

THE ORGAN RECITAL.

The second of the series of organ recitals was given on Saturday last, in Convocation Hall, and those who attended the former one could not have been surprised at the large audience, so greatly increased by the *on dits* to which Mr. Fisher's success on that occasion gave rise. His programme was fully up to the standard, the severely classical standard, by which Mr. Fisher is guided in the choice of his pieces.

1. TOCCATA AND FUGUE, in D minor.....Bach

The opening measures of the Toccata prelude to this sublime fugue thrilled the audience by its wild harmony, and riveted their attention throughout the rendition of this number.

2. ADAGIO, Op. 35.....Merkel

This perhaps was the most enjoyable number of the programme. It is a piece which begets, in a sympathetic mind, the liveliest fancies, as attention is paid, now to one, now to another, of the contrapuntal melodies concealed by harmony, and then to the *ensemble*, when one thinks to hear a chorus of Nature's voices.

4. SKIZZES, Op. 58, No. 2.....Schumann

These sketches promise to become a most interesting part of future programmes, if one can judge from the increase in appreciation which marked the reception of this number, as compared with that which the same one gained at the first recital.

5. AVE MARIA.....List

This, a familiar piece to music lovers, was invested by Mr. Fisher with new beauties, or rather its inherent beauties were made plainer to the ear by his artistic rendering of it.

7. OFFERTORE, Op. 3.....Battiste

Though not composed in such a taking manner as "Communion," this work of Battiste proved very enjoyable to the audience.

8. CHROMATISCHE FANTASIE.....Thiele

In the evoking of chromatic effects none but a true musician can be successful; and, by the masterly manner in which Mr. Fisher treated this fancy, he aroused the warmest admiration. It indeed seemed rudeness to be asked to come from the very mountain-tops of sublimity to the ridiculousness of a frog-pond as the first audience were, when the glee club sang its note thereafter; but, after all, this is a practical world, and some at least might thank the club for returning them to earth, to which they, floating high above it in imagination, and dreading the leap downward, seemed never likely to return, when Mr. Fisher closed.

Miss Maddison sang Mr. Fisher's song, 'Love is King,' in a very pleasing manner, showing alike the richness of her voice and the beauty of the composition. Her articulation might, however, have been a little more distinct, though this perhaps was occasioned by a slight hoarseness. The beautiful aria, 'Oh! Rest in the Lord,' from 'Elijah,' she sang with precise taste and refined feeling.

The glee club rendered Kucken's 'Soldier's Love' in a very creditable manner; but a little more attention must be paid to articulation and effect by the basses; in which sense, we take it the

Globe reported them as being deficient—in point of numbers they certainly were not. The strength of the voices was shown in a college chorus given as an extra, before the national anthem, and we have heard this latter sung with an effect a great deal more indifferent than the club gave it.

THE BOAT CLUB.

Whenever a new project of any kind is mooted, there is pretty certain to be somebody who will come forward to croak about the difficulties to be overcome; and it seems that I have been unanimously elected to the somewhat disagreeable and thankless office of croaker to the proposed boat club. However, I accept the position; for, while in reality strongly in favor of the general purpose of the scheme, I do not believe in allowing enthusiasm to run away with common sense.

Let me then, in the first place, call attention to an inaccuracy in the article which lately appeared in these columns on 'The Rowing Association.' I thought it was pretty well understood that the present committee had no intention of handling any money. Our circular simply solicits a promise of pecuniary support, 'in the event of the graduates and undergraduates' determining to carry out the project; and it is only after this has occurred and the future policy of the club been decided, that the question of collecting money can arise—and before that stage of the proceedings arrives the duties of the present committee will be at an end. Nor do I consider that the members of the committee are bound to support the 'present proposal,' if any other is presented, which may seem to them individually more worthy of support. Such being my view of the situation, I cannot be accused of not having at heart the best interests of the proposed club, in suggesting another less ambitious scheme, which will not involve the expenditure of such a very large sum on so experimental an object. While strongly in favor of the experiment being tried, we should not forget that it is an experiment, and that there is no use making it more extravagant than actually necessary. The success of a boat club does not depend alone on the funds subscribed, but on the active support of its members; and though it is just possible that a crew would occasionally be found willing to devote a large amount of money and time to the club, the difficulties in the way of securing a fairly large active membership, arising from our long vacation, must not be under-estimated; and I think before we decide to spend \$3,000 (I do not doubt that the amount will be cheerfully subscribed), the subject should be carefully considered from every point of view.

The plan I would suggest is not altogether new—Up to a certain point, it is identical with the present proposal, as it involves the organization of a Toronto University boat club, and the collection of funds to start the scheme; but where it differs is, that, instead of expending \$3,000 in erecting a club house for ourselves, I feel certain that we could make a satisfactory arrangement with some of the numerous boat-builders along the bay to accommodate our boats and ourselves at a moderate

yearly rental, say two or three hundred dollars. We should, of course, have to purchase a couple of good boats, and possibly to pay the wages of a 'coach,' but it is perhaps unnecessary now to discuss the details of such a plan. I think there can be little doubt that it is feasible, and though not very ambitious, it presents a way of avoiding the danger of literally throwing our money into the lake, and it would at the same time be at least a beginning. If we found the club well supported and fairly successful we might then feel warranted in undertaking the expense of erecting a club-house for ourselves.

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U. C. FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of University College Football Association, held on Wednesday last, was well attended. The secretary's report showed the membership to be 68, an increase of four over that of last year. Nine matches were played during the season, with the following results:—Four victories, two defeats, three draws. The balance in the treasurer's hands is \$6 50. Before the election of officers was proceeded with, some changes were made in the constitution of the association, which now is as follows:—

ARTICLE 1—THE ASSOCIATION.

1. The association shall be called The University College Football Association, and shall play the rules of the Dominion Football Association. The colors shall be white and blue.
2. The association shall consist of graduates and undergraduates of the University of Toronto, and of students of University College and the School of Practical Science.
3. The president and professors of University College shall be the patrons of the association, and shall enjoy all the rights of membership.

ARTICLE 2—THE COMMITTEE.

1. The committee of management shall consist of a president, vice-president, corresponding secretary, recording secretary, treasurer, captain, and two committee men elected from each year—six members to form a quorum.
2. The committee shall control the expenditure, enforce subscriptions, determine the dates of the annual and general meetings of the association, choose the team, settle disputes occurring on the field, and regulate the manner in which matches shall be conducted.
3. The committee shall call an annual meeting some time between the first and fifteenth of March in each year, and a general meeting on or before the fifteenth of October.
4. The decision of the committee on any question shall be subject to an appeal to a general meeting, to be called by the recording secretary on receipt of a requisition signed by four members of the association.

ARTICLE 3—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

1. The president, vice-president, corresponding secretary, recording secretary, treasurer, and the committee men of the incoming second, third, and fourth years shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting; the committee men of the first year in the same way at the general meeting.
2. The captain shall be elected by the team.
3. Two delegates to the Dominion Association shall be chosen annually by the committee from among their number.
4. All officers shall be eligible for re-election.

ARTICLE 4—THE OFFICERS.

1. The president, or, in his absence the vice-president, shall preside at all meetings of the association and of the committee.