

have never before been equaled here, occurred in this city to-day at checker headquarters. The first was a team match of eighty players, forty on a side, in which Pittsburg and Alleghany players played against the State of Pennsylvania, the game occupying about three hours. The second unprecedented event was in the evening, when fifty-six men sat down, the fifty-six boards being played simultaneously. Three men played against the others. These were James P. Read, ex-champion of America; Dr. Schaffer, champion of New York, and Charles Hefter, champion of Illinois. The three won 30 games, lost 8 and drew 18 games.

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Musical and Dramatical.

THE weekly Concerts by the 90th Band, at the Manitoba, draw large crowds, who appear to be delighted with these open-air entertainments.

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MESSRS. Tees, Tuckwell and Wheeler have been appointed judges of the Band competition that takes place in July at the Industrial Exhibition.

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MR. W. H. DINGLE will give the next organ recital at Christ Church on the 20th inst. He will have the assistance of one or two vocalists.

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MISS HOLMES, organist of Grace Church, will leave on the 27th inst., for Chicago, where she intends to remain for a couple of months study with Mr. Clarence Eddy, the well-known organist.

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GRACE CHURCH CHOIR will give a Concert on the 23rd inst. Gounod's "Messe Solennelle" and two or three part songs constitute the programme.

Mrs. Verner and Messrs. David Ross and Jackson Hanby are the vocal soloists. Miss Holmes will render an organ solo.

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THE School Concert in the Thistle Rink on the 16th is being looked forward to with a great deal of curiosity. The musical portion under Miss Day's supervision ought certainly to be very entertaining indeed.

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MISS AGNES JOHNSTON, of Grace Church Choir, contemplates a trip to Chicago, Toronto, etc., during the summer months.

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THE proprietors of the Bijou Opera House deserve the thanks of the public for the satisfactory manner in which they have improved the facilities of the building. Theatre goers have now as safe a place to go for amusement as they ever had, if not a great deal safer, and we trust the management will have their enterprise appreciated by the public.

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