

had the hall presented a more attractive and harmonious appearance. Anticipations of a "good time" ran high, nor were they destined to disappointment. The reception was a good one. The introducing committee set itself to 'he task, and notwithstanding the superabundance of ladies, did their utmost to sustain the necessary equilibrium. The Library was opened to occupation and inspection; and many interesting specimens were transported from their covert retreats in the Museum to the gaze of inquisitive eyes in less frigid regions. An air of ease and freedom seemed to pervade the scene. The black goblin of rigid formality was banished by the happy faces to his native shades, we trust, forever. Cupid, with kindred spirits, glanced hither and thither, casting mystic spells over their unwary victims. Truly a pleasant change is it for the pale student, who burns the midnight oil in vain attempts to rescue a few stray gleams of truth from their misty deeps. The eye has a brighter glance, the heart a stronger pulsation, the voice a clear ring after such an evening's pleasure. As the piano struck up the knell-like tones of the National Anthem, it seemed as though old Father Time had played us some hideous trick, and jumped over the breach, without due regard to the sacredness of minutes and seconds. And so the corner had to give up its occupant. The laughing company vanished, and the spirit of jollity and mirth resigned the sceptre to silence and dark night.

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On the evening of March 22d, a large audience filled Alumnæ Hall to hear the Dickens Recital. The following is the programme :

PART I.

1. Selection from "David Copperfield" : "Forming Dora's Mind."
MISS MARY CHALONER.
2. Selection from "Dombey and Son.".....MISS GRACE PATRIQUIN.
3. Scene from "Bleak House."
Mrs. Jellyby.....MRS. GULLISON.
Caddie Jellyby.....MISS SHAW.
Esther Summerson.....MISS DEWITT.
4. German Reading : "Der Erlkoenig."...MISS OLIVE O'KEY.
5. Piano Solo : "Novellette X in F,".....MISS LILIAN SHAW.

PART II.

6. Selection from "Bleak House" : Caddy Leaving Home.
MISS ANNIE SHAW.
7. Scene from "David Copperfield" :
David Copperfield.....MISS SHAW.
The "Child Wife".....MISS PATRIQUIN.
8. Selection from "David Copperfield" : Good
Night "Little Blossom".....MISS HELEN BLACKADAR.
9. Vocal Duet : "The Swallows Farewell"...MISSSES SHAND and QUIRK.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.