

Musical and Dramatic.

IN MUSICAL CIRCLES.

The musical events of the present season were the Press Club benefit concerts at the opera house on last Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Of Miss Torbett's worth on her favorite instrument it need only be said she fully merited the favorable notices previously earned by her here and in other cities.

Of Mr. Moquist but little can be said beyond an endorsement of public opinion that he is certainly a great pianist.

The Luttemann Sextette which was heard here for the first time is an excellent organization. In their concerted pieces they produce effects that are most pleasing and suggest at times a rich toned organ rather than human voices in combination.

Encores and double encores were in order during the evening and in every instance was considerably, politely and promptly responded to.

The concert of the Knights of Pythias at the Opera House last week in which Miss Ida King Tarbox of Portland Me, was featured, I was unable to attend but I understand it was quite successful.

The concert at the Opera House on Thursday evening 5th inst. under the auspices of the Lieut. Col. and officers of the 62nd (St. John) Fusiliers, in which local talent participated was too late in the week for notice.

The Amateur Minstrel club will give "H. M. S. Pinare" for the benefit of the Horticultural association at the opera house on Tuesday evening next.

Tones and Undertones. The Luttemann Sextette have been together for the past twelve years, and have sung in almost every country of Europe, and in every state in the union.

Miss Ollie Torbett, the clever violinist, recently heard here, is a descendant of an Alabama family of prominence, though she was born in Indianapolis, in the state of Indiana.

The production of the oratorio "St. Paul" by the Handel and Hayden Society in Music Hall, Boston, on Easter Sunday evening is spoken of as "an unusually fine performance taken as a whole."

The 21st Symphony Concert in Boston, on the 6th inst., was "In Memoriam Von

Bulow." The programme included Von Bulow's "Funerale;" (first time) Bethoven's Third Symphony; Brahms' Tragic Overture, and Wagner's Huldigungs March.

Sir Robert Prescott Stewart, Doctor of Music, died of apoplexy, in Dublin on the 23rd ult. He was born in 1825 and since 1862 has been professor of music at Dublin University. He composed the cantata "A Winter Night's Wake" and "The Eve of St. John." He also wrote books on "Irish Music," "The Life and Works of Handel," and others. He was knighted in 1872.

TALK OF THE THEATRE.

The receipts on the opening day of Keith's new theatre in Boston were over \$3,500.

A Latin play, entitled "Phormio," will be produced by the Harvard students on the 19th inst.

Rose Coghlan gives "A Woman of No Importance" its first production in Brooklyn on 9th inst.

Denman Thompson has fully decided to return to the stage and will begin his season at the Boston theatre on Labor day.

There is said to be a likelihood that several new plays, among them two from prominent English playwrights will be presented at the Grand opera house, Boston, by the stock company this season.

The annual entertainment for the Actor's fund, is announced by Daniel Frohman to take place at the Star theatre, (N. Y.) on the 13th inst. Among those contributing to the programme is Fritz Williams in a musical morologue.

Boucicault's play "The Long Strike" has been successfully revived in Philadelphia. This play was built upon the great strike in Lancashire, Eng., in the early years of the American war, and was given in this city in the old Lyceum (Lanergan's theatre) years ago.

The force and dignity of "Sowing the Wind" continues that play in its career of success. There is no change in the excellence of its performance except that Kitty Cheatham is in the cast. This lady was formerly a member of, and an especial favorite in Augustin Daly's company.

Jean Mounet-Sully the French actor has created a favorable impression in his impersonations during last week. His favorite role is "Oldipus" in Sophocles' play of that name. The character "shows Mounet-Sully to be an actor of real genius and his performance of the fated king is as impressive a dramatic achievement as the New York stage has witnessed in many years."

The Kendals are at the Star, (N. Y.) theatre this week in "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray." This is the play the moral tone of which, and the performance of Mrs. Kendal was condemned by the New York Sun. Mrs. Kendal and the critics had much discussion about it. It is now said the actress has modified the acerbity and coarseness with which she marked the role, and her work is much more enjoyable in consequence.

Has Composed Some Songs.

TO THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS:—I have composed a few songs and I would like to have them published. As they are my first production, would you kindly inform me through your valuable paper, how I am to set about disposing of them. I don't know if they are worth publishing. Perhaps you will kindly advise me how to act. F. K. St. John, N. B.

[Your best plan is to get the opinion of some competent judge as to whether the songs are worth publishing. If they appear to be, send them to Oliver Ditson & Co., Boston.—Ed. PROGRESS.]

THE MAYORALTY.

Mayor Peters Will Seek A Fourth Term—An Interesting Statement.

ST. JOHN, N. B., April 5th.—The approaching civic contest, when the new Tax Reduction Association will have a full ticket in the field, promises to be the most exciting held for many years. Mayor T. W. Peters, who has occupied the civic chair for three years with marked ability and dignity, devoting much time and effort to the advancement of the city's interests, especially in the matter of improved trade facilities along the harbor front, will again be a candidate for the mayoralty though not the candidate of the T. R. A. He is very popular, as proved by his election for three successive terms. Mayor Peters has written the following letter to the Hawker Medicine Co. "I consider Hawker's nerve and stomach tonic has no equal as a nerve invigorator, blood builder and appetizer, having had beneficial results from its use." In making this statement, Mayor Peters simply emphasizes what every person who has tried any of the Hawker standard remedies says about them all. They have no equal. Hawker's nerve and stomach tonic is a perfect nerve restorer and invigorator, and blood and flesh builder, as well as a valuable stomach tonic and aid to digestion. It is a certain cure when faithfully used for all diseases arising from nerve exhaustion, weakened or impaired digestion, or an impoverished or impure condition of the blood, such as nervousness, weakness, nervous headache, sleeplessness, neuralgia, loss of appetite, dyspepsia, hysteria, and the prostrating effects of la grippe or any nerve weakness of the heart or brain arising from worry, overstrain of mind and body or excesses of any nature. Hawker's nerve and stomach tonic can be obtained from all druggists and dealers. Price fifty cents a bottle or six bottles for \$2.50.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

LADIES' COLLEGE NOTES.

SACKVILLE, April 3.—And still some good things are looming on the musical horizon. It has finally been settled that the Glee club of McGill college is to give a concert here at no very remote date. The club comprises a goodly number of young men, some of whom have unusually fine voices. Their entertainment will, no doubt, be a treat, particularly for those who enjoy a rousing good chorus.

Early in May, Mr. Raymond Archibald is to give a violin recital. This is the first time at Mt. Allison that a graduate in music is to give a concert, "all by himself," and shows the strides the musical department is making. This is the usual thing for pupils to do at the conservatories in the States and Canada.

Mr. Archibald's friends will be only too glad to listen to him for an evening but regret that it will be his valedictory.

The much invited seniors have had another party made for them. This time it was a supper engagement at Mrs. Smith's. A quiet, but very pleasant evening was spent, chiefly in conversation. The doctor's witty remarks and "brilliant flashes of silence" are always sufficient to entertain a room full.

The young lady seniors are very much petted and sought after in the ladies' college. They have the privilege, as university students, of going out walking, unattended, by a teacher, and can also chaperone one or two of the girls, if they wish to. But the trouble is they don't always wish to, not half as often as some of the students would like to enjoy one of these pleasant informal rambles. In consequence, the path of the seniors is strewn with rose leaves and sweetened with chocolate drops.

At this season of the year it is hard to spend the compulsory hour in the fresh air in an agreeable manner. Walking in "the procession" is very a favorite amusement, and pacing the sidewalk in the grounds becomes rather like a treadmill after the first quarter of an hour.

Two of the young ladies buy bicycles, Miss Haley of Windsor and Miss Benedict of Moncton. They have not done much wheeling as yet, this spring, but the work was chiefly of a repairing nature, but one or two retractor rollers required such wrestling with as to suggest that the dentist should add to his sign, "drawing, music and dancing."

MARCELS.

During the Easter holidays, Dr. Borden took all of the remaining students out driving several times. Though the roads were but indifferent, it was a ride, and that was quite sufficient to make them happy. When the weather was good, an almost perfect day, Dr. Borden's pair could be seen with a big load of either pupils or teachers. On one occasion, on the occasion of the "what sauce" for the loose is sauce for the gander," he took with him, instead of the young ladies, Professors Tweedie and Munton and Dr. Smith, and an exceedingly good time they appeared to be having, with class rooms forgotten and cares cast to the winds.

On the dull season an unusually large number of the girls have found occasion to visit the dentist, anything for excitement. But I fancy the cold spring weather has also had something to do with it. The work was chiefly of a repairing nature, but one or two retractor rollers required such wrestling with as to suggest that the dentist should add to his sign, "drawing, music and dancing."

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ST. MARY'S, N. B.

MARCH, 31.—The marriage of Miss Martha G. Biden, of Lower St. Mary's and Mr. William A. Gamble, of Fredericton, took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bilen, on Wednesday, March 21st, at 4:30 p. m. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. R. S. Parkinson, rector of St. Mary's, in the presence of a number of guests. Miss Carrie Peppers, presided at the organ. The bride, who was unattended, looked lovely in a beautiful empire gown of blue and gold changeable silk, ecru lace and star flowers being the garniture; gold and pearl ornaments. After the congratulations, a delicious supper was served, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, during which several of the guests contributed to the enjoyment of the occasion by rendering exquisite music, both vocal and instrumental. The bride, who is a charming young lady, and a universal favorite, has acted as organist of Trinity church for several years, while at home, and is an accomplished musician. She will be very much missed by a large circle of friends, should she go away to reside. For the present, Mr. and Mrs. Gamble will board with Mr. and Mrs. Bilen, at Lower St. Mary's. The bride was the recipient of a great many beautiful presents, a large proportion being of solid silver, including an elegant tea-service, dinner castors, pickle castors, cake baskets, cake plaes, fruit dishes, cheese plates, bon-bon dishes, knives, forks, etc., and a beautiful cabinet album bound in heavy plush and silver; large table lamps, with standard of black marble, dewan and couch pillows, and many other handsome gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Gamble, attended afternoon service in Trinity Church on Easter Sunday. Mrs. Gamble wore a very pretty costume of fawn cashmere, with wrap and bonnet to match, and looked charming as usual.

Miss Caroline Peppers, was organist at Trinity Church on Sunday. Mrs. Johnson, left for British Columbia a few days ago, when she will join her husband. She was accompanied by her mother as far as Boston.

Mrs. Whittier, of St. John, is visiting her friend, Mrs. C. H. Hall, at her home in Marysville. Miss Gertrude Brown, of Lower Marysville, visited Marysville a few days.

Mr. Foster, of Marysville, visited friends here lately.

Miss Ethel Gamble has friends visiting her at present. Rumor says we are to lose one of our fair lilies to a young gentleman of Marysville, in the near future. Invitations have been received for a croquet ball, and several of the young ladies are busy preparing beautiful dresses for the occasion.

Mrs. Brown, entertains a party every week. Miss Mamie Hughes goes to take charge of lower St. Mary's school on Monday. OAKLAND.

SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.

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MARCH 29.—Miss Hattie Collins returned to Charlottetown last week.

Mr. Gates of Charlottetown was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Grable last week.

Judge MacLeod was in town Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mawley who has been spending the winter months with her nieces the Misses Mawley at the Clifton House returned to Charlottetown last week.

Mr. Leslie Wright who for the last two years has been with Stanley Bros., Charlottetown, comes to Summerside this week to take charge of the dry-goods department in David Rogers & Son's store.

Mr. MacLeod of Charlottetown is visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Holman.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Ellis on the arrival of a little son.

We hear rumours of a number of weddings to take place this spring. More than one of our young ladies will leave our town to take up their abode abroad.

Miss Martin, of Charlottetown, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin.

Mr. W. P. Macneil returned from Montreal last week, where he had been attending the medical classes at McGill college.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Henderson. The little stranger is a daughter.

The tea and fancy sale held in the guild hall by the ladies of St. Mary's church was a grand success. The fancy table contained an almost endless variety of useful and fancy articles. Mrs. E. C. Mills and the Misses Green were in charge of this table. The tea tables were bountifully supplied, and looked very pretty. About eighty dollars was realized. CHARMON AND ELLIOTT.

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APRIL 3.—Miss Ferguon entertained a number of friends at a very pleasant whist party on Thursday evening. Among those present were—Miss McMinne, Miss Stevenson, Miss Brown, Miss Caine, Miss White, Miss Hannah, Miss Jessie Hannah, Miss McDougall, Miss Grierson, Miss Irving, Messrs Brown, Irving, Phinney, Bourque, Atkinson, McLeod, Dugas, Grierson and Livingston of Montreal.

Mr. Wilnot Brown returned from a business trip to Moncton on Thursday.

Mr. Geo. K. McLeod, is in town this week. Conductor Thomas Murray is receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son.

Dr. T. J. Bourque left on Monday last for St. John.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ST. JOHN.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

Several months ago the Tax Reduction association, composed of our citizens, entered upon the work of civic reform, and being assisted by the masses of our people matured, and in the face of determined opposition carried through the legislature a bill that has changed the mode of elections and broadened the representation, altered the constitution of the council and made possible the selection of representatives who will look to the interest of the city as a whole and secure the administration of public affairs with efficiency and economy. This movement of reform has entered its most critical and vital stage, because you are now called upon to elect under the new constitution men who will secure the triumphant completion of the efforts so nobly made on our city's behalf. Therefore we, as friends of this progressive movement, solicit your support, and pledge ourselves to absolutely oppose any increase in the debt by the issue of bonds or otherwise, unless in cases of absolute and unforeseen emergency, to keep the annual expenditure of the city within the income, and not to allow more money to be spent for any amount than the amount assessed for the current year, to apply for legislation giving the citizens more direct control of school, and other expenditure; for the appointment of many officials at present appointed by the local government; also to vest in the city council the fixing of the salaries of all civic officials, and generally to demand for the citizens the right of responsible local self-government; also to the consideration of the departmental system, with a view to its revision and the abolition of all unnecessary offices, to inquire into the management of the business of the assessors' office for the purpose of having the assessment law or its administration improved and generally to enter upon an investigation of the city's affairs with a view to the practice of the most rigid economy and a sincere effort to obtain a dollar's worth for every dollar spent.

- George Robertson for Mayor. Patrick McCarthy, } for alderman D. J. McNaughton, } at large C. Berton Lockhart, for Guy's ward. John B. M. Baxter, for Brook's ward. George H. Waring, for Sydney ward. Stephen B. Blizard, for Duke's ward. John W. Daniel, for Queen's ward. James Kennedy, for King's ward. William Shaw for Wellington ward. John H. McRobbie, for Prince ward. James Seaton, for Victoria ward. Thomas Milledge, for Dufferin ward. Robert W. DeBury, for Lansdowne ward. John McMulkin for Lorne ward. Michael O'Mahoney, for Stanley ward.



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