

Hubbell) and Lady Ella (Miss Bamford), the other leading characters, all looked well in their clinging mediæval costumes. Miss Bates deserves a special word of praise for her very superior acting; she threw a soulfulness and languid intensity into all she did and said, which was highly enjoyed by the audience. We will not repeat the compliments which the musical talents of these ladies always deserve, suffice it to say that they sang like themselves. Miss Wilson's singing was far more thoroughly enjoyable than any professional singing we are accustomed to hear, while her acting was fully up to what the character required. The following were the ladies who took the parts of the twenty love sick maidens: Misses Davy, Ivy Davy, B. Hubbell, F. Smith, Duff, E. Macdonald, S. Burton, A. Morson, Strachan, H. Yates, McMillan, Moore, Allen, Steele, Gould and A. Bates. Miss Shaw played all the accompaniments and preludes, with her usual good taste and lightness of touch. As for the men, Reginald Buntorne, the star character, was taken by Mr. Thomas Cumberland, who was well dressed in an æsthetic costume of black velvet with lilies, lace, etc., in profusion. Mr. Cumberland made a good interpretation of the character and showed a large amount of histrionic talent. Algernon Grosvenor (Mr. Heath) was a capital character and was most ably taken by Mr. Heath, who if he did not throw enough languor into his rendition of the parts, yet managed to keep the audience in a continual titter by his droll and self-conceited conversation. The Duke was to have been taken by Dr. F. Koyl, who was suddenly called away by family affliction, but Mr. A. W. Morton impersonated this adulated nobleman with excellent effect, although he had a very short time to prepare for it. It was Mr. Morton's first appearance in public, but he has a rich tenor voice and may now be looked on as an addition to the musical talent of the city. Messrs H. B. Rathbun, and H. C. Clark, as *Colonel Calverly* and *Major Murgatroyd*, were both good, Mr. Rathbun's solos being one of the features of the evening. And the scene where the Colonel, Major, and Duke have turned æsthetic, and appear in early English costume is capital, as is also their dancing with the Ladies Angela and Saphir. A detachment from the 35th Dragoon Guards, 20 in number, were rigged out in a Hussar uniform which looks suspiciously like that of the 1st Regiment of Cavalry, Kingston. They sang several fine choruses, and displayed the fierceness and *nonchalance* peculiar to all troopers. The Dragoons are composed of the following members of the club:—Messrs. A. D. Cameron, A. A. Mordy, L. W. Shannon, G. Henderson, S. Henderson, R. M. Dennistoun, H. M. Froiland, W. J. Shanks, L. H. Davis, J. R. O'Reilly, H. E. Young, T. A. Moore, R. S. Anglin, J. A. Craig, J. L. Reeve, W. H. Macnee, J. S. Skinner, and E. Elliott. Mr. W. D. Neish we believe rendered efficient services behind the scenes.

Convocation Hall presents no advantages for a theatrical performance because there are no stage fixtures and the stage is too low; but by the energetic efforts of a large number of students, who also acted as ushers, it was made to do duty, in the best manner possible. The Hall was

crowded at both evenings, and at the matinee by the *bon ton* of Kingston, and military, civic and academic dignitaries, who were united in their praises of the performances.

The expenses of this entertainment will be about two hundred and fifty dollars, so that the club cannot expect to get much remuneration for their trouble.

THE MUSEUM.

AMONG the many interesting objects in the Museum there is probably none more beautiful than the specimen of "Venus flower-basket" donated by Rev. H. Cameron, B.A., Glencoe. It is a species of silicious sponge belonging to the beautiful family of the Hexactinellidae, so called from the circumstance that the siliceous spicules throughout the family are mostly six-rayed, and bears the appropriate scientific name of *Euplectella Aspergillum*. When found the specimens appear like a mass of jelly covering a skeleton of silica which resembles an "exquisitely delicate fabric woven in spun glass. The skeleton is in the form of a slightly curved tube, contracted downward and expanding upward to a wide circular mouth edged by an elegant frill. The mouth is closed by a wide-meshed netted lid. The walls of the tube are formed by a number of parallel longitudinal bands of glossy siliceous fibres closely united together by a cement of silica, and a series of like bands running round the tube, and thus cutting the longitudinal bands at right angles and forming a square-meshed net."

A few years ago specimens of this sponge were sold in the London market for \$20 and \$25 apiece. They abound in deep water in some spots among the Philippine Islands, and are procured by the natives by dragging weighted bars of wood, with fish-hooks attached to them, over the bottom. The sponges being caught by the hooks are pulled out of the mud in which they live partially buried. The gray-brown gelatinous matter is removed, and the skeleton cleaned and bleached, when it is ready for the market. Very many are destroyed by this rough method of procuring them, but the supply is sufficient to meet all demands.

Several allied species are known, one of which (*Euplectella suberea*) was dredged up by the Challenger from a depth of 1,090 fathoms, about 90 miles to the south-east of Cape St. Vincent, thus adding a new species to the Fauna of Europe. The glass-rope sponge of the Atlantic and the north Pacific (*Hyalonema*) is a closely related species, also that beautiful lacey fabric of flint the *Aphrocallistes*. All belong to the deep sea, and are said to thrive best among the elements of nascent limestones. Several fossil species called "Ventriculites" are found in the chalk and green sand of the South of England, showing that the creature belongs to an ancient family and is possessed of a long pedigree.

❖ MEETINGS. ❖

COMPANY 'TCHON.

THE Queen's College Rifle Company has got under way for the session; the roll shews full company strength, the greatest unanimity and interest prevail among the members. Uniforms have been nearly all purchased, and the right kind of officers have been elected to look after the appearance, and discipline of the corps. The Company having procured a uniform, will at once make request to be made an independent corps of the