IN MUSICAL CIRCLES.

Very little is stirring in musical circles just now owing to the general prevalence of la grippe. The musical club, whose meeting was to have taken place on Tuesday, was obliged to postpone it "until the times do alter," as the old song has it; and several other musical bodies have been in the same predicament. I noticed that the ranks of some of the church choirs on Sunday were thinned from the same cause, several prominent members being absent. At the mission church on Sunday morning I heard solos taken respectively by Miss Swann and Master Hornsby; both were in good voice, and I don't think I ever heard Miss Swann sing better. There was no trace of nervousness, and every note was as clear and true as possible. At the Stone Church, in the evening, a very taking anthem by J. Rogers, is, "O God, look upon me," was sung. I was pleased to note that Mrs. Carter has recovered from her illness and was able to take her place in the choir once more.

An eye witness sends the following account of the St. John Amateur minstrel performance at Calais last week. "The audience, a large one, waited for nearly two hours after the advertised time for commencing; but their spirits were refreshed by intelligent speeches from "Plum Jones" who assured them the company was almost there. When they did finally arrive, late through no fault of their own, they were enthusiastically received, and gave a performance which the audience voted to be well worth waiting for. Perhaps the best part of the whole thing was the part-singing, which was most excellent. The jokes were funny, but perhaps rather too local. The Mikado went well, but the 'business' was a little too hurried. The accompaniments and entractes was well played by Harrison's orchestra and Mr. Custance at the pianoforte, who also conducted. If the minstrels visit Calais again they will probably do so when there are no snow banks on the Shore Line!"

The entertainment now being organized by the officers of the 62nd, promises to be full of novelty and amusement. The great attraction will be the drilling of several companies of fair ladies, officered by the gallant 62nd. This will be followed, I believe, by vocal and instrumental music, and I hear rumros that the whole will conclude with a farce or comedy, to be played by some of our best amateur ladies and gentlemen. The entertainment will take place some time after easter.

I am hoping to hear before long of some projected performance by the newly established minstrel club. Possessing as they do, so much talent, they should make the most of it and still further augment the prestige they have already gained. They have taken a very nice club room on Prince William street where members can meet for practice.

The Oratorio Society had an excellent rehearsal on Monday night, at which a good number of members were present. Owing the illness of Miss Goddard, Mr. Ford had to accompany as well as conduct, but he proved himself quite equal to the occasion, and several of the choruses from the "Elijah" were carefully rehearsed. After the rehearsal a letter was read thanking the members for the wreath of flowers sent in memory of the late Miss Maud Brock, who was such an earnest and painstaking member of the society. UBIQUE.

TALK OF THE THEATRE.

Farce comedy with ridiculous situations and specialtues has been drawing good houses, but the Institute this week. *A New England Home* does not claim to have a plot, but it has a number of features from *The County Fair*. It is supposed to be a picture of New England life, and now and again one gets a glimpse of what the down east Yankee is usually supposed to be like in his own home and the homes of other people. Harry La Marr furnished considerable fun, but his interpretation of the part of Mrs. Puffy cannot be said to have been artistic. It was loud and rollicking, so much so, that the fun was not always discernable. Aside from a vulgarity that was repeated unnecessarily, Harry Vickers as Nathan Comstock proved himself the best delineator of New England life, in the company, although there was some good work in the same line done by Harry S. Sargent as Josiah Dobbins. The specialties were good especially the whistling solos of Mr. Clark. The ladies in the company had nothing in particular to do in the farce, but they made their presence agreeable to the audience in many ways.

Wednesday and Thursday evenings *Widow Bedott* was played and this evening *Fun in a Boarding House* is the bill.

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The City Cornet band will celebrate Rossini's birthday in the Opera house, Monday evening, the 29th, with dramatic entertainment in which a new departure will be made. The cast of *The Irish Patriot*, the drama that will be put on, will include a number of ladies who have shown considerable dramatic ability, but will make their first public appearance Monday evening. The company have been rehearsing for some time, and a good performance is promised During the evening the band will confine its music to the works of Rossini.

ST. STEPHEN AND CALAIS.

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FEB. 17.—Mrs. J. A. Boyd gave a delightful party at her residence on Wednesday evening, to a large number of young people, on the occasion of Master Oscar Boyd's birthday.

The St. John Amateur Minstrel club at St. Croix hall on Friday evening were greeted by a large audience, and the numerous local hits were received with perfect good nature. The music by the orchestra and humorous acting of Mr. Plum Jones deserve especial mention.

Mr. Charles O'Neill, of St. Andrews, was in town last week.

Miss Annie M. Gregory is the guest of Mrs. Lewis Dexter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Eaton are the guests of Mr. James Murchie.

Mr. Charles Vase, of Portland, Me., is visiting at the home of his parents.

Hon. James Mitchell left for Fredericton on Saturday.

Mr. J. Edwin Ganong has returned from St. John.

Through the hospitality of Mrs. C. H. Clarke, several ladies enjoyed a jolly sledge-ride and a supper at "Rockaway Cottage" on Wednesday.

Mr. P. A. Breen left for Montana on Monday.

Some of our young people enjoyed the first snowshoe tramp of the season on Saturday.

About 30 of the members of Howard division took advantage of the fine sleighing on Wednesday and drove to St. Andrews, where they were pleasantly entertained by their friends at the shire town.

Notwithstanding the quietness in society affairs this week, the town is quite lively, the "Windsor" being taxed to its utmost capacity with the St. John curlers and delegates of the Grand Orange lodge. On Wednesday evening, after witnessing the polo match at the rink, the visiting curlers were entertained by an impromptu hop at the "Windsor."

Miss Addie Grimmer is visiting her friend, Mrs. J. M. Scovil, of St. John.

The entertainment by the Milltown Band of Hope, in Temperance hall, was greatly enjoyed. The little performers were conveyed up and down in sledges, and seemed to enjoy the jolly moonlight trip exceedingly.

Mrs. May, of St. John, is the guest of her friends, the Misses Lawler.

Mr. A. A. McClaskey is in St. John.

Miss Reitta Ross, who left by train this morning, will be the guest of Lady Tilley during her stay in Fredericton.

Mr. James E. Osborne is in St. John.

Mrs. G. Durell Grimmer, of St. Andrews, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Waterbury.

James Rourke, M. P. P., of St. Martins, is in town.

Mr. C. E. Starr, of Boston, was in town last week.

Major A. J. Armstrong, of St. John, is in St. Stephen.

Mr. A. S. Hood, of St. John, is the guest of Mr. A. C. Jones.

Among the strangers in town are: Mr. E. A. Smith, Mr. Hedley V. Cooper, Mr. George A. Slipp, and Mr. C. E. MacMichael, of St. John, Mr. Herman H. Pitts of Fredericton, and Mr. D. F. Merritt of Woodstock.

Mr. H. A. McKeown, M. P. P., of St. John, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. George J. Clarke. LINDA.

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FEB. 16—Mr. W. B. Morris of St. Andrews, was here recently on business.

Mr. Will Clerk, St. Stephen, made a brief visit here last week.

Mr. R. H. Davis arrived here from Boston last week to spend a short vacation with his family.

The many friends of Miss F. Smith will be sorry to learn of her illness at her home "the rectory."

Mr. T. H. Frawley, Brookline, Mass., spent a few days here this week.

Mr. C. C. Ludgate spent Tuesday here returning to St. John Wednesday.

Mr. J. S. Clark went to St. John on Monday. He returned on Thursday evening accompanied by Mrs. J. S. Clark and son, who has been making a lengthy visit with Mrs. Jas. Clark, St. John.

Mr. A. B. McLean, of St. John, made a brief visit here last week.

Mr. George Barnhill, Fairville, paid a short visit here on Thursday last.

Rev. J. H. Hughes made a short stay in town last week.

Mr. Robert Belyea, of St. John, is here this week.

Mr. Harry C. Rankine, of St. John, is with us this week.

Mr. Ben. Wyatt, of Boston is here this week.

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