CITY CHIMES.

Did anyone ever see such a "spell" of weather as we have been afflicted with. Dullness has reigned supreme in business, society, and in every other department of our city life. Seven days, with the rain falling incessantly, is enough to give even the most sauguine spirit the blues, the may blues, as a small girl termed a fit of depression which overcame her usually happy nature, and to those of us who had made plans for out-door work or play during the wet week, the persistency of the rain clouds in keeping themselves in evidence was very exasperating. However the worst is over now, or, at least, we hope it is, and though the clouds have not yet "rolled in splender" the hopeful are anticipating fine weather for the remainder of the month.

The Sports.—The disagreeable weather did not prevent a good attendance at the Maritime Provincial Athletic Sports held on the Wanderers' Grounds last Saturday afternoon, it being estimated that about 700 persons witnessed the games. The competitors from outside Halifax were not as numerous as might have been expected, but the various events were closely competed, and some exciting finishes were made. Forbes of the Wanderers did himself and his club credit by breaking the Mari ime Provincial record in the 220 yards dash, covering the distance in 23 seconds, as against the best 23 \{.\]. In the running high jump, Coombes of St. John Y. M. C. A. cleared bfr. \(5\\ \}\) inctes, being the fraction higher than the best jump previously made in the provinces. Other records were broken, and in every event good work was done. It is encouraging to note the interest in a histic sports evinced by our citizens, and our young men should be encouraged to give a large proportion of their leisure time to athletic games.

Capt. John R Hire, of schooner "Lillian," says. "I was suffering with inflammation of the chest, brought on by exposure at sea. Took a good supply of Puttner a Emulsion, which perfectly cured me. It has given me a new set of lungs."

Soldiers in the Field.—The king's Regiment sports came off on Monday, and despite the main were well attended. The events were close'y contested, and furnished good entertainment for the spectators. Mis. Hamilton, wife of Col. Hamilton, presented the prizes at the conclusion of the programme.

THE KICKERS FORMING UP.—Apropos of spor's I observe that the Halifax Football Trophy Committee has met and made arrangements for the season's games October 11th is the date fixed for the opening match of the series, which is to be played between the Garrison and Navy on the Crescents' grounds. The Navy and Wanderers are to play on the following Saturday on the grounds of the W. A. A. C. The schedule of games arranged takes for granted that the Navy will enter a team, but if it be found that the Garrison and Navy cannot each put in a team they will unite forces and a new schedule will be prepared. As the programme for the series now stands there are to be twelve games, and those who participate in the rough but jolly sport, as well as the hundreds who delight in watching the fun, have some interesting entertainments ahead. There is no form of sport which "takes" in Halifax like football, and if the wea her but proves friendly there is every prospect of a good series of games.

THE LADY LECTURER.—Miss Lilian Phelis lectured in Argyle Hall on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U, taking for her subject Prohibition. Those who went expecting to hear the lady stopinion on "Equal Suffrage" were disappointed, as prohibition is a very different matter. However the address was well delivered and the arguments advanced very conviccing to those who are in a state of mind to be convinced on this subject. The trouble with a temperance lecture given in Halifax is that few but advocates of the white ribbon cluse compose the audience. Mis Phe ps lectured in Dartmouth last evening, taking for her subject the "Modern Sphinx."

THE ACADEMY'S ATTRACTION.—Arthur Rehan's company, at the Academy of Music this week, has had fairly large audiences, but public opinion as to the success of the plays put on differs. "A Modern St. Anthony" certainly was not well chosen for a Halifax audience, and its presentation could not be termed a success. "Satapella," however, which occupied by far the larger part of the evening, was very acceptable, being bright and vivacious in character and well ac ed. The stage settings, and the various details of the Rehan Company are very good, while the costumes worn by the ladies are beautiful enough to make the fair ones of Halifax grow pale with envy. Mr. Rehan has decided to remain for this evening and to-morrow, so that those who have not seen the performances have an opportunity of yet taking them in.

The Doerings at Work—If the sons and daughters of Halifaxians have not their musical talents well cultivated, it is certainly not because opportunities for this branch of education are not offered. The Doering-Brauer conservatory has been followed in securing the services of Herr Bernard Walther, violin virtuose, who has this autumn won much favor in musical circ'es, and upon the arrival from Germany of Herr Carl Doering, at the end of this month, the teaching st. If of the institution will be very complete. St Luke's Hall will be occupied after the first of next month by the Doering-Brauer conservatory, and I am informed that a little opera is to be given before Christmas, while later on it is probable a more pretentious operatic performance will be put on at the Academy of Music. This is an enterprising step, and I feel sure that all who take an interest in the development of the musical ability of young Halifax, will unite in wishing the venture success.

THE OPERA.—The Grau Company opens at the Academy on Monday, and there is small doubt will have full houses every evening during their three weeks' season in the city. American dollars may be selling cheap, and the hard times which our friends over the border are enduring may find an echo in Halifax, but Halifax people always seem to be able to find some spare cash when a worthy object calls for charity, a big Fair is held, or an opera company puts up at the Academy. The Grau has its former reputation to recommend it to Ha'ifaxians, and some good things are promised us. The first opera to be given is the original version of Boccaccio.

The concort given last evening at Orpheus Ha'l has long been looked forward to, and I have not the slightest doubt fully realized the fondest hopes of all who were present.

RING THE BELL.—I was reading the other day that in Cornwall, Ont., a curiew be'l has been established, which warns all persons under the age of fourteen to be off the streets at nine o'c'ock. There are places nearer home than Cornwall where such a curiew would prove a wise institution; in fact there is a crying need for something to be done in this Halifax of ours which will put a stop to children racing the streets at night, when they should be safely tucked in their beds. It is enough to make a thoughtful man or worman sad, to see boys and girls parading around Halifax every evening, apparently with no thought in the word but to have a good time, while many homes become to the children but a place in which to eat and sleep; and yet parents are unconcerned and no one e'se has authority to interfere. To the parents the appeal must be made. Be interested enough in the welfare of your sons and daughters to keep them under the shadow of your wings until they come to years of discretion: positively forbid them wa'king the streets after dark until they are old enough to see the folly of such a habit; and at the same time do all that lies in your power to make the home so attractive that they will be happy and contented there. The education which young minds pick up on the city streets after dark is not one calculated to make good citizens of the boys or wise women of the girs, and upon the boys and girls of to-day hangs the future of c ty and province. Chips



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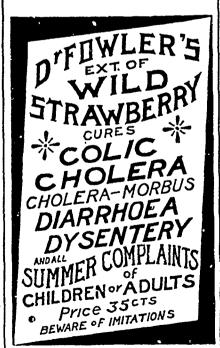
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