

IN MUSICAL CIRCLES.

There is always a rush of entertainments, musi cal and otherwise, just before Lent, and this year has proved no exception to the rule. The next few weeks will be very quiet, and the various musical societies will occupy themselves with rehearsals for future events after Easter. The School of Music pianoforte recital on Saturday was largely attended and was a creditable performance; the various pieces selected having evidently been carefully rehearsed.

I was extremely pleased with Miss Kitty Wilson's playing at the Stone church on Sunday last, which was distinctly above the average of the performance of most lady organists. The service was well accompanied, and as an outgoing voluntary Miss Wilson played one of Bach's fugues in a very creditable manner, the evident four of descriptions in the service was not because of the service with the service of the servi manner, the evident fruit of careful training and

assiduous practice. I was sorry to see Fred Hornsby, the solo alto boy in the Mission church, sitting among the congregation last Sunday. I understand that he is suffering from some throat trouble, and therefore will not be able to sing again for some time. His voice will be much missed.

The Philharmonic club are hard at work practising for their concert, which, I hear, will come off as soon as possible after Easter. The Saturday night rehearsals at Mr. Ewing's house are being well attended. Great progress is being made; and there is no reasonable doubt that there concert will be

The Amateur Minstrel club met for rehearsal and general business at their rooms on Tuesday last, when a programme was drawn up for performances in the Opera house on May 17th and 18th. Several novelties are being introduced in the "Circle," while the production of Gilbert & Sullivan's Trial by Jury will prove most attractive. The cast is a strong one, and includes some new performers, of whose merits we shall be anxious to judge. A visit of the troupe to Fredericton on May 24th is contemplated, but nothing definite has, I believe,

been settled as yet.

A capital performance to a good house was that given by the City Cornet Band, and their friends on Monday last. This band is certainly sustaining and adding to its already high reputation, and fully deserves the support and patronage of our citizens. The selections from Rossini's music included parts of "Il Barbiere," "L'Italiana," and "Gazza Ladra," all of which were most creditably plaved; but I was most pleased with "Il Barbiere." The music is not by any means easy, especially for a brass band, being more adapted to an orchestra; but the whole was rendered very smoothly and correctly; the "lights and shades" were well marked, and the somewhat catchy "leads" were taken up by the various instruments with great precision. I must heartily congratulate Prof. Williams, the conductor, on the success of his band. been settled as yet.

## TALK OF THE THEATRE.

Pyke O'Callaghan is not a new play in St. John, but when presented at the Opera house Monday evening with ladies in the cast, the audience saw it played to better advantage than ever before. For amateurs the performance was above the average, exaltation. The drowning man experiences the performance was above the average, exaltation. The drowning man experiences the performance was above the average, exaltation. The drowning man experiences the performance was above the average, exaltation. The drowning man experiences the performance was above the average, exaltation. The drowning man experiences the performance was above the average, exaltation. The drowning man experiences the performance was above the average, exaltation. The drowning man experiences the performance was above the average, exaltation. The drowning man experiences the performance was above the average, exaltation. The drowning man experiences the performance was above the average, exaltation. The drowning man experiences the performance was above the average, exaltation. The drowning man experiences the performance was above the average, exaltation. The drowning man experiences the performance was above the average, exaltation. The drowning man experiences the performance was above the average, exaltation. The drowning man experiences the performance was above the average, exaltation. The drowning man experiences the performance was above the average and performance was above the average. while several of the actors distinguished themselves. Perhaps the best piece of acting was done by Mr. J. L. Duffy as Red Rufus, the spy. Miss Dudley as Mrs. Callaghan, a bustling, impulsive Irish woman, was the life of the performance, and entered into the spirit of the part in a manner that made her popular with the audience from the moment she made her appearance. The part of "leading lady" in an amateur performance has difficulties surrounding it that are almost unknown to professionals, but as Lady Boughton Miss Barnett was very acceptable. Mr. Quinn made a good "Pyke O'Callaghan," and his song carried the audience. C. A. Conlon and John Power are well known as amateur actors and Monday night were seen to better advantage than ever before.

One of the best features of the evening's entertainment was the selections from Rossini by the City Cornet band.

The fairy stories of olden days are oftentimes repeated in the present, the only difference being that the "fairies" are more substantial. In the operatic way, Agnes Huntington's experience as told by the N. Y. Press is a fair sample. The Press says:

In talent, quickness of wit, artistic ambition, the ability to do a great deal of hard work, shrewdness of business capacity, honesty of womanhood and remarkable personal beauty, Miss Agnes Huntington is a typical American girl. But like many of our cleverest women actors and singers, Miss Huntington ower her success almost entirely to the approval of England. She sang in opera and oratorio some ten years ago without making any furor among her countrymen. Musical people with retentive memories recollect her only as a young woman with a phenomenal chest note and an elongated figure, who was a member of the Boston Ideals, and somesimes a feature of the Philharmonics when Theodore Thomas was a greater personage ambition.

She saved up a few thousand dollars out of the former and, tempted by the latter, quitted the American states abruptly. Having an idea that her talent would be best developed by the atmosphere in which Christine Nilsson's voice was trained she went to Sweden. The project was not so successful as she believed it would be. But during her travels through the northern countries of Europe she made an acquaintance from which results both happy and and unexpected occurred. In this trip the young singer was accompanied by her sister. The Huntingtons visited Denmark, to sev-One of their friends in Copenhagen was an old music professor named Guildenstern,

The young American girls accompanied Herr Guildenstern to his organ loft one afternoon during the rehearsal of selections is likely to be often. The book will be and sang it. Her voice echoed through the empty nave with such fine effect that great deal of care has been taken to

they were approached by the stranger. Herr Guildenstern started, and was noticeably embarrassed when he observed their auditor. He bowed with the humility of deferance that seemed, extraordinary to the republican notions of the young American girls. But presently they shared the old professor confusion in discovering that the lady who stood looking at them with an amiable air was the Princess of Wales, H. R. H., who was visiting her father, the King of Denmark, had stopped at the church for devotions, and attracted by the young American's rendering of the Handel music had waited to compliment the singer. Of her subsequent success it is unnecess-

THE PLEASURES OF DYING.

ary to say anything. She is now a star of

Last Sensations in this World are Almost Always Happy Ones.

the first magnitude.

A human being's death was formerly considered a great struggle, and vivid, almost shocking, descriptions of the phenomena of forms that none cared to think of the supreme moment when death should come to them. Euthanasia, or the pleasure of dying, takes the very opposite view and proclaims death to be easy and almost

As the end of life approaches nature often brings her peculiar anæsthetic and the person passes off without suffering half the agony which the sickness causing the death brought to the patient. Even men meeting a violent death in the jaws of wild beasts have a few seconds of calm preparation before dying, which brings relief and a certain degree of pleasure. The great trouble in death is the sickness and pain which carries one to the door of death, and it is at such moments that one suffers all the torment and agony of a dozen

The pleasures of dying can only be likened to those of the dreamy morphine eater, who gradually passes off into a semi-conscious state when everything seems like floating visions of bliss. The body and nerves are numb, and the excited, over-

wrought brain becomes quiet and unexcited. The imagination plays tancifully with Peake St. John. blissful pictures, and the whole condition the same relief and pleasure when the struggles are over and the cold limbs grow

stiff and numb.

Persons frozen in blinding snow storms have reported their sensations accurately, and they all agree that after a certain amount of suffering which every one feels at first in extreme cold they enter into a blissful state from which they do not wish

Mrs. R. King, Miss Harty, (Fredericton), Miss McGarrigle, Miss Grace Graham, Miss Sadie Eastman, Mr. Charles Vanstone, A. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. R. King, Miss Turner, Miss Finkle, Miss McGarrigle, Miss Grace Graham, Miss Sadie Eastman, Mr. Andrew Eastman, Messers. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. R. King, Miss Harty, (Fredericton), Miss McGarrigle, Miss Grace Graham, Miss Sadie Eastman, Mr. Andrew Eastman, Miss Sadie Eastman, Mr. Andrew Eastman, Miss Vanstone, A. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. R. King, Miss Harty, (Fredericton), Miss McGarrigle, Miss Grace Graham, Miss Sadie Eastman, Mr. Andrew Eastman, Miss Vanstone, A. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. R. King, Miss Harty, (Fredericton), Miss McGarrigle, Miss Grace Graham, Miss Sadie Eastman, Mr. Charles Vanstone, A. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Eastman, Miss Sadie Eastman, Mr. Charles Vanstone, A. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Eastman, Miss Grace Graham, Miss Sadie Eastman, Mr. Andrew Eastman, Miss Grace Graham, Miss Sadie Eastman, Mr. Andrew Eastman, Miss Grace Graham, Miss Onald, Miss Turner, Miss Finkle, Miss McGarrigle, Miss Grace Graham, Miss Sadie Eastman, Mr. Andrew Eastman, Miss Sadie Eastman, Mr. Andrew Eastman, Miss Grace Graham, Miss Sadie Eastman, Mr. Charles Vanstone, A. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. R. King, Miss Turner, Miss Finkle, Miss McGarrigle, Miss Grace Graham, Miss Sadie Eastman, Mr. Andrew Eastman, Miss Sadie Eastman, Mr. Andrew Eastman, Miss Sadie Eastman, Mr. Andrew Eastman, Miss Sadie Eastma

to be roused. Morphine. cocaine, ether and laudanum bring to the patient this same mental and nervous condition, and patients resent any attempt to rouse them from their dreamy state. Nature supplies her own anæsthetic before the important moment has arrived.

Before the death rattle is heard the convulsed frame relaxes, the sign of pain and | church last Thursday night was a grand success in suffering on the frame disappears, and often | every way, the sum realized exceeding the commit a smile partly opens the lips. The whole body shows signs of a painless moment, and if the mind wanders and the tongue

descriptions of its agony. The pleasures of dying may remove a great burden from and Mr. E. R. Stuart, a sonata in "D" Beethoven, the minds of hundreds who are inevitably approaching death. The old fashioned notion that death would be terrible had a baleful influence upon those who were fighting insidious diseases, and many aggravated their complaints by feverishly dreading the pain of the last struggle. In this way a great deal of harm was done and many

sufferers hastened their own end. It is a fact that the pain of death is frequently far less than the pain that accompanies many diseases that are not fatal. The pain of rheumatism, for instances, is probably more severe than the unusual pain of dying. So is the pain of neuralgia or the pain of the toothache.

Death often, indeed, comes as silently and painlessly as sleep. Those at the bedside cannot see exactly when the vital spark of life gives out with any more certainty than you can tell when a drowsy person than Anton Seidl. In those days Miss passes from semi-consciousness to actual Huntington had a small salary and a large sleep. If we were not all familiar with the phenomenon of sleep how we should fear that sweet oblivion; how we should stand affrighted on the brink before yielding our brain and body to the absolute unconsciousness of healthy sleep — Dr. W. B. Atkinson.

McAlpine's Gazetteer and Guide.

That enterprising firm, D. McAlpine's Sons, has issued a Gazetteer and Guide for the Maritime Provinces, in the form of a book of nearly 700 printed pages. It has been printed in handsome shape by Geo. W. Day, and is sold in substantial cloth binding at \$1 a copy. The work contains, eral musical people in the capital of which country they carried letters of introduction. as might be expected, a vast amount of use-ful information about cities, towns, villages, routes, distances, fares, etc., in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince possibly a lineal decendant of Hamlet'l Edward Island. The express and telefamiliar, who was organist of the principa graphic connection of various places is Lutheran church at the capital. for the following Sunday. Agnes Hunt- welcomed by many who have long felt the ington picked up a piece of sacred music need of such a handy work of reference. her into further efforts. ensure accuracy in what are really the Thus tempted Miss Huntington rendered important features of the book, there a number of selections from the oratories are here and there historical and

ST. STEPHEN AND CALAIS.

[PROGRESS is for sale in St. Stephen by Master Ralph Trai or and at the book stores of G. S. Wall and, in Calais at O. F. Treat's. ]

MARCH 2.-The Cobweb party referred to last week, and which took place on Thursday evening, was a successful affair and the sum of thirty dollars was realized in aid of the mission band of the methodist. This pleasant entertainment was under the management of Miss Connie Chipman and Miss Edith Dienstadt, who were ably assisted by Miss Morrison of St. Andrews, and a delicious five o'clock tea was served by several ladies of the church. I must not forget to mention that the presents awarded the patient unwinders were indeed worth seeking, being both useful and pretty.

Miss Belle Stewart, of Hampton, is the guest of

Miss Annie Newnham.

Hon. James Mitchell left for Bathurst on Monday.

Mrs. Mitchell and Miss Florence Mitchell are in Fredericton where they will remain during the ses-Mr. D. W. McCormack of St. John, was in town

last week.

Miss Billings of St. Andrews, is visiting Mrs. J. A. Boyd.

Mr. E. B. Kierstead has been visiting friends at Springfield, Kings county.

Mr. G. Durell Grimmer has returned to St. An-

Mrs. W. Allen of St. George, is visiting her sister Mrs. W. H. Whitlock. The Rifle Club promenade concert and ball in the Roller Skating Rink at Calais Milltown on Friday evening was a brilliant affair; the music, under the evening was a brilliant alian; the music, under the charge of Prof. Herrick, being excellent, as usual, Mr. Harry McAllister prompting in his unique and inimitable style. The hall was beautifully decorated, and the perfect management of this delightful ball reflects much credit upon the gentlemen in charge. A large number of ladies and gentlemen from St. Stephen and Calais were among the guests.
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Miss Cora Maxwell is in Boston, and Miss Milhe
Maxwell is visiting friends in Dexter. Maine.

Mr. E. G. Vroom returned from Halifax on Mon-

Water street yesterday afternoon was a scene of dying were giving in such exaggerated Mr. J. A. Boyd's horse and carriage colliding with another team and throwing Miss Billings and Miss Jessie Richardson to the ground, but, fortunately, the young ladies sustained no serious injuries. The horse got clear and dashed up the side walk at a furious pace, creating quite a havoc among some of our pedestrians, but was finally caught. Mr. Wallace Broad has returned from his west-

> Mrs. Howard Grimmer is visiting her sister, Mrs. Rev. J. Anderson was in St. George last week. Miss Marie McGregor is visiting her aunt, Mrs.

> W. Purvis, St. John.
> The match on Monday afternoon and evening, between the Fredericton and St. Stephen clubs, resulted in a victory of two points by the Celestials. The game was witnessed by a large number of ladies and gentlemen, who were greatly interested in the excellent playing on both sides. The home club treated their visitors to an oyster stew, at the Windsor, at the conclusion of the match. Mr. Alfred H. Street of Fredericton, is the guest of Mr. J. D. Chipman.
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> Hon Allan Ritchie of Chatham, and Hon. A. F.

Randolph of Fredericton, are among the guests at Mr. and Mrs. G. Clayton Leonard and two children, also Mr. Clifford Vaustone left on Tuesday for Nanimo, British Columbia, where they will make their future home.

Mr. A. Shorey of Montreal, is in town. Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Russell of Chicago, Miss Russell and Master William Shaw of St. George, were in town this week.

Among the strangers in St. Stephen are Mr. Edmund H. Allen, Mr. Hedley Vicars Bridges, Mr. A. Smithson Murray, Major Thomas Loggie, Fredericton, Mr. Gerard G. Ruel and Mr. Frank J. Mc-Beaks St. Lehr

Miss Nettie Eastman gave a very pleasant party Among the guests were Mrs. A. McCluskey, Mrs. Fred Eastman, Mrs. Frank Wheelock, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. E. Graham, Mr. and

TRURO, N. S.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Truro at Mr. G. O. Fulton's.] MARCH 2-Mr. F. W. Dimock, formerly of the Merchants' Bank staff here, was in town last Sunday

The entertainment in the crypt of St. John's

tee's wildest expectations. The hit of the evening was the drama by Mrs. R. F. Brine and Mr. E. R. Hood, entitled the "Silent System," a translation utters words, they are all of pleasure and from the "French." Mrs. Brine's interpretation of joy.

The real knowledge of euthanasia certainly diminishes, it it does not entirely relieve, the dread of many of the last struggle, which has been made so horrible by vivid descriptions of its agony. The pleasures and Fan-Fare, militaire, were beautifully rendered and listened to with the interest which this club al-ways gain. The charades all went off beautifully, Master Lewis Bradshaw was especially good in his part. Mrs. J. A. Kaulbach and her indefatigable aides have every reason for congratulation in carry-

andes have every reason for congratulation in carrying to a successful issue so charming an entertainment, and in clearing the handsome sum of forty-one dollars.

On the tapis, but not to be mentioned, for is not Lent upon us, that the Misses Fannie Yuill and W. Maggie Ross are contemplating the dissipations of "five o'clocks."

Mrs. A. I. Slipp entertained a number of Master Walter's friends last night at an evening party.

Mrs. W. Leman is here from Windsor the guest of her daughters, Mrs. S. E. Gomley.

Miss Mary Crowe is still in Halifax visiting friends. friends.

Mrs. Clement Dickie has returned to her home in

Mrs. Clement Dickie has returned to her home in Canard, Kings county.

Mrs. Geo. A. Layton, of the "Willows," returned home on Saturday last from Kentville, where she has been because of the death of two of her aunts, the Misses Hamilton, two very esteemed members of the community in Kentville.

The rumor rife not long since in social circles, that a certain musical gentleman here was preparing a full and complete list of the marriageable.

ing a full and complete list of the marriageable ladies of Truro, is entirely without foundation, as Rev. Mr. Gale, the new curate for St. James', ar-

rived last week from England, and has already en-tered upon his duties clerical. We wish him every success in his new field of labor. Rev. Mr. Gale is at present domiciled at Mrs. McDowell's, Church Messrs. Geo. N. Stuart and T. S. Patillo returned last week from a hunting trip in the western part of the province. The gentlemen, I believe, enjoyed themselves, but found game scarce, some wild duck being the only game bagged.

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The firemen's annual dance was to have come off last night, but the "powers that be" willed otherwise, dancing had but well cemmenced, went the "loud alarum"—whistles, sounded an alarm from ward two, the revels were broken up. And the many revellers of the ball room, in an instant and at duty's call, transformed into "men of thought, and men of action" repaired at once to the scene of the fire.

Mr. T. S. Patillo leaves this week for his usual trip to Boston, New York, and Philadelphia, returning via Niagara, and Upper Canadian cities. Feg. Envelopes — Commercial white — Amber— Folders, tasty and neat by "Progress Print"

PARRSBORO.

[Progress is for sale at Parrsboro Bookstore. ]
March 2—The week before Lent has been quite lively. The "Social club" were the guests of the "Quadrille club" on Friday evening. All were able to dance at the same time as the piano was [PROGRESS is for sale at Parrsboro Bookstore. ] open at twelve o'clock displaying the prettily laid and tempting supper tables. A few more dances ended the programme and a delightful evening.

in which she had taken part in America. While engaged in singing portions of the "Messiah" a lady entered the chapel, and after performing her devotions sat in a distant corner of the nave listening to the impromptu music.

When the rehearsal was ended and the performers decended from the organ lofts

The second dime reading of the Women's Missionary society was held in St. George's school room on the evening of the 29th. The attendance was good and the programme very highly appreciated. John, for instance, are a little astray, but taken all in all, the value of the book in other respects will incline people to overlook such mistakes. The book is good value for performers decended from the organ lofts of the choicest Flowers and best on the evening of the 29th. The attendance was journal designs of all kinds of the choicest Flowers and best on the evening of the band and the programme and a delightful evening.

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full of natural melody, and he knows how to read; His selection from "Handy Andy" was greatly enjoyed. Perhaps the most amusing feature of the evening was "The Robber Kittens" by a number of little girls under the leadership of Miss Mattie Woodworth. And this reminds me that Mr. Harry Woodworth's recitation, "The Lightning Rod Man," was remarkably well done and elicited well merited hearty applause. Mrs. H. Price's recitation "Money Musk," was also very good indeed.

The members of Minas Lodge A. F. & A. Minvited their lady friends to a tea in the lodge room on Shrove Tuesday evening. Songs were sung and some violin selections were given by Dr. MacKenzie

some violin selections were given by Dr. MacKenzie accompanied by Mrs. Gibbons. An excursion under the auspices of P. B. B. went to Springhill in a special train to attend the carnival

on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Coram, of Lowell, Mass., was in town a day or two last week visiting his father and mother and Mrs. Young, his sister. He had with him his little Mr. J. Medley Townshend, of Amherst, spent Sunday in Parrsboro the guest of Dr. and Mrs.

Mr. Clarence Holmes is home from Kentville pending a few days.

Mr. E. Woodworth went to Sackville for a day or Mr. Neweil Corbett, who has been away for a week or two, returned on Monday.

Mrs. Grace Dean McLeod Rogers, who has been visiting Dr. and Mrs. Eaton, returned to Amherst on Monday.

Mrs. Townshend is spending a few days in CHOCOLATE.

PUGWASH.

PROGRESS is for sale in Pugwash at Mrs. John MARCH 1 .- The ladies of St. George's church ntend having a tea social at the rectory the 10th

Rev. Mr. Millar, of Halifax, occupied the pulpit in St. Matthew's church on Sunday last, while the pastor, Rev. Mr. McKenzie, dispensed the sacrament at Stewiacke.

Mrs. S. P. Borden, and Master Perry left for Truro this morning to spend a few days, and from there will go to Antigonish to visit her mother, Mrs. Miss Maud Bent, who has been spending some weeks in Halifax and Truro, is expected home this

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bent spent a few days in Amherst last week.

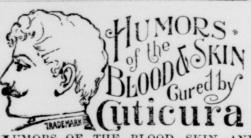
The ladies of the town have arranged for a sleigh ing party on Friday afternoon. A sumptuous re past is to be served in the evening on their return. Rev. Alton Bent is able to be out again after his evere attack of la grippe.

It is whispered about town that one of our lead

ing citizens who takes so many trips lately, has a fair object in view, but just where the fair one re-Mr. Hill, inspector of customs, Halifax, and Mr. Laurie, supt. of O. N. G. railway, were in town yesterday the guests of Warden Wilson. CLIMAX.

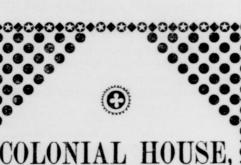
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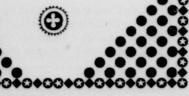
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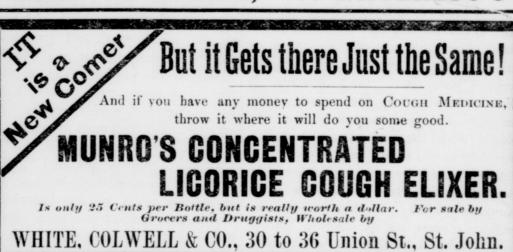
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