

6.—OF THE REUNIONS AND OTHER ENTERTAINMENTS.

Under the excellent guidance of the standing committee charged with the conduct of this department, the year just closed has been especially successful, as well in regard to the extent and character of the entertainments provided, as in relation to their financial results.

It has been the object of the directors to supply, from time to time, such attractions as, whilst contributing to the recreation of the public, and especially of the youth of Toronto, should exercise a beneficial influence by guiding the tastes and elevating the sympathies of their supporters into legitimate and refining channels. Thus, during the year, the Institute has given six reunions, combining literary exercises with vocal and instrumental music of a high order, under the accomplished direction of Mr. Humphries,—four promenade and military concerts and three oratorios (the Messiah, Judas Macabaeus and Rossini's Stabat Mater.) For the production of these great classical works the directors are indebted to the services of an amateur choir, organized and directed by Mr. Carter, who, with a skill and devotion worthy of his reputation, has now thoroughly established this class of entertainment in the highest appreciation.

In addition to these the Institute is indebted to the Honorable T. D'Arcy McGee for a most able and acceptable lecture, generously given in aid of the building fund, a service gratefully recognized, not alone for its own merits and results, but as an illustration and example of the graceful sympathy of the statesman with those who labor in less ambitious spheres.

During the year the directors were also fortunate in securing the services of Mr. G. Vandenhoff for eight dramatic readings in Toronto, subsequently extended (under the auspices and management of the Institute) to twenty-two similar entertainments in seventeen other cities and towns of western Canada; a measure authorized by the directors with a view to public usefulness, and warmly appreciated by the localities thus visited by that famous reader.

These efforts, the directors rejoice to state, have been highly productive to the revenues of the Institute, as will appear from the subjoined statement of receipts and expenditure on the respective occasions:—

Date.	Entertainment.	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Admin's
1887.		\$	\$	
July 21	Concert in Horticultural Gardens	326 38	29 40	1913
August 7	Excursion to Lake Simcoe	308 02	282 04	270
August 23	1st Reunion.	61 55	72 41	655
September 11	2nd	26 08	47 75	310
October 11	3rd	32 45	35 59	374
October 30 to 1st	Vandenhoff Readings in Toronto	1033 14	701 58	4674
December 6, 22	" " in country	1351 66	1131 55	4239
December 18	1st Oratorio, "Messiah"	199 20	138 45	846
1888.				
January 24	Lecture by Hon. T. D. McGee	144 43	25 25	616
February 12	1st Winter Reunion	87 62	43 20	823
March 2	2nd	506 08	98 55	791
March 15	2nd Oratorio, "Judas Maccabeus"	145 68	101 73	598
March 30 to April 2	1st Promenade Concert	108 95	85 15	392
April 11	2nd	809 45	449 22	9204
April 19	3rd	130 70	78 20	639
April 30	3rd	65 10	67 95	357
		48 93	64 55	282
	Total receipts	\$5095 42	\$3715 37	26373
	" Expenses	2715 31		
	Total profit	\$1380 05		

OF THE EXHIBITION.

There has been no branch of the labors of the Institute which has given greater satisfaction to the directors, or which seems more entirely to have commended itself to general support and approval than that of the exhibition of the past season; for although previous efforts of a like character had been most encouraging, that now under revision was more than usually attractive and gratifying, and peculiarly successful in its results.

The collection of the fine and decorative arts, of mechanical and manufacturing skill, of foreign antiquities and curiosities, of general articles of vertu, and of embroidery and other lady's work, were alike extensive, interesting and valuable, affording useful information in a most attractive form and unmixed delight to a larger number of visitors than had ever before attended at the Institute.

The exhibition was open for twelve days, viz., from the 20th March to the 2nd April—the number of visitors 9,204, and the amount received a trifle in excess of \$800.

For these satisfactory results the directors feel that their grateful acknowledgments