

## CITY CHIMES.

We were favored with a band at the Gardens again on Saturday afternoon, and notwithstanding a threatening sky and lack of sunshine a large number of our citizens assembled. A varied gathering it was indeed, rich and poor, aristocrats and plebeians, all met there on common ground and alike experienced a proud sense of proprietorship as they surveyed "our" Gardens. Few more favorable opportunities are afforded than at a band concert for the intensely interesting study, that of human nature. An enthusiastic young Halifaxian not long since, in speaking of the interest we mortals feel in each other, though perfect strangers, declared that he could live without eating if he might continually watch the expressions of the human face and study the character of the men and women with whom he constantly came in contact. This is putting it a little forcibly, and methinks a very brief experience would suffice until my young friend would gladly echo Byron's sentiment—

"That happiness for man, the hungry sinner,  
Since Eve ate apples, must depend on dinner."

But nevertheless the observant man or woman must find entertainment and oftentimes much amusement in "taking in" his or her fellow-mortals. We all know the "curiosities" of the horse car, the woman who firmly grasps the bell strap and begins to look nervously out of the window fully four blocks before she reaches her destination, and the absent-minded man who forgets to notify the driver that he wishes to leave the car at a certain corner, and yet when he finds himself carried a half a mile past storms and rages at the stupidity of the luckless and long-suffering manipulator of the brakes, who should have *known* without being told where his irascible passenger wished to alight. These and many other like sources of amusement to the patrons of the trams are familiar subjects, but to many it is of never-failing interest to note the happiness that beams from the features of some of the faces we daily meet, the look of placid content or of unbearable dissatisfaction that has settled upon others, and when family groups appear, to tax the imagination to decide the exact relation which exists between the members thereof. Occasionally, in concert hall, church, or on the street, one meets a face that expresses such unutterable sorrow that the heart of the beholder goes out in silent sympathy. As a rule, however, I think our curiosity outweighs our sympathy. One can certainly learn many valuable lessons from a study of the faces around him, and the art of close observation is well worth cultivating.

The lovely month has ended, and to-day we bid farewell to the golden days of September, the rare unfathomed days,

"Rich with the glories of the past,

and prepare to welcome her colder sister, October. The summer that has gone has seemed so short, our spring stayed so long that we had only begun to realize that summer had come until we find it has flown. The country is still looking exceedingly pretty, and notwithstanding

"A breath of sadness scarcely caught,  
A minor note to swell the strain."

life in the suburbs of our city, where many are yet lingering in their summer homes, is very enjoyable. The weather is delightful for driving and walking, and the crisp air lends a zest to outdoor sports, in all of which the healthy young men and women of Halifax take great pleasure. Point Pleasant Park, with its grand old pines and firs and bracing ocean air, is daily visited by many pedestrians, who delight in the advantages to be derived from a tramp around the point.

The annual sports of the Crescent Amateur Athletic Association take place to-morrow, as do also the Ramblers cycle sports. These events will be of interest to many and will no doubt be largely attended.

Sportsmen are taking advantage of the open season, and already a number of moose have been killed. The woodcock season is about over, and the birds have proved scarce. Partridge are less plentiful than last year and almost empty game bags are the reward of long tramps in search of this favorite bird.

The announcement that a ball is to be given at Government house early in the coming month will delight the hearts of society devotees in Halifax. Aside from the fact that things have been rather tame of late in society circles, the coming entertainment will be eagerly welcomed, as are all invitations to partake of the hospitality of Governor Daly and Mrs. Daly, who have proved themselves such charming entertainers.

So far the cholera scare has been attended by nothing but good results in Halifax, and work has been done by the Board of Health and by our citizens, which had been so long neglected that clean ones had despaired of ever seeing matters remedied. Old fruit and vegetable cellars cleaned out, bad sewers attended to, slaughter houses removed beyond city limits, private premises renovated and all refuse material removed, and so on, means a great deal to the citizens of Halifax for the coming winter. Situated as our city is, on a hilly ground, its shores swept by the ocean waves, it has always been to a large extent our own fault that our winter season is almost invariably attended by diphtheria, scarlet fever, la grippe etc., and now that we are having a general house cleaning as it were, it is to be sincerely hoped, and is expected, that the cold season that is now near will prove a more healthy winter than Halifax has experienced for some time.

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The concert given in Orpheus Hall on Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Crescent Amateur Athletic Association was very successful. The principal attraction of the evening was the singing of Fraulein Marie Buedinger, who is the fortunate possessor of a wonderfully sweet and highly cultivated voice. The enthusiasm that Fraulein Buedinger evokes is genuine and heartfelt, and Halifax has reason to be proud that she can now number among her residents such a sweet singer.

The attraction at the Academy for the coming week is the engagement of Gus Wallace in "St. Perkins," whose performances are said to abound in fun and laughter. He opens on Monday. The following week we will be treated to a "sound of minstrelsy," when a true Hibernian show will be put on by Howarth's minstrel troupe. Later on Halifax theatregoers will be in clover. We are to have a season of opera, beginning about the middle of October, which if it be kept up to the mark will help wonderfully to render the weeks between now and winter festivities less monotonous. If there is only something good on at the Academy the city seems much more lively, and operatic performances appear to always be in favor with Halifaxians.

The harvest festival at St. Mark's on Sunday evening attracted an immense assemblage of people. From six o'clock crowds might have been seen wending their way to the little church on Russell street, and long before the church bells began to peal forth their call to city worshippers the building was literally packed, many being unable to obtain admittance. The whole interior of the building was beautifully decorated with fruit, ferns, autumn leaves and flowers, and the ladies who attended to this part of the celebration are to be complimented on the taste displayed on all sides. The choir was composed of 56 voices and was assisted by the Leicestershire band. Both choral and instrumental music were beautifully rendered and the service was thoroughly enjoyable. No doubt many of the immense congregation joined in heart and voice in the loud thanksgiving to the bountiful Giver of all, but it was a sad fact that a large number, evidently drawn to the sacred spot by curiosity alone, having seen all that was to be seen, spent the greater part of the time in frivolous and unnecessary conversation, thus not only showing gross irreverence, but detracting from the enjoyment of those who were unfortunate enough to be near them, and who were interested in the service. The subject of reverence in places of worship is one that cannot be too strongly brought to the attention of our young people, and it is to be hoped that on special occasions such as last Sunday evening, it will always be borne in mind that the Lord is in His holy temple; and it becomes all people to keep silence before Him. The Harvest Home is to be repeated on Sunday evening, October 9th, when those who were disappointed in not gaining an entrance this week will have an opportunity to attend.

I have recently heard many complaints made of our public schools, in so far as the younger pupils' work is concerned. It has been claimed that the amount of study demanded is by far too great, and that did the teachers consider the health of body and mind of the boys and girls the lessons given for home preparation would be much shorter. It is hard for us as we put away childish things to bear in mind that those who come after us have the same desires and interests that we had years ago, and perhaps the teachers are all too prone to forget that the healthy child's brain is not capable of shutting out thoughts of all else in the attempt to master lengthy and numerous lessons, but longs for freedom when school is dismissed. Although it undeniably is a very important thing that the children be thoroughly drilled in the rudiments of the knowledge that will be of inestimable value to them in after life, yet it is really of more importance that in the period of childhood, health be stored and pleasures that belong to that happy time alone be enjoyed to the utmost. It is pitiful indeed to see the young student resolutely shutting eyes and ears to the many attractions of the open air and bright sunshine, or spending hours that should be devoted to so-called beauty sleep in poring over school books. How many cases can each one who thinks of this subject call to mind of serious illness that undermined the health of the student for life, or of an intellect impaired that had given such brilliant promise in earlier years, all the result of over-study and lack of exercise. Let the lessons be brief, and insist on them being well mastered, and depend upon it, teacher, your pupils' education will not suffer in the least from the change.

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