

CITY CHIMES.

The reception at the School for the Blind on Monday evening, on the occasion of the formal opening of the new wing, was largely attended. Between seven and eight hundred ladies and gentlemen responded to the invitation of the board of directors and officers of the school, and passed a pleasant three hours inspecting the building, and listening to a programme of music and short speeches by Mr. Silver, president of the board of managers, Lieut. Governor Daly, Hon. Mr. Fielding and Mr. Fraser, superintendent of the school. An efficient corps of young gentleman assistants was on hand to direct the guests and supply them with programmes of the evening's entertainment. After leaving the dressing rooms the guests proceeded to assembly hall, where they were announced, and shook hands with Mr. Silver and Mr. Fraser. From 8 o'clock to 8.45 the classes of the school were all carried on as in the school hours, under the charge of the several teachers. This to many of the guests was quite a new experience, and the fact that those deprived of sight could work so well, not only with the brain, but with the hands, was rather a surprise. After the class work was finished the guests gathered in assembly hall, where a musical programme was successfully carried out by the pupils and Mr. Chisholm and Mr. Reid. Following the music President W. C. Silver made an address suitable to the occasion, referring to the successful work of the school and the interest taken in it by the public. His Honor the Lieut. Governor then formally opened the building, and made a few enthusiastic remarks as to the successful efforts of the board of managers to make the institution first class in every respect. His Honor was to have presented a gold headed cane to Dr. Lindsay as a testimonial of esteem from the board of managers, officers and pupils of the school, but the doctor was unfortunately absent on professional business. Mr. Fielding, provincial secretary, then presented, on behalf of the board of managers, officers and pupils, a handsome marble clock to Mrs. Blair, the matron of the school. The superintendent then made a short address, after which the guests found their way to the supper room, where ices, sand wiches, cake, etc., were provided. The playing of the band of the school was particularly fine and drew forth many eulogistic remarks.

The long dry spell was broken on Wednesday by a welcome rain, which has quickened vegetation, and will do the country an immense deal of good. The dust was pretty bad outside the city, and even in it where the watering carts do not always do their duty. A warm rain is quite refreshing to be out in when one is suitably prepared for it, and does good to man and beast, as well as vegetable life.

Mayflowers have been very abundant and fine this spring, but they are almost done now. Numerous maying parties have been out and returned laden with the fragrant spoils of the woods. What a pity it is that the market people always find it convenient to bring nothing but blossoms, the leaves being, in their opinion, quite unnecessary. But it is useless to try and make them understand the fact that the pink and white beauty of the flowers is enhanced by the contrasting dark green; they still hold their own opinions and bring tightly tied up little bunches of blossoms, out of which even the perfume seems to have been squeezed.

Large audiences have been present at the academy of music every evening to witness the performances of the Redmund-Barry Company. "Life's Storm" and "Nan, the good for nothing" was the bill for the first three evenings of the week, and last night "Herminie" was produced. The latter will be repeated this evening and to-morrow evening. The company is an excellent one, and deserves the patronage of the public.

The Public Gardens are beginning to look pretty again as the flowers that bloom in the spring come out. Our Public Gardens are a joy, not forever, but every summer, and every time we visit them we take a fresh pride in their beauty.

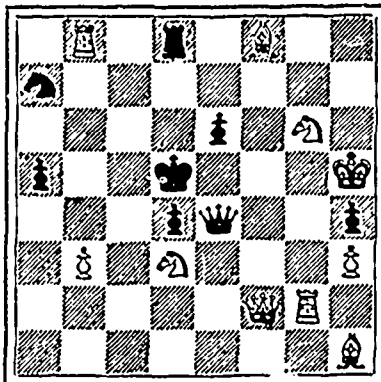
Arbor day was celebrated in the Halifax schools on Tuesday with suitable ceremonies. At the Halifax Academy music illustrative of the beauty and usefulness of trees was sung and an address was made by Principal MacKay. Trees were planted in honor of Lieut. Governor Daly, Supervisor McKay, Secretary Wilson, and Principal MacKay. The latter made some very pertinent remarks about kindness to animals, and spoke particularly to the young ladies on the subject of wearing birds plumage on their hats, with the result that many of our most beautiful and useful birds are becoming very scarce. Some of the young ladies agreed in denouncing the fashion, but a good many of them have still their own opinion on the subject, and see no harm in making their hats "stylish" even if not attractive, with the smashed birds that have been in vogue for some time. Fortunately the spring time has brought a change, and flowers are the only wear now, but the poor little birds will in all probability be called upon to supply the insatiable demands of fashion again next winter. This is a matter on which young ladies will not be reasoned with. The fashion is so and so, and they will follow it no matter what happens.

Bicycling is quite extensively used as a means of securing pleasure and exercise by ladies in the United States and to some extent in Canada. It is by no means unseemly and is said to be a most healthful exercise for ladies. When will our Halifax ladies take it up?

Moths are pests and everyone who owns valuable furs knows it. In spite of this fact it is said that in England the fashion of wearing furs will prevail all summer. Shoulder capes are more becoming, easier to throw off or on, and less damaging to the freshness of light gowns than jackets are. It may be that moths will not be so troublesome when the object of their attacks are in constant use.

CHESS.

PROBLEM No. 65.
By B. W. LaMothe.
From Jamaica Gleaner.
WHITE 10 pieces.



BLACK 8 pieces.
Mate in two moves.

GAME NO. 66.

Game played Jan. 9th, 1891, at Montreal in the Canadian Chess Association Tourney between Mr. A. T. Davison, of Toronto, and Mr. J. P. Cooke, of Montreal.

HAMPE ALLOAIER.

WHITE.	BLACK.
J. P. Cooke.	A. T. Davison.
1 P to K4	P to K4
2 Kt to QB3	B to QKt5
3 P to KB4	B takes Kt
4 Kt's P takes B	P to Q3
5 Kt to B3	P takes P
6 P to Q4	Kt to KB3
7 B to Q3	Kt to R4 a
8 Castles	P to KKt4
9 Kt to Q2 b	Kt to Kt2
10 P to KR4	P to K3
11 P to Q5	P to R3
12 P to B4	Kt to Q2
13 B to Kt2	P to KB3
14 B to K2 c	Kt to K4
15 P to R4	P to KR4
16 Kt to Kt3	Q to K2
17 P to R5	B to Q2
18 B to Q4	P to QB4
19 B to QB3 d	B to Kt5
20 Kt to B1 e	Kt takes BP
21 Q to Q3	B takes B
22 Q takes B	Kt to K6
23 B takes BP f	Q takes B
24 Q takes Kt	Q takes R g
25 Q to QKt3	Q to Q5 ch
26 K to R1	Castles 2 R
27 P takes P	Q takes KP
28 Q to R3 ch	K to Kt1
29 Kt to Q3	KR to KB1
30 R to K1	Q takes QP
31 R to K7	R to B2
32 White resigns.	

NOTES.

a Black has now acquired this early in the game not only a Pawn, but also a strong and safe position.

b Bad, Kt to R4 would have been better. Then as Black would play Kt to Kt2 as a reply, White could play Kt to B5, and whether Black take Kt off or not, White would have a much better position.

c White struggles well to make his pieces available.

d P takes P in passing is better. This retrograde move of the Bishop places Black in almost complete command of the board with White's pieces hopelessly shut out from the game.

e This move loses a Pawn, but White has no good move.

f The worst move on the board, as it loses a piece.

g White overlooked this move.—
The Week.

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