

Music and Drama.

THE Song Recital given by Madame Blanche Marchesi, on Wednesday evening, October 20th, will never be forgotten by those music-lovers of Kingston who were so fortunate as to hear the distinguished singer. Marchesi captivated the audience with her fascinating manner, while her singing elicited the warmest enthusiasm and most genuine appreciation.

Marchesi's peculiar art is that of "interpretation." Her programme was illustrative of almost every variety of song. Marchesi's wonderful interpretation was equally pleasing, whether of Italian Grand Opera, the intense emotion of Schubert's famous song "The Erl King" or the imaginative fancies of several exquisite "Children's Songs."

The delightful accompaniments of Brahm Van Den Berg, the Belgian pianist, added much to the beauty of the songs, while in his solo selections he proved himself to be a master of technique and thoughtful expression.

There is a real pleasure in listening to such eminent musicians. An evening of good music in an excellent recreation for the brain-fagged student; indeed, it is a mental stimulant—not momentary, but lasting.

It is interesting to know that Madame Marchesi's genial appearance on the stage does not belie her manner in private life. One of our confrères, whose enthusiasm over Madame's singing did not wane over night, called on her the next morning, and was given a cordial reception. The signature of the great Marchesi now adorns the autograph album of this enterprising young man.

It is often asked what return is rendered to our Alma Mater by those who take advantage of the free instruction provided in our musical clubs. For the benefit of those who have not already noted the fact, it may be mentioned that with the exception of a few special numbers in the concert room, all the musical entertainment for the Freshmen's Reception is to be provided by members of these clubs, as was the case last year. The Musical Committee has been asked by the A.M.S. executive to provide musical programmes at meetings in the near future, and the clubs are preparing to comply with their wish.

Y.M.C.A. Notes.

"CHARACTER" was the subjects of an interesting address by W. R. Leadbeater at the Y.M.C.A. meeting on Thursday afternoon.

The Freshmen's Reception will be held on Friday evening, October 29th. The general plan of the Reception will be the same as last year. The conveners of the various committees are:—Refreshment, Miss I. MacInnes; Programme, J. B. Stirling; Decoration, R. S. Stevens; Invitation, C. H. Elliott; Reception, W. F. Dyde.