

CITY CHIMES.

Criticism of the Orpheus Concert crowded over into News column, page 6.

We hear that the question of the trophy football match is to be finally decided to-day. Several members of the Maritime Provinces Football Union are to meet in the city and hold a solemn confab over this momentous question, and the result of their meditation is eagerly awaited by both Wanderers and Dalhousians. It is to be hoped the decision of these gentlemen will be satisfactory to both teams and that peace and goodwill may once more reign.

The President and Office Bearers of the North British Society have issued cards for a *Conversazione* to be held in Masonic Hall on Monday evening, to celebrate the festival of St. Andrew. Pleasant recollections of former receptions given by this Society warrant anticipations of a delightful evening to all who are honored with invitations.

Herr and Mrs. Klingensfeld have thrown open the doors of their pretty home on Smith Street yesterday and to day, and the public is cordially invited to inspect the display of fancy and useful articles which are being disposed of for the benefit of the poor of our city. Mrs. Klingensfeld and her willing assistants should certainly receive liberal patronage from the good people of Halifax, their object being a worthy one and their zeal in this noble cause unceasing. We hope to hear of a good return for the efforts of these charitable ladies.

The President and Officers of the Church of England Institute are to be congratulated on the success of the reception given to their friends last evening in the Institute Hall. The whole building was thrown open to the guests and a most enjoyable entertainment provided. The musical programme was first class in every respect and varied with short addresses from the President and others. This *At Home* is the first of the course of entertainments provided for the winter season and is an auspicious opening.

The recital at Ladies College last Friday evening drew a large audience and was pronounced by all a perfect success. The pupils did themselves and their teachers great credit and furnished an enjoyable entertainment for their numerous friends who were fortunate enough to be present. These pleasant evenings at our Young Ladies' Seminary are growing in popularity and are highly appreciated by those interested in the progress of the rising generation. The bright and interested faces of the maidens prove that the home life of the College is made attractive and that the efficient teachers are improving their opportunities of developing all that is best in the minds and characters of those entrusted to their care. The College has now a large number of day pupils who reside in the city and between forty and fifty boarders, while many more are expected after the beginning of the new year. The friends of the College will be glad to hear of its gratifying success.

Dr. Partridge's "Sunday afternoons with the People," during which the Reverend gentleman has delivered to large audiences a series of interesting lectures, closed on Sunday last with an organ recital in St. George's Church. Mrs. Hegarty, Messrs. Wilson and Foster and Professor Hutchins were the principal participants in the well arranged programme, which consisted of about twelve numbers, all of which were excellently rendered. The congregation was large and the service proved very enjoyable. Dr. Partridge's lectures have been well attended and his able discourses on popular topics highly appreciated by those who have assembled Sunday after Sunday and who will regret that the series has ended.

The long-talked-of *At Home* at Dalhousie at last materialized, although not as at first planned. After all thoughts of holding a large reception were abandoned, the lady students conceived the brilliant idea of giving a social entertainment on a smaller scale in honor of the noble fifteen who have won such laurels on the field of sport this season. Accordingly invitations were issued to a limited number of friends for Tuesday evening, and a thoroughly enjoyable *conversazione* was held in the spacious halls of Dalhousie. The committee of management spared no pains to make the event all that could be desired, and must indeed have felt highly gratified at the success of their efforts. The reception rooms, law library, etc. were very tastefully decorated, yellow and black bunting being draped on pillars and walls, while from gasaliers and other points of vantage gracefully swung the idolized footballs. Principal and Mrs. Forrest and Mrs. Weldon received the guests at the entrance to the Assembly Hall, and the rooms were soon filled with the students and their friends. All appeared to be in merry mood, and an utter lack of the restraint which is usually so evident at the beginning of these social functions was very noticeable. Conversation and laughter flowed freely, and the cheers for Dalhousie lustily given by the students after "goodnight ladies," had been sung were heartily echoed in the hearts of their guests. The literary and musical programme of the evening was well carried out. The opening address of welcome to their football teams delivered by Mr. A. K. McLean was briefly and happily responded to by Captains Bill and Johnson amid applause by the boys. Miss Hobrocker and Miss Copeland favored the company with vocal solos, the latter lady receiving an enthusiastic encore, and the evening passed only too quickly. The refreshments were served downstairs, and the excellent and dainty viands so bountifully provided were done ample justice to. The students of Dalhousie, especially the lady students, are to be congratulated.

The football game on the Royal Blue grounds last Saturday afternoon

between Acadia and Dalhousie was one of the best contested and most interesting matches that we have seen for a long time. Both teams were in good trim and went to work with a will, each member wearing a look of determination to do or die; and although there was no particularly brilliant individual plays the united efforts of both sides accomplished some fine work. The game was called for two o'clock, and promptly at that hour the boys were on the field, and a large crowd had assembled to witness the game. Several of Acadia's students had accompanied their team and were loud in their expressions of encouragement. The day was all that could be desired, but the results of a heavy frost on Friday night, followed by Saturday's bright sunshine, rendered the ground very soft and slippery. Dalhousie won the toss, and the war began. Play was fast and furious until the fight was interrupted by an accident to Starratt, Acadia's captain. Dr. Jacques was immediately on hand and pronounced the injuries not dangerous. Ferguson took Starratt's place and the game went on. When half time was called the game stood a draw, and the excitement and interest of both Dalhousians and Acadians present was intense. In the second half both teams lost a forward. J. D. Logan, the brave wrestler for Dalhousie's honor, was carried off the field apparently more dead than alive, but was heard a few minutes later assuring Prof. Forrest that he wasn't "gone" yet, and we are glad to learn that he is now rapidly recovering. A few minutes later Lombard, of Acadia, retired with his nose broken, and the game was finished with one man short on each side. The end of the battle came at last with score, Dalhousie 2, Acadia 0. The visitors played a fine game, and although victory was not for them this time, may feel proud of their work. They returned to their *alma mater* in the W. & A. train, after a pleasant though brief visit to our city, where the genial manly fellows have made many friends.

Only when Zera Semon, the marvellous wonder-worker, comes to town is the popularity of the old Lyceum Hall renewed, and the little street on which it is situated presents the same scene every evening of an eager, pushing crowd striving to obtain admission to the land of wonderment. Truly it is surprising the skill with which this magician performs his marvellous feats, completely defying the wisdom of the sceptical and entrancing and interesting all who attend his magical entertainments. The advertisements of Zera's novelties really give but a faint idea of the extent of his programme, which contains new features each evening. We notice that next week *this wonderful show* is to have an addition to its already lengthy list of attractions in the engagement of H. Price Webber's Boston Comedy Co., which opens on Wednesday evening, and will run for a week with a change of programme each evening. This Company is well known in every town of the Province, and will without doubt provide bountiful entertainment for lovers of fun, and who does not feel the better after a hearty laugh. Zera has made a good score in securing this popular combination, and if energetic enterprise, combined with an honest desire to give the public the worth of its money, can ensure a prosperous season, Professor Semon will never know the meaning of the word failure. Mrs. Zera Semon is not by any means the least important member of this novel Company which is attracting such crowds at each of its performances, for a more expert door-keeper could hardly be imagined. The dexterity with which this lady takes the admission tickets and delivers the prize coupons is hardly less wonderful than the feats of her husband. In the words of the irrepressible small boy, "she's a hustler." Mention must also be made of Zera's business manager, Mr. Ed. H. Barstead, who is well up in his profession and shows excellent business qualities, and inasmuch as he is a Halifax boy should receive his due share of credit from Halifaxians for the success with which his Company inevitably meets.

There was some little imp of mischief in the types last week surely that made what we certainly intended for 1888 appear in cold print as 1878 in the paragraph on the Dartmouth Fortnightly Club. If our readers will pardon such an error for this time we will try to avoid confusing our dates in future.

The first meeting of Dartmouth's new Fortnightly Club was held, as announced last week, at Mrs. Douglas Dixon's on Friday evening. About sixty or seventy people were present, and dancing was kept up with vigor in the spacious room set apart for the purpose until about half-past eleven o'clock, when the guests departed. It is a wise beginning to leave on Cinderella's time, and not to make these regular gatherings anything like formal parties, with late hours that interfere so much with the next day's work and well-being. Mr. and Mrs. Dixon are the best of entertainers and make their friends thoroughly enjoy an evening with them. The next meeting of the Club will be held on Thursday evening of next week at "Sunnyside," where Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ellis have so often filled their rooms with happy guests.

The Young Men's Society of Christ's Church, Dartmouth, announced an entertainment to be given in their town last evening. As this column closes up on Thursday we cannot speak further of it, but we know that with the talent comprised in the Society they should be able to please their audience.

We have had an unusually pleasant month of November this year, and even though December is close upon us we are still enjoying mild weather. Mist and mud rendered the first of this week very unpleasant, but the bright sunshine that followed has fully compensated for the misery endured by all pedestrians on those days. This beautiful autumn weather will make the winter less tedious, surely something to be devoutly thankful for.