

## CITY CHIMES.

Although it is now decidedly a thing of the past, I cannot let the concert given last week by the staff of the Doering-Brauer Conservatory pass without a few comments. Notwithstanding that the entertainments provided for last Thursday evening were numerous and varied, the Orpheus Hall contained a good audience, and the programme was ably carried out. The chorus was comprised of a number of pupils of the Conservatory, who reflected much credit on themselves and their teachers. The singing of Fraulein Marie Buedinger was grand, her rich sweet voice delighting every hearer. That music-lovers in Halifax, and we fortunately number not a few in our citizenship, have many delightful evenings ahead of them, is assured, and whenever Miss Buedinger may sing she will be appreciated. Frau Marianna Doering-Brauer gave some pleasing exhibitions of her skillful piano-playing, and Herr Doering's 'cello performances were, as usual, rapturously *encored*. Misses White and Doyle, and Master Smith, who assisted in rendering the programme of this excellent concert, performed well the parts assigned them, and the faculty of the Doering-Brauer Conservatory are to be heartily congratulated on the success of their entertainment.

Guessing competitions are apparently the rage just now in Halifax, and some of our citizens are assuredly going to have their faith strengthened in the old proverb, in so it being better to be born lucky than rich. At every turn one's eyes meet with an advertisement of a "grand guessing competition," and the inducements held out to purchase the wares of certain merchants are so tempting that it requires a strong effort to resist. There is undoubtedly a fascination for many in the mystery which surrounds the jars containing beans, buttons or candy, now being displayed in many of our store windows, and the fact that he or she may be the recipient of a fine piano, a gold watch, or other valuable gift, will no doubt cause the sales of the merchants who hold out these inducements to be materially increased. While in some cases the winning may depend on keen powers of calculation, in the majority of cases it depends wholly on chance, and here lies the merchants' advantage as each competitor believes of course that the likelihood of his gaining the prize is increased by each guess made. It pays these days to be a good guesser, for, as one firm puts it, you may be called upon on New Year's Day to receive a handsome gift, who knows?

The date for the opening of the Orpheus Concert is fixed for the 22nd inst. The subscription list is rapidly filling up and closes on Thursday next. The majority of season ticket holders have voted for reserved seats this winter which will be a vast improvement on the old plan. It certainly detracted not a little from the enjoyment of the concert to wait for a half hour or more before the programme was commenced. Of course this was preferable to having to put up with a poor seat or standing accommodation, but the reserved seat scheme is much more preferable than either. The Orpheus Club, Auxiliary and Orchestra are busy practising for the coming entertainment and will no doubt furnish an enjoyable evening for their many patrons.

November is here with lowering clouds and chilling atmosphere. The gray month entered into possession on Tuesday in a typical manner and dark weather has been allotted us during the days that have followed. We have been favored with a particularly fine Autumn and must now cheerfully bear a few dull days.

"Our aim is happiness; 'tis yours, 'tis mine,  
He said: 'tis the pursuit of all that live,  
Yet few attain it, if 'twas e'er attained';"

Halifaxians can bear witness of at least one instance when "this coy goddess," as the poets term it, has been attained by a portion of mankind, for if the "first fifteen" of Dalhousie and their fellow students were not supremely happy at the close of the football match on Saturday last with that score of seven points in their favor, their actions belied their true feelings. That "Dal-hou-sie" had won, everyone in town who had ears to hear knew within a quarter of an hour after the termination of the game. Staff and students of the University were well nigh beside themselves with joy, and the cheers that rent the air were but mild expressions of the delight that filled and overflowed each student heart. This fourth game of the trophy series was Dalhousie's first victory, and the hearts that had been heavy and sad were indeed, in the words of a familiar hymn, "made to rejoice and be glad." Having known how it feels to be defeated a little more sympathy for the Wanderers might have been expected, than was conveyed in the dignified cheer of

Whippity, whippity, whoop  
Wanderers in the soup.

in which a portion of the student lads vented their feelings on this occasion. The particulars of the game are now an old story to all who are interested in football, and hence I would surely be considered tiresome, and perchance—oh horrible thought—be voted a bore, were I to enter into any details. The Wanderers' team was not so strong as might have been expected, but the Dalhousians gave an exhibition of remarkably fine play, and well earned the much coveted victory. Captain Graham of the College wore a smile of genuine pleasure, such as does one good to see, and received congratulations on all sides. The league standing now is Wanderers two victories and one defeat, Dalhousie one victory and two defeats, and Garrison one victory and one defeat. The Wanderers and Garrison teams meet to-morrow afternoon at 3.30 o'clock on the Wanderers' grounds, and the final game of the series will be played on Thanksgiving day, with Dalhousie and the Garrison on the field. Interest in the games is increasing, and an immense crowd of ladies and gentlemen, (not to mention the omnipresent small boys who by

fair means or foul manage to obtain admission), gather in excited groups to watch the sport. If you don't care for the game—breathes there a man with soul so dead?—but would like to meet all your friends, let me advise you to take in a football match.

It seems absurdly early in the season to talk about Christmas, but just ask yourselves, my lady readers, if last year and the year before, and as far back as you can remember, you didn't vow you would never leave your Christmas work so late again. It is remarkable the work you can and do perform in the few days preceding the 25th of December, but much worry of mind and waste of physical strength might be saved if you would but make your plans and carry them out a few weeks earlier than you usually do. I was reading not long ago a most emphatic appeal to those who make the festive season a time of labor and extravagance. It is easy to talk, but it is not so easy to avoid the work and large expenditure as everyone with a limited purse can testify from experience. It has always been impressed on our minds that it is not the value of a gift, but the kind thought that prompts the giver which is appreciated by the recipient. In many cases this is true, and the bungled book-mark that dear little fingers have worked for grandma draws tears of love to the dim eyes as a costly gift from wealthy friend could not do. The tiny "shashay" as a small friend of mine terms the perfumed bag she lately presented me with, or a piece of kindergarten work, is very precious to the grownups when coming from the baby of the family, but what about our gifts to these same little people. They come in a practical cash value, and let me assure you that times are changing and in a majority of cases it is small thanks that will be accorded. A fond parent gives his boy a velocipede instead of the bicycle which he has long desired, or if you or I present a very young woman with a silver bangle in place of the handsome bracelet or ring upon which her heart is set, but the price of which is not lying on our purse. Now for those among the mothers and sisters who find little time for fancy work the problem has grown very perplexing, what to select that is not too costly and at the same time will be acceptable to the friends, for even among older ones than those above mentioned may, I say, be found a critical spirit and tendency to "look a gift horse in the mouth." A peep into the Woman's Exchange rooms a few days since convinced me that the difficulty had been solved, for here was displayed delightful fancy work and useful articles in abundance, beautifully executed paintings etc., etc., in fact just the very things lady friends will enjoy, and the articles that will be most acceptable to the lords of the households. The ladies who are running this establishment will find they have indeed supplied a boon to the people of Halifax, and I greatly fear the demand will be more than the supply between now and Christmas week. The price fixed upon the articles offered for sale struck me as reasonable, but perhaps I am not a competent judge, and as the public is invited to visit the Exchange rooms, all can judge for themselves.

The performances of the Baker Opera Company at the Academy Music, are evidently appreciated. The audiences this the third week, have been large and enthusiastic, and Manager Clarke has reason to feel pleased with the success of the season. The operas put on have been played, and everything goes as if moved by magic, not a hitch, not a misstep but with such delightful ease that the most critical can find few if any faults. On Monday and Tuesday the Mascot, ever a favorite, was given, and Wednesday and last evenings the Bohemian Girl was on. In this Miss Davidson scored a success as "Arlene" and Mr. Armand made a hit in his portrayal of "Thaddeus." Mr. Wolff was at his best as "Devilshoof." The rest of the company were well up in their parts, and the performance of this popular opera were very enjoyable. This evening and to-morrow afternoon and evening "Ermine" is to be given. Although this is a far opera, yet as Mr. Baker promises us the original version for the first time in Halifax, our theatre-goers will probably find much in it that is new to them. On Monday and Tuesday of next week, the "Black Hussar" is presented with the Leicestershire band in attendance, and will in all probability prove one of the strongest pieces of the season. "Olivette" is the programme for Wednesday and Thursday evenings and will be presented at a Matinee on Thursday afternoon. "Princess To To" will be played the remainder of the week. The Baker Opera Company is affording genuine enjoyment to the pleasure lovers of Halifax, and it is a matter of rejoicing that good houses reward Manager Clarke's efforts to please the public.

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