

## CITY CHIMES.

Next Sunday evening the annual harvest festival is to be held in St. Mark's church, and those anxious to attend will have to be on hand long before seven o'clock in order to gain admission, for the little church will be taxed to its uttermost to accommodate the worshippers. The service is to be fully choral, and the band of the Leicestershire regiment will assist in rendering the music. The church will as usual be tastefully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables. This is one of the most appropriate ways of bringing to the minds of the people that especially at the harvest season we do well to "praise God from whom all blessings flow."

On Monday evening the H. G. A. drew a large crowd around the parade and favored its hearers with a choice selection of music. The programme was only about half through however when big drops of rain began to descend, and in an almost incredibly short time the square was entirely deserted and the crowd had scattered in all directions.

The first grand musicale of the season comes off on Tuesday evening next in Orpheus Hall under the auspices of the Crescent Athletic Association, and judging from the list of talented performers whose names appear on the programme lovers of music are justified in expecting a treat. The latest addition to musical society in the city, Fraulein Badinger of Germany, will on this occasion make her first bow to the Halifax public. The favored few who have heard Miss Badinger sing have unanimously expressed themselves as delighted with her sweet voice and superior cultivation. Miss Mionie Gaul, now of Boston but formerly of this city, who has won many laurels as a pianist, and Miss Alice Hodgton, whose whistling powers are highly spoken of, are "on the list," which also includes Mrs J. McD. Taylor, Mr. D. C. Gillis and Herr Doering. With such a programme there can be no doubt of the coming entertainment proving a success.

All agree that September of 1892 has so far been an ideal month, and though it is more than probable that we will at the first approach of less agreeable weather, break forth into complaints loud and long ("that is humanly" as Mephisto said) yet if we would be even slightly reasonable, let us not forget the charming days and delightful evenings we have been favored with. The bright sunshine that greets us each morning and the crisp bracing air characteristic of the season in Halifax, are thoroughly enjoyable, and these first days of autumn are not less pleasant than the lovely long summer days, that have preceded them, perhaps in many ways are really preferable. There has been so little frost that the forest trees have not yet donned their coats of many colors, and only an occasional crimson cluster of leaves peeping through the green foliage surrounding it, indicates that the year is on the wane. Notwithstanding the powers that be saw fit to disappoint the expectations of many on Saturday afternoon by postponing the band concert in the gardens, quite a number gathered to enjoy the beauties of the lovely spot. The scene presented here on a sunny afternoon when there is no band is one that cannot fail to impress a beholder with its peace and quiet beauty. Young men and maidens strolling through the paths or sitting in retired nooks, apparently oblivious of all around them, bring to mind the prayer of the poet who cried "ye gods! annihilate but time and space and make two lovers happy." To my mind, however, if one is looking for happiness, genuine and free, let him turn from the "souls with but a single thought" to the wee folks who frolic on the grass or stand feeding the plump ducks with cookies and crackers. The ecstatic pleasure depicted on each bright little face must bring to even the most *bliss* beholder purer thoughts, and to the lover of children abundant gladness in the enjoyment of the artless and happy little ones. It has often been stated that nurse maids with their small charges are a nuisance at our gardens, and that the multiplicity of baby carriages monopolize the choicest paths. I quite agree that it is anything but pleasant when two or three persons are walking together to be compelled to separate and make room for a couple of wagons, and I am well aware that the light and dainty dresses of the ladies are often more or less injured by unavoidable contact with the wheels of the chariots in which ride the autocrats of the nursery, but I cannot but rejoice that none of the many schemes that have been devised to deprive the children of the freedom of the gardens have been adopted. Perhaps some day arrangements will be made that will set apart a special portion of the gardens for babies in carriages and their attendants on band afternoons, but it seems to me 'twould be hard to know where to draw the line. Meanwhile let us whose deepest enjoyment of the beauties of nature is tinged with sadness in the host of memories that haunt us at each familiar turn, and upon whom the duties and the responsibilities of life press their claims, when we would fain put them aside for the joys which nature provides us, let us I say smile and not frown on the dear little men and women who know no past and no future and are supremely happy in the present. But I really did not intend to give a dissertation on this subject. At the gardens on Saturday afternoon peace reigned supreme, the scene was indeed changed on Monday when for the second time only this season the band favored us with its presence, and the youth and beauty of our city clad in their Sunday best, assembled. The programme rendered by the Leicestershire band was good, and the weather being perfect, the people interesting and the concert a novelty, the afternoon was much enjoyed by the multitude present. It is to be hoped that as the weather is now atoning for the unkind treatment it has accorded us on Saturday afternoons, we may even at this late day have several band concerts in the gardens. The summer bloom, though beautiful, did not equal in rich coloring and profusion the autumn flowers, and the gardens are now simply perfection.

If you are at all curious to try something new, write Percy J. L. Lear, Atlantic Cigar Manufacturing Association, 221 Barrington St., Halifax, for particulars.

Among the many advantages offered to the young people of Halifax by the Conservatory of Music, not the least to be appreciated is the new feature recently added, namely a reading room furnished with musical literature, books of reference, histories, leading music periodicals, etc. Professor Porter merits the thanks of the pupils of the Conservatory for his enterprise in providing this valuable addition to the school's attractions.

Tickets are so long rapidly for the concert in aid of the Sailor's Home, to be held early next month. A good programme is promised.

They are slowly but surely leaving us, the summer visitors to the city by the sea, and outgoing trains and boats are carrying many homeward bound tourists every day. Some have left pleasant memories with us and some have not. The first we hope will return again next year when the green leaves come again, the latter—well, may they find a summer resort somewhere else. While fair criticism is not to be resented, and kindly suggestions should be welcomed by Halifaxians, we have no use for the travellers who find fault with all their surroundings, make unkind and uncalled for remarks concerning the people whom they meet, and as far as one can judge from appearances, came prepared to find things not suited to their mind and are determined not to change their opinions. Anyone who can't enjoy the pure sea air, beautiful scenery, lovely drives, good boating and fishing facilities, etc. etc. to be obtained in and around Halifax, would do well to look elsewhere for pleasure. The city has received a good deal of "booming," so called, this year, and with improved hotel accommodations should be filled with visitors next summer.

Now that the cool weather is here the football teams are beginning to get in line and practice has been commenced. Of course the first question that comes up is, how about last year's fuss? The trophy committee has met and considered the matter, and has come to the decision that last year's series is to be declared null, and play will be opened this fall as though last season's series had never been. This, it is hoped, will prove satisfactory to all concerned. Of course last year's trouble is greatly to be regretted, but in starting afresh let old animosities be buried and bygones be bygones. The Garrison, Wanderers, and Dalhousie College have good teams, and enthusiastic admirers of the rough and tumble game may expect some fun.

Arrangements are being made for another course of "First Aid" lectures for ladies, in connection with the St. John Ambulance Association, to commence on Wednesday next. The ladies' nursing class is to commence on Friday the 30th inst. and will be held weekly. It is encouraging that this branch of humane work is taking a hold in Halifax, but the attendance is much smaller than it should be, and the natural inference is that the interest of our ladies is not sufficiently aroused. Surely no one can think seriously of this subject without coming to the conclusion that the ignorance of the proper course to pursue in case of accident or sudden illness is deplorably great, and many mothers must confess that they oftentimes sadly felt the need of the instruction and training that is now offered by the Ambulance Association. This being the case, why do not all the women of our city who can possibly do so, take advantage of the opportunities offered to acquire the knowledge and skill necessary to make them of invaluable service in case of an emergency. Who cannot recall instances where much needless suffering and often loss of life, has been the result of the ignorance and helplessness of deeply sympathetic and willing friends, who must needs stand idly by until a physician can be brought. I would urge on the good ladies of Halifax to seize this opportunity while it is open, and at once send in their names to the honorary secretary Mrs. James Morrow, 99 Morris Street. The lectures by permission are to be given at Dalhousie College.—CHIEF.

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