the St. Stephen management seems strange, to say the least, but the boys tell me that had the bill not been so exorbitant it might have been paid. They recognize the fact, however, that somebody should pay the hackman, and will probably take steps to see that the matter is settled. It was a very unsatisfactory termination to a very pleasant visit.

The Shamrocks could not do anything with the Y. M. C. A.'s at St. Stephen, and the favorable impression Morris had made as a pitcher during the few innings he was in the box on dominion day, vanished. The Y. M. C. A.'s batted him all over the field. Dan Connolly made his re-appearance on the ball field at the St. Stephen game, and sent the first ball pitched, out into centre field for two bases. Dan was a favorite with the crowd for the rest of the day. I understand that he will play on the team from this out, and is getting in some hard practice at the grounds, in order to reduce his avoidipous.

Before this appears the amateur league will be in full swing, and this afternoon the first schedule game will be played on the Shamrocks' grounds. With a well organized league, the boys should awaken the old enthusiasm, and if they play many such games as I saw on the afternoon of dominion day, I have no doubt as to the

success of the league. The Lansdownes are doing some hustling, I believe, and they have an idea that they will be "in it." Stewart and Nash of the old Lansdownes are the leading spirits, and both of them have enough "go" in them to pull the club through, if they receive proper encouragement.

The game this afternoon will be between the Shamrocks and Y. M. C. A.'s. When the schedule was made out by the committee, Tuesday June 7 was named for the opening game, but the excursion to St. Stephen, and some other matters, made a game on that day impossible. I print the schedule as presented at the meeting of the league Thursday evening:

Tuesday, July 7.—Thistles vs. Lansdownes. Saturday, July 11.—Y. M. C. A. vs. Shamrocks. Tuesday, July 14.—Shamrocks vs. Thistles. Friday, July 17.—Lansdownes vs. Y. M. C. A. Tuesday, July 21.—Y. M. C. A. vs. Thistles. Saturday, July 25.—Lansdownes vs. Shamrocks. Tuesday, July 28.—Lansdownes vs. Thistles. Tuesday, Aug. 1.—Shamrocks vs. Y. M. C. A. Tuesday, Aug. 4.—Thistles vs. Shamrocks. Saturday, Aug. 8.—Y. M. C. A. vs. Lansdownes. Tuesday, Aug. 11.—Thistles vs. Y. M. C. A. Saturday, Aug. 15.—Shamrocks vs. Lansdownes. Tuesday, Aug. 18.—Thistles vs. Lansdownes. Friday, Aug. 21.—Y. M. C. A. vs. Shamrocks. Tuesday, Aug. 25.—Shamrocks vs. Thistles. Saturday, Aug. 29.—Lansdownes vs. Y. M. C. A. Tuesday, Sept. 1.—Y. M. C. A. vs. Thistles. Saturday, Sept. 5.—Lansdownes vs. Shamrocks.

This schedule provides two games a week, and it will be noticed that no club will have to play more than once in one week, which will make it as convenient as possible for players who find it hard to get away from business.

I hear some talk of the Y. M. C. A.'s and Shamrocks arranging an excursion to Halifax to take place some time in the fall, and it is said that the Shamrocks and Halifax Mutuals have been having some correspondence. It is all very well for the boys to be travelling around the country, and there is plenty of fun in it for them, but once the league is started they should settle down and do their utmost to make it a success.

The Unions and Wanderers are likely to have another series of games, when the St. John club hopes to regain its laurels. A game in Halifax, one in St. John, and one on neutral ground are spoken of, but I have not heard whether arrangements have been completed.

The bicycle club begins its tour on July 20th, starting from Grand Falls. It is proposed to ride 25 miles a day, and by this arrangement the poorest riders will have no difficulty in keeping up with the procession. The wheelmen intend having a good time, and will take advantage of everything in the way of fun and sport on the trip. It is estimated that the expenses of each member will be between \$1.25 and \$1.75 a day, so now, if you are interested in travelling, and would like to join the crowd, you know all about it.

A subscriber sends the following account of the celebration and ball game at Joggins Mines: Dominion day was observed at the Joggins Mines, bunting being displayed from A. E. Mulinson's store and Conn. Hennessy's hall, the latter being headquarters of the Joggins base ball club. Two teams, consisting of the married and single men of the club, played a very interesting game on the grounds, the married men being defeated; score, 40-24. In the evening the club gave a ball in Hennessy's hall, which was a grand success.

JACK AND JILL.

The New Tonic. There are not many readers of this paragraph who have not at some time or other hunted for an effective tonic. There is no doubt of its scarcity. Recognizing this fact the Canada Ale & Beef Co. (Ltd.) of Halifax procured the right from the American proprietors of the Ale and Beef preparations to manufacture and sell in Canada. The success of the preparation in the United States is a matter of record. Their sales the first year amounted to over \$12,000, and it is rapidly going ahead in popular favor. The preparation is a combination of beef, ale and pepsin. The great difficulty has always been to get a mixture that will keep. Success in this means that the beef must be thoroughly peptonized before the malt is added. It is claimed to be an excellent tonic for convalescents, and the fact that Chicago physicians prescribed it liberally during the scourge of la grippe in that city, will bear out the statement. It sells for a popular price, and has already come into extensive use in Halifax and other parts of Nova Scotia.

For an Idle Hour. The Keeper of the Lighthouse is a story of French Canadian life of today, and is well told by Maud Ogilvy. The story opens in a little Canadian summer resort, in which the heroine lives and is continued with increasing interest to the end. Published by E. M. Renouf, Montreal; for sale at McMillan's.

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Why Men Cross Their Legs.

Men generally cross their legs when there is least pressure on their mind. You will not very often find a man actually engaged in business with his legs crossed. The limbs at those times are straighter than at any other, because the mind and body work together. A man engaged in auditing accounts will seldom cross his legs; neither will a man who is writing an article or who is employed in any manner where his brain is actively engaged. When at work in a sitting posture the limbs naturally extend to the floor in a perfectly straight line. A man may cross his legs if he is sitting in an office chair discussing some proposition with another man, but the instant he becomes really in earnest and perceives something to be gained, his limbs uncross, he bends forward toward his neighbor and begins to use his hands. But these observations are made of mankind in general. There are certain cases that are otherwise. There are certain men of distinguished talents who, when engaged in literary work, twist their legs into intricate coils. One of the most eminent dramatists in this country never abandons his limbs, which are long and slender, into a kind of angular scroll-work under the table. Another man, whose poems appear most frequently in the magazines, seems actually to wring his emotions out of his legs, as if they were sponges sopped in the affluents. However, these are exceptional cases of mannerisms by which particular men of brains are insensibly affected. Some men twist their beads when they are in deep thought, others scratch their heads abstractedly, while others, again, chew their finger nails. To this absent-minded genus belongs now and then a man who cannot ponder severely without making his legs express all the emotions of thought.

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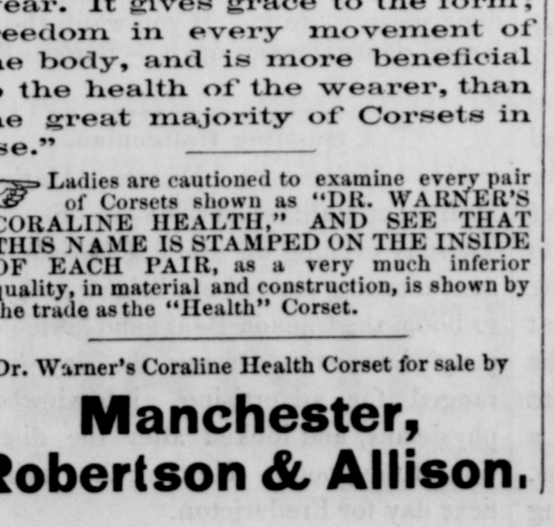
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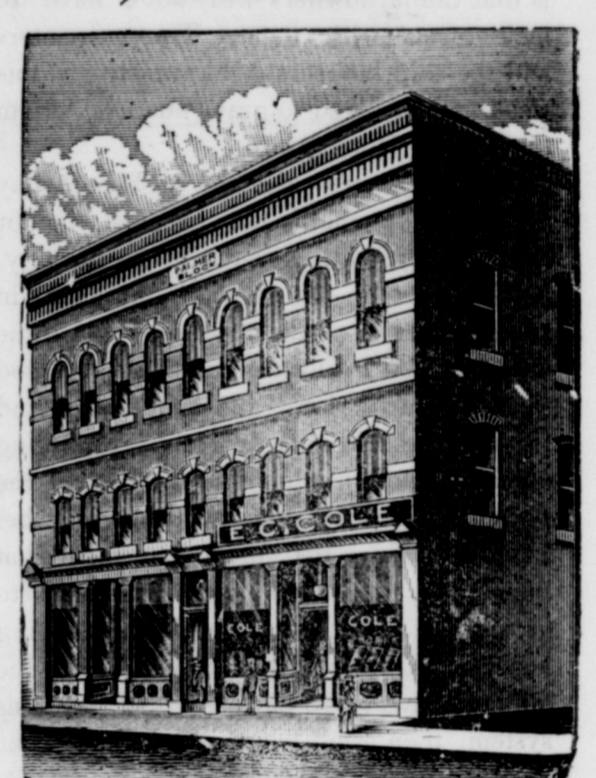
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