

CITY CHIMES.

Social affairs are unquestionably becoming a little more lively, much to the delight of those who have found Halifax to have been almost unbearably dull for the past month. There have been quite a few entertainments of different kinds since last week, and the outlook is bright.

**HALIFAX CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC.**—The recital at the Halifax Conservatory of Music on Friday evening last was one of the most successful of the season, which is not mild praise, be it understood. The clever young musicians who perform the programmes at the Conservatory recitals never fail to give pleasure by their selections and to merit commendations for the efficient performance thereof. Several of the students give evidence of rapid improvement in their musical studies, and the development of talent is very marked. The programme last week was long, but was so well carried out that it would have been indeed an unappreciative listener who experienced any sense of weariness. The young people of Halifax are particularly favored in the opportunities for musical culture afforded them.

**AN ENJOYABLE AFFAIR.**—The Y. M. C. A. President's reception on Monday evening was well attended. Mr. and Mrs. Burgoyne received the guests, and, ably assisted by the members of the ladies' auxiliary, most successfully entertained all who partook of their hospitality. A good musical and literary programme was rendered, and refreshments, ever welcome, were bountifully provided. Altogether, the committee upon whose shoulders rested the management of the reception may feel that they did well their part, and that their efforts met with abundant success.

As our Baptist friends are not behind in the work that is being done in the institutions situated in the pretty little town of Wolfville, they have determined to keep up with the times and with their brethren of other denominations in other lines, and have this week made a good move in that direction. The graduates of Acadia College now residing in Halifax, met on Monday evening in the vestry of the First Baptist Church to "consider the propriety of forming, and if thought advisable, to organise a 'Halifax Acadia Club.'" So read the invitations which called together the alumni. The subject was very fully discussed, and opinion in favor of organizing such a society was unanimous. The general object of the society will be to further the interests of Acadia, a work dear to the heart of every man or woman who spent some part of their youth within her walls.

**A COMING ATTRACTION.**—The Native African Choir have left England, and have sent word to Manager Clarke that they will be ready to sing to the people of Halifax on the 20th inst. Accordingly the Academy stage will be occupied by them on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of week after next, and the house will no doubt be well filled on these occasions.

**THE FISKE JUBILEE SINGERS.**—I note that these fine musicians are again in the Maritime Provinces. I have not seen announced any performance to be given by them in our city, but I feel I voice the sentiment of our musical people when I express the hope that we will be favored by one or more Fiske concerts.

**OF INTEREST TO CONCERT-GOERS.**—The principal attraction for next week is the Beethoven concert of the Doering-Brauer Conservatory, to be given in the Academy of Music on Tuesday evening. The programme has been carefully arranged, and promises to be delightful. A chorus of some one hundred and fifty voices, composed of several pupils of Fraulein Buedinger, members of Dalhousie Glee Club and others, is one of the attractions, and Fraulein Buedinger's singing and Herr Doering's cello performances are features in which all genuine lovers of music who attend the coming entertainment must find pleasure. Herr and Frau Doering have expended much time and attention in the preparation for their concert, and the people of Halifax should not fail to give them a crowded house.

**ST. MATTHEW'S GUILD THIS EVENING.**—This evening Professor MacMechan of Dalhousie College, delivers a lecture under the auspices of St. Matthew's Guild in the basement of St. Matthew's Church, taking for his subject "an Elizabethan Parson's Account of Shakespeare's England." Professor MacMechan will no doubt give an interesting evening to all who attend.

**THE WEARERS OF THE SHAMROCK.**—Next Friday is St. Patrick's Day, and the Irish Societies have decided to celebrate it by a parade. It is to be hoped, for the sake of the paraders, that the walking will be a little less disagreeable than at present.

**THE DARTMOUTH CARNIVAL.**—The Dartmouthians had a fancy dress carnival in their rink last night. The ice was good, and as everything to ensure success had been done, no doubt skaters and spectators spent an enjoyable evening.

**IN THE TIME TO COME.**—Several dances and other amusements are being planned by our young people to take place after Easter, and Society promises to be quite gay. Of course the ladies meanwhile are deeply interested in spring fashions, and the latest fashion magazines are much in demand. Masculine minds as well as feminine seem to be agitated over the much-talked-of and dreaded innovation of crinoline. One economically inclined lord of creation was recently heard to enquire if it would not take "much more stuff to make a dress." "Yes, sir!" was the emphatic reply from his group of daughters who had just announced that "skirts were

undeniably wider." It seems to me a very queer state of affairs that when not one woman in a hundred has any desire to wear crinoline or hoop-skirts there should be any such thing as fear in the minds of the nine-y-nine. If they don't want to wear them, why who is going to force them to do so. What is the matter with the generally accepted rule in re the will of woman that—"When she will, she will, and you may depend on't, and when she wout, she wout, and there's an end on't." In Minnesota a bill has been introduced in the Legislature, which, if passed, will make it unlawful to manufacture, sell, or to permit the manufacture, sale or use of the hoop-skirt, or anything like thereunto, within the limits of the state. In England the Anti Crinoline League, with Mrs. Stannard, the novelist, at its head, is flourishing. Now are our Halifax ladies going to wear the abomination or not; that is the question. My answer would be that if it becomes the "style," and hence the proper thing to do, they will do it, for they have never yet been behindhand in following the unwritten laws dictated by the mighty tyrant Fashion. CURS.

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

All communications to this department must be addressed directly to the Checker Editor, Mr. W. Foreyth, 36 Grafton St.

By the courtesy of the Checker Editor of the *Workman*, we are afforded the pleasure of placing before our readers a portrait of a Maritime Province man, who has won distinction in the checker world, and who is champion of Rhode Island, having won that honor in a match against E. R. Kelso about three weeks ago.



WILLIAM LEWIS.

He was born in St. John, N. B., and is now 33 years of age. In 1876 he went to Boston, where he became interested in checkers, and took his first lessons in the game under the tuition of that great player, William R. Barker. He has won games when pitted against such well-known players as C. H. Freeman and Charles F. Barker. For the four years last past he has been, and now is, checker editor of the *Providence Journal*. He is a printer by trade, and is employed as linotype machine operator on the *Providence Journal*. Mr. Lewis' father, Capt. David T. Lewis, resided with his family in Halifax between 1886 and 1889, and many of our merchants will doubtless remember him.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

CHECKER EDITOR "JOURNAL," Providence, R. I.—Shall be most happy to exchange with you. We mail our first X to you to-day.

MARTIN AND BRUNSFELD, Springhill, Cumberland Co.—Your end game is received, and we regard it as so excellent a position, that we reproduce it below. Meanwhile would be much pleased to receive your method of solving it.

SOLUTIONS.

PROBLEM 320—The position was: Black men 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 22, kings 30, 32; white men 14, 17, 19, 21, 23, 26, 31, king 15; white to move and win. 23 18 32—23 14 9 23—14 30—16 15 10 5—14 3 26 31 27 6—15 17 3 w. wins

GAME 207.—"NOVA SCOTIAN." Played recently between Samuel Granville and our checker editor, the former playing black:—

9-14	16-20	c 11-15	14-18
a 24	19 31	27 d 16	11 15 11
11-15	7-10	7-16	18-23
28 24	24 19	25 22	9 6
12-16	4-8	15-19	22-26
19 12	29 25	22 18	6 1
15-18	2-7	19-26	26-31
22 15	18 15	30 23	1 6
10-28	9-13	13-17	31-26
25 22	15 6	18 9	21 17
8-11	b- 1-10	17-22	e 23-27
22 18	22 18	23 19	32 23
6-9	8-11	16-23	26-19
26 22	18 9	27 13	11 7
11-16	5-14	10-14	3-10
27 24	19-16	18 15	drawn.

a As restrictions are the order of the day this game was played on that plan, the first two moves being agreed upon before play commenced. As the opening is quite new, we take the liberty to dub it "The Nova Scotian" and hope the name will meet with favor.

b Here we began to realize that Mr. Granville had built up a very strong game.

c Here we think Mr. Granville had already placed the game to his credit.

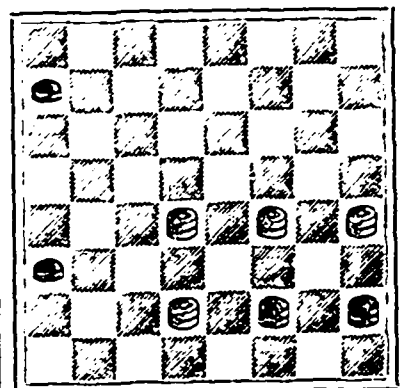
d This sacrifice again put us on an equal footing.

e Forcing the game to a finish. We would be pleased to receive criticisms on this game.

PROBLEM No. 322

An end game between Messrs Martin (black) and Brunsfeld (white) of Springhill, Cumberland.

Black men 5, 21 kings 27, 28.



White Kings 18, 19, 20, 26. Black to play and white to win. We invite the attention of our readers to this problem. In play we think it would require one of the big guns to win it.

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