

IN MUSICAL CIRCLES.

I must congratulate Mr. Custance on the success of his recital at the Mission church on the 4th. A large audience were present, who seemed thoroughly interested throughout and expressed their appreciation by contributing heartily to the collection. First, as to the organ solos, I do not hesitate to say that I have often heard Mr. Custance play better: but when I learned the state of the organ I can only wonder that he was able to use it all. I find that both reed stops were practically useless, three notes were cyphering, the stops were not in proper working order, and the whole organ was out of tune! The vocal solos were good, though some of the soloists were a little nervous. Mr. Guillod sang Gounod's favorite "There is a Gre Gil;" Miss Swann gave "He shall feed His Flock; "Mr. Davies sang "O Lord correct me;"and Master F. Hornsby sang "Rock of Ages," specially composed for him by Mr. Custance; Miss Swann and Mr. Davies also sang a duett, "Like as the Hart," from the same pen. The choir was not quite happy in the final strain of Mozart's "Ave Verum," where the sopranos missed one beat, and the tune was not quite perfect in Spohr's "As Pants the Hart," but the other choruses were very good indeed, and the organist have been delighted by the way in which they rendered his "Nunc Dimittis," the theme of which, by the way, is the air of Trinity church clock charges. I hope that both at the Mission and the other churches we shall be able frequently to enjoy similar recitals. I heard "As Pants the Hart" sung on Sunday night at the evening service at the Mission church, and must say that it was very well rendered indeed, being an improvement on its

The St. John Conservatory of Music held a recital on Saturday last, but I cannot say that I was particularly struck with the performance. The Lady Principal explained that it was not a concert but merely a recital of the pupils' ordinary work by the pupils themselves. This is a good system, as it tends to overcome nervousness and shyness in young performers. But if the public are invited to attend a "recital," those who are responsible for it should take care that music really worth listening to, however simple, is placed before the audience. One instrumental piece in particular was enough to drive anyone with any musical ear nearly mad; though Miss Taylor, in her violin solo, showed evidences of good teaching, and should in time become a good violinist.

As to the recitations, which took up the greater part of the programme, I will say little. Personally, I do not admire the "intensity" of declamation so cherished by American reciters, but that may be morely had teste on may part. merely bad taste on my part. I would only say that I thought the opening "talk" rather out of place before a mixed audience; and do not wonder that it caused amusement among those who heard it; though the young lady who "talked" expressed her indignation at anyone presuming to laugh. My good wishes and sympathies are entirely with any institution which may be trying to improve the musical education and raise the musical standard in this or any other city, and I only protest against a custom of getting an audience together without providing entertainment worth hearing. This is a bad system to pursue, inasmuch as it only prejudices the minds of the public against those who pursue it, and does the latter

previous performance at the recital.

lic against those who pursue it, and does the latter infinitely more harm than good.

Some misapprehension seems to have arisen in the minds of the public as to Prof. White's position in the Philharmonic club. He remains what he has been heretofore, namely, "leader of the orchestra." Everyone knows what an important position that is, and that no orchestra can succeed without a good and reliable leader. Mr. Custance has been appointed conductor, because it is utterly impossible for any man, however good a musician, to conduct and what at the same time, especially in an amateur for any man, however good a musician, to conduct and play at the same time, especially in an amateur orchestra; but that fact in no way detracts from the importance of Prof. White's services, but rather enhances them, as he is able now to give his undivided attention to his instrument without the worry and bother of constantly looking out for and correcting mistakes. The Philharmonic club will meet for rehearsal today, Saturday, at Mr. W. Ewing's house, at 8.15 p. m.

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The Musical club will hold its mon'hly meeting on Tuesday next, at Mrs. Carter's residence on Elliott row. The evening is to be devoted to the works of Rubinstein and Gounod. The singing sextette will, I hope, be present, though some of the members are, I believe, suffering from la grippe.

UBIQUE.

OLD HYMNS AND NEW.

Something that Lovers of Hymnology will

Under the title of Hymns and Carols, Old and New, an admirable annotated hymal, for the Sunday school and home, has been prepared by Rev. L. G. Stevens, rector of St. Luke's, and is issued in very neat form from the press of J. & A. Mc-Millan. The book has 364 pages, all of three or four flute-like notes. It is most which bear evidence of the editor's painstaking efforts to make the work complete. An order of service for Sunday schools is given in the first part of the work, and then follows a selection of 192 well-known hymns, including some of the finest in the language, selected from Anglican hymnals. The selection has wisely been made on eclectic principles without regard to the thoelogical views of the authors, and caters neither to high or broad church schools of thought. So, too, the hymns are given as written by the authors. In "Abide with Me," for instance, the words "Hold Thou | throughout, no expense having been spared Thy cross before my dying eyes" is not omitted because of a supposed ritualistic tendency, nor are the words "Looking unto Jesus who has gone before" substituted for "Wish the cross of Jesus going on before" in Reging-Gould's hymn at "Onbefore," in Baring-Gould's hymn of "Onward Christian Soldiers." An excellent feature of the book is that the name of the author and composer are given with each hymn, taking the tunes usually sung to the words, with alternative tunes in certain instances. Another feature, which every nervous and rheumatic troubles, even after lover of hymnology will appreciate, is the all other means have failed. A catalogue addition of notes on the leading hymns of valuable information on electricity is and their authors, in which will be found given to all persons asking for same. much that will be new to the general reader. Many, for instance, will learn for the first time that the well Is a subject of much general interest. How known hymn, "We love the place. O it is associated with flower culture is told Lord," was first written by Rev. Wm. in the attractive advertisement of Peter Dean of Nova Scotia, and then added to by Sir Henry W. Baker. A deserved meed of praise is given to the late Mr. Thomas Morley. A very fair and appre-Thomas Morley. A very tair and appreciative note on Cardinal Newman is given in connection with "Lead, Kindly Light."

The collection of hymns will commend itself to all classes, for it is superior to such as are usually pre-pared for children only. In the

be assumed that it was a labor of love with him. The public should show their appreciation of efforts to furnish a hymnal worthy of acceptance.

FORESIGHT AIDS EYESIGHT. How a Veteran Engineer Outwitted the

Company's Doctor.

It is question where strategy ends and cheating begins in worldly affairs, but that need not hinder the enjoyment of the following amusing story:

An engineer on a leading English railway was growing old and frequent reports were made to the directors that his eyesight was not as good as it should be.

This the old man denied, but, neverthehis eyes were getting a trifle dim. However, he stoutly maintained that his eyes were not only strong, but phenomenally strong, and that these criticisms were made by jealous fellow engineers.

The test for eyesight on that line was made by a doctor who lived in a house facing a large common. When he wished to test the man's eyes, he used to say: "Look over there and see what you can

This fact had got known to the employes of the railway, and when the old engineer was going to be examined he arranged with his son that he should take his bicycle about half a mile across the common, and stoop down and oil it.

In due time the engineer was led to the window, and the doctor said, as usual: "What can you see?"

The old man peered out and said: "Well, I see a young man stooping down beside a bicycle."

"Do you?" replied the doctor. "I cannot see anything at all." "Gammon!" said the engineer. "Can't

you see it? Why, he's oiling it." On this the doctor took up a pair of field glasses on the table, and looking out, saw quite plainly a young man stooping down oiling his bicycle. "Magnificent sight!" he said; "magni-

And to this day the engineer is taking

Something About the Elk.

The elk used to be found over almost the entire United States, but it now exists, in any numbers only in the great mountain chains of the Rockies and the coast ranges in Oregon and Washington. It is without exception the lordliest of the deer kind, and in size is second only to the moose. Nothing can surpass the grand beauty of an old bull elk bearing his twelve-tined antlers aloft with easy grace as he roars out his challenge to all his rivals. In some parts of the West afar from the settlements the elk is still plentiful. He offers to the hunter not only the grandest of trophies in the shape of his magnificent head and horn, but also an abundant supply of the best possible meat. There is no venison upon which one can live so long without tiring as elk meat, the only drawback being that it must be eaten hot, as the fat turns into regular tallow as soon as it cools. During the summer, while their horns are in the velvet, no true sportsman will shoot the elk. nor will he shoot cows and calves at any time save when absolutely in need of meat; but in Semptember the velvet drops off his horns, and then each of the master bulls begins to collect a harem of cows, from five or six to twenty or thirty in number. He keeps all the small bulls afar from this herd and wages furious war against every rival of the same size and antler growth as himselt. At this season the bull has a very extraordinary and peculiar note. The frontiersmen call it whistling but it is not like a whistle at all it is more like a bugle, consisting of a bar or two on a falling scale tollowed sometimes by exciting to creep up to a bull when he is whistling in this way.

A Successful Enterprise. A little over a year ago, when the Canadian office and factory of the Owen Electric Belt Company was opened at 71 King street west, Toronto, it was thought the accommodation was all that would be required for some years. but so great has been the demand for their goods, and so popular have they become as a healing power, that they have been compelled to secure larger and more commodious premises, which they have done at 49 King street west, near Bay street. Their new quarters are elegantly fitted and furnished to make them the finest of their kind in the Dominion. The business office, reception and consulting rooms, factory, etc., are all on the ground floor and easy of access, and his assistants, are always ready and willing to answer enquires and demonstrate to the most skeptical that the Owen Electric Belt does give a continuous current of electricity that may be regulated both in quantity and intensity and successfully applied to any part of the body for all

Chinese Matrimony

For La Grippe.

They say that there is nothing better than plenty of Bees Honey and Lemons with Leibig's Extract of Beef to keep up work of compilation, arranging references, etc., it is very evident that Mr. Stevens serves, Fruit, Biscuits, etc., for sale by J. has had no light task, but it may readily S. Armstrong & Bro. 32 Charlotte St.

) ARMOUTH. [PROGRESS is for sale in Yarmouth at the store of E. I. Vickery and Harris & Horsfall.]

FEB. 9 .- One of the most interesting and amusing entertainments took place in the Holy Trinity Sunday school rooms last evening. The entertainment was entitled "Old fashioned songs by old fashioned girls," and was originated and carried out by fifteen young ladies of the parish. Their costumes were of the fashion and material of fifty years ago; the dresses being made with short waists, low neck and and styles. short sleeves; and the hair dressed very high with large black combs and ribbon. Miss Bingay looked very quaint in a pale pink silk, with sash tied around a very short waist, almost after the Kate Greenaway style, white silk mits, and light hair dressed very "unmodern." Miss Gray wore white silk and Miss Eakins white muslin after the same

of blue ribbon about her hair, giving it the appearance of the ancient Greek style. Miss Brown's dress was of lavender and green silk striped. Miss Gertrude Tooker was pianist. Miss Dora Tooker's song, "Come where my love lies" was very prettily rendered, as was also a solo by Miss Brown entitled "Witl.in a Mile of Edinboro Town. Miss Eva Pelton's song, "Annie Laurie," created much applause, as did also the choruses by the entertainers. Miss Pelton's

fashion. Miss Murray looked very pretty in a

light dress trimmed with pale blue, and wore bands.

dress was white with light green silk bodice and sash. Perhaps the song which created the most amusement and applause was the "Three Maids of less, there is every reason to believe that Lee." The first part where the maids are young and attractive being taken by Miss Dora Tooker, Miss Marion Murray and Miss Bella Bingay, and the latter part sung by Miss Roberta Brown, Miss Porter and Miss Moody, who wore the old black poke of a half century ago. The audience was large and appreciative.

Mr. Kempton, who spent a few days with his son, Mr. W. F. Kempton, left for his home on Thursday. The Waltzing club meets at the home of Miss S. Brown on Thursday. The progressive euchre party at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. Gray, on Thursday evening, was a great success, a large number of their friends being present. As there was no dancing the ladies were not in full evening costume, the dresses being mostly dark silks, with one or two exceptions.

mostly dark silks, with one or two exceptions. Among those who enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Gray were: Mr. and Mrs. Jos. R. Kinney, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dane, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Stoneman, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Kempton, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Killam, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Millen, Mr. and Mrs. Dean F. Currie, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Lovitt, Mr. and Mrs. F. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cann, Mr. and Mrs. F. Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cann, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stoneman, Misses Rose Brown, Sabra Killam, Mary Crosley, Belle Webster; Mr. Jas. Crosby, F. Hibbert, E. Lovitt, Irving Hall, H. Lovitt, H. Robertson, W. Dodds and S. Moses. The prizes were very pretty and tasteful, the successful players being Misses Allen and Brown among the ladies, and Messrs. Crosby and Bennett among the gentlemen. Those who won and Bennett among the gentlemen. Those who won

Mr John Lovitt is in St. John on business con nected with his ship the Navarch.

The friends and acquaintances of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Harris will be sorry to learn that they intend removing to Halifax next month. Mr. Harris intends becoming a partner with a prominent Halifax lawyer. There is to be a musicale at the home of Miss Julia Moody one evening this week which will, no doubt, be greatly enjoyed by those who are fortunate enough to obtain an invitation, as this young lady's talent is well known in musical circles. Mrs. T. R. Flint is among the performers.

About 40 young people of Milton enjoyed a drive

to Tusket last week, the members of the Milton Dean F. Currie, American consul, is absent on a isit to his former home in New York.

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Invitations are out for a progressive whist party at Mr and Mrs. E. R. Parker's this evening. Mrs. Parker is enjoying a visit from her sister, Mrs. W. K. Mollison, of St. John. Capt. Arthur McGray has gone to New York. The friends of Miss Sara J. Patten, former teacher

ested to know that sue has opened a class in Liver-Capt. V. L. Verner, of Philadelphia, spent a short time in Yarmouth last week en route to Halifax.

Mr. J. H. Goudey is absent from town on busi-

of elocution in St. Martin's seminary, will be inter-

Mr. Wm. Ross and family are visiting friends in Capt. Geo. B. Cann is visiting his parents for a few days.

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There was a large gathering of the masonic brethren and their friends last evening. Among the entertainments of the evening was music by the orchestra of the M. methodist choir. Miss Fanny Potter exquisitively rendered a song entitled "My fiddle and I." She was accompanied by her sister on the violin. Miss Potter's singing was acknowledged to be the attractive feature of the evening. Refreshments were served by the masons.

Mr. H. Blackadar and wife of Halifax, returned from Boston last Saturday. from Boston last Saturday.

NEW GLASGOW.

[Progress is for sale in New Glasgow by W. H. Torry, A. O. Pritchard and H. H. Henderson.] FEB. 10.-Nova Scotia has the reputation of milder winters and less snow than New Brunswick, but judging by the experience of the last week, the former province is proving the truth of the old saying "that a prophet has no honor in his own country." I doubt if the oldest inhabitant of New Brunswick over saw more snow than the townspeople of New Glasgow have been treated to the last few days! In fact everything has been "snowed up," trains have been delayed from all parts, and the streets are full of sleighs and teams of every description. Of an afternoon Provost street presents quite an animated appearance. The Carmichael turn-out, a fine double sleigh, filled with a merry party and a striking pair of black horses, can be seen every fine day, followed closely by many single teams of more or less pretension. It is to be regretted that the finest horse in town can (like the owls) only be seen in the night, its proud owner's duties taking all his time during the day. I noticed among those on the drive Mr. and Mrs. H. Berton Allison, of "Brookside," Sackville, N. B., who have lately come to our town to reside. Dr. and Mrs. Johnson, Stellarton mines, are also among those who seem to enjoy life.

The society of New Glasgow the last week seems o have settled down to 5 o'clock teas. There are teas here, there and everywhere, but as some of our nicest society ladies have given them, they have been, as I heard one of our belles remark, "perfectly

There are rumors however of several large parties to come off in the near future, as well as one wedding, which seems to foreshadow that some of our too self indulgent, and contented eligibles, are realizing that it is not good for man to be alone. One of our most entertaining matrons, was "at home" last week to her friends, Cards, music, and dancing was much enjoyed, and it was voted that Halifax well sustained her reputation for its charming young ladies, in the person of the those pleasing guests of the hostess, for whom the entertainment

was given.

St. James Church had quite an enjoyable affair, in the shape of one of those agreeable socials, that are from time to time provided by the members of the congregation. It seems a pity that the people cannot suit themselves to a pastor, a quandry that several congregations of the same faith find themselves in, in New Glasgow. People now a days expect too much of a pastor. To suit, he must have a little of everything.

The much esteemed rector of New Glasgow, the Rev. Crawford Frost, is suffering from sore throat, and was unable to hold service last Sunday.

Some of our bachelors, among the younger set,

Some of our bachelors, among the younger set, gave a little dance lately that was said to be an unusually jolly and informal affair. Who was the belle? This vexed question is yet being discussed.

There is to be a grand carnival this week at the rink, a good time is promised, and unusual preparations are masing to have it a success. The ice is in perfect condition, and a large attendance is

assured.

A good many strangers are in town this week, as well as last. Among them are: Mr. Winslow, of Woodstock, Mr. Foster, warden of the penitentiary, Dorchester, Mr. James Ayer, Sackville, N. B., Dr. Hyde of Truro, for his professional duties, Rev. Mr. McGillvany, Prot. Sterne, of Amherst, also

DIGBY. N. S.

[Progress is for sale in Digby at the bookstore of Mrs. Belle Morse.] FEB. 10.-Mr. T. B. Flint, M. P., was in town on

Saturday. Mr. E. C. Bowers and Mr. Herbert L. Jones are in town looking after their constituents. Mr. E. S. McCormick, of Bridgetown, was town one day last week.

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Mary Smith, and Miss Olivia Wright attended the carnival in Annapolis on Friday night.

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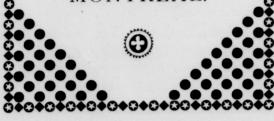
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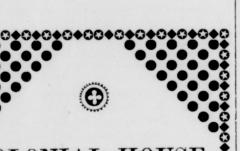
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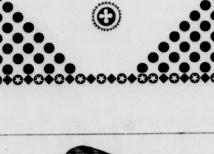
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