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## MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

THE two performances of "Friends," by Edwin Milton Royle and his company were not patronized to the extent anticipated. If a play is to be judged by its power to please a Victoria audience, certainly "Friends" must be a great success. Royle himself gives promise of becoming a fairly clever actor, and Selena Fetter Royle is up to the average in her line. The other members of the company apparently did their best to please, and especially was the piano solo of Lucius Henderson

entitled to special commendation. The audience went wild over the climatic scenes and nearly shook the building with applause.

Programme of concert to be given by the B.C.B.G.A. band at Mount Baker Hotel, Oak Bay, Saturday evening, September 1, commencing at 8:15 sharp:

PART I.  
March.....Selwonkeo.....Perkin  
Overture.....Jolly Robbers.....Supp  
Request number.....  
Danse des Sultanes.....Polak Daniel  
Intermission.  
PART II.  
Selection.....The Jolly Minstrel.....E. Brook  
Concerto for Bombardon.....Baesie  
T. Pellou, soloist.  
Request number.....  
Fantasia on English songs.....Basqui  
.....God Save the Queen.....  
J. M. FINN, Band Master.

The B. C. B. G. A. band is making progress under bandmaster Finn. This gentleman is doing his utmost to keep good musicians in his band, but it is feared that he is not receiving that encouragement which is necessary to carry out his aim. As a correspondent in the Colonist last week said, "there is no difficulty, comparatively speaking, in obtaining good musicians who are willing to join, but the great difficulty is in holding them, not because they ask for too much money but because of their inability to obtain employment which will enable them to earn a living." It is to be hoped that the citizens will give this matter their most serious consideration.

"A Pair of Kids" company have asked for dates at The Victoria in September.

Miss Johnstone Bennett will play in "The Amazons" the coming season.

On account of indisposition Mr. George Burnett has been unable to attend to his musical duties.

The Victoria College of Music, Elocution and Languages, has been recently organized, with its studio over Waitt's music store. Mr. and Madame W. Edgar Buck, already well and favorably known to Victorians as capable teachers, will be the principals, and with whom a competent staff will be associated. The college will open Monday, September 3rd.

The following names of donors to a deserving local charity have been handed to us for publication: Cash, 50 cts; S. B. Else, 50 cts; A. N. Other, 25 cts; a friend, 35 cts; Ed Quennell (for charity), 15 cts; a friend, 50 cts.

TRADE would appear to be on the improve generally, the reports of the stock and general markets indicating that a much greater amount of confidence exists. It was the lack of confidence that did most of the mischief, but with its revival we all hope for and are confident of better times.