

CITY CHIMES.

OUR SCHOOL OF COOKERY.—All arrangements for the School of Cookery have been completed, but owing to the teacher, Miss Ormond, being ill the date has been postponed. A few weeks ago I freely gave my opinion on this subject, and I am happy to know that the promoters of the movement have met with the co-operation of the ladies of Halifax, and that the new educational institution is to be established in our city. The price for the course of twelve lessons is not high, being at the rate of fifty cents per lesson, and housekeepers of all ages and classes would do well to consider the matter of making a profitable investment in the form of a membership ticket entitling them to tuition by an experienced teacher at the Halifax School of Cookery. Once the benefits of the instruction to be obtained by the pupils who attend are practically evinced there will no doubt be much more interest in the movement felt by the general public.

THE CARNIVAL.—The fancy dress carnival at the rink on Monday evening was a success, and in many points was away ahead of our carnivals for some few years back. Between two and three hundred skaters in gay attire formed a scene of splendor, and happily there were fewer of the characters which have been represented at every carnival since carnivals were first thought of, and quite a large number of new and original costumes on this occasion. The minuet was exceedingly pretty and gracefully performed by forty members of the private afternoons party, led by Mrs. Jones and Lieut. MacGowan. The Leicestershire and the 66th bands furnished the music in their usual efficient style, adding much to the enjoyment of both skaters and walkers-around. I must not forget to compliment the Spanish trobadours, who, between bands, delighted all present with sweet music. The rink was beautifully decorated and brilliantly illuminated, and the carnival altogether, as I have before remarked, was a grand success. A special carnival under the auspices of St. Mary's and St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Societies is to be held on Monday evening next.

Ulcerated sore throat and tonsillitis yield to Johnson's Anodyne Liniment, when all else fails.

RELIEF OF THE POOR. The twenty-sixth annual report of the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor of our City is at hand. The report shows good work has been done during the past, although the efforts of the society are greatly hampered by lack of funds. The treasurer's statement showed a balance at the end of November last of \$642.61. 352 families were relieved in 1892, or averaging four to a family 1408 individuals. The soup kitchen has been kept open and the wholesome food provided at a small cost has proved a great boon to many. The question may well be asked, why has Halifax so many poverty stricken citizens? Perhaps the unfortunates themselves could best answer, but undoubtedly, while there are many wholly unworthy of charity, there are not a few who are the victims of others' sins, and are deserving of the pity and practical aid of their fellow citizens. The association ask for increased support, and if the good people of Halifax consider the matter in its proper light they must see that this society is well worthy of liberal contributions.

MONEY AS A SOOTHING SYRUP.—Two hundred and one helpless morsels of humanity have through the agency of the Infants' Home been placed in permanent homes among respectable families. This record alone entitles the managing committee of the Infants' Home to the support and co-operation of every true lover of mankind, and it is to be hoped that many of those who read these lines may be induced perhaps for the first time to forward their contributions toward this most deserving charity. No doubt the treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Mackintosh, will be glad to receive these contributions, and the fact that the money will be used in sheltering helpless babes cannot fail to be a source of satisfaction to the givers.

BILIOUSNESS CURED.

GENTLEMEN.—I have used Burdock Wood Bitters for biliousness, and find it the best remedy for this complaint. I used several other remedies but they all failed to do me any good. However, it required only two bottles of B. B. B. to cure me completely, and I can recommend it to all.

Yours truly,
WM. ROBINSON, Wallaceburg.

THE SALVATION ARMY'S DISTINGUISHED GUEST.—Notwithstanding the countless discouragements and not a little opposition encountered the Salvation Army is undoubtedly "marching along." The Halifax regiment reminds our citizens of its existence and of its tireless energy every evening as the "strains of martial music" echo through the city streets. The south-end corps has a very good band and makes a creditable show at its nightly parade. The route marching of the north-end corps is not so largely attended, but if their soldiers be few in number they lack nothing in enthusiasm. The portion of the army garrisoned in Halifax is to be honored during the coming week by a visit from Commandant Herbert Booth, son of General Booth, the famous leader of the Salvation Army movement. Commandant Booth is a faithful and energetic worker in the ranks and has accomplished great things. Those in Halifax who judge the whole army work by the demonstrative meetings held at street corners have very little idea of what the Booth family and their followers have done and are doing in the world. I was reading not long ago of the various philanthropic enterprises in which the army is engaged in England, and was forcibly struck by their practical nature. For instance:—"Twelve hundred beds at a penny each are offered to London's homeless poor in a new Salvation Army shelter erected on the bank of the Thames near Backfriars Bridge. A shelter with four hundred beds was opened a year ago, probably to "clear the embankment of its destitute," but this was always more than crowded, with dozens of applicants for beds turned away nightly. If a man has not even

the necessary penny he can earn his bed by half an hour's wood chopping. Of course this is only one of the hundreds of schemes which has been devised to do good, and, while all the ceremonies of the army may not be commendable, yet I humbly believe that a large proportion of the workers, in Halifax as elsewhere, are sincere in their motives and are doing a large amount of good work.

THE WEATHER.—We have torn the first leaf off of our new calendar and begun another month of the new year. The winter has been "cold and stiddy," as an old lady, whose acquaintance I recently made during a horse-car ride, impressed upon me; and

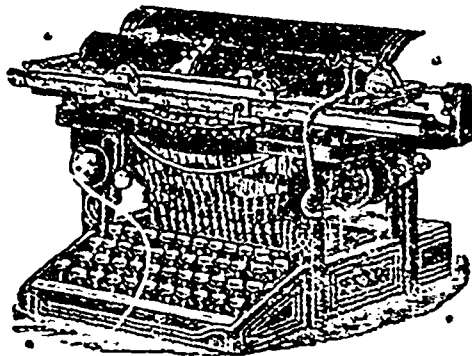
"The man who wrote to the printer
On a wild December day,
And declared the old-fashioned winter
Had forever passed away,"

now hides his diminished head. The sleighing lasted well and has been highly appreciated. The hotel people "out the road" have been kept busy attending to the requirements of the numerous sleighing parties that have been making the suburbs echo with their sounds of merriment. The proverbial one-horse-open sleigh has been very much in evidence also.

Halifax people are noted for their hospitality, and our social life is exceedingly enjoyable. Large "at-homes," informal dances and "five o'clocks," are of frequent occurrence, and each pleasant in its way. However I have heard not a few young ladies sigh for something new in the way of private entertainments, and to these the following account, clipped from a Truro weekly, of a conversation recently held by one of Truro's accomplished hostesses may prove a valuable suggestion. "The topics prescribed for discussion were discussed during the rendition of choice pianoforte selections, each gentleman selecting and engaging his partner as for a dance. The programmes, very prettily got on up, contained in gold lettering the list of topics eight in number, which were: The chief literary political events of the past year; Tennyson, and the outlook for the next Poet Laureate; Canada, its present and future; Political and Domestic economy; When I was young; Superstitions; What we read; Why can we not have a literary club in Truro?; The Chautauqua circle and University extension."

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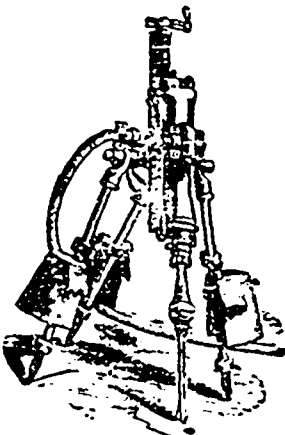
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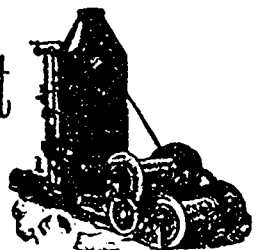
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