

CITY CHIMES.

Rev. W. B. King delivered a very interesting lecture on Wednesday evening at the Ladies' College, taking for his subject "Musical History." The Reverend lecturer was thoroughly at home with his subject, and was ably assisted in illustrating his points by the choir of St. Matthew's Church. Professor Porter favored the audience with some selections on the pianoforte.

"The first of May in Halifax" was the title of an old school song of our youthful days, which graphically set forth the confusion, joys and pain incident to the Spring exodus of many householders. Although the rhythm was not very musical nor the language eloquent, the sentiment of this ballad must surely have touched a responsive chord in many breasts at this season. To those who do not possess a spirit of contentment, and to those who would fain better their present conditions, as well as to the proverbial householders who find it cheaper to move than pay rent, this May-day is an eventful one. Only those who have experienced the trials of househunting, dethroning household gods and packing up, having treasured articles of furniture bundled on an express in a most promiscuous manner, arriving at the new domicile only to meet the late occupants thereof at the door striving to have their belongings removed "decently and in order," can sympathize with those unfortunates who on Monday next will take up their goods and chattels and move. Of course, as a kind of compensation for the many inconveniences, there is nearly always a humorous side to the event, and if the members of the afflicted family will only keep goodnatured and determine to enjoy the novelty of dining off a corner of the kitchen-table minus linen or luxuries, and put up with the topsy-turvin'ness of things in general in a philosophical manner, donning for the occasion their "company smile," much of the misery of the moving experience might at least be ameliorated. For the sake of our flitting friends we will put up a little prayer for fine weather next week.

Of course everybody, or nearly everybody, attended the convocation of Dalhousie College at the Academy of Music on Tuesday afternoon. The proceedings as usual were very interesting. The governors of the College, members of the faculties and the graduating classes had seats on the platform, President Forrest in the chair. Degrees of Bachelor of Arts were conferred on 19 students, of Bachelor of Laws on 20 students, Bachelor of Letters on 1, and Bachelor of Science on 1. The Degree of Master of Arts was conferred on Miss Agnes S. Baxter, a Halifax young lady, of whom Halifax may justly be proud, and whom Halifaxians should delight to honor. Honors diplomas, diplomas of general distinction, special prizes and the Governor-General's silver medal were then presented, and for the first time in the history of Dalhousie honorary degrees of L. L. D. were conferred. The distinguished gentlemen who were the recipients of this honor were Very Rev. Principal George M. Grant, D. D., of Kingston; Sir John S. D. Thompson, K. C. M. G., Ottawa; Alexander H. McKay, B. A., B. Sc., Superintendent of Education; and Edwin Gilpin, Jr., M. A., F. G. S., Inspector of Mines. President Forrest expressed his regret that the first two were not present. The valedictorians were A. R. Hill, arts; W. H. Trueman, law; and A. Irwin, medical; all of whom delivered bright, well-written and thoughtful addresses. The never-failing demonstration of mirth which always attends Dalhousie's convocation was not missing on this occasion, although we think it was a little more moderate than in times past. The horns, chestnut-bells and like contrivances for producing ear-splitting sounds were quite frequently used by the "jolly good fellows" in the student ranks to give expression to the boisterous joy that filled each manly heart. The presentation of each degree was accompanied by a burst of music (!) from the students, the words of the greeting being particularly applicable to the graduate to whom it was applied. The boys' triumph and delight were complete when during the conferring of degrees the curtain fell, leaving one bewildered professor in front. It is whispered that this has been a long contemplated feat, which was never accomplished until this year. It would be well if the students would remember that a true gentleman is gentlemanly at all times, and at all times considerate of others' rather than his own pleasure, but as Convocation only comes once a year and belongs peculiarly to the students, the many who would frown on the noisy fun of the boys must exercise patience and make up their minds that the old proverb about "putting old heads on young shoulders" has much truth in it. Dalhousie College is rapidly increasing in influence, and the education which it offers our young men and women is a privilege we could wish more would see their way clear to take advantage of. The students have done good work during the last year, and the pass lists make a creditable showing.

Professor Simon opened his engagement at the Lyceum Theatre on Monday evening with a good variety show. The company consists of several talented specialists, who, with Zora, offer an attractive entertainment. The Lyceum has been renovated since last season, and makes a pleasant little theatre. Professor Simon has found the secret of success and offers his patrons a long list of amusements. There will be an entire change of programme each week, and new attractions will take the place of old ones. The Saturday afternoon performances give the children opportunities of enjoying the fun Zora provides for his patrons, and from present appearances there is every prospect of a successful season at the Lyceum.

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The long postponed lecture by Professor C. G. D. Roberts, of King's College, Windsor, under the auspices of the Church of England Institute, was announced to be given at the Institute last evening. The subject, "Notes on the Threshold," gave promise of an interesting address, and we have no doubt that a pleasant and profitable evening was spent by all who were present.

Much has been spoken and written on the important subject of the prevailing style of ladies dress with regard to the "dip." Although pathetic appeals have been made for the cause of cleanliness and neatness, our Halifax ladies have succumbed to the resistless desire to be as other women are, and the majority of the spring dresses are fashioned with a train. We are all familiar with the poet's lines expressing the determined nature of the weaker sex, which run thusly:

"When she will, she will,
And you may depend on't;
And when she won't, she won't
And there's an end on't."

In this matter she *will*, and now a word of caution about the management of these dips. Coming up Barrington street one afternoon this week when the youth and beauty of the city was taking its promenade through town we were almost overcome with mingled feelings of admiration, pity and amusement. The way a girl holds up her dress it has been said reveals her character. We hope not, unless a decided clutching of the back of the long skirt denotes strength of mind. If the ladies *will* wear dresses that must be held up out of reach of the dusty sidewalk we would advise them to practice long and with patience in front of their mirrors the art of gracefully performing this necessary act. To the ladies this should be an important point and

"Wad some power the giffle gie us
To see oursel as ithers see us,"

the fair ones would assuredly take a hint and see that this one fault in the graceful effect of the new spring gowns be remedied without delay.

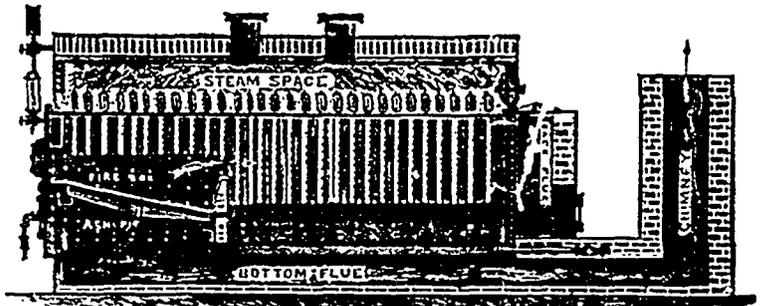
The Josie Mills Company have been playing at the Academy this week to fairly good houses, and have been putting on better plays than they favored us with at the opening of their engagement. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, "Held by the Enemy" was presented, and took well with the audience. The play was interesting, perhaps a little too exciting for the timid ones who object to much discharging of firearms, etc., and ran smoothly throughout. Last evening an old favorite, "Hazel Kirke," was the attraction, and to-night and to-morrow evening, "Under the Gaslight" will be given. The ladies and children will have an opportunity of seeing "Held by the Enemy" at the matinee to-morrow afternoon. The Josie Mills Co. took an effective way of advertising this play on Wednesday afternoon. During the Dalhousie Convocation, a soldier, dressed in U. S. uniform, paraded up and down in front of the Academy, the observed of all observers, and no doubt attracting much attention to the play to be put on in the evening. In a British garrison town the residents look with much amusement on a mock soldier attired in the United States uniform. The comparison is decidedly in favor of the British boys.

Although we are favored each day with glorious sunshine the air continues to be rather chilly, and lacks the warmth we would wish in our spring weather. We have had little rain this month and the old inhabitants inform us that a few warm showers are what we need to advance the season. The grass is assuming a most lively hue, the trees are budding and in a few weeks Dame Nature will have thrown off her winter mantle and donned her coat of many colors.

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