

CITY CHIMES.

Even that well-known specimen of humanity, the oldest inhabitant, failed to recall any such weather in Halifax as that experienced here last week, but much to our relief the scorching days were few in number, and this week we have had delightfully cool weather. The week has been very uneventful, the amusement seeking public dividing its attention between the Masonic Fair and the Academy, both of which have proved good entertainment.

THE FAIR.—Were I to enter into particulars of this elaborate festival I fear my creed would have to go a seeking space, and yet it seems almost impossible to give any idea of the many attractions without going into details thereof. Of course the scene presented as one enters the Exhibition Building instantly calls to mind the fairs that have delighted Halifaxians in former years, the Wanderers, Nautical and the World's Fair, (a small edition) and yet with a large amount of sameness there is a marked difference. The costumes of the fair ladies in-waiting at the different booths are decidedly new and very captivating. The booths are unique in design and the decorations of the whole have been artistically planned and effectively arranged. Unfortunately the opening day was very inauspicious, a drenching rain dampening the ardor of not a few would-be spectators. Notwithstanding the weather, however, the Masons marched from their hall on Satter Street to the building and the fair was opened with characteristic Masonic ceremonies. Perhaps the most pleasing feature of the afternoon was the musical portion of the programme. In the evening an immense crowd assembled the chief attraction being the march. For this nothing but expressions of commendation have been heard. The young ladies have done well in mastering the numerous intricate revolutions, and Mr. Greenwood, who has faithfully trained his pupils, has scored another success. The little girls who make up the "living whist" also march well and look very pretty in their card costumes. The attendance every evening this week has been very large, in fact at times the building was far too crowded to permit of any degree of comfort and all one could do was to move with the crowd. Although it seemed a good deal like work to push their way through the mass of people the pretty girls, yes, and the plain looking maidens as well, have done a flourishing business selling lottery tickets. The scene from the gallery as one looks down upon the thousands of people, all bent on seeing all that is to be seen is very interesting. The afternoon is undoubtedly the best time to go to see the booths and their contents, to take in the manifold features of interest in connection with the Masonic decorations, and to witness a game of whist played with living cards, but if you want to see the people of Halifax, of high and low degree, take in the Fair in the evening. Probably before the Fair closes there will be comparatively few people who have not passed the turnstiles at the entrance to the Exhibition Building, and certainly all who go will feel their time and money to have been well spent. The fair is a success in every sense of the word, and much honor is due the energetic ladies and gentlemen who have labored faithfully for the past year for the culmination which has been attained this week.

THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—In spite of the fact that thousands of men and women have spent their evenings this week at the Masonic Fair, the Academy has had good houses. "Dr. Bill," played the first three evenings of the week, was irresistibly funny, and provoked hearty laughter from the most serious minded of the audience. The play itself has little plot, in fact is little else but a series of amusing complications. That it is the unexpected which always happens is particularly true in this comedy and the genuine fun afforded his patrons by Dr. Bill and his company has been fully appreciated. We are told that "a merry heart doeth good like a medicine" and certainly such laughter as echoed through the Academy during the performances this week must have proceeded from merry hearts, and cannot have accomplished aught but good. Miss Fanny Temple is an accomplished actress and possesses a beautiful voice. Her performance was thoroughly pleasing. The other ladies of the company merit much credit for the excellence with which they performed their roles. Indeed the entire cast is good and theatre-goers should not miss taking in the fun.

The Lorne Club's Regatta was the principal event of last Saturday afternoon. Everything passed off very satisfactorily. Many of the contests were close and all were very interesting. The water was covered with boats large and small, and the shore in the vicinity of the races was thronged with eager spectators. The 66th band furnished most acceptable music for the occasion, and the Lorne club had every reason to congratulate itself on the success of the regatta.

A FAVORITE'S RETURN.—The W. C. T. U. of Halifax, have made arrangements for an entertainment to be given at the Academy next month which is sure to take well. Miss McGarry, well and favorably known as an accomplished orator, is to give a recital (which, by the way, is announced as her "last recital in Halifax.") and those who have in times past enjoyed her readings and recitations will certainly not miss the opportunity of hearing this lady again, while any who have not been so favored will do well to attend, if they wish a pleasant and profitable entertainment. Miss McGarry has been in Great Britain for about two years, and has won favor wherever she has been heard. Her many Halifax friends will welcome her return to this side of the ocean, though rumor has it that her visit will not be extended as she is ere long to be united "in the holy bonds" with an English gentleman.

And what shall I say more for the time would fall me to tell of all the virtues of Puttner's Emulsion.

HARD LINES FOR THE WEST-ENDERS.—It has been suggested that the west-end branch of the street railway be closed, a suggestion which it is sincerely to be hoped will not be put into effect. It is urged that this branch of the railway does not pay the company for its running, and, therefore, it is deemed expedient to shut it off. If this be done the people of the North-west end of the city will be left without means of transportation to and from town, and the loss will be seriously felt. It is hard to understand why the branch does not pay, since the cars are generally well patronized, especially on their up trips. To be sure a person going to the western terminus of the line saves very little if any time by taking the cars, but nevertheless they have proved a great boon to the residents of that portion of the city, who will no doubt feel they have been deprived of what is almost their rightful privilege if the running of the cars is discontinued. It took quite a little time for the people living along this route of the railway to become accustomed to taking a tram up and down from town, but now it has become habitual with a large number who rarely walk either up or down the hills. Of course if the west-end line is discontinued many of the north-westend residents will patronize the main line of cars, but a much larger number will find these of little use to them. It is much to be desired that this suggestion will end in the suggesting.

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