

CITY CHIMES.

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The new Cambridge House has at present a very unassuming exterior, but, judging from results during the last year, the work done inside its walls must be of the most thorough description. The number of pupils has not at any time during the year exceeded 35, of whom a fair proportion are accounted for as follows:—Mr. Raju Noyas passed 38th out of 800 for the Royal Military College, Sandhurst; Mr. Hugh Flemming entered the Medical School at Queen's College, Kingston; Messrs. Lewis and Konny, after passing the Literary Examination for the Army, have gone to England to prepare the Military work, Mr. R. McCreith passed the Law Preliminary; Messrs. Bessonett, Hensley and Pearson, were respectively 1st, 2nd and 4th, in the Engineering Matriculation at Kings College, and Messrs. Lynds, Trezaman and Edwards matriculated in Arts in all but one subject, in which they are granted a supplementary examination in October. And with all these successes since last September, there has not been a single failure in any department. We are glad to hear that the places of the gentlemen who have ended their school career so creditably are already being filled. Cambridge House has other pupils working for the Army, the Navy, the Dalhousie Matriculation, and other examinations, and we understand that the Junior School, to which greater attention than ever is now being given, shows signs of very great promise. We quite agree with Mr. Bradford's contention that there is no necessity to send our boys to the old country to be prepared for even the strictest examinations, while he can show such unbroken success in his work here, and we are inclined to uphold his further statement that any average boy can pass any examination if he is taken in hand early enough.

The Halifax Driving Club scored a complete success at their grand mid-summer meeting at the Riding Grounds on Dominion Day. The attendance was large, the weather, until the downpour of rain at the close of the afternoon, was perfect for outdoor sports, and the track was in fine condition for speeding. The horses entered for the different events all put in an appearance, and the heats were hotly contested in every instance. The management was excellent, there being no long and tedious waits between heats, and the spectators' interest had no time to flag from the opening of the first match until the rather exciting close of the day's sports. Mr. Frank Power, the thoroughly-posted and deservedly popular Secretary of the Club, won the thanks of the large crowd by reading out at the end of each heat the positions of the horses, the time and the reasons for setting horses back, thus making it possible for everyone to follow the matches. There were ten entries in the 2.45 class, and the first two heats were taken by Clayson, a handsome bay stallion; time 2.39 and 2.42. The next two heats were won by Zulu Chief, g. g., George Wood; time 2.42 and 2.42. In the fifth heat Clayson's driver was changed, Slipp taking the reins. The word go was given, and the horses got away, Clayson taking the lead. By an accident the bell was sounded, and all the horses but Clayson and Allie Clay returned. Clayson came in first, and as the betting had been high, much dissatisfaction was expressed. The judges had a knotty point to settle, but were equal to the emergency, and with a wisdom that rivaled Solomon's, put Clayson back for performing at a mixed gait, and gave the heat to Allie Clay; time 2.52. The final heat was trotted on Saturday, and was taken by Clayson in 2.43½. This gave first money to Clayson, second to Zulu Chief and third to Allie Clay. In the free for all class there were five entries, Eddy Wilkes taking the race in three straight heats; time 2.34, 2.34½ and 2.33. Eddy Wilkes is a Yarmouth horse, and was driven by Slipp. Gladstone took second place, and his fine trotting won general admiration. Hill evidently knew that Eddy Wilkes was too much for him, and simply drove to take second, but was often closely pressed by Stranger, who took third place. Two heats were run in the 3 minute class, the match being decided on Saturday, when a final heat was trotted. There were five entries, Young Clay, b. g., R. O'Brien, winning by good honest work in three straight heats; time 2.55, 2.52½ and 2.49½, with Gentle Annie second and Millionaire third. It was a keenly contested match throughout between these three horses. The mile handicap bicycle race was won by L. L. Murphy, who had 95 yards start, in 3.07. R. L. Archibald, scratch, easily passed Sergeant A. Wrey, who had 5 yds. start, and came in second about a dozen yards behind the winner.

The closing exercises at Mount St. Vincent were held on Tuesday and were largely attended. Archbishop O'Brien, Attorney-General Longley and Alderman Wallace addressed the pupils. His Grace presented the medals to the graduates, Misses Gertrude Tobin, Mary White, Mary E Hayes, Louise Precourt, F. Chisholm and Angela Murphy,—after which an interesting musical and literary programme was well carried out. The stage settings were very artistic. After the exercises refreshments were served, of which all present were invited to partake, and after a stroll through the beautiful grounds the city guests took the train for home, well pleased with the afternoon's entertainment.

The Frawley Company open at the Academy on Monday evening in "Turned Up," which is said to be an extremely laughable comedy, Halifax theatre-goers will be glad that the Frawley Company has again "turned up" in the city, and it is to be hoped will show their appreciation of good plays in a practical manner.

The yacht race for 3 raters to have come off on Saturday last was postponed until to-morrow, the wind being conspicuous by its absence.

The second pupils concert of the Doering-Brauer Conservatory was given in Orpheus Hall on Tuesday evening, and was largely attended.

This evening and to-morrow afternoon and evening will be the last opportunities to see Zera Semon's show at the Lyceum Theatre, as this week closes the engagement. As usual the programme is attractive and, in addition to the specialists who give excellent performances, Professor Semon's marionette minstrels and magic tricks are a good entertainment in themselves. To-morrow afternoon a final opportunity will be given the little folks and their lady friends to see the show, and Zera will probably have a large audience. On Monday evening a benefit will be given Mr. Ed Kelly, Professor Semon's popular manager, to which all his friends should rally.

The free excursion on the harbor on Monday last on the steamship *Olivette*, the magnificent new addition to the line of the Canada Atlantic S. S. Company, was largely attended by the invited guests, the importers—exporters—and as was facetiously remarked, the reporters of Halifax. It was three thirty before the steamer got under way, when she steamed rapidly up the harbor, around the *Blake*, and then headed out to sea. A rather stiff north-west wind was blowing, but it was off the land, so that there was not much of a sea, but enough to give some of the party unpleasant sensations. Every part of the ship was open to inspection, and in a stroll through the handsome dining saloon, past the long ranges of airy daintily fitted up state rooms, around the breezy upper and lower decks, and down into the engine room we heard only expressions of surprise and delight at the completeness of the steamer's fittings down to the minutest detail. The engine room is cool and roomy, and the Chief Engineer, Mr. T. Devlin, was particularly obliging, and explained with pride the capabilities of the powerful compound condensing engines which were forcing the ship through the water at the rate of eighteen nautical miles an hour. The steamer's head was turned up the harbor opposite the outer light and in about 15 minutes she was back at her wharf. Then a number of guests were entertained at luncheon and with the popping of champagne corks came the flow of oratory. Speeches were made by Attorney-General Longley, B. W. Chipman, C. F. Frazer, Recorder McCoy and a number of others.

Rufus Somerby opened his parlor museum at Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening and has drawn a full house at each performance. The show has many interesting features, but the greatest of all are the illusion "Venus rising from the sea" and the bright little dancer "Bertoto." With all lights in the hall lowered the audience waits expectantly. The curtains are drawn and a marine scene presented to view. A small ship sails across the water, and then suddenly a fair sea-nymph leaps from the depths of the ocean and poses in mid-air. Through the air she moves with slow and graceful movements, and there remains unsupported, perfectly motionless, for a long time in view of the wonder-stricken admiring audience, and then dives again into the sea. The illusion is perfect and many Halifaxians are puzzling their brains to fathom the mystery of this act. "Venus" says it is her "week's salary" that keeps her up, but we with many others would like to know what power is behind the scenes. This illusion, invented and manipulated by Erickson, who received a medal for it in Paris, forms one of the most fascinating attractions that any showman has ever introduced in our city. The gay little Bertoto has quite won the hearts of all who have seen her. She is very young, with free childish manner, and is certainly a wonderful dancer. She appears in six different dances, appropriately costumed for each, and in all displays marvellous agility and grace. The serpentine dance is very pretty and the little Parisian performs it to perfection. Her costumes are gorgeous and the little lady takes about four seconds to change from a Spanish girl into a sailor and again in a flash appears robed in yards upon yards of creamy silk ready for her serpentine dance. Bertoto has been dancing before the public for ten years, though she is but fifteen years of age now. Her mother was a *premiere danseuse* at the Grand Opera House in Paris, and her father, Alexander Bertoto was for many years ballet master at the same famous hall of music. It seems as natural for little Bertoto to dance as to breathe, and her winning manner and fascinating motions will surely win her a host of admirers in Halifax. Mr. Somerby's museum includes an excellent Punch and Judy show, always a favorite amusement for the little folks, though their elders apparently enjoy it almost as much as they do. Sol. Stone, the mathematical wonder, gives an interesting exhibition of his skill. Professor Wilde delivers an instructive talk on phrenology, and invites consultation. The sketch artists are good, and have been well received. Hodge, of Kandy Kitchen fame, has a table of his sweet wares in the Hall, and is well patronized. The Hall is open from 2 until 5, and from 7.30 until 10 o'clock, and the small admission fee of ten cents permits all to see the wonders displayed.

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