

CITY CHIMES.

The pupil concert given in the Orpheus Hall on Tuesday evening as an opening to the Doering-Brauer Conservatory of Music drew an overflowing audience. Sixty young ladies, apparently ranging in age from five to fifty years, formed the chorus, and sat on either side of the platform, looking sweetly pretty in their white frocks against a background of fir trees. The performance opened with a short speech by Herr Doering, who told us that the concert was given to open their Conservatory, and that as the music to be rendered was only a beginning we must not criticize too harshly. As settled German-Canadians, they thought it proper to begin their concert by singing to Her Majesty the Queen the National Anthem, which was accordingly done, the audience standing the while. The second part of the programme was "Rosithorne: Or The Enchanted Princess," which was at once recognized as the fairy story of Sleeping Beauty, so familiar to our childhood's days. In this part of the entertainment Mrs. and Miss Clarkson, Miss Burns, Miss Bligh, Mr. Huestis and Mr. Harrison assisted, the principal part being taken by these ladies and gentlemen while the children did the chorus work. Miss Eva Holmes recited in a sweet, clear voice, and with excellent expression, the story of Rosithorne, and the Sprito's Song was prettily rendered by Miss Murray. A quartette followed, and then Rosithorne entered singing. Miss Burns as Rosithorne was not a success; she is very nervous and cannot manage her voice well in public; besides that the music of her part was not bright or tuneful, as to our mind it should be for such words as "Life is all gladness." The children deserve the highest praise for the manner in which they sang the choruses, and the careful training of their instructors could not have been better illustrated. Miss Bligh's fine voice was heard to advantage in the selections apportioned to her, and Mr. Huestis also sang well. Miss Cora Cossmann well deserved the high encomiums she received for her rendering of a sonata by Haydn, which she played without notes; and little Miss Doull's 'cello solo was a real pleasure to listen to. This young lady received an encore, to which she responded by a bow only. An arrangement for two pianofortes by Mozart was well rendered by Miss M. White and Frau Doering-Brauer, but it was much too lengthy for the occasion. The children-symphony was melodious at the beginning, but some of the instruments got out of tune quickly, the cuckoo in particular not working well. The feature of the evening was the 'cello solo, by request, kindly given by Herr Doering. He played one of his own compositions, "The Cradle Song," and was not allowed to close the entertainment until he had repeated it in response to the most determined encore possible. Herr Doering and his wife are to be congratulated on the success of their pupil concert, and we wish their Conservatory a prosperous career in our city. Other concerts of the kind will be given from time to time, and they will doubtless always draw full houses.

The Christian Endeavorers of St. Andrew's Church intend holding a social in their school-room this evening, and have extended a cordial invitation to the members of the other societies of Christian Endeavor in the city and Dartmouth. These social gatherings of young people who have mutual interests are to be highly commended, and doubtlessly materially aid in advancing the cause for which these associations are laboring, namely, the spiritual good of the young.

The season set apart for the renunciation of all joy pertaining to the world worldly is now with us and quietness reigns in social circles. Devout ones wend their way daily to church, and doubtless those who possess the sacrificing spirit are nobly carrying out the true intent of Lent. Owing to the ravages of La Grippe and the serious consequences of the dread disease the conditions of fasting have been made very light this year for those of the Roman Catholic faith.

Among the good things to which we look forward in the near future, the assault-at-arms to be given by the 63rd Rifles at the Academy of Music about the last of this month takes a prominent place. Rumor also whispers of an amateur theatrical performance to be given ere long in aid of the Wanderers A. A. Association.

H. Price Webber, the popular theatrical manager, opens a short engagement at the Lyceum Theatre on the evening of St. Patrick's Day. He is bringing the same company that he had here in December last, and will probably meet with his usual hearty reception from his numerous patrons in Halifax. Mr. Webber is well and favorably known throughout the towns of the Province as well as in our city, and invariably gives an enjoyable entertainment.

The dramatic entertainment to be given by the Adelpia Club in aid of the building fund of the Oddfellows' Hall, on the 16th and 17th of March, gives promise of abundant success. The drama to be presented is entitled "Thru to Ould Ireland," the scenery for which is being prepared by a local artist.

The reception of the President and Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Church of England Institute which was postponed last Thursday on account of the severe storm was announced to take place last evening. The ladies had made every preparation for an enjoyable evening and we have no doubt the many friends who took advantage of the occasion found their highest anticipations fulfilled.

Mr. R. L. Allan, of Ottawa, writes: "Having been troubled with weakness of the lungs and general debility the past two years, I concluded to give Puttner's Emulsion a fair trial. I have taken seven bottles, and find my health much improved, my lungs stronger, my weight increased twelve pounds.

The Sacred Concert announced to be held this evening at the Church of the Redeemer, Brunswick St., gives promise of much enjoyment to all who attend. Among those who are to take part are Mrs. J. McD. Taylor, Mrs. Lear, J. Harrison, D. C. Ginn, H. Ward, E. Phillips and many other favorite musical amateurs. Mr. Hayden, violinist, and Mr. Crompton, organist of the Church of the Redeemer, will render valuable assistance in promoting the success of this entertainment.

A new play entitled "Uncle's Darling," written by Chas. W. Chase, is to be presented by Miss Hattie Bernard Chase and her company at the Academy of Music during the first week of April. Mr. Chase has chosen the territory of Alaska for the location of his story, and in order to add to the realism of the stage representation several animals who claim that wild land as their home, including bears, elks, reindeer and Exquimaux dogs, as well as sleds, snowshoes, furs and other appurtenances have been imported. The scenery is novel and the effect will doubtless be very attractive.

The energetic members of the W. C. T. U. are busily working for the better to be held in aid of their general working fund in Masonic Hall on the last day of the present month. We trust these ladies may meet the rich reward their efforts deserve and receive the liberal patronage of our citizens.

We are having quite mild weather this week, and are fervently hoping it may continue. Tuesday was a typical spring day and the remnants of last week's snowstorm rapidly vanished. However such a "pet day" at this season must be paid dearly for and before midnight the rain descended in torrents and continued to fall steadily all Wednesday. Weather prognosticators tell us there is every indication of an early spring, and as there is really very little frost in the ground we will probably be spared much bad walking, although our city streets at present are in a most deplorably dirty condition.

St. Patrick's Minstrel are again to give the public an opportunity of spending an enjoyable evening and are preparing an interesting programme for their entertainments to be given at the Academy of Music on the evenings of the 17th and 18th. These performances are for the benefit of Mr. Higgins, one of the most popular members of the company, and his many friends will no doubt fill the house on each occasion.

We feel sure the announcement that "School" is to be repeated in the Academy of Music on Monday evening next will be hailed with pleasure by the many who were unable to avail themselves of the first opportunity given—as well as by several who will be glad to witness this excellent performance again. The amateur actors covered themselves with glory on their first appearance and now after having their few defects pointed out by their critics will doubtless on this occasion give an even more artistic representation of the pretty little comedy. The proceeds of this entertainment will be devoted, as before, to the improvement of the interior of the Academy, a truly worthy object.

Rev. G. J. Bond's lecture in Brunswick St. Church on Tuesday evening was much enjoyed by all who were present. Mr. Bond's subject was "On Horseback through Palestine" and the views and descriptions of Nazareth, Capernaum, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Jacob's Well and other places familiar to students of the New Testament rendered this third lecture of Rev. Mr. Bond's series both instructive and pleasing.

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