

## CITY CHIMES.

The statement made last week in reference to the reception to be given by the students of Dalhousie College doubtless was very disappointing to many of our young people who were eagerly awaiting the decision of the Faculty on the, to them, important question of dancing or no dancing at the coming At Home. The matter now has taken another phase and the latest decision is "no At Home." The students of Dalhousie held a meeting for the purpose of settling this vexed question on Monday afternoon. After a vote had been taken and the majority found to be not in favor of holding the proposed reception at the University, the question came up how then was the day set apart to commemorate the beneficence of their patron, George Munro, to be celebrated, all agreeing that the memory of this generous benefactor must not be allowed to slip into oblivion. However, after many suggestions were given, none of which were acceptable, the meeting adjourned and the matter is still undecided. Although there are many good reasons for giving up the proposed At Home we regret exceedingly that the anticipations of the Students' friends are not to be realized.

Over one thousand ladies and gentlemen gathered at the Royal Blue Grounds on Saturday afternoon, the attraction being the fifth football game of the series in which our citizens are much interested. The Dalhousie and Garrison teams were the contestants in this game and the highest expectations of the Collegians and their friends were fully realized when time was called and the score stood Dalhousie 8, Garrison 2. The military team appeared to be very weak, while the students were in splendid trim and put in some fine work. Their friends seemed particularly enthusiastic and heartily cheered each point gained, while the young Canadians vociferously shouted for "Dal-hous-ie." We noticed particularly on Saturday, the interest taken by the clergymen of Halifax in this rough and tumble, but intensely exciting game, and counted several among the onlookers. The football grounds have become quite a rendezvous for our society friends and doubtless all will greatly regret the ending of the season which is providing such pleasant pastime for the quiet afternoons of November when there is a dearth of entertainment and time drags slowly. To-morrow's game between the Wanderers and Dalhousie completes the series and is looked forward to with great expectation. If Dalhousie wins, the victory will only bring the College score up to 6, which the Wanderers already have, so that in this case there will have to be a tie game to decide the championship and win the trophy. To use the popular expression, the military are "not in it" this year.

The bazaar held by the members of the Young Men's Literary Society and their lady friends in the Drill Shed throughout this week has been attracting a large share of patronage. A fancy table under the charge of several ladies occupies the centre space of the building, and is loaded down with useful and handsome articles. A beautifully-painted white satin sofa cushion, the gift of Miss Duggan, is much admired, as are also the pieces of Limerick lace for sale. There are a number of valuable articles selling on chance or ticket, among which is a gentleman's shaving stand, the gift of Mrs. George Monaghan. The refreshment table is under the charge of Mrs. Power, and the other features of the bazaar, such as the fish pond, the museum of curios, etc., are under the direct control of the committee of the Y. M. L. A. The drawing for prizes will probably all be concluded to-morrow evening, when the bazaar closes. The proceeds are to be devoted to restoring the Lyceum, where the Association has its recreation and meeting rooms. The Y. M. L. A. is a worthy society and fully deserves the success that has rewarded the efforts put forth on this occasion by its members and their friends. The music furnished each evening by local bands has added much to the entertainment of visitors. The oak bedroom suite to be given away to-morrow evening to the holder of the successful coupon presented with admission ticket is very handsome, and the winner will be indeed fortunate.

The first Orpheus Concert of this season will take place on Thursday evening the 19th inst. We are glad to see that a change is to be made in the time for opening the doors and beginning the concerts. In former years our Dartmouth friends, in order to secure good seats, were obliged to cross in the 7 o'clock boat from Dartmouth and wait fifteen or twenty minutes on the frequently icy pavement until the doors opened. The change from 7.30 to 7.45 will obviate this necessity, and give the considerable number of patrons of the Orpheus Club from the other side of the water a chance to eat their dinners in comfort before rushing off for the ferry.

We have been favored this week with delightfully seasonable weather, and although the air is decidedly chilly, and we realize that the cold breezes are but a hint of what we are to expect during the next four or five months, everyone appears to be enjoying to the full the bright sunny days that have ushered in November. The trees have lost their beauty, and only the hardiest of flowers still brighten our gardens. The tennis courts are abandoned, nets have been folded, and rackets have been laid away until the sweet bye-and-bye, and only the indefatigable footballists hold the field of sport.

For surprise parties as a rule we have not much admiration, but in special cases we admit that a slight deviation from one's convictions may be productive of a great deal of enjoyment. Such was the case on All Hallow E'en, last Saturday, when an event of this kind was arranged to take place at one of the most hospitable homes in the town of Dartmouth. The host and hostess must have had some inkling of the intention of their friends, for they were all in order for a dance. About fifty ladies and gentlemen from

this city and Dartmouth were booked by the young ladies who organized the party, and at an early hour they repaired to "Sunnyside," the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Ellis, and passed an exceptionally pleasant evening, tripping the "light fantastic too." An informal party of this sort is often more enjoyable than when claw-hammers and low neck gowns are *de regere*. Being Saturday night, the guests were obliged to tear themselves away at about 11.30 o'clock, and the people from this side of the water had to leave even earlier in time to catch that "last boat," which waiteth for no man. Inasmuch as quality is better than quantity, we think that no dissatisfaction will likely be felt with the enforced early leave-taking, for although quality and quantity are good combined, it does not often fall to the lot of mortals to enjoy themselves so. It is not improbable that some of the young ladies saw the forms of their future husbands about midnight, without being obliged to resort to the spells and incantations that are supposed to be so potent on All Hallow E'en.

The Y. M. C. A. is to be congratulated upon adding to its many other attractions for young men a first-class gymnasium, and having recently engaged Mr. A. B. Close, from New York, a gentleman of experience in gymnasium work, to instruct classes during the winter. Last Monday evening a large number of young gentlemen were present when Mr. Mackintosh, of the Association, made some appropriate opening remarks and then introduced Mr. Close, who after giving a short history of athletics in general, explained and showed how to use the various apparatus. Mr. Close will conduct afternoon and evening classes, and will pay special attention to building up those weaker than the average.

The regular monthly concerts at the School for the Blind have been resumed, and the first of these took place on Wednesday afternoon in the Assembly Hall of the Institution. The visitors were conducted to different parts of the building, and were loud in their praises of the arrangement of the music rooms. Through the plate glass doors of each of these rooms a pupil could be seen practising upon one of the new Evans Bros. or Karn pianos, recently rented to the Institution on contract. These pianofortes, for which Messrs. Miller Bros. are agents in this city, are particularly fine in tone, and are giving every satisfaction. These musical receptions given by the pupils of the School for the Blind are very entertaining, and all interested in the education of the Blind should not fail to take advantage of an opportunity to visit the Institution. The large increase in the number of pupils was most noticeable.

The second week of the Grau Opera Company has been more successful than the first. "The Brigands" was presented on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings to crowded houses, and the performance went very smoothly. The pretty graceful little prima donna, Miss Mason, as Forolla, daughter of the brigand chief Falscappa, is very charming, and her bright manner and sweet voice have quite won the audiences. In her coquettish brigand costume she is very attractive. The Princess of Grenada was well impersonated by Miss Julia Calhoun, and Miss Alice Gaillard made a capital young farmer. Frageletto, who joined the band of robbers for the sake of the chief's "charming young daughter," with whom he fell madly in love while her father and his men were plundering his house and farm. Francis Gaillard as Falscappa did some very good work, and Stanley Felch as Pietro, the Chief's Lieutenant, furnished much amusement. The costumes worn in this Opera are indeed beautiful, especially the magnificent dresses of Forolla and the Princess in the last act. Miss Grace Garley's dance was very pretty and graceful, and she looked quite bewitching in a becoming dress of pale heliotrope chiffon. Girou Girou was on last evening and will continue the remainder of this week. The music of these Operas is very pretty, but in our opinion does not equal some of the older ones, such as Fra Diavolo, Erminie, or Chimes of Normandy. However, next week we are to be favored with both old and new. The Black Hussar is to be played on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and the remainder of the week The Queen's Lace Handkerchief will be put on. The Grau Company possesses some very good voices, and is well deserving of the patronage the theatre-goers of Halifax are according it.

The second French lecture of the course in connection with the Church of England Institute is announced to take place this evening at eight o'clock in the Hall of the Institute. The lecturer, Prof. Balval, will take for his subject, "Victor Hugo," and a treat is assured for all who attend. These lectures should be well patronized, as they are very instructive as well as interesting, and Prof. Balval is an able master of the French language.

The ball at Admiralty House on Wednesday evening was a brilliant affair. The decorations were very elaborate, and the ballroom presented a gay scene. The music furnished by the band of H. M. S. Bellerophon was all that could be desired, and nothing was spared to make this event a perfect success. Lord Stanley, Governor-General of Canada, was an honored guest.

The wife of the janitor of the city hall has been appointed matron of the police station, in order that women whose misfortunes or misbehavior brings them under the hand of the law may have the oversight of one of their own sex, instead of being solely under the charge of men. This is only a proper and decent arrangement, and is one that has been in force in some American Cities, notably Boston, for several years. No matter how abandoned a woman may be, she is still a woman, and should be treated as Christianity dictates.