

CITY CHIMES.

The concert given by the Young People's Dramatic Club in St. Mark's Hall last evening was well attended. The performance consisted of vocal and instrumental music, recitations and readings, and concluded with an amusing comedy entitled "The loan of a lover," and a comical farce "Wanted, a clerk." These were well put on, and the Young People are to be congratulated on the success of their entertainment.

The organ recital and sacred concert to be given this evening at the Church of the Redeemer promises an entertainment worthy of a good audience. The quartette choir of this church, assisted by the organist, Mr. W. F. Compton, is well able to furnish a musical treat, and the programme provided for this evening's concert is very attractive.

The Red Cap Snowshoe Club held its annual meeting at the Halifax Hotel on Tuesday evening, and among other matters of business decided to have a dinner at Bedford, on the occasion of their long race during the coming season. Those among their lady friends who had been hoping to hear of a ball this year as last will be disappointed, but the boys themselves evidently prefer the dinner.

The ladies of Chalmer's Church held a very successful bazaar yesterday afternoon and evening. Notwithstanding the frequency of these festive occasions just now, there appears to be no lack of patrons for each, and the energetic workers who devote time and skill in furthering the success of such gatherings well deserve the liberal support and encouragement which is generously accorded them. The ladies of Chalmer's Church had a fine display of fancy work as well as useful articles yesterday, and many pretty gifts were secured in anticipation of the holiday season.

We neglected to record last week a matrimonial event of interest to a large circle of friends of the contracting parties, so we will try and make good the omission now. On Wednesday the 2nd inst. Mr. Thomas J. Payne, the popular manager of John Silver & Co.'s establishment, pianist of the Orpheus Club and organist of St. Andrew's Church, led to the altar Miss Jean Taylor, daughter of Mr. William Taylor. The auspicious event took place in St. Andrew's Church, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. D. M. Gordon. A large number of wedding gifts testified to the popularity of the happy couple, who left after the ceremony for a tour in the United States, followed by the good wishes of all their friends.

Zera Semon is still attracting large crowds every evening, and the old Lyceum building is quite too small to accommodate all the clever wonder-worker's patrons. The H. Price Webber Comedy Company was the principal attraction last week and the first part of this, and the evident appreciation of the immense audiences which have greeted this combination at each performance is the best proof of the success of this feature of Zera's entertainments. Next week the Professor will introduce another novelty company, The Jockey Minstrels, consisting of sixteen musicians dressed in jockey costumes. This will be something quite new for Zera's admirers, and will probably draw large houses. As we have before remarked, Zera's resources appear to be unlimited, and he never allows the interest of the public to flag.

A rumor has been floating through town to the effect that the Exhibition Skating Rink will not be opened this winter. Now while we have still a faint hope that this is merely rumor, we fear it is only too true. How deeply the faithful frequenters of this place of winter festivity will regret this state of affairs can scarcely be expressed, and we feel sure it will prove a great drawback to the enjoyment of many. The gay crowd assembled, the merry music of our military bands, the glassy surface tempting all lovers of this delightful sport, has always rendered our skating rink an attractive feature of the winter season, and many pleasant memories of afternoons and evenings spent there come back as we recall the days that are no more. The boys and girls are loud in their expressions of disappointment, and unless we have an unusual amount of outdoor skating in store for us this winter, the sport will languish and the shining steels be consigned to disuse. But as we before remarked, we hope that this lamentable state of affairs will not be realized, and that those who have the matter in hand will reconsider their determination, and afford us as usual this pleasant meeting-place for the indulgence of the most invigorating sport of our Canadian winter.

The ladies and gentlemen who so faithfully devoted their time and energies toward the management of the St. Augustine Bazaar, of which Rev. Mr. King was chief promoter, must feel indeed gratified at the bountiful success with which they met. The fair opened on Tuesday afternoon with a grand display of fancy and useful articles of all descriptions which were very satisfactorily disposed of. The spacious building was wholly devoted to the different departments of the bazaar and presented a busy scene. Downstairs there were stalls containing toys, fancy work, articles of clothing, kitchen-ware, etc., etc., while upstairs was displayed an abundance of beautiful work and desirable gifts for young and old. The fancy work tables were loaded with dainty goods, and prices, as bazaar prices go, were reasonable. The flower booth was very prettily arranged, and was quite an addition to the fine effect of the tastefully decorated building. The refreshment tables were well worthy of patronage, and the supper room across the hall, where "five o'clock tea was served from four to six-thirty," was deserving of the large share of attention it received. The Leicestershire band played during the afternoons, and in the evenings concerts, in which many leading amateurs

took part, formed an attractive feature of the Fair. The ladies in waiting were prettily and becomingly attired, the fair attendants at each booth wearing distinctive costumes. Blouses of pink distinguished one band of busy maidens, while other groups wore heliotrope or blue; others looked charming in dark gowns, with light caps and aprons. The effect was very pleasing, and bright eyes and happy faces evidently proved not a little attraction. The novelties written by the Rev. W. B. King, entitled "The Singing Child," met with a ready sale. The Bazaar was liberally patronized, and the highest expectations of the most sanguine must surely have been fully realized. The St. Augustine Mission is a deserving object, and the efforts of the friends interested have been well directed.

Delightfully pleasant weather has been our portion this week. Sunday was much like a day in early autumn, and it was hard to realize that the calendar's face was showing "December 6th." The sun was bright and warm and the wind blew softly and gently all day. Monday was not so propitious, but the heavy rain storm which raged well into the evening was followed on Tuesday by sunshine. So the year wears away, and within a few weeks will, as the old quotation runs "vanish in the chinks that Time has made."

The Orpheus Minstrels are busy practicing for the grand entertainment they are to give this month. This concert will prove very attractive, and probably will be well patronized.

The programme of the winter series of entertainments in connection with the Young Men's Christian Association which has just been arranged, will, without doubt, prove very attractive. We notice among other interesting features that Mr. Robie Cogswell is to occupy one evening with an address, taking for his subject, "The Practical Modern Uses of Electricity Demonstrated." Mr. Cogswell is well fitted to impart much valuable information on this subject, and as this science is one of practical interest, especially among the young men of to-day, the lecture room of the Association will surely be filled on the occasion. J. C. Mackintosh is to devote part of one evening to a "Business Talk to Young Men," and Dr. Chisholm has promised to deliver a short Medical lecture on another evening. These events, with monthly gymnasium competitions, and several musical and literary entertainments, compose the series, which is well worthy of the extensive patronage of members of the Association and their friends.

Now that tea-meetings and bazaars are raging, every day seems to bring one or more of these entertainments to the notice of the public. On Tuesday next the ladies of St. Andrew's Church are to hold a sale of fancy goods and will serve a rainbow tea. This latter will be something new in Halifax, and will doubtless add to the high reputation these ladies have already earned for the excellent repasts served at like entertainments in days gone by. Starr St. Free Baptist Church has also decided on Tuesday the 15th as the day for its annual tea meeting and concert. The ladies of this church have spared no efforts to provide a first-class entertainment on this occasion, and have secured the co-operation of several well-known amateurs of the city to take part in the concert, thus ensuring a pleasant evening to all who attend.

The concert held last Friday evening at St. Paul's Church was largely attended and much enjoyed. The church was filled, and the audience appeared to thoroughly appreciate the excellent music rendered. Miss Madelaine Homer sang very sweetly and won many new admirers. The anthems rendered by the choir of the church were listened to with pleasure, and were indicative of careful training. The organist, Mr. William J. Hutchins, gave some very fine exhibitions of his skilful playing, and contributed largely to the success of the entertainment. Mr. Hutchins is a zealous musician, and brings out the finest tones that the instrument is capable of producing. The congregation of St. Paul's was very fortunate in its selection of an organist when it secured Mr. Hutchins' services, and this gentleman is to be congratulated on the success of last week's musical recital as well as of former similar occasions.

Last evening and to-night the Academy is the centre of attraction for all who appreciate true music. The Fisk Jubilee Singers, from the celebrated Fisk University at Nashville, Tenn., have won a high reputation in Europe and America, and Halifaxians are indeed favored in the opportunity given them to hear these sweet-voiced musicians. Those who were fortunate enough to be present at the entertainments given by the Fisk Singers in Halifax some five or six years ago will call to mind the delicious harmony and sweet melody which were so enjoyed by the audiences, and will surely not fail to avail themselves of this opportunity to again listen to these exquisite songsters. The ladies and gentlemen in connection with the Sailors' Home of Halifax, under whose auspices these concerts are given, are deserving of many thanks from our citizens for their zeal and enterprise in providing music-lovers this rich treat.

The first concert on the programme of the winter course of entertainments in connection with the Church of England Institute is announced to take place in the Institute Hall on Thursday evening next, the 17th inst. The excellent entertainments of this character furnished on former occasions warrant anticipations of a delightful evening. The committee of management are sparing no pains to ensure the success of this concert, and those who appreciate good music, etc., should not miss this event. The season tickets for the Church of England Institute are very reasonable in price, and the course of entertainments is well arranged.