

## CITY CHIMES.

Rev. Mr. Meikle's gospel tent meetings at the north end are largely attended, and deep interest is manifested by many who attend. Mr. Meikle is an enthusiastic evangelist.

Saturday, Sunday and Monday were about as dismal days as one could imagine, and those who had planned outdoor pleasures were compelled to postpone their outings. Heavy fog, in which the city was enveloped, and the frequent downpours accompanied by extreme heat made up the weather of the days referred to, and the bright sunshine and clear air which greeted us on Tuesday morning were indeed welcome. The hotels at Bedford on Saturday were full, many having gone from the city to spend Sunday in the country. Such a Sunday is about as enjoyable in the city as in the suburbs. We have since Tuesday had charming weather, and boating parties, public and private picnics, and others on pleasure bent have taken advantage of the glad bright days and calm starlight evenings. It is stated that the abundance of rainy weather which Halifax has had of late is due to Mars' conjunction with the moon and the melting of the vast areas of snow recently discovered on our sister planet.

The north window of the Nova Scotia Furnishing Company's establishment on Barrington Street has attracted much attention this week. It contains a large painting of H. M. S. *Blake* as she steamed down Halifax Harbor on her way to suffering St. John's the Saturday evening following the disastrous fire. The picture is done in oil, is about four feet by six, and critics capable of judging have pronounced it exceedingly well executed. The artist, Mr. J. Watson Fraser, well known in city journalism, has every reason to feel well satisfied with his production.

The audiences at the Academy of Music this week have been large, and the plays put on well worthy the patronage the Company has received. Monday and Tuesday evenings "Monte Cristo" was on, and the characters of this well-known and romantic story were well impersonated by Mr. Shea and his Company. "Monte Cristo" is one of the most interesting plays of the day, and the story of Edmund Dantes will long be fresh in the memory of Halifaxians who witnessed the production by the Shea Company. Thomas E. Shea is a splendid actor, and as Edmund Dantes, Prisoner 17, Abbe Busoni, Solomon Von Grip and Count of Monte Cristo, had ample opportunity to display his varied talent. He has a good stage presence, and throws himself completely into the characters he represents. Mr. Shea's Company give him good support, and one and all take their several parts most satisfactorily. Jere McAuliffe is undoubtedly one of the best comedians we have ever had on the Academy boards, and has won much applause during the performances this week. Wednesday evening and last evening the Company gave "The Corsican Brothers," and to night will produce the powerful melo-drama "The Fugitive." To-morrow evening, by request, "Escaped from Sing Sing" will be played again. Theatre-goers will deeply regret that this week closes Mr. Shea's engagement in the city, but it is hoped that he will not forget the appreciation shown by Halifaxians and will in the near future again come this way.

Sporting circles are just now centering interest in the Maritime colt stakes, to be held at the Halifax Riding Grounds on September 7th, 8th and 9th. The amount offered for these stakes, \$2,600, is the largest ever before offered for one meeting in the Maritime Provinces. Twenty-five of the best bred and fastest colts in New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, have made third payment, and are likely all to start. The entries close on the last day of this month.

The Wanderers' annual handicap sports are to be held on Saturday, September 10th. All events are open to members of all recognized amateur associations and officers of the army and navy.

It has been decided to hold a garden concert on some evening next week. Arrangements will be made with the vocal quartette, which delighted the audience at the last concert with their sweet music, for a second appearance; and should the evening be fine a large number will probably be in attendance. Although there has always been a certain sameness about our gardens concerts Halifaxians do not tire of them, and visitors to Halifax are one and all delighted with an evening spent amidst music and flowers, but now that a vocal programme has been introduced in addition to our excellent band music the announcement of the coming concert is doubly welcome. It is also proposed to hold a concert on September 8th in connection with the colt stakes meeting, when there will be many strangers in the city.

Once more the old drill shed, the scene of many festive gatherings, has been transformed under the skilful hands of interested workers from a bare and uninviting looking place into a bright and attractive hall. The committee having in charge the preparations for the bazaar in aid of St. Mary's Giebe House has made good progress, and on Monday evening when the sale opens everything will be in readiness. A large patronage is expected and judging from former similar affairs success is assured.

## SUDDENLY PROSTRATED.

GENTLEMEN,—I was suddenly prostrated while at work by a severe attack of cholera morbus. We sent at once for a doctor, but he seemed unable to help. An evacuation about every forty minutes was fast wearing me out, when we sent for a bottle of Wild Strawberry, which saved my life.

MRS. J. N. VAN NATTER, Mount Brydges, Ont.

The new scenery for the stage of St. Mary's Young Men's Hall is a credit to the artists of the dramatic class who executed the work, and will certainly prove a source of pride and pleasure to the Society. One of the acts is a beautiful landscape, backed with pretty tree wings. The landscape shows a wooded road, with water and mountains in the distance. The view is a pretty one, and the work is most artistic, the coloring and perspective being perfect. George Monaghan, the well known amateur scenic artist, whose work at the Y. M. L. A. Hall has been so much admired, was the painter, and the work is a credit to him. Mr. Monaghan has also painted flies to match this scene, which are done in the same artistic style. Two interior sets of scenery for the stage have also been painted by Fred. Metzlor, George Cullen and John O'Connor, of the dramatic class. The new curtain is to be made of crimson felt, and instead of dropping will draw to the sides. The class is preparing to give performances of "Hickory Farm" on September 6th and 7th.

It has been suggested that when, owing to inclement weather or other engagements, it is impossible for the Leicestershire band to give the regular Saturday afternoon concert in the public gardens, a concert be given on say Wednesday afternoon. This is a good idea and we hope that Bandmaster Hughes will look favorably upon it. The fact that we have had only one Saturday afternoon band concert in the gardens this summer has been a subject of much disappointment both to visitors to Halifax and to our own people. These entertainments have in summers past been a marked feature of our summer programme, and one and all feel the loss that we have this summer sustained.

The regatta of the Lorne Aquatic Club takes place on September 8th.

Cow Bay, as usual at this season of the year, is being visited daily by scores of pleasure-seekers. The magnificent ocean view, the surf bathing, and the invigorating sea-breezes and refreshing breezes, cannot prove aught but enjoyable to all visitors. Said to say, unless one has no lack of the needful, an occasional outing to Cow Bay must suffice. It is a thousand pities that more is not made of this charming spot, a hotel erected, bathing houses built, and some arrangement made for the conveyance of passengers from the ferry wharf in Dartmouth to the beach. A more delightful place for a quiet summer vacation one cannot fancy, the long sandy beach with the rolling waves breaking on its shore possessing a fascination for all beholders. How long must we wait before some enterprising soul will grasp the fact that a big thing might, with comparatively little expense, be made of the advantages of Cow Bay, and the long awaited accommodations be provided. In boating our lovely Province as a summer resort this beach might be made an attractive feature.

Cleveland's Minstrels are booked for the Academy on September 7th, 8th, and 9th. A sensational Spanish dancer is one of the features of the company.

Again Messrs. Hattie & Myliss' Hollis Street store displays in cases of its windows a magnificent collection of hand-painted china. The work is beautifully done and the dainty exquisite articles must awaken a longing desire in the heart of every lover of the beautiful. The china is for sale, one dollar being the very moderate charge for a ticket and a chance to obtain one or more of the pieces.

Bristol's educated horses at the Exhibition building form one of the principal attractions for the coming week. Mr. Somerby is manager of this show, which is one of the most interesting he has yet given us, and we think the general showman may feel confident of material support from his host of Halifax friends. Those who admire good horses, and we have several enthusiasts on this subject in our city, as well as all seeking amusement will do well to attend the "Equescurriculum" next week.

## WHAT YOUR GREAT GRANDMOTHER DID.

She hatched the flax and carded the wool, and wove the linen, and spun the tow, and made the clothes for her husband and ten children. She made butter and cheese, and dipped tallow candles, to light the house at night, and she cooked all the food for her household by an open fire-place and a brick oven. Yes; and when she was forty years of age, she was already an old lady whose best days were over. Her shoulders were bent and her joints enlarged by hard work, and she wore spectacles and a cap. Her great grand daughter, with all the modern conveniences for comfort, refinement and luxury, may be as charming and attractive at forty five as at twenty. Especially is this true if she preserves her health and beauty by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, which wards off all female ailments and irregularities, cures them if they already exist, keeps the life current healthful and vigorous, and enables the woman of middle age to retain the freshness of girlhood upon brow and cheek, the light of youth in her eyes, and its elasticity in her step. Sold by all druggists.

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