

vocalists have had their share, and some of them more than their share—of praise: Mr. Porter's reputation is a *fait accompli*: it is of the Doerings that we wish to speak now, and of Herr Klingensfeld later on. Mrs. Doering, nee Miss Brauer, is a native of Oldenburg, a quaint little Grand-ducal city in the North of Germany, blessed with an excellent opera-house, and a highly musical Grand-Duke. Thus it was in a musical atmosphere that Miss Brauer received her education, and won renown while quite a girl. She performed afterwards in Dresden, Berlin, Königsberg, Prague, and several other large cities, invariably receiving good notices from the critics. Her rendition of Mozart's Concert in C major, especially, attracted attention in Berlin.

Herr Döring has an equally distinguished record, and has scored decided triumphs in Leipzig, Berlin, Amsterdam, Antwerp, and St. Petersburg. No wonder we were so taken by his rendering of Handel's *Largo*: we have discovered since that a critic of high standing in Berlin, declared it to be the best rendering he had ever heard. Another of Herr Döring's masterpieces is the *Spinninn Song* (Popper), which elicited four recalls in St. Petersburg.

What brought Mr. and Mrs. Doering to Halifax we have not quite made out, but they seem to be quite settled here now, in spite of a very tempting offer made by the Boston Mendelssohn Quintette, and are rapidly becoming as popular socially as they are professionally.

We have just received the 20th Annual Report of the School for the Blind, under the management of Mr. C. F. Fraser. While reporting a highly satisfactory year's work, and acknowledging a large number of contributions, it seems to us that this Institution does not receive the universal support it deserves from the Maritime Provinces. The current account certainly shows a small balance on the right side, and during the past year Mr. J. Mott very generously left a legacy of \$3000 to the Institution; but another \$3000 is still wanting to meet the expense of the new building. Towards the \$16000 required for this purpose, the N. S. Legislature voted \$4000. The late Mr. S. A. White bequeathed \$1000, \$3000 was appropriated from last year's bequests, and Mr. Fraser has already collected another \$5000. There should be no difficulty in obtaining the remnant of \$2000, without going past the city limits: we could name several very well-to-do men who have not yet subscribed anything, and we can think of no cause that has a more just claim on everyone of us than the school for the Blind.

Major Bromhead of the 2nd South Wales Borderers, whose name is inseparably connected with the Defence of Rorke's Drift in 1879, died at Allahabad on the 10th of February of typhoid fever. Gorville Bromhead came of a family noted for generations for its distinguished soldiers. He was the youngest son of the late Major Sir Edmund de Gorville Bromhead, Baronet, of Thurley Hall, Lincolnshire, a Waterloo officer: his great-grandfather was at the taking of Quebec in 1759, and was the officer who sailed to General Wolfe "They run." Major Gorville Bromhead, V. C. was a kinsman of Major Bromhead in the 84th who was stationed here some few years ago, and will be remembered by many friends. We learn that the late gallant officer was uncle to Mrs. Norman Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalziel have left town for Bedford, where they will remain till after Easter.

Mrs. E. D. Tucker will be a passenger for Bermuda this week, where she goes to attend the marriage of her niece, Miss Gosling, to Major Vulliamy of the 17th. Miss Rose Gosling, who has been spending the winter at Pine Grove, will return to Bermuda, at the same time. The marriage of the Rev. Arthur Tucker to Miss Mathers of St. John, will take place at St. George's, Bermuda, shortly after Easter.

We hear that Mrs. Holt Clerke will probably sail for England next month. Everybody is sorry to hear this, as no one is more missed than Mrs. Clerke, when she goes away from home.

The marriage of Mr. Ernest Gregory, of Antigonish, and Miss Maud Graham, is to be among the first celebrated at St. Luke's Cathedral, after Lent.

The Bishop and Mrs. Courtney will probably remain at Jamaica till the very hot weather begins, when they expect to sail for England by the direct mail steamer. They will remain abroad for a year. Miss Courtney leaves Bishopsthorpe on Saturday for the United States.

We regret to hear that Mrs. J. L. Stearns has been suddenly summoned to Virginia by the serious illness of her father.

This spring will be especially remembered for the disappearance of familiar faces from Halifax. Col. and Mrs. O'Brien go on the 28th; Dr. Weston on the same date; Dr. Browne very soon, and Mr. and Mrs. Berry in May or June.

We are glad to hear of two Nova Scotians winning favour and fame in London. Mr. Avon Saxon as Friar in *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, at the magnificent new theatre in Charing Cross Road, is making an established place for himself; while Miss Nita Carré is charming everybody by her part in the *Gondoliers*, at the Savoy. It is curious to note how both these artists are always described as "Americans."

Rev. Dyson Hague will preach at St. Luke's Cathedral on Sunday evening.

Major Harvey, R. A., has taken Bishopsthorpe for a year, as the Mansells are returning to the "Oaks."

Dr. and Mrs. Burefoot have taken up their quarters for the present at the Lorne House. Dr. Dormer is staying at the Halifax Hotel.

Mr. Burton, R. E., leaves in a few days for Barbados.

We are pleased to see Mr. Stephen Tobin about again after his severe illness.

We hear that through the plucky enterprise of Mr. H. B. Clarke we are to have an Opera Company here for Easter week. This company has been plying with great success in Montreal and Quebec. During their stay here we are promised the following Operas:—The *Gondoliers*, *Erminie*, *Amarita* and *Fra Diavolo*. We trust that Mr. Clarke will meet with the support he so richly deserves.

Mrs. Henry and Miss Phyllis Noyes are staying in Gibraltar till next month, when they intend to return to England.

Lieut. Grant unexpectedly appeared again in the *Orontes*, much to the delight of many of his friends. He left in the troopship on Monday.

The new wing of the Halifax School for the Blind will be open to the inspection of the public on Friday and Saturday of this week, between the hours of 3 p. m. and 9 p. m. Entrance by main door of new wing.

The fourth Lecture of the course under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., was delivered on Tuesday evening in the Orpheus Hall by Hon. J. W. Longley; the subject was "Politics considered as a fine Art." The subject was cleverly handled, and the lecturer displayed great tact in steering clear of showing any political bias whatever. We are afraid, however, that it is rather wasting words to talk about honest politics and ideal politicians in this part of the world, but it may go down all right after an election.

It is not often that the city police can be reproached for over-officiousness, but the case of the "bobby" who arrested a soldier's wife for walking along the street with her husband certainly calls for some remark. This is not at all colonial:—the chief characteristic of colonies,—or at any rate of some colonies,—is to make ridiculously stringent laws, and to be absurdly lax about seeing them carried out. The little incident in question takes us back to old times,—and thereby hangs a tale.