

## CITY CHIMES.

The second yacht race of the season took place on Tuesday afternoon over course No. 4. Only three boats sailed, the *Lenore*, *Youla* and *Mimwhaha*. The wind was too light and the rain too heavy for a race, and it will be sailed over the same course on Saturday next.

It was very unfortunate that the weather of Tuesday rendered the postponement of the gardens concert necessary. The gardens are looking lovely and the concert had been eagerly looked forward to by the many who delight in an evening spent in this charming spot. It will probably come off on Friday next, July 1st.

While the training squadron, which is made up of the ships *Active*, *Voyage*, *Ruby* and *Calypso*, is in port, the society-devotees of Halifax are to be entertained at balls given at Bellevue and on board the *Blake*. Gayety in the select circle of the Halifax four hundred will soon be at its height, and Her Majesty's naval officers apparently find much to enjoy and to interest in our quaint old city.

Tuesday next is fixed upon as the probable date of the grand naval review promised on the arrival of the training squadron, but should the arrangements that have been made not meet with the approval of the commander of the squadron the demonstration will not take place until later on in the season. The whole brigade will form up at the Dockyard at nine o'clock on the morning of the review and headed by the bands of the *Blake* and *Voyage* will march to the North Common, which has been selected as the scene of the manoeuvres. In addition to numerous figures of drill which will be gone through the mariners are preparing for an attack on the old fort at Camp Hill. The plan of attack is interesting and while the sailors perform the necessary movements the bands will play appropriate music. Undoubtedly the coming naval review will be one of the grandest sights of the kind that Halifaxians have ever witnessed in the city. The whole force will be under the command of Admiral Hopkins.

The Lyceum has had crowded audiences this week, and an attractive programme has been well performed. The performance opens with the comedians Miss Arnold and Mr. Ed. Gallagher, who furnish much fun by their witty sayings and bright songs, etc. The Lepage sisters have taken well this week. Their engagement closes to-morrow evening. The "Irish comedy team," Messrs. Connors and Quigley, have greatly pleased their audiences, and are irresistibly funny. Miss Dollie Merton sings very sweetly, and has become a favorite with Lyceum patrons. The performance of "the great Zoyarra" is perhaps one of the most taking features Professor Semon has ever brought to Halifax. His feats on the revolving globe are indeed wonderful, and his appearance each evening has been greeted with rounds of applause. The closing act, entitled "Is Marriage a Fei ure," abounds in fun, and Zera and his business manager are to be congratulated on the success which has rewarded their efforts to cater acceptably to the theatre-going public.

The Wanderers' Fair, which opens in the Exhibition Building on Monday evening, is of course the great attraction for the coming week. Under able management, and with the aid of skilful hands, the interior of the building is completely transformed, and although when visited by our representative the decorations were not complete, still a good idea could be obtained of the beauty of the scene that will meet the eyes of the multitude on Monday evening. There are ten booths, each representing a nation, and the fair occupants will be attired in appropriate costumes. Much taste and ingenuity is shown in the arrangement of the booths, and the whole effect is very pleasing. Across the south end of the building a stage has been erected, and performances will be given there every evening, consisting of tableaux, concerts, etc. On the opening night and on each succeeding evening a march will be gone through with by some sixty young ladies. The variety of the costumes and the complications of the movements will make this a most bewildering scene, and one well worth witnessing. Much time has been spent in practising the march, and no doubt the fair marchers will reflect credit on the careful and untiring instruction of Mr. Greenwood.

The second concert in connection with the Doering-Brauer Conservatory of Music will be given by the pupils in Orpheus Hall on Tuesday evening, July 5th, and judging from the former entertainment and from the programme prepared for this occasion, will afford genuine pleasure to all music-lovers who may attend. The first number of the programme will be "The Seven Ravens," a series of seven vocal pieces connected by recitation. The solos are to be taken by Miss S. Murray, Miss A. Drake, Master A. Smith and others, and the choruses will be taken part in by a number of pupils of the Conservatory. Miss Kathleen Mathers will recite. As this piece is new in Halifax, we feel sure it will be listened to with much interest, and if the young people carry out their parts well, will be very enjoyable. Part 2 will consist of a piano solo, piano duet, cello solo and a cello quartette. This latter number will be largely looked forward to by all who appreciate the sweet music of the cello. By special request the Children-Symphony is to be given again. The orchestra is formed of several of the young students of the Conservatory, who will be assisted by the Misses Payzant. Those who are interested in the success of the pupils of Herr Doering and his energetic, talented wife will have an opportunity on this occasion to note the progress that has been made, and we have no doubt will be surprised as well as gratified at the high standard that has been attained. The entertainment will be under the distinguished patronage of Mrs. M. Bowes Daly.

The closing exercises of the School for the Blind were held in the Assembly Hall of the school on Tuesday morning and were well attended. A large number of city teachers were present as well as many friends who are interested in the work that is being carried on at the Institution. A good programme, consisting of choir and instrumental music and school exercises, was performed by the pupils in which the thorough instruction imparted by the competent teaching staff of the school was satisfactorily demonstrated. Much interest was created by the reading given by a young man, William Hulan, who is deaf, dumb and blind. The lad traced with a finger of one hand the lesson in raised letters and with the other hand read it by signs to his teacher who interpreted it to the audience. The work that is being done at the School for the blind boys and girls of the Maritime Provinces is worthy of the attention and interest of our citizens, and a visit to the literary, musical and kindergarten departments as well as to the work classes cannot fail to afford gratification to all who are interested in the practical education of the young people of our province.

The closing exercises of the Ladies' College, which have taken place this week, have furnished much enjoyable entertainment. On Monday evening the pupils of the College gave an excellent rendition of Tennyson's "Princess," which was enjoyed by a large audience. Several of the pretty interlude ballads of this favorite poem, including "The Cradle Song," "Home they brought her Warrior dead," "Sweet and Low," and others, were given effectively. The young ladies were becomingly gowned, and each performed her allotted part most creditably. The stage setting was very tasteful, and the entertainment proved a complete success. On Tuesday evening a pleasing musical recital was given at the Conservatory of Music and the high degree of proficiency attained by the pupils was clearly shown. The programme was long, consisting of fifteen numbers, each of which was well performed. On Wednesday there was a most interesting art exhibition at the College, open from 10 a. m. until 5 p. m., which was largely attended throughout the day. The graduating exercises held yesterday afternoon were of course one of the most interesting features of the series of closing entertainments. The names of the graduates are: Misses Jessie Boak, Winifred Chisholm, Mary Forrest, Euid McLean, Annie Marchant, Irene Pearman and Clara Rosborough. The programme consisted of essays read by the young ladies, recitations, and violin and piano-forte solos. The final entertainment was given at the College last evening. And now the spacious building, where throughout the past year happy girlish voices have made music, and smiling, youthful faces have brightened each room, is deserted, and the ambitious young students have separated, each to enjoy a well-earned vacation. That the Halifax Ladies' College has proved a success is more fully demonstrated each year.

Alas, how true the old saying about man proposing and Providence interposing. The many disappointed, downhearted citizens who on Tuesday morning stood at the windows of their domiciles watching the downpour of rain and vainly endeavoring to discover a "sign in the heavens" of fine weather, fully realized the truth of the aforesaid proverb. An extensive programme had been prepared for the celebration of our natal day, and had the day been fine pleasure-seekers would probably have enjoyed a pleasant anniversary of the founding of Halifax. However, all day long the rain descended, and comparatively few ventured to carry out their arrangements for the enjoyment of the day. As the steamers to Lunenburg left Halifax before the rain began, quite a large number patronized these excursions. The Y. M. L. A. picnic at McNab's Island was fairly well attended, but to say the least, the weather was very unfavorable for picnickers. St. Mary's Young Men's Society took eleven cars of excursionists to Amherst, from whence they returned about midnight. The Y. M. C. A. cricket club practise match and the Orientals-Crescents baseball match were prevented from taking place. The Manning baseball game, between a team of veterans and a nine from the local league, at the Wanderers' Grounds in the morning was witnessed by a fair crowd, but owing to the rain which made the ground bad, the game was called at the end of the seventh innings, the score standing 12 to 6 in favor of the local league. The lacrosse game between a Truro team and the Wanderers was played in the afternoon under many difficulties, and resulted in victory for the Halifax boys. At the Academy of Music and at the Lyceum, both at afternoon and evening performances, crowded houses greeted the players. Peck's Bad Boy at the Academy created much fun, particularly among the younger portion of his audiences. Professor Semon gave an especially good show at the Lyceum.

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