

as was the case in the instance of the other number receiving its due meed of appreciation. Club's singing as a whole. Chorus work frequently of a standard of excellence, the balance is visible when any one work is called for; the y outgiving the tenors. This so bad, were the latter not perhaps by next season Mr. e been able to remedy this. knife could very well be ap- lopping off some of the use- of the chorus, and grafting some good sight singers by. At present it is sometimes less the utter dependence portion of the choir on the ston, and the slowness in sequent on a faulty acquaint- written music. As usual, onducting was full of vim in the legato passages per- so—and that left hand of times its forbidding palm- ed effect in subduing the re- quently held up in vain. s were selected from pre- given by the Club. A was the first, and being a omposition, was pleasantly Happiest Land" was well oir, and received meritori- n the chorus parts. Mr. e solos were good, and the said of Mr. Woolston's ot for an inclination to- ntonation which might come. Dr. Arne's jolly Elevatum," was deserv- r. Booth's solo bass work l. Brahms' "Lullaby," ndered, was not so well ps it deserved. Possibly he fact that it is a compo- nited to a purely male are more associated with which are after all imparting to them the iveness and sympathy. He Who Trusts in Ladies e acceptable. "The a whole, was pleasingly tenors in the quartette nsulted to the parts. duett, "Ungarische and 7, (Brahms) by and Middleton, was a nd, but for the fact that equently marred by the proper time, would have enjoyable piece of the tzer's "The Knight's mirably rendered work illy appreciated; but it e Lyre" that the choral obably the best on the attacks being firmly one good throughout. iver, was badly bal- dleton sacrificed vowel nds, giving his effort a effect, while Mr. prominent in tone, inclined to be ity. In Reichardt's he Rose," the choral s very good, but Mr. was marked by a cer- ded to which a nasal rendered still thinner vowel for consonant that showed a retro-

gression on Mr. Russell's singing since he was last heard in this beautiful number. Selections from Robin Hood were very acceptably rendered, Mr. H. Kent's voice being listened to with a great deal of pleasure. Victorians appreciate this gentle- man's voice, although it would be much improved by the elimination of the raspy, throaty effects which mar an otherwise manly toned voice. He possesses one shining qualification which it would be well to insist upon as a condition of ad- mission to membership of the Club, and that is quick and correct reading. The "Tinkers' Chorus" was not a success. De Koven no doubt intended a metallic tone to be imparted to the interpretation of this piece, but it should be musically metallic; he never intended it to be sung through the nose, with a twang that would do justice to the veriest hayseed farmer from the backwoods of the New England States. Mr. Ernest Wolfe was a welcome figure on the platform, with his violin. His selection, "Il Puritani," (Osborne De Beriot) was a happy one, and his execution practically faultless, but unfortunately the extreme heat of the hall hurt somewhat the tone of his instrument, a circumstance over which he had no control. Of "Suomi's Song," it may be simply said that it was charmingly sung; but Sullivan's "The Long Day Closes" was not rendered up to the point of excellence reached at the last concert. The piece is rather beyond the grasp of the Club just yet. However, amends were made for this in the "Soldiers' Chorus" from Faust, in which Gounod was done full justice to.

Bandmaster Finn is about to organize an orchestra in connection with the Gar- rison Artillery Band. Prof. Zilm will take the leadership of the orchestra, and Prof. Stoel will play the piano. Manager Jamieson has engaged the new orchestra for The Victoria.

The Georgia Minstrels are booked for The Victoria June 9. The organization includes Billy Kersands, the celebrated black-faced comedian.

Manager Jamieson has booked Lady Windemere's Fan for July 26.

Griffith's Faust comes to The Victoria June 15 and 16 with matinee.

POULTRY.

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

THE March broods should now be care- fully looked over, and any cockerels that are not likely to make prize winners should be set aside and used for broilers. It is not advisable to be so particular in regard to the pullets, as they will always be useful for layers. To an experienced breeder it is an easy matter to pick out those with glaring defects. In Leghorns, there will always be a large proportion with coarse combs, crooked breast bone and light-colored hackle and saddle. In Brahmas and Cochins, any that do not show bad combs or crooked breast bones might be kept until their plumage grows out. Plymouth Rocks and Wyandottes that are poorly marked can be discarded, but Indian Game are harder to choose, and in fact it is advisable not to cull them,

as there is always a demand for odd cockerels.

Moisten the eggs under the setting hen every day during this hot weather, and also dust round the nest with powdered sulphur.

We met an up country breeder last week, and he informed us that he had not sold a single setting this spring, and that all his birds were for sale at two dollars a piece. We asked him why he didn't try an "ad." in THE HOME JOURNAL. "Oh, no!" said he. "People here won't buy from our home breeders. Look at the quantity of eggs imported this spring. If I want to sell, I must advertise in Cali- fornia or Washington papers." While ad- mitting a certain amount of truth in what he said, we pointed out that nearly all the Victoria breeders who exhibited at the last show, and especially those who advertised in THE HOME JOURNAL, had sold quite a quantity of eggs, nearly all to city customers.

We also learn that another up country breeder has had very little sale for eggs this spring. This seems rather strange, as his birds received high scores at Nanaimo show, while birds at Victoria show were scored low. Perhaps the reason is that people are getting educated, and don't put so much faith in some of the high scoring American judges.

A subscriber informs us that, much to his astonishment and disgust, he found his hen house literally alive with fleas, and he would like to know if there is any remedy short of burning down the house. There is really nothing very surprising in such an occurrence, as fleas multiply very rapidly in this hot weather, and eternal vigilance is the price of freedom. The best way to get rid of them is to mix up a bucketful of some strong disinfectant and thoroughly sprinkle the house and every- thing in it. Two applications will gen- erally clear them out. A cheap and effectual wash is made with Jeyes' Fluid, using three tablespoonfuls to a bucket of water.

THE KENNEL.

OUR kennel notes have been very favorably received by the fanciers, and we invite the co-operation of all lovers of the dog, in order to make this depart- ment interesting as well as instructive.

Mr. J. A. O'Brien has been unfortunate in losing his Newfoundland pup, indiges- tion being the cause. This is a severe blow to the fancy, as this useful breed is very scarce on the coast. Leo was ten months old, and was an exceedingly prom- ising specimen, being extra good in head and body, of large size and possessed of true curly coat. He was bred by Capt. Butler, who brought out his parents from Newfoundland.

A friend has handed us an interesting brochure on the Fox Terrier, which we will try and find room for next week.

We thought we gave a very good dog story last week, but a man dropped in and told us about his dog, a spaniel, which killed thirteen chickens in as many minutes. He also told us his method of

curing the dog of the habit. He ties the chick by the legs to the dog's neck and leaves it there for a couple of weeks. The dog will then refuse to look at a chicken. We tried the remedy in our boyhood days on a dog we owned, but were unfortunate in that we experimented with a white chicken, with the result that though the dog would never touch a white fowl, he was death on colored ones.

We are completing arrangements by which we will be enabled to publish from time to time portraits of well known British Columbia dogs. We think this will be a good departure, as our portraits will show the dogs as they are, and our readers will thus be able to compare them with Eastern winners.

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We hear the fanciers of New Westmin- ster are agitating the question of holding a bench show during the exhibition week next fall. If they hold it under Can. Kennel Club rules, they can depend on the support of Victoria fanciers. We think it would be a good idea to have a show at each place and get an Eastern man to do the judging.

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