

wonderful precision and unison that the "Herald" named them Eng and Chang the Siamese Twins of the piano. The program was an excellent one—Mozart's C Minor fugue was very clearly delivered. The slow movement from Brahms's F Minor Quintet, Opus 34 arranged for two pianos, was the most musical hit of the afternoon. Selections from Liszt, Chopin and others were rendered in that same charming style. They are sure to win large audiences everywhere, for they not only possess great musical ability, but they are both sweet, modest young ladies, and have a very winning manner.

EUROPEAN NOTES.

Sir George Grove has resigned his position as Director of the Royal College of Music in London. Every one regrets to lose Sir George for he was a great favorite, and was a splendid director.

The Emperor's "Song to Egit" will, for the first time, be produced publicly in Berlin on the 28th of this month at a charity matinee in the Royal Opera House. More than 50,000 copies of the song are already ordered by Messrs. Bote and Bock, and Mr. Bock says that a large portion of that number is ordered from the United States.

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THE ICE BOATS.

BY TRINIE.

The early settlers along the eastern shore of Prince Edward Island, around what is now known as Cape Traverse, were originally from Cape Tormentine, New Brunswick.

In summer communication was kept up between the people of the Island and Cape Tormentine by means of boats crossing and recrossing, bringing news, and sometimes the friends would cross for a visit; but in winter all communication was shut off by the ice which forms in the straits, and is driven about by the tide, making it impossible for ordinary boats to cross, and in this way the people of the island had to pass the long winter months without word from their friends on the mainland.

The Indians, living on the island, having used all the ash wood on their side, knowing there was plenty across the water, and being in great need of it, resolved to venture across the straits, although it was winter. They took their canoes, rowing them through the water, and carrying them over the ice. They would only cross occasionally, but when they did, the people of the island would send messages to their friends. The government hired an Indian to take the first mail that ever crossed from Cape Tormentine in winter, in his canoe.

After a time the bravest of the white men crossed with the Indians, and out of this arose the means they now have for crossing Northumberland Straits. These are the celebrated Ice Boats.

These boats resemble a common row boat with runners, built for water as well as ice. Straps are attached to the boats and these are fastened around the men who draw them. These boats were, at first, used only for carrying the mails; but a number of people cross by that route now.

On leaving the train at Cape Tormentine, the passengers have to drive about two miles on the ice, where the boats are waiting. They go about five miles in the boats drawing them over the ice, and on coming to water they get in their boats and row until they come to ice again.

As a usual thing the passengers help to draw them; as they have to pay a large amount to have their luggage drawn over and extra for themselves if they do not work their passage. This is on account of it being hard work, especially if there is much luggage. A great many would

rather help, as it keeps them warm, and they like the experience.

Some consider this a very dangerous way of crossing the Straits; but very few accidents have happened of late years, and a larger number seem to be taking advantage of this route every year. A few ladies have crossed the last year, or two.

THE OLD COVERED BRIDGE.

BY ALICE.

In the quaint old College town of Sackville, at the foot of one of its main streets, stands a time-worn and battered bridge.

The scene of many a joyous sport, is lovingly remembered by some of Sackville's oldest students. Divided into two parts, this bridge is unequalled for a race and every half holiday or fine Saturday finds a crowd of jolly school boys bound for the old bridge.

Numberless names have been recorded from one end to the other. Some have risen very high and are among the most honored and respected in our country. Samuel A. Chesley, after graduating with high honors from Sackville, went to Dalhousie and there spent a number of years studying law. He is still practising law in Lunenburg but is also a judge of probate. His daughter is now a student of Mt. Allison and bids fair to be as successful in her studies as was her father.

Benjamin Russell also graduated with honors from Mt. Allison and has since become a professor of law at Dalhousie. Richard C. Weldon graduated from Mt. Allison, 1870, and is now Dean of the law faculty at Dalhousie. 1875

Henry C. Powell graduated 1870 and has since become one of the rising lawyers of the day, as well as an M. P. P. Josiah Wood, who was one of Mt. Allison's first graduates, is now one of Sackville's wealthiest citizens, and is also a member of Parliament.

Alfred D. Smith, Sidney W. Hunton, W. Morley Tweedie and Albert B. Tait, now professors of Mount Allison College, graduated with high honors from this institution.

Last, but by no means least, is our esteemed and honored principal, Dr. Borden. Although he may now frown on the girls as they make vain attempts to carve their names deep in the wood, yet I dare say, it recalls to his mind many the time he has carved his name, and many the Saturday he has spent with a crowd of jolly boys down by the old bridge.

Others, some of whom showed great powers and talent while at school, have since gone down to dishonored and untimely graves.

The boys of this generation are carving their names, as of old—their future remains to be seen—but we hope when they have attained manhood's years, they will do much honor to the names recorded on the old covered bridge.

LOCAL EVENTS.

BY PEGGIE.

This will be the last issue of "The Whitehouse Siftings," until after the Christmas holidays, on account of the examinations and the breaking up of the school term. It however, will be continued next term and we hope that the readers will find an improvement by the end of the second term.

Mr. Frank Harrison, of Sackville, intends entering the law firm of Powell and Bennett. He will take charge of the office in Moncton, which will be known by the name of Powell and Harrison, and the Sackville one by Powell and Bennett.

The anniversary meeting of the Missionary Society was