

CITY CHIMES.

The season is here when we sympathize with the poet who says in his lines on midsummer—

"Rain me sweet odours on the air,
And wheel me up my Indian chair,
And spread some book not overwise
Flat out before my sleepy eyes.

Who knows it not, this dead rec-oll
Of weary fibres stretched with toil,
The pulse that flutters faint and low
When summer's seething breezes blow!"

And so on. Of course Oliver Wendell Holmes was probably in Boston when he penned these lines, but even in proverbially cool Halifax we sometimes may echo his sentiments. The weather this week has been very warm and all who could do so have taken advantages of the cooler air of the suburbs. It is well, if possible, to let the children get out of town during this month and next, and in the country gain strength for the coming winter. Rosy cheeks and sparkling eyes will repay any sacrifice that may be made to obtain a vacation trip and fathers and mothers do well to consider the matter; but after all our city is so well provided with breathing places that those who find it out of the question to leave home during the summer may still enjoy many pleasant hours away from the maddening crowd. To those who on these long hot days sigh for a shady nook in which, "curtained by a singing pine," to dream away the hours, our peerless park at Point Pleasant (happily named) can be unhesitatingly recommended.

On Monday evening next the Tentis Club at Bedford intend giving a concert, and are making preparations for an enjoyable entertainment for their friends. An excellent programme is being prepared to be taken part in by several well and favorably known amateurs, including the Misses Temple, Starr, Smith, Messrs. Harrison, Heustie, H. Heustie, Crowell, and others. A male quartette will give two numbers. Sergt. Farley, the noted cornet soloist of the Leicestershire band, will render valuable assistance in making the concert a success. The hall in which the concert is to be held is being tastefully decorated and will present an attractive appearance. The city friends of the Bedford Tennis Club will go on the suburban train which leaves North Street at 6.30 p.m., and a special train, leaving Bedford at 11.10 p.m., will bring the guests to the city. Arrangements have been made to have tickets for the trip issued at one first-class fare. The pretty suburban villa of Bedford is now at its best, and the magnificent view to be obtained, together with the refreshing air of this delightful country spot cannot fail to be appreciated by all who may patronize the coming entertainment.

Now that the Garrison Church is closed for repairs the parade service for the troops is to be held in St. George's Church every Sunday morning at 9.15 o'clock.

His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons preached in St. Mary's Cathedral at nine o'clock Mass on Sunday last, taking for his subject "Freedom." The discourse was eloquent and practical, and was attentively listened to by a congregation that filled the Cathedral to the doors.

The Leicestershire band at the Gardens on Saturday afternoon attracted a large crowd although the weather was not very favorable. The frequent rains have this summer kept the Gardens in a delightful condition, the grass green, the plants and trees fresh and the walks free from dust. The air is now laden with the delicate perfume of the countless flowers and is a good tonic for the weary ones who gladly steal away from the heat and dust of the city streets.

Halifax has had many visitors during the past week. Besides hosts of friends visiting friends, small parties of tourists, solitary individuals who have come to see the city that is at present being boomed in the American press, we have had a party of twenty-five known as the Raymond party, which includes in its circle Miss Emma Shaw, a representative of the Boston *Transcript* who is a brilliant writer and in the interests of her paper has travelled extensively. The C. P. R. Magnates, President Van Horne, Vice-President Shaughnessy and party have been with us and have left for a tour through Cape Breton. On Monday afternoon an excursion was tendered to the party on the *Bluehill* which was attended by many prominent citizens and proved very enjoyable.

Rufus Somerby's Parlor Musee has nearly reached the end of its season in our city. It is hardly necessary to say that it has been a success, for Mr. Somerby is too popular a showman and possesses too practical a knowledge of his business to meet with anything but success. The tiny man, who weighs only twenty pounds, and is but two feet six inches in height, has been visited by large crowds of young and old, all of whom have been delighted with the healthy and apparently happy appearance of this little Nova Scotian wonder. The gay little Bertoto has continued to charm her audiences with her vivacious manner and graceful movements, and the illusion is still a wonderment and amusement. The other features of the Musee are interesting, and as to day and to-morrow will be the last opportunity Halifaxians will have of visiting Mr. Somerby's entertainment in Masonic Hall, those who have put off going until the eleventh hour would do well to take in one of the performances before it be too late.

A CANADIAN FAVORITE.

The season of green fruits and summer drinks is the time when the worst forms of cholera morbus, diarrhoea, and bowel complaints prevail. As a safeguard Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry should be kept in the house. For 35 years it has been the most reliable remedy.

Rev. E. P. Crawford will probably occupy the pulpit in St. Luke's Cathedral on Sunday next.

The Royal Prohibition commission which has been holding meetings in the city this week for the purpose of taking evidence has attracted the attention and aroused the interest of many Halifaxians. The members of the commission are Mr. Gigault, Deputy Minister of Agriculture in Quebec; Rev. Dr. McLeod, of Fredericton, N. B., editor of the *Religious Intelligencer*; Judge McDonald, of Brockville, Ont., Sir Joseph Hickson, of Montreal, late manager of the Grand Trunk Railway; E. F. Clarke, M. P. P. of Toronto, and Patrick Monaghan, Secretary of the Commission. Mr. Monaghan is a Halifax man and is well-known as a firm temperance advocate. L. P. Kribbs represents the liquor trade before the commission and a better man could not be secured. Kribbs has a grasp of facts and is popular with the temperance people as well as with others. F. S. Spence has been employed by the Dominion Alliance to present the temperance side of the question before the commission. He is a good speaker, a hard worker and one of the most prominent temperance men in Ontario. Several ladies of the W. C. T. U. have graced the meetings with their presence and are deeply interested in the facts and figures presented.

The steamer *Bluehill* carried a goodly number of passengers on her moonlight excursion Wednesday evening. A sail on the Harbor and Basin is a pleasant ending to a hot day and the *Bluehill's* trips are highly appreciated.

The local league baseball match on the Crescents' grounds Saturday afternoon between the Clippers and St. Mary's was won by the latter with a score of 14 to 13.

The Cricket tournament which is being held this week has been the chief excitement in sporting circles. The visiting team arrived in the city by the S.S. *Halifax* on Sunday afternoon and were met by a committee of the Wanderers. The first match began on Monday morning at eleven o'clock between the Germantown eleven and the Wanderers, and was concluded on Tuesday, the American players coming out ahead by an inning and thirty-three runs. The Wanderers play was disappointing. The Garrison team met the Invincibles on Wednesday, and although at time of writing the game is not quite over, the prospects of our Military men are bright. The band of the Leicestershire furnished music on the grounds yesterday afternoon, and a large number of interested spectators assembled. The tournament has awakened interest in the grand old game in the breasts of many who hitherto thought little of it, and has added to the enthusiasm of those who consider cricket the best outdoor game known. We hear of a grand dinner to be given next week by the Wanderers in honor of their guests.

The *Weymouth*, which will leave Central Wharf for Bedford to-morrow afternoon, will no doubt be well patronized if the day is fine. Saturday afternoon in Halifax is for many sons and daughters of toil an "off day," and the trip on the water is certainly a healthful and pleasing way of spending the half-holiday.

Notwithstanding the excessive heat the guests who assembled at the ball given at the Admiralty House on Tuesday evening seemed to thoroughly enjoy the evening. The house and grounds were magnificently decorated and the lawn looked particularly inviting with its numerous colored lights among the shade of the trees under which happy couples wandered after the sweet strains of the waltz had died away. The band of the *Blake* furnished the music. The supper, set in the brilliant room, was very elaborate, and the cooling ices etc. provided in the refreshment room in the upper part of the house were highly appreciated. All in all this ball has been declared one of the most successful ever given in Halifax and this, as many of our city readers can testify, is high praise.

They poulticed her feet and poulticed her head,
And bistered her back till 'twas smarting and red,
Tried tonics, elixirs, pain-killers and salver,
(Though grandma declared it was nothing but "nerves.")
The poor woman thought she must certainly die,
Till "Favorite Prescription" she happened to try.
No wonder its praises so loudly they speak,
She grew better at once, and was well in a week.

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