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CITY CHIMES.

We have been enjoying some lovely bright warm days and pleasant evenings during the past week, and summer sports have been vigorously participated in. Baseball, cricket, polo, tennis, bicycle riding, picnics, boating, etc. etc., have all been flourishing, and our young people are on the go every day, but do not seem to grow weary of the round of gayety. Well, there will be lots of time to rest in the season between the summer festivities and the winter jollifications, when there is nothing to do but to take long tramps, gather autumn leaves or prepare for Christmas by spending the long evenings deep in the mysteries of fancy work. There are several warships in the Harbor just now, and officers and men appear to be enjoying their sojourn in this port, as well as they may, for it is certainly without doubt a choice place in which to pass the summer season. There are many Americans in town, who gladly exchange the broiling heat of Boston, New York and the seaboard for our pleasant sea breezes and healthful air, and at last the fact appears to be appreciated that Halifax and its suburbs have unlimited advantages as a summer resort.

The Kermesse given by the friends of the Bishop's Chapel on the beautiful grounds of Mr. C. J. Spike, North West Arm, on last Friday afternoon and evening, was a big success. The weather was simply perfection, clear and cool. The grounds were prettily illuminated in the evening with colored lights, and all who patronized this delightful entertainment were more than charmed. The sail up the Arm is one of the most attractive features of our outings in this lovely retreat, and Halifaxians who appreciate and love the beauties of Nature seem never to weary of the scenery of the Arm.

The concert at the Public Gardens, which was postponed from Labor Day, came off on Friday evening of last week and was indeed a success. Between twelve and fifteen hundred people were present, and visitors to our city were, as usual, enthusiastic over the beauties of the Gardens and the excellence of the music provided at these evening entertainments. The Leicestershire and St. Patrick's Bands dispensed the sweet melodies on this occasion, and both were highly commendable. The Leicestershire's closing number must be referred to, though want of space forbids us rapturizing as we are inclined when we think of the genuine pleasure afforded to all who listened to this excellent performance. The piece was descriptive of an embarkation of an army on board ship, the subsequent long march, bivouac, sudden attack by the enemy, the sentinels' alarm, bugle calls, a rush to arms, a fierce night conflict, and the victory; closing with "See the Conquering Hero Comes," and the hymn "Abide with me, fast falls the eventide," sweetly and softly rendered. The rapturous applause was kindly responded to and the last part repeated, much to the delight of the audience. Soldiers with rifles were stationed at numerous different points on the outskirts of the Gardens, and during the "war" the clear summer air for miles around resounded with the noise of battle.

The sanctum-sanctorum of Hollis street and vicinity are enlivened each day with music from the hurdy-gurdy, whose owner seems to be possessed of an untiring arm, and by the cheerful trills of the travelling piano, with its cute little love birds, who, for the small sum of five cents, will come out of their home and pick out the slip of paper which miraculously decides your fate for the dim future. Sometimes it is almost distracting to have "The Blue Bells of Scotland" chiming in with the weighty discussions being carried on within the hallowed precincts of our office walls, or the inviting strains of the waltz steal in through the open windows, quite out of accord with the work heaped up before us; but the apparently never weary musicians go on just the same, grinding out their round of tunes and then bravely beginning over again, day after day, and as they seem to invariably accompany the summer season, we must not expect to miss them "till the lovely flowers are gone."

The Rosebud Band of Hope had a very successful picnic on Wednesday at Prince's Lodge. The sun shone her brightest, and the many who are fond of these days spent in the beautiful woods around the Lodge had a merry time, returning home well pleased with the annual excursion of 1891.

The dance on board the U. S. S. *Philadelphia*, on Tuesday, was a delightful affair, and much enjoyed by the favored ones of our society devotees who were present.

Large numbers turned out to witness the Rambler's Cycle Club parade on Tuesday evening. They made a run through the principal streets and then went for a whirl in the Park. The boys make a good appearance and manage the wheels very gracefully.

The excursion party from Boston, Bristol, Malden, Salem, New Haven, Wilmington and Beverley, which have been at the Queen this week, and have "done the town" as much as possible, return home to-day. They are loud in their enthusiasm over the many attractive places in the city, and will probably come again, bringing others with them, to enjoy a sojourn in the bracing atmosphere of Halifax.

The Tennis Club had a fine afternoon on Saturday last for their tournament, but owing to the late starting, the afternoon was too short to finish all the sets, and it is now planned that the victors in last week's playing will play off to-morrow afternoon, weather permitting; play to begin at two o'clock sharp. The Halifax ladies and gentlemen who have time to indulge in delightful afternoons spent in practice, are becoming quite experts, and much improvement over the play of the beginning of this season may be noted.

Opera-lovers have been, figuratively speaking, in clover this week; and the New York Bijou Opera Company has been playing to good houses since its opening at the Academy of Music on Monday evening. The first three evenings "The Princess of Trebizonde" was put on for the first time in Halifax. It is a comedy operetta, and while the chorus of the company is decidedly weak, the characters of this amusing and interesting play are well carried out; and just here we may say something that is not always to be said of even good opera troupes, this company combines fine acting with its excellent musical abilities. Miss Adelaide Randall, the star of the company, as Prince Raphael was charming. She possesses a clear, strong, pure voice, and uses it to advantage, and her appearance on the stage is a pleasing one. Miss Baba Yaming, who takes the part of Zinnotta, one of Gabriola's daughters, has a remarkably sweet voice, but not very strong. Tremolini, the clown, was well personified by Mr. G. C. Pearce, who kept the audience happy, and doubtless drove away many a fit of blues, for he was intensely funny. The company propose staying in Halifax all next week.

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