

## CITY CHIMES.

The Orpheus Concert of last week was an exceedingly enjoyable one, and was listened to by the usual large audience. Miss Louise Laine appeared to be quite recovered from her recent illness, and was in splendid voice. Her rendering of the aria from Sampson "Let the Bright Seraphim" was finely finished, but a trumpet obligato is a risky experiment, and when the voice and instrument are not in perfect accord, the effect produced is something like ice water running down one's back. The group of songs, No. 8, was much more pleasing to the audience. No. 10, "Fair Ellen," scored the greatest success of the evening, and the tide that flows in the veins of Scotchmen was stirred by the strains of "The Campbells are Coming." All the resources of the Orpheus Club were utilized in this effort; Miss Laine and Mr. Gillis taking the solo parts, the Club and Ladies' Auxiliary, the choruses, and the orchestra doing splendid work. Lengthy as the piece was, the audience desired a repeat, but did not get it. Among the other numbers on the programme, the Waltz "Treasure," by Strauss, played by the orchestra, and the part song "Lullaby of Life" by the Club and Ladies' Auxiliary, are most worthy of praise. The latter was one of the best choruses we ever heard at an Orpheus concert, the shading and expression being particularly good. Herr Klिंगenfeld with his violin succeeded, as he nearly always does, in eliciting an enthusiastic encore, to which he kindly responded. This was the fifth, but not, as we saw stated somewhere, the last of the Orpheus Club's concerts for this season. If we remember rightly seven concerts were promised for this season, so there are still two to come. We hope Herr Doering will be booked for a 'cello solo at the next one. It is so long since we have had the pleasure of hearing him draw sweet melody from his big fiddle that we are getting quite impatient.

Have you a dime bank? They are quite the thing. You can only put ten cent pieces into them and they will not open until fifty pieces have been deposited. Then it opens itself and you have five dollars to put to some good purpose. They can be carried easily in the pocket and are quite a novelty.

Some of our Halifax girls may appreciate what an American paper has to say about the supremacy of married ladies, but we are sure most of our bright lassies can hold their own even when they are, so to speak, almost swamped with lively young matrons. The paper in question says:—"Some time and in some fashion the young unwedded woman will be called upon to make a decided stand against the invasion of the matron upon her special province. There is scarcely place left now for the sole of her slipper between the schoolroom and strip of carpet before the matrimonial altar. She is simply driven into a corner, and told to marry at once, or lay down her passport into realms of social gaiety.

This arrogance of the married woman concerning her monopoly of society amusements is more intolerable than trade union tyrannies. She won't hear to having unpaired belles brought into competition with her attractions. If they choose to chime it must be with a conjugal clapper, and not as merry, independent tinklers, ringing a distracted little tune of unmated friskiness.

Girls are still permitted to have debuts, but even on those great occasions the young matron steps in, and by right of double blessedness takes all the cakes and ale. The shy sweet miss is left to cut a poor figure, indeed. And so on, from first to last. The married woman opens the ball, leads the german, occupies the opera boxes, demands all the dinner invitations, fills the victoria, receives at the tea, thereby squeezing the girl into such a small corner no one is ever able to find her behind madam's overcrowded engagement book."

One of the guests at Mrs. John Duffus' dance on Monday evening dropped a nice handkerchief which she values highly, and was unable to find it. If any lady by mistake carried it off she will confer a great favor by returning it to Mrs. Duffus, who will restore it to the owner.

"Modern Mariner" would be pleased if we or some of our many readers would furnish him the whole of a poem, entitled "The Sailor's Death-bed," and the name of the author, or if time and space are valuable with them, let him know where he can find it. The first verse is:

"At evening, when the sun was low,  
And the wooded shores grew dark;  
And the stars were winking, one by one,  
In the heavens; and the anchor'd barque  
Lay, like an albatross asleep,  
In the cloudless wilds of the twilight deep."

The season of Grau's Opera Company in this city has come to an end. "The Chimes of Normandy" and "Olivette" have been well patronized, and last night a large audience was present, on the occasion of Mountjoy Walker's benefit, when a triple bill was presented. All things considered, we have been very well entertained for the past three weeks, and we rarely hear sweeter singing than Miss Laurens', or watch more graceful movements than those of Miss Marie Bell. There were faults in plenty in the Company if one chose to look for them, but in Halifax we can scarcely expect perfection, and when a thing is enjoyable enough to draw good houses nightly for nearly four weeks, severe or unkindly criticism is superfluous. We are very glad indeed to go to see and hear when operas are put on in no worse style than those we have recently seen and heard.

Here surely is something like a miracle! John A. Dawson, Esq., Ex-M. P. of Pictou, N. S., writes:—"I was troubled with Dyspepsia of the very worst kind for twenty years. K. D. C. cured me completely. It is worth its weight in gold. Will give information to any one who will write me."

The ladies of the Seamen's Friend Society have issued cards for an "At Home" this evening at the Sailor's Home from 8 to 10 o'clock. A pleasant time is in store for all who intend being present.

The benefit concert tendered to Prof. S. Porter by the Orpheus Club is to take place on Tuesday evening next, the 28th. A bumper house should be given this energetic musician.

Moving is a fashionable diversion just now. It will continue in vogue for a few weeks only. House cleaning is also receiving the assiduous attention of careful house-keepers.

The dress materials and other articles of female adornment are very pretty this spring. All the shops are gay with them, and shopping may be looked upon as a delightful prerogative.

The convocation of Dalhousie College and University took place yesterday at 3 o'clock in the Academy of Music. A large number of people were present.

Yesterday was St. George's day. Roses and laurel leaves were in demand.

The Lyric Quartette, whose merits are well known in Halifax, as well as in several towns of the Province, gave a concert at the Church of England Institute last evening. Mrs. F. J. Tremaine and Mr. Herbert Logan, pianist, assisted. The concert was the closing one of the Institute winter course.

The sessional dinners at Government House are much enjoyed by the prominent men of Halifax, as well as by members of the upper and lower houses. They take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Attorney-General Longley entertained a number of gentlemen at dinner on Monday evening.

The assault-at arms to be given at the Academy of Music on Tuesday evening next has been carefully prepared for by the 63rd Rifles. Sergt. Instructor Kelly is a splendid swordsman, and will give an exhibition of sword feats. The band of the regiment will be in attendance, and a fine entertainment is promised.

We must record our regret that the nameless Nova Scotian correspondent of the *Dominion Illustrated* felt badly (at first) that we disapproved of some of her items; but as that lady wrote a good deal about some people we know very well, in fact, our dear and dear relations, and in doing so made several mistakes of greater or less importance, we did not feel that our criticism (though a little one,) was altogether uncalled for. We did not, however, mean to be unkind, as our friend might have been sure of, considering we endorsed her remarks on dress reform so strongly, and gave them a circulation of between five and six thousand over what they would otherwise have had. We trust this misunderstanding (though a little one) will speedily vanish. We are large enough—in some ways at least—to smile at our friend's interpretations!

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