

CITY CHIMES.

The Halifax Commercial College is the latest addition to the list of educational institutions in Halifax. Mr. S. E. Whiston, late of Frazee & Whiston of the Halifax Business College, is the principal, and has fitted up a fine set of rooms at 95 Barrington St., consisting of a class-room for arithmetic, writing, composition, etc., and one for the study of shorthand and type-writing. A large school room and office complete this bright, cheerful suite of apartments. Special mention must be made of the banking department, which is furnished with a handsome ash and walnut desk, very like that of the People's Bank, manufactured by Messrs. A. Stephen & Son. The desks of the school rooms, made of ash, are also very neat and convenient, and accommodation has been provided for about seventy-five pupils. Mr. Whiston's reputation as a writer and experienced teacher of book keeping, etc., is well established, and he is ably assisted by Mr. W. E. Thompson, late principal of Albion St. School, who gives special attention to arithmetic and commercial law. Miss Georgie Miller has charge of the stenography and type-writing department, and having had practical experience in these subjects, is well prepared to impart much valuable information to her pupils. The Halifax Commercial College has opened with bright prospects, and young men and women who wish to fit themselves for business life cannot do better than take the course of study to be obtained in this excellent commercial school. Evening classes begin on October 1st, and will probably be largely attended.

If this weather but continues we shall surely be able to place September of 1891 on record as an ideal month. True, we have had one or two bad storms, but they but carry out the typical idea, and all in all we have been blessed with many pet days, and a delightful harvest moon has made the evenings almost perfect. Our fine weather was late in arriving this year, after a long cold Spring, but when it did come our highest expectations were fulfilled. These bright cool days must be fully appreciated, as we will soon be forcibly reminded that we are rapidly drifting into the chilly Autumn, and that the season for donning winter overcoats is fast approaching. The Gardens and Park are still in full splendor, and the air is full of memories of

"Sweet childish days that were as long
As twenty days are now,"

as Wordsworth aptly expressed it. The tourist seems to be fully alive to the advantages of this time of year for travelling, and we already have many strangers in town, though of course next week will bring hundreds more, and the city will doubtless be filled to overflowing with eager sight-seers. We trust the pleasure realized by these visitors will exceed their highest anticipations, and that our solid, quaint old city may be spoken of far and near as a pleasant and profitable place in which to sojourn.

The last game of the series of Amateur League Baseball games was played last Saturday afternoon between the Blue Stockings and Metas, the former carrying off the laurels. These two teams were, before this game, a tie for the championship, which of course goes to the Blue Stockings. The League gives the victors a group photo of themselves, and C. S. Defreytas presents each of the nine with a silver medal. Much interest has been shown in these games, and this last play was witnessed by crowds of people.

The ball to be given this evening at the Halifax Hotel by Lt.-Col. Curren and officers of the 1st Halifax Brigade Garrison Artillery promises to be a grand affair. Some fifteen hundred invitations have been issued, including all the military authorities of Canada, and the special guest of the occasion will be Col. Montizambert, Commandant of "B" battery of Quebec, who is inspecting officer this year. Every preparation for the enjoyment of their guests has been made by the officers, and neither trouble nor expense has been spared to render this reception one of the best on record in the city. The large new dining-room of the Halifax is to be used as a ballroom, while the old dining-room will serve as the supper-room, thus affording ample accommodation for a large number of people. The band of the Leicestershire regiment will furnish the music, and this fact alone bespeaks a delightful evening for all who indulge in the giddy mazes of the dance. This first ball of the H. G. A. will probably be an unrivalled success, but we can better comment on it in our next issue. The old saw about the "proof of the pudding, etc.," being very applicable in this case.

Dora Wiley, "the sweet singer of Maine," is to be at the Academy next week, opening in "Vera" on Monday evening. She is accompanied by a good selection of artists and will, no doubt, have a successful season. Vera is a comic opera and should draw well in Halifax, it being something new to theatre-goers, and really well worth hearing. Miss Wiley, who takes the title role, is said to be a devoted lover of her profession. The visitors during Exhibition week will find an evening in our Academy of Music very entertaining.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" has once more scored a success in our city. Peck and Farnsman's Company presented this old but ever popular play at the Academy of Music on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and had a full house at each performance. The matinee on Wednesday afternoon was very well attended, the little folks were enthusiastic over the pathetic life of the little Eva, well impersonated by Miss Inez True, who took the same part here some four years ago. James York, a large well built African, made a splendid "Uncle Tom" and the whole piece was well put on.

The Shipp Bros' Bell Ringers will prove a great attraction at the exhibition building next week, and the committee merits commendation for having provided plenty of music for the fair grounds, as nothing will make a place more attractive and gay than good music.

The trophies won by the Halifax Garrison Artillery representatives in the recent rifle matches at Ottawa are very handsome, and our boys have reason to feel proud of their success. They brought home, besides individual spoils, two cups won by the Company out of five offered for competition. The cups are shaped and colored to represent a snider cartridge and is supported by two silver rifles crossed, the whole being mounted on a stand, the first prize having a silver, and the second an ebony stand. The idea is unique and well carried out, being very appropriate, as the Snider rifle was used in all the matches for these prizes.

Now that the season for yacht racing, boating parties, etc., is nearly over, pleasure seekers turn their attention to terra firma and devote their leisure time to the athletic sports. The football games begin next week, and the different teams are practising, as the boys say, "for all they are worth." Baseball too is flourishing, and much interest is shown in cricket and polo. The young men of Halifax manifest commendable zeal in the pursuit of the health giving exercises and vigorous sports of the day. The Crescent A. A. Association have their sports to-morrow afternoon at 2 p. m., on the Royal Blues grounds, and each event will probably be hotly contested, as all are open to members of other amateur clubs.

The programme for exhibition week has been published, and quite a variety of amusements has been provided. We want our city to "show off" at its best, and sincerely trust that the weather will favor us with a choicest selection, so that none of the anticipated pleasures of the Fair will be marred. Outside of the attractions at the exhibition building and grounds, we are to have base ball matches, races at the riding grounds, polo matches, musical recitals at the school for the blind, harbor excursions, a promenade concert in the public gardens, etc., etc. Of course each and all of these entertainments will be largely patronized, and everything looks promising for a gala week. Thursday is set apart as "Children's Day," and will be made especially interesting for the little ones.


The championship games of the Maritime Provincial Amateur Athletic Association will be played on the Wanderers' grounds next Friday afternoon, and are looked forward to with much interest.

The end of the yacht racing season has come, and all the nauticusses, if we may call them so, are sorry for it. The pleasure of sailing cannot be appreciated by any except those who take part in it, and the skillful yachtsmen know how to thoroughly enjoy the sensation of flying before a spanking breeze or sailing very close to the wind. No wonder so much interest centres in "white wings."

The promenade concert in the gardens on Wednesday evening next will, without doubt, be the best of the season. The evenings are simply delightful this month for outdoor entertainments, and we only regret that our citizens are afforded so few opportunities throughout the season to enjoy the pleasures of public garden concerts.

Rev. Canon Partridge, who is always manly and outspoken in his utterances, has begun a series of Sunday afternoon lectures, the first of which he delivered last Sunday in St. George's Church. It was on the political situation, entitled "The Religion of Politics," and we must say we are glad to see a man of Canon Partridge's abilities speaking his mind on the subject. The succeeding lectures will be on subjects of deep interest, and will surely be listened to by larger audiences every week. People need to be stirred up to a sense of what is transpiring about them, and unless this is done by someone capable of holding the interest of many people of varying opinions, sleepiness will still prevail with the public. We have no doubt of Canon Partridge's fitness to handle all live questions in an able manner.

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