

CITY CHIMES.

The concert which is to be given early in March by the pupils of Herr and Frau Döring assisted by several others, will without doubt be a success and furnish a treat for music lovers in our midst. This entertainment promises some novel features which should and probably will be highly appreciated, for we are prone to weary of the regular concerts and pine for something new. On this occasion we are to be given, among other pleasing features, an operetta by Dr. Sohletter, entitled "Rosithorn, or the Enchanted Princess," and a children-symphony by Haydn. The principal parts of the operetta, which have been arranged and partly rewritten for this occasion, will be taken by Miss Bligh, Mrs Clarkson and Miss Doris Clarkson, Mr. Heustis and Mr. Harrison, and the choruses are to be rendered by several of the pupils. It is said the music of this operetta is bright and full of melody. The young people who are to take part in the children-symphony are busy perfecting themselves in the use of the musical instruments which have been imported from Germany for this occasion, and will doubtless cover themselves and their instructors with glory at the coming concert.

The Leicestershire band was heard to advantage in the Academy of Music on Friday and Saturday evenings of last week. The music was uniformly well rendered and bandmaster Hughes, as well as the officers of the regiment, may well feel proud of the high status the band has reached. The overture "Oberon" was rendered with a delicacy of finish that would have done credit to a professional orchestra. Corpl. Hopkins displayed his mastery of the clarinet in "Les Alarchiennes." Of the vocal part of the programme little more need be said than that it was distinctly Halifaxian, and it is certainly to the credit of our restricted circle of soloists that they are ever ready to use their talents in advancing a good cause. Mrs. Percy Lear's rendition of the "Ave Maria" with full band accompaniment was one of that lady's finest efforts and won a rapturous encore from the select few who graced the hall on Saturday evening. When we say that the wax works or wax figures were good we only state half the truth. They were superb, and it is doubtful whether any city of the size of Halifax could make a better show than did our figures in these Jarley wax works, but preserve us from a Jarley who has as little sense of humor as the gentleman who personated Jarley on Saturday evening last. The stage may be comical, the assistants active, and the figures exceedingly beautiful, but with a Jarley who like the proverbial Scotchtman never sees the point of a joke until it has rambled about the corridors of his brain for twenty-four hours, the whole affair was decidedly flat, stale and unprofitable. Local hits which are as foreign to the comprehension of the speaker as was the object of these entertainments to the citizens of Halifax are not likely to arouse enthusiasm or create mirth. A humorless Jarley is like to a sorgless nightingale.

St. Patrick's Minstrels gave a good performance at the Academy of Music on Monday evening, and although the weather was disagreeable and the walking anything but pleasant, were received by a good house. The stage setting, as on the former occasions, was well arranged, and the programme, which was almost entirely new, was satisfactorily carried out. The topical songs were amusing and the originators of the jokes and local hits did themselves credit on this occasion. The long story of the man who was charged with murder because the ball having passed through him and killed another man it was evident that the dead man was "shot through him," made us feel a trifle pale, but after all was not too bad as end men's witticisms go. The songs by Master Banfield forced one of the most pleasing features of the programme. The farce, "Our Country Cousin," which concluded the performance, although given before, was evidently appreciated by the audience and afforded much amusement. The proceeds of this entertainment will be devoted towards the building fund of St. Mary's new Glebe House, which is rapidly nearing completion.

St. Mary's Young Men's Society celebrated the Seventeenth Anniversary of the Association by a social gathering at their Hall on Monday evening. Music and dancing formed very pleasant pastime, and after refreshments had been partaken of the company separated, having enjoyed the pleasant and profitable reunion.

The members of Mystic Lodge, No. 18, I. O. O. F., and their lady friends enjoyed a sleighdrive to Bedford on Tuesday evening last, and after a sumptuous dinner at the Bellevue Hotel repaired to the dancing hall, where the evening passed all too quickly as the merry-makers gayly danced the hours away. We note that almost all the parties of gentlemen who have taken advantage of the good sleighing of the past few weeks have preferred leaving their fair friends at home; but we feel sure the Mystic Lodge drive will convince these odd fellows of the error of their ways.

The long race of the Red Cap Snowshoe Club took place on Saturday afternoon and was won by Frank Grierson. The competitors started from Dartmouth common at three o'clock and "made tracks" for Bedford where they were joined by other members of the club who had gone up by train. The whole party took dinner at Wilson's and after spending a merry evening returned to the city by special train.

The fancy dress carnival at the Exhibition rink given under the auspices of the private afternoon party, took place on Tuesday evening. The rink was prettily decorated but we cannot endorse the statement made by one of our contemporaries that it looked better than ever it did before at a fancy dress skating carnival. Although the public had been assured for several

days before the auspicious event that more bunting would be used in the decoration for this occasion than ever before, and this important (?) fact enlarged on to such an extent that one almost began to wonder if the aim of the decorators was the adornment of the building or the possession of abundance of material, in our humble opinion the beauty of the effect produced did not equal that of last year, when our rink presented an appearance which was alike highly creditable to the committee in charge and very pleasing to the public. However, the exhibition building on Tuesday evening looked very gay and festive and the brilliantly colored bunting was tastefully arranged, the extra "six hundred yards" showing to good advantage. The ice was not in first-class condition but with the exception of one or two unfortunate ones who "took a tumble" according to the small boy, the merry skaters did not allow such a trifle to affect their enjoyment. The number on the ice was much smaller than in days of yore, but the building was filled with spectators, fully two thousand, if not more, being present. Some of the costumes worn by the skaters were very pretty although not many possessed the charm of novelty. The Cotillion danced by thirty-six ladies and gentlemen in fancy costume was scarcely up to the standard expected, and the general opinion seemed to be that the minuet danced at last season's carnival was more graceful and attractive. Perchance carnival habits have grown more critical and expect too much, but there is no doubt some of Tuesday night's skaters were "awful duffers" and the spectators were not slow to recognize the fact. The set of Lancers danced later in the evening was prettily done. The 66th and Leicestershire bands delighted all present with their well rendered selections and the carnival was pronounced a success. The Children's Carnival comes off next Thursday evening when the juveniles will probably turn out in full force and enjoy the sport.

The third Orpheus Concert will be given in Orpheus Hall on Friday evening, 26th. inst.

The next entertainment of the Church of England Institute winter course is announced to take place on Tuesday evening, 23rd inst., and a good programme is in course of preparation. There has been an unexpected break in the course, the entertainment for the 21st of last month having been postponed indefinitely, as well as the lecture which was to have been given on the 4th of the present month by Professor C. G. D. Roberts of Kings College, Windsor. Holders of season tickets and the many friends of the Institute will gladly welcome the announcement of this second concert of the course, and the ladies and gentlemen who devote time and talent to promoting the success thereof will probably be greeted by a full house.

Not least among the many will be the minstrel performance which bandmaster Hughes of the Leicestershire Regiment is preparing to be given at the Academy of Music on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of next week. The band of the Leicestershire will be present and an enjoyable evening is anticipated. The farce to be put on is entitled "Waxination Gratis" and abounds in fun.

Our city engineer has this week presented to the Board of Works a most sensible report on water supply improvement, which we trust will make its effect felt ere long. The tremendous waste of water in Halifax has always been cause for lamentation, but so long as the supply could stand it no objection was offered. It is now in order for this prodigality, not in the use, but in the expension of the water, to be stopped, and a more economical era instituted. The details of Mr. Doane's report are before the public in the daily press, and will doubtless awaken householders and landlords to their responsibilities to the city from a sanitary as well as a financial standpoint. Vigorous action on the part of the authorities is necessary in order to secure a satisfactory state of affairs in all things connected with the water service and drainage of the city.

The Mayflower Division S. of T. held their annual ball and entertainment on Tuesday evening last. A good programme, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, readings, recitations and addresses was rendered and all present apparently enjoyed the pleasant gathering.

Miss Katie Johnson, the talented jubilee singer, who returned to her home in this city several months ago will give a concert in Chalmers Hall, Duke St., on Thursday evening next. We believe Miss Johnson also intends in the near future to give a concert under the auspices of the Robie St. Methodist Church, in aid of the extinction of the debt fund. We trust this young lady may receive a warm welcome from her fellow-citizens on Thursday evening.

The Ramblers Cycle Club decided this season to combine pleasure and business and held their annual meeting at Lakeside Hotel, St. Margaret's Bay road, on Wednesday. The party, consisting of about thirty bicyclists, started in two large sleighs at three o'clock, and after a pleasant drive reached their destination in time to hold their business meeting before dinner was served. The report of the secretary showed the finances of the club to be in a satisfactory state. It was agreed to increase the membership fee from \$1.00 to \$2.00 in order to provide the members with greater advantages than have been furnished in the past. After the election of officers had taken place the company sat down to a beautifully served dinner which was done full justice to by the wheelmen. Speeches followed and amid much merriment the "boys" started for the city at about midnight.

And what shall I say more? for the time would fail me to tell of all the virtues of Puttner's Emulsion.