

IN MUSICAL CIRCLES.

On reading the announcement in Tuesday's paper that the promoters of the Nordica concert were obliged to give up all idea of holding it, owing to the fact that only 400 seats had been booked, I felt inclined to ask with Bret Harte, "Is our civilization a failure?" It really seems incredible that, in a city of the size and importance of St. John, there should be so few real lovers of music willing to pay one dollar for a good professional concert, a luxury which we seldom enjoy. The various excellencies of Mdme Nordica and her company to enlarge on them here. I would merely say that wherever she has sung, on either side of the Atlantic, she has always been received with the utmost enthusiasm and pleasure. I think, perhaps the promoters might have done more to make the idea of the concert more generally known, by personally canvassing our musical people. But be that as it may, it is too late now to mend the matter, and St. John people must bear the blame of not possessing sufficient energy or public spirit to grasp such a real treat when put into their hands. The services at most of the churches last Sunday had special reference to the death of the late Duke of Clarence. At St. John's church in the evening special music was rendered, and the "Dead March" played by Mr. J. S. Ford in a masterly style. At the Mission church Stainer's funeral anthem "What are These" was beautifully rendered; and the "Dead March" played after the 2nd lesson, was most impressive. At Trinity church a special funeral service was held on Wednesday and was well attended; but the singing was decidedly poor

and evidently lacked rehearsal.

The Mu-ical club postponed its meeting till Tuesday next when it will be held at Miss Homer's residence on Duke street. Some of the performers are suffering from la grippe, but I trust they will have

suffering from la grippe, but I trust they will have recovered by next week.

The Oratorio society have recommenced their rehearsals, taking Romberg's "Lay of the Bell" as their subject for study. I have not yet heard when they propose holding their next concert.

The Philharmonic club resume their regular practices this evening under the conductorship of Mr. Custance. Prof. White will continue to give assistance as leading violin. Several good works have been prepared for rehearsal, with a view to an orchestral concert in the spring.

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I hear that the minstrels, whose performances last week were so successful, have formed them-Mr. Hegan. They intend to give performances from time to time, and with the funds thus procured to supply a suitable club room, where members may meet for musical and social purposes. This is the kind of thing greatly needed in St. John, and with careful management and good musical supervision should prove highly successful.

By the way, it is to be hoped that the organist and choir of St. John's church will give us all an opportunity of hearing some appropriate music at Passion tide. We all remember the great pleasure given us by the performance of Stainer's Cruci-fixion last year, and are looking forward to another reat of the same kind this year.

TALK OF THE THEATRE.

There is often considerable speculation in an audience as to whether the tears and kisses of the stage are real, and columns have been written about them. The following story now going the rounds of the press settles the "real tears" matter, so far as Adelaide Neilson is concerned:

"There never was an actress who could command her lachrymal glands as Adelaide Neilson could," says Jack Barnes, of Joe Jefferson's company. "I was her leading man at one time," continued Jack, "and I learned her peculiar faculty in this way to my cost. At that time I rather fancied myself, don't you know, in such parts as Romeo and the like, and I went to considerable expense in the matter of dressing. For Romeo I had some lovely dresses, all silk, satin and lace of the most delicate 'evening shades,' as the ladies say. A delicate pale-blue jacket was my tavorite in one of the scenes between Romeo and and Juliet, and I was awfully sorry I had

it before the season was over. After a few preformances I noticed that the beautiful pale blue silk on the front of my costume was stained in some way There were long streaks in it which I could not account for. That night Nelson and I were in one of the pathetic love scenes of "Romeo and Juliet." Her head rested on my breast. She looked up, turned her face to the audience a moment, which at

once burst into most tumultuous applause. When she turned her face towards mine again I saw the tears streaming down her cheeks. I glanced at my costume and saw the cause of the stains. Here were several tresh wet streaks on the handsome pale blue silk made by Juliet's tears. I tried to hold her head away from me, but costumes had to be sacrificed to art, and when the season was over my costume was striped instead of a plain blue silk, the change having been caused by Juliet's too realistic

Although a circus can hardly be classed as a "theatrical attraction," everybody is interested in the ring and menagerie. A "deal" has recently been made in the United States by which Barnum's partner, Bailey, controls more circus property than the "great showman" ever did. The New York Press in giving the circus routes for the season tells the story in this

There was a ten years' contract between Barnum & Bailey and Adam Forepaugh for the division of territory over which their respective shows were to be routed. Then Mr. Bailey bought an interest in the Adam Forepaugh show. Mr. Barnum died, leaving in his will specific instructions that his investment in circus property was not to be disturbed owing to the contract which had been entered into with Mr. Forepaugh. Mr Bailey bought a half interest in the Forepaugh show, and without creating any trust whatever Mr. Bailey has now the absolute ement of circus business in the United States. He controls the Barnum & Bailey show and also the contract with Adam Forepaugh. He has now purchased the other half interest held by the widow and has brought it all into the family. As one of the old employes put it, "Mr. McCadden came down town in the morning as treasurer and general manager, and went home at night the owner of half the Forepaugh show." The result is that Bailey controls shows. They will start out as usual, the lecturer expect to hear one of the best this justly Celebrated Corset. Barnum show opening in New York and lectures of the course.

the Forepaugh show in Philadelphia. As the division of territory was agreed upon, the Forepaugh show will take the east and the Barnum will go west.

THE CAREER OF AN EDITOR.

Martin Butler's Journalistic Experiences told by Himself in Two Chapters.

In the last number of Butler's Journal, the editor gives an account of his first journalistic experiences, which were apare so well known, that it would be superfluous parently as interesting, is not so successful, as these of later years. He says:

> In rummaging over our papers we recently came across the Lakeside Mirror our first journalistic venture. It is dated May 6th, 1882, and published at the busy little hamlet of Grand Lake Stream, Maine. Its motto was "Never say die," but alas! for the vanity of human hopes, it died with the first issue. We had long felt the need of a local paper, to chronicle the important den change in the weather the skates had to be laid events transpiring weekly and I, as the only representative of the press at that place naturally took a deep interest in it, ated with lanterns hung on the dark spruces. At and was selected as editor. A meeting the house a very pleasant evening was spent in was called in the school house in favor of playing games, especially in the jolly game of blind the scheme at which considerable enthusiasm was manifested, and we separated with the agreement that if I would go ahead, five or six of the prominent, men of the village or six of the prominent, men of the village or six of the prominent men of the village or six of the prominent men of the village or six of the prominent men of the village or six of the prominent men of the village or six of the prominent men of the village or six of the prominent men of the village would back me up, and Mr. Shaw, the owner of the tannery promised to buy the outfit of the Katahdin Calendar, of Sherman Me., which was then in the market. The roads were bad, and the press and outfit did not arrive, (Indeed I am not quite sure whether Mr. Shaw was sincere in his promise, but will give him the benefit of the doubt) As the time was fast slipping by, I determined to start it, and on the arrival of the patent outside from New York, employed J. A. Sears, of Calais, to strike off the first issue of 500. In the meantime the company backed out of it and left me in for the expenses, and as Mr. Sears refused to print it any longer at the price, and the outfit never came, I was compelled to let it drop. I never received one cent for the advertisements, and not as much as five dollars for subscriptons, most of which I returned. Thus ended my first attempt at journalism.

In an article on the newspapers of Fredericton editor Butler concludes with a reference to the Journal, which shows to what heights one may climb from small and discouraging beginnings. The present condition of the Jonrnal is summed up as fol-

"Last but not least comes Butler's Journal, which has no need to hide its editorship or its light under a bushel, and at least says what it means, and means what it says, regardless of consequences. It is half through its second year and has doubled both its size and circulation, which shows that there enough who admire honest, independent, manly opinions to make it regardless of the little, narrow-minded critics who would weigh it in their own scales, to which it is in comparison as an electric light to a tallow candle.

A Messenger and Delivery Service. So St. John is to have a messenger ser-

vice! Many people will welcome it and if it is efficient and as useful as it may be, foster it by a generous patronage. The Deforest City Express and Messenger Service will begin work Monday, with an office in the present headquarters of the Dominion Express company, 96 Prince William street. A separate telephone, No. 586, is already provided for the use of patrons, and while the two offices will be distinct in every particular it can be readily seen how convenient it will be to have them located together. Mr. Arthur Deforest will have charge of the new service. He has already received much encouragement from the merchants to go ahead with the new idea. Uniformed messenger boys will be provided, light expresses for parcel delivering, and heavy trucks for work requiring them. Mr. Deforest's idea is to have the regular Indiantown deliveries each day at 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., that people may depend upon. The boys will charge of the new service. He people may depend upon. The boys will always be at the service of those who want them. By careful management and energetic methods such a service should meet with every success.

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The Testimony of Noble Lives.

Mr. John V. Ellis will deliver the fourth lecture in the Y. M. A. course in Trinity church schoolroom, next Thursday evenmore circus property than Barnum ever ing. His subject will be "The Testimony

PICTOU, N. S.

PROGRESS is for sale in Pictou by Jas. McLean. JAN. 20-Rev. D. A. Gordon was in town last

Miss Craig of Toronto, is visiting friends here. Col. Snow and Mr. James Hudson left for Cape Breton on Thursday.

Miss Annie Davies has been spending a few days with Miss Rachael Primrose.

Miss Ethel Davis of Charlottetown was in town Mr. Fergie of Westville, was the guest of Mr

Robert Simpson for the tennis ball last week. Mr. Jamieson, Miss Jemieson, Miss Carmichael, Miss Mitchell, Mr. Cowie, Mr. Grant, and Mr. Munro, from New Glasgow were present at the Tennis Ball, also Mr. Cooke of Moncton.

There was a private service at the residence of Mr. Allan Ferguson on Thursday. Three of his grandchildren being baptized by Rev. Mr. Atkinson. A few invited guests were present.

Miss Ida Muchell was visiting her cousin, Miss Minna McDonald, last week.

The lectures in connection with the W. C. T. U. by Mr. Nicholis were fairly attended.
Mr. McDonald left for England, via New York, Mr. Tait, of Quebec, is here for a short holiday.

Mrss Annie MacDonald has been unable to attend
her classes at the academy on account of severe

Mr. T. Hudson was in Truro on Tuesday.
Mr. Huntsmen has gone to spend the winter Mis. J. R. Davis has been very ill with the la grippe.
Miss Mary McDonald, sister of Chief Justice
McDonald, is visiting her friend, Miss Noonan.
DARBY.

WOLFVILLE.

JAN. 19 .- On Monday evening last Miss Ethel Johnson gave a very pleasant skating party to a a number of her friends, but owing to the very sud-

gins.

Miss Quirk, who has been spending some weeks with her triend, Miss Ethel Johnson, has returned to her home in Bridgetown.

The recital given in college hall on Friday eventure recital given in college hall on Friday eventure.

ing last by Miss Mamie Harding Fitch was a great success for in spite of the very disagreeable weather the attendance was large. Those who assisted Miss Fitch were Dr. and Mrs. Bowles, Mr. H. N. Shaw, Miss Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Margeson, (Hantsport), Prof. Young, Mr. Witter.

Mr. William Fitch, aiter spending some years in Manitoba is now paying his Wolfville friends a short visit.

Miss Prescott of Dartmouth, is visiting her friend Miss Annie Brown, Main street.

Miss Blanche Bishop, B. A., who has been spending the Christmas vacation with her parents has returned to Moulton college where she is teacher of modern languages.

The Misses Fitch are spending a few days in Hali-

Miss Amanda Caldwell has returned to Sackville Miss Amanda Caldwell has returned after spending the holidays with her parents.

T. H.

ANNAPOLIS.

Jan. 20.-There was a pleasant party at Mrs. Crowe's last Thursday, it being Miss Janie's birthday. Among the guests were the Misses Sindgrew, Clara Burton, Goa McKay, Bowles, Hardwick, Edwards, Maysie Harris, Carrie Hardwick and Dargie, Messrs. Shannon, Burroughs, Sindgrew, Robinon, Bishop, Dargie, Blackie and Hall.

Miss Neilie Robinson returned from Yarmouth Mr. James A. Dickie was in town for a few days last week.
Mr. George McDonald, of New Glasgow, spent

Mr. George McDonard, of Acts Glasgow, plant Sunday here.
Mr. T. Keginald Robertson of Kentville, arrived on Saturday to pay a short visit to Mrs. Ritchie, but was taken ill with la grippe next day.
Miss Jessie Stewart of Digby, is the guest of Mrs.

Miss Jessie Stewart of Digby, is the guest of Mrs. George Corbitt.

I understand that a lady, a native of Annapolis, who has been for some years residing in the United States, is expected shortly to pay a long visit to the wife of a prominent lawyer.

A number of gentlemen went to Yarmouth on Monday to attend a masonic celebration, among them Mr. Owen, Mr. Carder, Mr. Weldon, Mr. Mc-Vicar, Mr. Shannon and Dr. Robinson.

Mrs. F. C. Whitman entertained a few friends at progressive euchre on Thur-day. The ladies' first prize was won by Miss Grace Robinson, while Miss Gates carried off the booby. Mr. W. M. DeBlois took the first prize for gentlemen, and Mr. Hewat, the booby. At eleven o'clock supper was served, and afterwards dancing was indulged in until a late hour.

I hear that one of our young ladies figured as the belle at a large ball in Amherst a few weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen are getting settled in their new house, which is among the finest and most onvenient of those built this season. Miss Crozier spent a few days in Digby last week.



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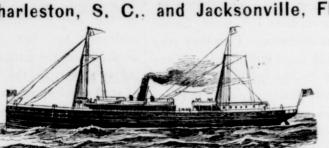
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