

The second concert of the Orpheus Club subscription series will take place next Tuesday in the Orpheus Hall. The programme will include selections by the Haydn Club.

A good deal of uneasiness was felt about the *S. S. Portia* which left St. John on Thursday the 9th inst., for the West Indies. She was to call at Yarmouth to take on board four Halifax passengers, but she failed to appear until Sunday morning. The storm which delayed her was one of the most terrific ever experienced in that vicinity, with the thermometer below zero.

The *Dominion Illustrated* continues to maintain its high character, and the number of January 12th is a very attractive one. Among other illustrations is a portrait of Sir Joseph Hickson, and a charming reproduction of Chataillon's "Joan of Arc," the only fault of which appears to be a slight want of depth of tone, probably owing to some momentary defect in the photographer's processes.

We have to acknowledge, with thanks, a handsome calendar from the "Canada Printing-Ink Company," Corcoran & Lee, Toronto; one from the "Canada Paper Company," 578 Craig St., Montreal, and 11 Front St., (west) Toronto. This is an especially handy one in sheets of weeks, with many spaces for memoranda. We have also to thank the *Gazette* Printing Company of Montreal, R. White, Managing Director, for an exceedingly nice almanac, containing a large amount of information and ample memorandum space.

Coughlin, Burke and O'Sullivan were sent to the state prison at Joliet on Tuesday.

The farmers in North Carolina are in a destitute condition owing to the failure of crops.

Fifteen murders are reported from different parts of the Southern States as a result of Christmas festivities.

Miss Mary Miles, of Marion, Ind., while curling her hair, touched one of her eyes with the hot iron, searing the iris and destroying the sight of her eye.

One of the Messrs. Vanderbilt, of New York, has purchased from the Earl of Dudley the famous picture "The Grand Canal of Venice." The price was \$20,000.

We are in receipt of Vick's Floral Guide for 1890, with its usual wealth of colored and other illustrations. It is as usual admirably got up, and all Mr. Vick's seeds are thoroughly reliable. 343 East Avenue, Rochester, N.Y.

An estimate published by the *British American Citizen* from the best information places the amount of British capital invested in American enterprises at over \$205,000,000. These investments are much objected to by many Americans, especially Irish Americans.

A few days before Christmas Mr. Schieck, of Waltham, Minn., slaughtered four hogs and invited a large company of friends to dinner. A few days afterwards one after another of the guests took to their beds, until now all but four are ill with trichinosis. Schieck's ten year old son is dead, and seven or eight others poisoned are in a dangerous condition.

The pope and eight cardinals have the influenza.

Another revolting scandal is said to have been unearthed in London.

Emin Pasha is said to have suffered a relapse and to be in a critical condition.

It is rumored that Senor Gomez, Portuguese Minister of Foreign Affairs, will resign.

The Marquis of Conyngham has made a voluntary reduction of 20 per cent. in the rent of his tenants.

The total number of cases of influenza in Berlin is 400,000. There have been 650 deaths from the disease.

The Queen is still suffering inconvenience from rheumatism, which will prevent her opening Parliament in person.

Seventy persons were arrested in Lisbon on Wednesday for parading the streets and shouting "Down with England."

The Government of Brazil has issued a decree proclaiming the separation of church and state, and guaranteeing religious liberty and equality.

The Dowager Empress Augusta was buried on Sunday with imposing ceremonies. The interment took place at the Mausoleum at Charlottenburg.

A despatch from the Curator of the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities at Boulak, announces that the tomb in which Cleopatra was buried has been discovered.

A mob of students and others attacked the British legation at Lisbon on Sunday. They demolished the escutcheon on the building and smashed the windows.

The Duke of Palmella, Captain of the Portuguese King's guard, has sent to the British Legation the Crimean medal received by him while serving in the British army.

Thorsten Nordenfeldt, civil engineer and manager of the Maxim Nordenfeldt gun and ammunition company, has been declared bankrupt under liabilities of £50,000.

The death from influenza is announced of Field Marshal Lord Napier of Magdala, who conducted the Abyssinian war to a successful issue by the capture of Magdala, the capital.

The king of Spain has been at death's door from influenza during the past week. He is reported to be on the road to recovery now. In case of his death the crown will pass to his sister.

The formal betrothal of Prince Albert Victor, eldest son of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, to the Princess Mary of Teck, is arranged to take place after the Easter holidays. The Prince is still in India.

It has been reported that Mary Anderson has no intention of returning to the stage, and that this decision is due to the fact that she is engaged to be married to Mr. De Navarro. Another report states that the actress will open a season in New York next October.

Sheriff Harris of London, has had a breach of promise suit for £10,000 damages brought against him by a young lady named Grace Smith. The Sheriff is 34 years of age, and it is said to be his third attempt to trifle with fair maidens. He aspires to be Lord Mayor.

Earl Cairns died on Tuesday from inflammation of the lungs. He was born in 1861, succeeded his father in 1885, and was notorious from the action for breach of promise brought against him by Miss Fortescue. He subsequently married Miss Olivia Berens, of New York.

New evidence of the most convincing character is said to have been collected in England and America in the case of Mrs. Maybrick. It is said that it only needs the scrutiny of the Home Secretary to convince that official of the necessity of recommending that the Queen grant her an immediate pardon. Letters, in James Maybrick's writing, showing that his death was due to poison self administered, are rumored to be among the most important features of the evidence.

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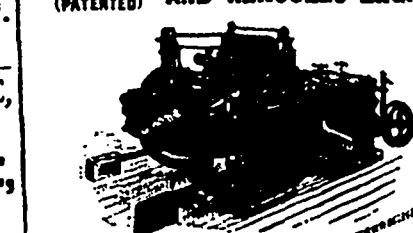
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