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CITY CHIMES.

LADIES' COLLEGE.—The young ladies who have been pursuing their musical studies under the instruction of the staff of the Halifax Conservatory of Music this year are to be congratulated upon the progress they have made. This progress is very evident to those who have attended the recitals given by them from time to time throughout this winter. One of these enjoyable entertainments was given at the Ladies' College last Friday evening. The programme was well arranged and was ably performed by the young musicians.

THE ORPHEUS CONCERT.—The Orpheus Concert given on Monday evening was very enjoyable, and the thanks of musical Halifax are due to the ladies and gentlemen who afforded this rare musical treat. The soloists and chorus were in good voice and apparently put their hearts into their work, the secret of all successful effort. Professor Porter is to be congratulated upon the excellence of the performance.

THE SWEET MAYFLOWER.—The mayflowers have come out and the suburban residents have been proudly wearing small clusters of the dainty blossoms as "buttonholers" this week. Probably the Prestonians will have a small supply to-morrow, but it will be a case of come early and avoid the rush, for the late marketers will be sure to find that the treasures have been picked up by the early birds. I've been there and hence know whereof I speak. The appearance of the mayflower is encouraging to any who have altogether given up their hopes of warm weather in the near future. Maying parties will now be in order.

SPRING.—

"Tell me, ye chilly winds,
That from the northward wing,
Is this what people up your way
Consider gentle spring?"

whether it is or not, we would about as soon have winter down here. On Monday last, although the wind was chilly, the sun was warm and bright, business men looked happy, and the ladies out in their new spring clothes greeted each other with "Lovely day!", "This is springlike," etc. But alas! what a difference in the morning. Just fancy awaking on the morning of April 18th, oh ye lucky mortals who bask in the sunshine of southern lands, to find everything covered with snow, the wind howling and a cold rain coming down in torrents. Talk about Job's patience! Surely Halifaxians merit equal commendation with the good old man who dwelt in the land of Uz, for the way we bear the trials and disappointments incident to the spring season, for it is an undisputed fact that though occasional y we break forth into groanings, yet as a rule we smile as with a touch of good-natured sarcasm we remark to our neighbor on a morning like Tuesday last, that we are having "fine springlike weather" just now. Where that early spring that was confidently predicted is hiding itself is still a mystery, but it is a certainty that it has not yet arrived in the metropolis of Nova Scotia.

THE BAND CONCERT.—A concert is to be given on Thursday evening next in the Assembly Hall of the School for the Blind, for which a fine programme is being prepared. The instrumental numbers are to be given by pupils of the school. Mrs. Harty and Mrs. J. McD. Taylor, two of the sweetest singers Halifax can boast of, and Mr. Norman and Dr. Slayter, well known favorites with the music loving public, are down for songs. The price of tickets for this concert has been placed at twenty-five cents, and as there is not the slightest doubt with the above names on the evening's programme that the concert will be thoroughly enjoyable, I have no doubt the hall will be filled. The proceeds of the entertainment are to go towards providing new instruments for the band of the School.

THE DOERING-BRAUER CONSERVATORY.—The first of a series of three recitals by the pupils of this popular institution was given last evening in St. Luke's Hall. The second and third will be given on Monday and Tuesday evenings of next week. A very low admission fee allows of every one who enjoys music taking the opportunity of enjoying an evening with the Doerings and their pupile.

A PLEASANT AT HOME.—The members of St. Andrew's lodge and their friends spent a very pleasant evening on Tuesday last at Masonic Hall, it being the 125th anniversary of the organization. The Masons wore their regalia and the scene presented was decidedly gay. Mrs. S. M. Brookfield, Mrs. J. C. Mahon, Mrs. A. H. Crowe and Mrs. B. Swenerton assisted the

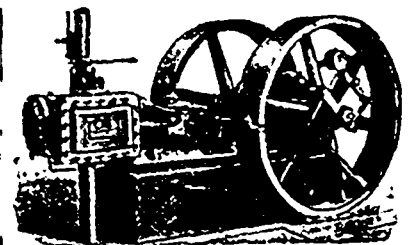
hosts of the evening in welcoming and entertaining their guests, and refreshments were served and an excellent musical programme performed.

WELL DONE, CITY FATHERS.—The Mayor and City Council have the commendation of the general public in the stand taken by them in the matter of fumigation of immigrants' baggage. The Minister of the Interior is just now in the bad books of the people of Halifax, who consider that their interests in this matter have been treated with unpardonable negligence. If there is any danger of the cholera being introduced into our city through the importation of foreigners, some of whom come directly from cholera-scourged countries, too great precautions cannot be taken. To even the most unobserving it is plain that it is most inconsistent to allow these foreigners to come into the city before the process of fumigation has been gone through. If fumigation is necessary at all, the quarantine station is surely the proper place for it to be done, and Mayor Keefe's plucky answer to the Hon. Mr. Daly's unsatisfactory communication has been very favorably commented upon.

THE ACADEMY.—Another change has been made in the Academy of Music engagements. Instead of Arthur Rahan's Company opening on Monday evening, as expected, the Academy will not open until Wednesday evening, the 26th, when James F Crossen's Company will present "The Banker's Daughter." This popular play is also on the bill for Thursday evening. On Friday and Saturday, "Lost in London" will be put on. For the following week the programme includes "A Celebrated Case," "The Private Secretary," and "Under the Gaslight." Theatre-goers will welcome with much pleasure the re-opening of the Academy, and good houses will no doubt be the order of the season. Crossen's engagement closes on the 29th inst.

THE CHURCH BAZAAR.—Mrs. Weatherbee had very unfavorable weather for the bazaar held under the auspices of the Church of England Institute on Tuesday last. However, the Fair was continued on Wednesday, when Dame Nature smiled upon the earth, and met with gratifying success. I have not heard the amount realized, but as it was for a most worthy object, to aid the church at Grand Pre, I trust it was satisfactory to the promoters of the project.

THE BOYS OF THE Y. M. C. A.—The ladies auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. have invited the members of the boys' branch to be present at a musical and literary entertainment to be given this evening for their especial benefit. The ladies have struck the right line in making things pleasant for the boys, and thus gaining a greater influence over them. These young lads are the coming men of our city and upon the influences exerted now that their characters are forming and their minds rapidly expanding much depends. The boys' branch has a bright lot of members, and while the physical energies are being well trained by judicious athletic exercises, they are also receiving benefit in many other respects from their connection with the Y. M. C. A. It is to be hoped more of the boys of Halifax will take advantage of the opportunities offered in this department of the Y. M. C. A., which is fast becoming a very important branch of the Association's work. CHIMES.



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