

CITY CHIMES.

The ball given by the R. E. and R. A. on Wednesday evening fully came up to the anticipations of all present, and a very pleasant evening was spent in the prettily decorated rooms. The officers are to be congratulated on the success of their entertainment.

The weather this week has been rather unsatisfactory, but, as Jerome K. Jerome in his "Idle thoughts of an idle fellow" pertinently remarks, "we shall never be content till each man makes his own weather and keeps it to himself." We began well this week, Sunday being a perfect October day, clear, bright and not cold. However the fates were not allowed to be kind, and since then we have had some heavy rains and high winds, making the bright fires of cheerful homes seem more than usually desirable. The young people have been apparently making the best of circumstances, for we hear of several informal dances, which we doubt not have been much enjoyed, as these impromptu affairs generally prove even more enjoyable than large parties, and the dark and uninviting weather but enhances the charm of the cheerful drawing rooms. At time of writing the wind seems to be doing its best to "blow fair," and we hope for brighter days next week.

The programme of the "Grand Military Tournament and Promenade Concert" to be held in the exhibition building on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of next week, promises an excellent entertainment and a fine exhibition of athletic feats. These gymnastic exercises are worthy of encouragement, and much skill is developed by the members under the able instruction of Sergt-Major Kelly. The gymnasium committee have made full arrangements for their tournament, and the band of the Leicestershire regiment having been secured for the evening, a musical treat may be rolled upon.

Probably the next social event of importance will be the conversations to be given by the students of Dalhousie College. November 13th is the date that has been fixed for this reception, and friends of the college are eagerly looking forward to an enjoyable entertainment. Pleasant recollections of the delightful evening spent in the spacious university building last year, when the students of Dalhousie were at home to their friends and so royally entertained a large number of guests, warrant us in anticipating a pleasant and instructive social gathering for all who may be favored with invitations. These annual receptions of our college will soon become a pleasurable feature of the winter season, and Halifaxians should highly appreciate the hospitalities thus generously bestowed. We believe the majority of the students have voted for dancing on this occasion, and but await the approval of the Senate. This feature of the coming "at home" will be hailed with joy by many of our young people, and if the Professors give their assent, a merry time will be assured.

The Grau Opera troupe have been in the city this week, and have been utilizing the time in rehearsals, and in making full arrangements for a successful opening on Monday evening at the Academy of Music. The opera to be put on first is "Said Pasha," which will be followed by "Prince Methusalem" and many others of equal interest. The Messrs. Grau have promised Manager Clarke a good company, and full houses will no doubt reward the efforts of the troupe. There is rather a dearth of entertainment just at present, and good operas well played will prove welcome and attractive to Halifaxians. "Said Pasha" is new in Halifax and is said to be very amusing and interesting, the music being particularly merry and bright.

The Wanderers' grounds on Saturday afternoon seemed to be the chief attraction for the youth and beauty of town, and at three thirty o'clock over one thousand eagerly expectant spectators were gathered around the ropes to witness the match between the Dalhousie & Wanderers' football teams. The players were on the field sharp on time and were heartily cheered by the crowd. Dalhousie won the toss and play began, the Wanderers soon gaining a vantage. The game was by no means as exciting as had been anticipated, and the yellow & blacks were, as the irrepressible small boys emphatically assured them, "not in it." When time was called the score stood, Wanderers 4, Dalhousie 0. Unfortunately for the college team, Gordon, one of their best forwards, was obliged to be out of the city, and was very much missed by his fellows. The Wanderers are now one ahead in the race for the championship and trophy, but the Dalhousians are by no means discouraged, and after last Saturday's game will realize their need of increased practice, and leave no stone unturned to make themselves more able to stand their ground. There was some fine scrimmaging, and to see the two bodies of strong able men each putting forth all its strength against its opponent was a sight to arouse all admirers of the game to enthusiasm. There are many football zealots in Halifax, and the college boys have a warm enthusiast in their principal, Professor Forrest, who is always to be seen watching his colors when a match is in progress. Great interest is manifested in this week's match at the polo grounds when Wanderers versus Garrison will probably give us a good game. It is certainly very interesting sport, but after all it is too rough, and is too often attended by serious results to stand as a game to be highly recommended. Still the players seem to give all their heart and mind to it, and to be never so happy as when on the field, so as they must take all risks, we onlookers need not waste our sympathies, but reserve them only for the defeated fifteen.

Apropos of football, did any of our footballists miss "Vagrant's" letter in the *Evening Mail* of the 19th inst. If so we would advise them to hunt up a copy and peruse it, for a more amusing and original screed we have not read for some time. If "Vagrant" often has such dreams we hope he will

favor the public with his somnambulist experiences again in the near future. Dreaming that one is a football on the Wanderers' field with the "giants with wasp-like bodies" most unfeelingly treating him as though he was not a living soul incased in the tightly laced exterior, must be a decidedly uncomfortable as well as original sensation. "Vagrant" quite outdid himself in this clever production and we feel sure "the getters of touch downs" as well as their friends much enjoyed, heartless though they may seem, the terrible experiences of one spectator resulting from a too hearty supper after the game of last Saturday.

The athletic sports under the auspices of Col. Rolph and the Officers of the Leicestershire regiment are to take place this afternoon at the Polo grounds, and will probably be very interesting and attract a large gathering.

St. George's Church was well filled on Sunday afternoon to hear the pastor, Rev. Canon Partridge, deliver the fourth of his series of lectures. The topic was "Husband & Wife," and proved very interesting and instructive, though not containing as much deep and striking thought as the subject of the previous week. Dr. Partridge began by quoting a few of the many writers, young and old, experienced and inexperienced, who are just now contributing to the leading magazines articles on this subject; and after having given a few statistics showing the number of divorces in Canada and the United States from 1867 to 1888 (which by the way are very startling, the total number of Canadian divorces since that date being 135 and of the United States 328,613) the Rev. Dr. proceeded to impress upon his hearers the importance of thoughtfully considering the causes of so much wedded unhappiness, and to point out what he considered the best remedies therefore. Thoughtlessness both on the parts of parents and young people he claimed was the root of much of the evil, and he most earnestly entreated parents to realize their responsibilities and their duties towards their daughters. The lecturer also enlarged on other causes and preventions of uncongenial, inharmonious and consequently unhappy marriages, and then proceeded to express his views on the remedy. He most emphatically declared that divorce is no real and honest remedy, and set forth many reasons why he denounced this mode of separation, and recommended patience as the "only remedy for foolish, hasty, earthly and hence unhappy marriages." Dr. Partridge claims that true marriages are indeed made in Heaven; and that for every man there is a true woman, if he will take pains enough to find her. Dr. Partridge concluded his well written paper, which had been listened to with much interest and thoughtful attention, with the following sentences:—"The law of marriage as revealed by God in the infancy of the world has never changed, and never can change. Whatever be the improvements of man in his own sphere, there can be no improvement in what came from the all perfect and unchangeable God. I feel that I have but touched the fringe of a vast and far-reaching subject, but I believe that these thoughts and principles are imperishable and eternal." The interest in these lectures is increasing, and Dr. Partridge is conferring a great favor on those of our citizens who appreciate the opportunities of hearing the views of broad-minded men on current topics.

The Church of England Institute have made arrangements for a course of French lectures to be delivered by Prof. C. Balval in the Institute Hall, the first of which is announced for this evening, under the patronage of Miss M. Watson. The subject "La France avant la Revolution" promises much of interest to the student of this language, and we feel sure that these opportunities of instruction from this popular teacher will be hailed with pleasure by many of our citizens who are interested in the study of French.

MILLER BROS. AT THE EXHIBITION.

At the recent exhibition Miller Bros., (Granville St.) occupied a large space, nearly the whole of the south end gallery, and their show presented a fine appearance. It was all enclosed by a nice neat railing of turned bannisters, and the place raised about eight inches, which was all covered by a nice carpet, the walls and ceiling being nicely papered, and suspended from the ceiling were three electric lights, and their whole place tastefully and richly draped, and some nice pictures hung. They showed fifteen fine Organs and Pianos. The Karn Organ in church and parlor styles, some of which were very fine in both appearance and tone, ranging in price from \$75 to \$450. Also some fine Karn Pianos in mahogany, circassian, walnut and rosewood finish. The Evans Bros. Piano in mahogany, walnut and rosewood finish; both of these makes of pianos are becoming very popular. Prices of pianos shown ranged from \$350 to \$600. Occasionally some very sweet music could be heard from their department. They also showed in a separate booth ten of the celebrated Raymond sewing machines in different styles of oak and walnut. Among them was a very fine cabinet machine, which attracted much attention, it being so simple to open and close and to operate; and when closed having the appearance of a writing desk. This machine has become of late years a general favorite with the public. This firm deserves credit for going to the trouble and expense they did in making so fine an exhibit. They received three diplomas on their organs and pianos. The highest award given, no prizes were offered. They have now been in business over twenty years, and during that term have worked up a very large business in the lower provinces, which territory they control.

Those in attendance at the booths were Professor H. L. Lockwood, George Parker, J. H. Potter, A. Diack, J. H. Morse, Miss McKinnon, Miss Barrett.—*Herald*.

Sufferers from La Grippe should not despair—Puttnor's Emulsion is the best tonic for them. A bottle or two taken as they are getting well will hasten their recovery—perhaps saving them months of lassitude and debility.