

CITY CHIMES.

We are abounding in weddings this week, and we hear of more to take place in the very near future. The Fall appears to be almost as propitious a season for these happy events as the glad Spring-time, when proverbially "a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love," and when each week brings the long-looked for day to so many happy lovers. Brunswick St. Methodist Church was the scene of one of these pleasant events on Wednesday, when Miss Lottie Kaye, daughter of Louis Kaye, and Mr. Charles E. Johnson were "united in the holy bonds." It was a very pretty wedding, and the guests were afterwards entertained at luncheon at the residence of the bride's father, Elland Hall, Campbell Road, where a pleasant hour was passed. A quiet wedding took place on Tuesday evening at the residence of Judge Shannon, Spring Garden Road, the principals being Miss Minnetta Shannon and Wallace McDonald, barrister. Not to be behind the times, the Salvation Army also had a wedding at their barracks, and a merry banquet was held.

The Lorne Club's concert at their club house, Richmond, on Friday evening was the crowning event of a very successful season. The club-house, boat houses and the club pier were all beautifully illuminated and made a very attractive display. Hundreds of row-boats, yachts, etc., were resting on the quiet waters in front of the building, and many of them carried brilliant lights and Chinese lanterns, the whole forming a picture not soon to be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to enjoy it. The band of the Leicestershire Regiment stationed on the pier delighted all with its excellent selections, and as the weather was all that could be desired, a delightful evening was enjoyed by all. These concerts of the Lorne Aquatic Club have been a source of much pleasure this summer, and the promoters well merit the praise and thanks of the many who have taken advantage of the entertainment provided for the lovely summer evenings that Halifaxians are favored with.

Quite a number of friends of the Yacht Squadron and those interested in this sport, witnessed from the Club house and grounds the race on Saturday afternoon. The wind was too light to render the day a success, and during the first part of the contest the *Leure* was forced to retire, and a little later on the *Psyche* and the *Mentor* also dropped out, leaving the race a close one between the other four boats. The finishing point was passed as follows: *Youla*, *Hebe*, *Nautilus*, *Etienne*. The *Youla* won the Lord Alexander Russell's cup and \$10. The *Hebe* won the Squadron prize, \$10, and the *Nautilus* has the Squadron's second prize, \$5.

The manager and guests of the popular Bedford hotel sent out cards to a large number of people in the city, bidding them to a ball last Friday night. A special train was engaged, and the host and hostesses of the occasion spent two days in making the Bedford as perfect as possible for the event. Much to the disappointment of all, the "special" only took about a dozen people to Bedford, and the preparations for at least one hundred guests were enjoyed by about a fifth of that number. Everything that thoughtful hosts could do had been done to make the evening a success. Flags were tastefully draped around the ball room; the verandas were enclosed with flags and lighted with Chinese lanterns, and a very cosy place was arranged at the back of the hotel for sitting out purposes. The floor was perfect, and the harpers provided their customary good dance music. The guests staying at the hotel and the few guests from outside who graced the occasion entered with spirit into the dancing, and had a very pleasant evening.

It is a pity that more courtesy in the matter of answering invitations could not be observed by our leading society people. In the case of the Bedford ball enough acceptances were received to make it convenient to order a special train, which would probably not have been done had only those who went accepted with pleasure. Especially in a case of this kind ought ladies and gentlemen to observe the golden rule of doing as they would be done by; indeed it is exceedingly rude to do otherwise, and shows but poor breeding. When an invitation is accepted, the persons who accept should make a point of keeping their engagements or else apologize for their inability to do so. Of course there are occasions when it is the "proper thing" to accept in any case, whether you intend to go or do otherwise, but discretion should always be shown. In private families we have often known of ladies going to a great deal of trouble for the entertainment of guests to tea or dinner, or to spend the day, and the guests failed to arrive after having promised to come. It is a very disheartening experience, and should never be inflicted on anyone without grave cause. It is attention to such little things that marks the well bred man or woman.

The return match of the Wanderers and Crescents base ball teams was played on the Wanderers' grounds last Saturday afternoon. The Crescents came out ahead, they making fourteen runs, while the Wanderers made only two. The fourteenth game of the Amateur League, which was to have been played on Saturday last, between the Orientals and Excelsiors, was forfeited by the latter, who failed to come to time. The game to-morrow between the Clippers and Crescents will finish the series. At present the Metas and the Blue Stockings stand at the head of the list.

The annual competition of the Studley Quoit Club at the club grounds, North West Arm, Saturday afternoon, was very interesting. Mr. J. R. Henderson broke all previous records of the club, making an average of 5½, his total number of points being 252. Mr. Henderson was awarded the Cumming Cup.

The gig race between the crews of the Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers, which took place on the Harbor last Saturday afternoon, was won by the Artillery. The stakes were \$100 a side.

The Gardens were well filled on Saturday afternoon, and the Leicestershire band rendered an even more than usually fine programme. The Gardens are now arrayed in their most brilliant colors, and a more delightful place to pass an hour or two of leisure time can hardly be imagined. The large bed of crimson geraniums near the North-West gate attracts much attention, and the two three cornered beds of heliotrope, asters and pansies are certainly lovely combinations and very fragrant. The begonias are much admired, as well they may be, and the beds of clipped foliage plants show much artistic taste in their arrangement. It is useless to attempt to call attention to any particular portions of this Eden of ours, as each appears to possess a beauty of its own, and all receive their meed of admiration.

We note that the Carriages are really coming and that the test of them in Chicago, where they have been constructed, has proved very satisfactory. If they are to compete with the horse cars the sooner they arrive here the better. A route may easily be mapped out for them which will not conflict with the Street Railway line, and will accommodate many citizens whom the Railway does not reach. Visitors to Halifax in the near future will not need to complain of insufficient transit accommodation throughout the city, and we trust the public will patronize generously the lines of travel provided. The novelty of these new carriages, or carriages, will attract many, and should they be all that the Company expect, it will doubtless be a very successful venture. The aforesaid Company seem to have some difficulty in agreeing on all points, but probably as they settle down to work they will become more united.

Summer is nearly over, and although the days are still bright and warm, the air has a decided hint of autumn, and ere long we will have to realize that the summer of 1891 has gone to join its predecessors. We cannot help feeling a little regret that the sunny days are going, but we welcome the autumn, which is such a delightful season in Halifax. The trees at Dutch Village and the North-West Arm are already turning their colors and donning the rich luxuriant hues that September brings in its train. We have had some perfect days so far this month, but we have also had some very damp weather, and on Monday night we had a wind that proved a little too strong for comfort or profit. This said wind demoralized many beautiful orchards round about the city, and the flower beds of many gardens looked very much the worse for wear on Tuesday morning.

With the falling of the year comes the rough and tumble game of football. Representatives of the Wanderers, Garrison and Dalhousie football teams have met in solemn conclave and arranged a series of games to be played for the championship of the city. Each of the three teams will have four games, two to be played on their own grounds, and one each on the grounds of their opponents. The Garrison has secured the Polo grounds. The dates for this series are Oct. 3rd, Garrison vs. Wanderers; Oct. 10th, Dalhousie vs. Garrison; Oct. 17th, Dalhousie vs. Wanderers; Oct. 24th, Garrison vs. Wanderers; Oct. 31st, Dalhousie vs. Garrison; Nov. 7th, Dalhousie vs. Wanderers. This arrangement promises to provide interesting sport for each Saturday in October, and when the season commences much excitement will prevail among "the boys," who do not seem to mind the occasional broken heads or blackened eyes they receive, but go in for the fun with a vigor that speaks well for the development of strong muscles and physical energy. We note that the Students who give much of their time to this good old game are not any the losers for these hours spent away from their books when examinations come on. The public of Halifax takes a great interest in football, and large crowds of interested spectators invariably gather at these sports, the ladies, all wearing the colors of their favorites, being quite as much interested in each "touch down" as the gentlemen. Dr. Carleton Jones has been chosen as referee for these matches, and, if he accepts, will doubtless give satisfaction to all concerned. An exciting season of outdoor sports is promised for the next two or three months.

DONT KILL THE OLD HENS.

When hens are shedding feathers they often stop laying and grow fat. Most people consider fat a sign of health. The fattening of moulting hens, however, as with some people produces debility rather than health. Many of the worst cases of roup are contracted while the hens are moulting.

The food of moulting hens, if largely vegetable, is fat-forming, and not required for growing feathers. Therefore corn-fed hens get very fat. They need more nitrogen and phosphate elements in their food when moulting which if not supplied they stop laying, because the growing feathers have used all, and left no nitrogenous matter to form eggs. At this season, killing old hens and relying on young pullets is a great mistake; where people have a few hens and late pullets. Because, if properly fed the hens will have their new plumage and lay well all winter, while the pullets, unless especially treated, may not commence laying until spring, when high prices for eggs have fallen one-half. Again an old hen's egg will hatch a more vigorous chicken than a pullet's egg.

John R. Jones, Suffield, Conn., a breeder of prize winning mottled Javas, says: "I find Sheridan's Condition Powder fed once daily in the food, very valuable for moulting hens. I have used it two years for exhibition birds. It assists in growing new feathers, makes the combs a bright red, and gives a rich gloss to the plumage. It will also make hens lay and the eggs hatch well. I find when other egg foods are used in quantities to force egg production the eggs do not hatch."

The above is the experience of many people in using Sheridan's Powder. If fed to young pullets now as directed, they will lay before six months old. Commence at once using Sheridan's Powder. It helps old hens through moulting, and gets the pullets in laying trim before the season of high prices. Eggs will sell very high this fall and winter. Therefore be ready to get all you can.

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