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MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

UPWARDS of 2,000 people assembled in the Metropolitan Church to hear the service of song given on Sunday last in honor of the anniversary week of the church. The programme was in the hands of Prof. W. Edgar Buck, to which fact no doubt may be attributed largely the large audience which was gathered together. Madame Laird was never heard to greater advantage than in the solo "The Better Land," to which her voice is admirably suited. She also sang the solo in the anthem "Hark! Hark! My Soul" very clearly and well. Miss Jameson sang "The Marvellous Work," again adding fresh laurels to those with which she is already crowned. What this young lady lacks in fulness is fully compensated for in the brilliancy of her tones, especially in the upper notes. Mr. Algernon S. Aspland then sang Hutchin's "Abide With Me." This selection is admirably suited to his glorious tenor voice, singing it as he did with that expression and taste for which he is

becoming so justly popular. Mr. Buck was never heard by a Victoria audience in such good form as he was on Sunday. His rendering of the solo "Lord God Abraham," from the Elijah, giving his magnificent deep bass voice free scope to show its unlimited power. The quartet "Cast Thy Burden on the Lord," given by Madame Laird, Miss Honner, Messrs Aspland and Buck, clearly wanted more practice, the attacks not being as well marked as might have been desired.

The date for Madame Laird's concert has not yet been fixed. It will probably occur on the evening of June 26.

The Arion Club will give a moonlight concert on the Arm on the 21st instant in aid of the flood sufferers.

The floods have disorganized dates for dramatic companies travelling west.

Musical and dramatic matters are again quiet.

POULTRY.

(Under this heading, all questions relating to poultry will be answered.)

POULTRYMEN have not been receiving very high prices for their surplus stock this spring, six dollars a dozen being the top notch and then the chicks had to be of good size. According to our English exchanges the breeders there have been more fortunate, the usual price being nine dollars per dozen.

While visiting at a brother fancier's we noticed how healthy and lively the birds looked, and how free from bad odors the premises were. On enquiry we learned that, for disinfecting purposes our host used a patent compound that he had seen advertised in a California paper. A trial can give such good satisfaction that he induced his dealer to get in a supply, with the result that there is now a large demand for it. The name of the compound is Creosozone.

From eggs received from A. C. Hawkins, Mass., J. S. Bowker reports as follows: four White Wyannottes, five barred Plymouth Rocks, and four White P. B.

We have received the first number of the *Poultry Fancier*, published by Mr. F. W. Teague, Nanaimo. The paper is printed in the office of Mr. H. Waterson, Victoria, and reflects credit on both publisher and printer.

THE KENNEL.

MR HARRY STROEBLING has purchased the Fox Terrier puppy Pensarn Veto. Veto is a very shavily marked dog, with black and tan head and three black spots on body. He has a long, finely chiselled head, well carried, medium sized ears and a more than average body, legs and feet. He is bred almost entirely from local stock, tracing back to Capt. Lewis' Jack, and is a good indication of what that stock will throw if properly mated.

A Fox Terrier, of a pious turn of mind, attended service at one of our fashionable churches last Sunday. Strange