

CITY CHIMES.

Those who have attended the Academy of Music during the present week are loud in their praises of the Frawley Company, and well they may be, for its members are A No. 1 in their respective roles, and the plays go off with a smoothness that is positively delightful. So far, the Company have given us "Turned Up" and "Two Nights in Rome," and we are promised good things yet to come. Miss Jeanette Lowrie is one of those bright, vivacious young ladies whose winning smile, ringing laughter, quick action and intensity never fail to captivate audiences. Miss Harriet Ford's tenor, look and demeanor stamps her at once as a success wherever she appears. Miss Ina Anderson fully sustains her reputation as a first-class actress. Mr. Alf. Hampton is a veritable comedian who excites laughter spontaneously. Messrs. Frawley, Jepson and Liston are always equal to the occasion, and are evidently more at home upon the stage than anywhere else. The Frawley Company well deserves the patronage it is receiving, and the theatre-goers of Halifax are evidently determined to show Mr. Frawley that they appreciate the performances of his Company, trusting that he will be encouraged to prolong his present engagement and to book for another season during the coming winter.

St. James' Young Men's Society, of Dartmouth, will give a musical and literary entertainment in the Reform Club Hall on Thursday evening next, 21st inst., in aid of the sufferers by the St. John's fire. Mrs. Creighton, Mrs. McKay, Miss Allen and Mr. Milson, Messrs. Creighton and Dymond are among the vocalists who will take part. The Dartmouth orchestra will be present and will perform choice selections.

It has been decided to hold a concert in the Gardens on Tuesday evening next. There is to be a display of fireworks, which, with the fine music of the bands of the Leicestershire Regiment and the 63rd Rifle, and the general attractions of our beautiful Gardens, should draw an immense crowd. It is to be hoped that the audience inside the grounds will be at least as large as that which usually gathers around the fence on South Park, Sackville and Summer Streets on the occasion of a promenade concert. Our Gardens are magnificent now in the full glory of summer bloom, and present many beautiful scenes by night when brightly lighted by electricity, as well as when lying in the full splendor of the July sunshine. Frequenters of this Eden of Halifax, are anxiously awaiting the first afternoon concert by the band.

The strawberry festival is having its day, and several church societies, temperance clubs, etc. have been entertaining their friends during the past two weeks in this most acceptable manner, and in so doing have materially helped to fill their treasuries.

Tuesday next, Labor Day, has been declared a public holiday in order that the employees belonging to the various labor organizations may take part in the great demonstration. All necessary arrangements are now about completed and the parade promises to be the largest yet made. The 63rd, H. G. A., and St. Patrick's bands will furnish music for the occasion. If the weather be fine employers and employees will have ample opportunities to enjoy the "day off."

The yacht race, postponed from the 2nd inst., was sailed on Saturday afternoon over the Meagher's Rock course. There were five competitors—the *Daphne*, *Etienna*, *Hildred*, *Minnehaha* and *Nautilus*. *Etienna* carried off the palm, seconded by *Minnehaha*, with *Hildred* third in line. A match also took place between *Lenore*, *Youla* and *Hebe*, in which *Lenore* was victor, being two minutes and eighteen seconds ahead of *Youla*. These two swift little crafts are strong rivals, and have so far this season won one race each. They will compete again to-morrow, when, if the weather be kind, the race for the Chauncey cup will be sailed. Much interest is taken by our citizens in the Yacht Squadron races, and on a fine day the "white wings" present a pretty sight on our magnificent harbor as they flutter in the breeze and gleam in the sunlight.

A preliminary meeting of the L. L. was held in the southend this week. The aims of the new association are excellent, and the veil of mystery that at present surrounds it adds to the interest of the organization.

Children's day was celebrated in the Church of the Redeemer on last Sunday. The platform was beautifully decorated with plants and flowers. In the evening a concert was given by the school, assisted by the choir. The church was crowded. The children recited and sang their various parts in a very creditable manner. Among the most pleasing features was a solo by Flora McNutt, who has a very sweet voice. A song, "Do thy duty," by a little dot of about 4 years, Ethel Harris, was rendered in an excellent manner for one so small. Singing birds formed a new feature in church concerts.

The steamer *Blue Hill* is being fairly well patronized on her trips down the harbor, up Bedford Basin and up the Northwest Arm, but still not nearly so well patronized as the excursions merit. A more thoroughly pleasing way to spend these warm afternoons and evenings could hardly be desired than to board this excellent little boat, and while enjoying the invigorating breeze, to devote one's attention to the splendid scenery that meets the eye on every side. We would advise any who are sighing for "some place to go," or those who wish to "keep cool," to take a sail on the *Blue Hill*, the round trip giving full opportunity for lovers of nature to see and appreciate the beauties of our magnificent harbor.

The Parlor Museo at Masonic Hall has, notwithstanding the excessive heat, been well attended. "Venus" continues to mystify her audiences in her unique performances, and so far as we have heard, no one has as yet discovered wherein lies the secret of the illusion. The vivacious little dancer, Bertolo, has completely charmed those who have witnessed the wonderful exhibitions of her art. She displays marvellous energy and grace combined, and seems to thoroughly enjoy the excitement of her life. Punch and Judy, Professor Wildo and Sol Stone have been attentively listened to by the crowds who have been in attendance. On Tuesday evening Manager Somerby devoted the entire proceeds of his museo, amounting to some sixty-six dollars, to the St. John's relief fund. The little folks who are anxious to attend the Parlor Museo have a first class opportunity to see all that is to be seen at the afternoon receptions, which are given from two to five o'clock.

Dressed in best bib and tucker a large number of Halifax ladies have rallied forth this week to pay their respects to no less than three brides, Mrs. Dr. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Dr. Curry and Mrs. Fred Hart. These ladies have held crowded receptions, and in their pretty homes have gladly welcomed their many friends, old and new.

Now that "the gay little calendar spells July" we need no reminders that we are in the midst of summer with all its glories. We have had some very warm days this week, but delightful in spite of the heat. Hot days in Halifax are almost invariably followed by such refreshingly cool evenings that we Halifaxians are justified in wondering if more thoroughly enjoyable weather could be made than that which comes to us with our summer, or if a more pleasing spot than our city and its suburbs in which to pass the summer may be found. The Americans who in desperation have rushed from the oppressive, overwhelming heat of Boston and New York to this charming retreat are loud in their expressions of delight, and the future of Halifax and our Province is assured as a summer resort of almost unequalled excellence.

There are on view at Rupert Peart's establishment on George Street some very fine photographs of the members of the Government at Ottawa. Mr. H. Manley, representing S. J. Jarvis, the well-known Ottawa photographer, is at present in Halifax canvassing for subscribers to the group photograph of the Conservative members of the House of Commons, which, it goes without saying, all staunch Tories will wish to possess. The other pictures are Sir John Thompson, Major General Herbert and others whose names are familiar to us all. These photographs will no doubt find many purchasers, and the opportunity to obtain life-like likenesses of the men who manage the affairs of our great Dominion will be highly appreciated by our citizens.

The never-failing Sunday School picnic is once more with us, and already two or three of these interesting affairs have been held. St. Mark's School last week had a pleasant outing, and yesterday St. Matthew's School took their young people to Donaldson's. It is well to take advantage of this delightful weather, and the evident enjoyment of the small boys and girls amply repays teachers and friends for the time and labor expended by them. On this unsentimental subject some poet has been moved to break forth into rhyme, and remarks that—

"We know by the populous growth of the classes
By the glow in the cheeks of the lads and lasses,
By the way after session the teachers convene
And aloof from the scholars whispering seen,
By the way all the doctors do knowingly nod,
That the Sunday School picnic is bursting its pool."

Arrangements have been made by the South End Lawn Tennis Club for a tournament to be held on their grounds on Tuesday next. Play is to begin at ten o'clock in the morning, and some good games will no doubt be played throughout the day. The competitors are open to members of all tennis clubs in the Province, and a large number of our friends from the provincial towns intend taking a part in the play. A military band will be on the grounds, and with good music and many players the grounds will prove an attractive spot to all who are interested in the popular sport. Entries cannot be made later than to-morrow.

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