

fowl in abundance floated over the surface of our Bay on which the pleasure boats now glide. They were not disturbed by anyone. But now what a change—Factories, from which come "the hum of busy industry;" warehouses, schools, churches, homes, street cars and the many things seen everywhere around us. What has made the difference? The coming of inhabitants. So our minds are changed by the reading we do, for if the book we read is full of good thoughts we receive these into our mind and they make their home there. Let us see to it that we only let the nobility take possession.

Perhaps it will be interesting for those who are contemplating the building of a home to know something of what Chancellor Sims says on the subject. In the course of his lecture delivered at Grimsby Park, he said that materials for houses are cheap things—bricks, stones, wood and the like, but the materials for a home cannot be purchased at any price. They are so precious no millionaire can buy them. Confidence, affection, regard, respect and self-denial, who can estimate the value of these virtues which are the foundation of every true home. Do not think the young man whose ring you wear is a hero, or young man that the young lady is an angel—you are not acquainted yet. It takes about five years of married life before you really know each other. Be prepared to be disappointed. When you sit in the parlor and call upstairs for the fifth time "are you ready," and the answer comes down sweetly, "in a minute" when you have been waiting about an hour already, and are sure you will be late for the concert. But if the disappointment be bravely borne, each year will be better and brighter than the preceding one. At the end of five years it is the wooden wedding, at the end of ten, the tin, and so on till at the end of fifty years it is the golden wedding.

Our Science Class.

THIS thriving Society was organized in August, 1886, and is more particularly the result of the energetic work of our worthy Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Thos. Morris. The thought occurred to him that it would be a good thing to have some sort of mutual improvement Society formed, and he did not permit the idea to share the fate of good resolutions in general. With him to think was to act, and in a very short time

he had secured a sufficient number of would-be members to make a start. Toward the end of August, 1886, a meeting was convened and the society organized with the following officers: W. C. Campbell, B. A., L.L.B., President; John Calvert, Vice-President; Thos. Morris, Jr., Secretary.

The first subject taken up was English History, Green's "Shorter History of the English People" being used as a text book; and with the exception of two evenings devoted to Shakespeare and Chemistry, the whole of the year was passed in the study of History. During this first year, 1886-7, 44 meetings were held with an average attendance of 14. In June, 1887, a new election of officers was held. Mr. John Calvert being chosen President, Mr. Thos. Morris, Jr. and Mrs. Lounsbury, 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents, and Miss L. Davis, Sec-Treas. The course for this year consisted of Canadian and American History and Astronomy, the text-books being R. MacKenzie's "History of America" and Camille Flammarion's "The Wonders of the Heavens." In the summer of 1888, Botany was commenced under the leadership of Mr. A. E. Manning, teacher of the Young Men's Bible Class in our Sunday School. Spotton's High School Botany was selected as a text-book. The class had been gradually growing in strength and the average attendance for the year 1887-8 had increased from 14 to 19. At the annual election in June, 1888, Messrs. Calvert and Morris and Miss Lily Davis were re-elected to their offices, Miss B. Jarvis being chosen 2nd Vice-President. The year 1888-9 was taken up in studying Geology, English Literature and Botany. Dawson's "The Earth and Man" and Collier's "English Literature;" being the new text-books selected. This year proved to be quite as successful as its predecessors, the average attendance being 19.

In June, 1889, Mr. H. P. Bonny was elected President, Miss Lizzie Murray, Vice-President, Miss Charlotte Kerruish, Sec-Treas. and Miss Knight, Critic; an Executive Committee was chosen, consisting of Messrs. Thos. Morris, Jr., Henry Moo.e. John Calvert, Mrs. Lounsbury and Miss Nettie Raycroft. English Literature, Botany and Geology were retained as subjects for study, but after the class had finished "The Earth and Man," Physics was chosen to take place of Geology. The class is in a vigorous condition and shows no symptoms of decay. The average attendance for the year just over being 22.