

The Rockwood Review.

Brunnichs Murres (Foolish Guillemots) were seen about Kingston early in July. On July 8th, one was captured by our Business Manager, in a well contested diving match, and placed in McLeod Basin, where its peculiar habits attracted much attention. These birds are marvellous divers, and like all of the class make wonderful speed beneath water, by the use of their wings. They really fly under water with great rapidity. The occurrence of Brunnichs Mures on Lake Ontario is of great rarity, although on a few occasions they have been observed, generally late in the fall or in winter. So far as known they have never before been recorded in the summer time, and it is difficult to account for their presence.

Sometimes we have vague rumors of birds destroying their young when interfered with, but it is not a simple matter to confirm the rumors. In the early days of July a High-holder brought off her young in the Rockwood Grounds, and when the birds were able to fly, a patient carried two to the Main Building, and two more were taken in a different direction. The young ones were at once returned to the Grounds, but one of the old birds deliberately killed the fledglings one by one, and seemed to be in a perfect fury of passion when killing them. There were so many witnesses of the scene that no question of the deliberate intention of the old bird to destroy the young ones could be entertained, and the wounds about the head furnished sufficient evidence of the viciousness of the parents.

Mr. J. Davidson has gone on an extended yachting trip to Lake Superior.

Rockwood Bicycle Club had its first run on Wednesday, July 7th, the weather being particularly suited for that sort of thing—that is with a genial warmth (96° in the shade), permeating the atmosphere. A start was to have been made at four p. m., but at that hour several “blowouts” occurred, and it was four-thirty when Mascot Shea made his first round of the fountain circle, before the admiring gaze of the many ladies who were assembled to witness the start. The leaders did the seven miles in twenty minutes, and claimed that they were neither hot nor tired—the sensible riders came to the shady nook, where cool drinks were dispensed from the ambulance waggon half-an-hour later. Aquatic and other sports, including an exhibition in phrenology and hypnotism, by Prof. W. Shea, were indulged in. An excellent repast, prepared by the thoughtful ones at home, was disposed of, and home was reached at 7.30 p. m., All voted the run an immense success.

Those who arrived first, scorched, those who came in last were scorched. It was a day for scorching.

Mr. Robert Gage, of Riverside, Cal., was a guest at Rockwood House in July.

The following visitors were at Rockwood and Rockwood House in July:—Miss Maude Dunstan, Miss Marion Martin, Miss Brown, Miss Cummings, Miss Ethel Metcalfe, Miss Olive Secord, Toronto, Master Harold Workman, Stratford, Mrs. Terrill, Belleville.

Dr. and Mrs. Forster are spending their holidays at Lovesick Lake, where they report camping pleasant and fishing excellent.