

CITY CHIMES.

"Coasting in Summer" is the attractive heading to an advertisement just issued by the Entertainment Committee of the Church of England Institute. The boys and girls of Halifax will delight in the invention of Miss Story and enjoy the fun. The admission price is fixed at 10 cts., but we heard it whispered that a good many slides would be allowed each one for that price. There are two slides and racing will be allowed. Parties of six can all coast together. There is also a nursery toboggan for the little ones.

The Harkins' Company bade Halifaxians farewell on Tuesday evening, after a very successful season in our city. On Saturday evening of last week the Academy was filled to overflowing with a brilliant and enthusiastic audience to witness the new play, "Lorino." It was a great success, and Miss Julia Arthur, who has completely won the admiration of the theatre-going public, was given a hearty reception, and received no less than six beautiful bouquets. The closing performance on Tuesday evening last was a novel one, the programme consisting of: songs and recitations by Miss Haaswell, Miss Arthur and others of the Company, one act of "Lorino" and one of "Sealed Instructions," given with the full strength of the Company. The audience was large and appreciative. The Harkins' Company have been hardworking and painstaking, and richly deserve their success.

The yacht race for the squadron prize last Saturday was very interesting, and was witnessed by a large number of spectators on the balconies and lawn of the club house, while the Artillery band dispensed sweet music on the grounds. The sea was very rough, and a strong south wind blowing, which caused the *Mentor* to retire from the contest, leaving the *Nautilus*, *Etienne*, *Psyche* and *Calypso*. The *Etienne* came out ahead, winning the first prize of \$10.

Base ball is the attraction for many on Saturday afternoons, and the interest in this fascinating game flags not. The Crescents and Orientals played on the Royal Blue's Grounds last Saturday, resulting in victory for the latter. Cricket matches are the order of the day, and the Wanderers, as usual, are doing good work. The south end tennis court, as well as the many private lawns, has been well patronized during the past week or so. Every fine afternoon sees numbers of fair maidens in their pretty tennis suits, and the gentlemen in jaunty light rigs, armed with racket each, wending their way to the grounds. It is an exceedingly healthy as well as fascinating sport, and we are glad to see it so universally in favor.

Bright warm days and delightfully cool evenings, with one or two moist days sprinkled in, have been in order since July came, and isn't it lovely to feel that summer is really here with "all its smiling hours, with song of birds and stir of leaves and wings," etc., etc. If the bright weather didn't make us feel so festive, we might almost be inclined to grow sentimental, but the spring and autumn are undoubtedly the times for such things, so we desist. Do you want to know almost the finest way to spend one of the calm lovely evenings, when there is no fog. Just try a light boat with a select and merry little crew, and row either around the ships, listening to the melodious strains of the band on board, and sometimes to the chorus by the jolly tars, or go around the point, up the arm, and enjoy one of the prettiest scenes Halifax can offer. Every one who visits Halifax in summer should certainly "go round the ships," and they will remember for years to come that "night in June," or July, upon the Halifax Harbor.

Heliotrope is a beautiful color and very fashionable, but it is a color that is not becoming to every one, and ladies should take particular care not to wear it unless it suits their complexion. Many people are wearing the color in its various shades who ought never to do so, and the result is that it is run to death, and soon it will be tired of. Another thing about it is that several colors look atrocious, or make heliotrope look atrocious along side it, and one's eyes are not infrequently offended by seeing two dresses fairly swearing at each other. Care in the selection of the color is first necessary, and then it must not be set against another of antagonistic hue.

When so much is being written on the ever new subject, of which Shakespeare tells us to speak low when we mention it—love—perhaps "would not be cut of place to give a definition of "the only thing that pays for birth, or makes death welcome," (so say the poets,) from Paul Bourget, in "Physiology of Modern Love." He says, "In physiology love is a combination of cerebral phenomena, constituting an instinct, giving rise to different acts according to temperament." How does that strike young Halifaxians.

The closing exercises of the Halifax County Academy came off on Friday evening of last week in the large Assembly Hall of the Institution. The room was elaborately and tastefully decorated with bunting, Japanese fans, sunshades, etc., and flowers, the numerous bright attractive Students themselves adding not a little to the brilliance of the effect. Principal McKay presided, and the programme, which was a long one, was well carried out, and was attentively listened to by an appreciative audience. As we cannot go into details, we must content ourselves with mentioning a few of the features of the evening which struck us most forcibly. The choruses by the pupils of the Academy were excellently rendered, and reflect much credit on pupils and teacher. Miss Anna Church's essay, "Some Needed Inventions," was splendidly written, and full of genuine wit. Her suggestion that a servant girl who would not want to go to the States or marry a soldier was a much needed invention in Halifax, was received with great applause. The scene from Hamlet was very good, each actor doing justice to the part taken,

and very much surprising many in the audience, who had no idea that in addition to the time devoted to the usual routine studies of our Academy, there was sufficient left for the accomplishments which were exhibited at the closing. After the Chairman had made a short address, he announced and awarded graduating prizes and diplomas as follows:—Kristian Lango received the Godfrey Smith gold medal; William Mackintosh and James S. Layton, the Robert Taylor prizes, one sovereign each; Henrietta DeWolf, the H. D. Blackadar prize, one sovereign. The other graduates were Joe. Doyle, Wm. A. McDonald, William Glassey, and A. D. Cooke. Honorable mention in Mathematics was made to F. A. Creighton. Mr. N. C. James, the preceding day, had awarded prizes to his class in modern languages as follows:—Miss Thompson, Mr. Lango, Mr. W. Mackintosh and Miss DeWolf. The graduation and special prizes awarded at the terminal examinations in October last were—Highest aggregate, graduating and winning the J. Godfrey Smith gold medal—Miss Mary Ida Thompson. Of the large number of competitions for the prize offered for the best botanical collection, two were equal, and both deserving. Accordingly, the W. H. Harrington prize of one sovereign was awarded to one, Miss Gladys Fairbanks, and the Robert Taylor prize, one sovereign, to the other, Miss Mary MacKay. After the presentation of prizes, Mr. James Layton, of Elmsdale, read the valedictory. Principal MacKay and Hon. J. W. Longley addressed the audience, and a pleasant feature followed. H. A. Church, on behalf of the scholars, presented Miss Hobercker with a handsome bouquet. This young lady is very soon to leave for Germany, and will be much missed at the County Academy. A very pleasant evening closed with the singing of "God Save Canada." Of the graduates and scholars of Halifax County five intend entering Dalhousie College the coming term—Miss Hay, James Layton, Joseph Doyle, Adams Archibald, and Christian Lango.

The open street cars afford favorable opportunities for the study of nature. We have often observed with amusement the attempts of nervous, fidgety people to attract the attention of the conductor when they want to stop the car. They will begin operations about a block from where they want to get off by craning their necks in the effort to turn around and look for the conductor, who always appears to be behind when they want him, and then all sorts of signals are pressed into service for the occasion. The close cars are often amusing also. To see a man or woman clutch the check strap a long time before they want to stop, and look frightened until the operation is successfully performed, is profoundly funny. Walt Whitman is credited with making endless trips on the ferryboat to study people, but to our mind the street cars are better than the ferry for this purpose. If a student of human nature wants to enjoy himself, let him take the round trip in the cars—nothing could be more pleasant on a fine day.

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