

Provincial Notes.

PICTOU.—A splendid concert was held in Prince St. Hall, on the 19th, when the following programme was carried through:—

1. Rossini.....Overture to "Tancredi.".....piano 4 hands.
Miss Minna MacDonald and Miss Thompson.
2. Wagner..... "Bridal Chorus"..... From Lohengrin.
Ladies' Chorus.
3. Verdi.... Anvil Chorus, and scene from "Il Trovatore."
Arr. for two Violins.
Miss MacKenzie and Mr. Frazee.
4. Readings (a) "Robert of Sicily," (By request), (b), selections.
Mr. W. A. Dickson.
5. KuhlauSonatina Allegro-Rondo..... Piano.
Master Charlie Rice.
6. Touns..... "The New Kingdom."..... Song.
Mrs. J. Cooke.
7. Faure..... "The Palms."..... Song.
Mr. Sobeski.
8. Wilson..... "Greetings to Spring."..... Part Song.
Sopranos -Miss Jennie Olding, Miss Millie MacDonald, Miss Laura Fullerton, Miss Lizzie Olding.
Mezzo. Sop. -Miss Ethel-Porteous, Miss MacNaught.
Contralto. Miss Campbell, Miss Jessie Murray.

PART II.

1. Wynne..... Gypsy Chorus.
Solos. "The Fortune Tellers." Miss MacKenzie.
"The Gypsy Dance." Miss Murray.
"Gypsy's Love." Miss Porteous.
2. Chopin..... Polonaise (in A Major) Piano.
Rubenstein.....Bacarelle (in F Minor) Piano.
Miss MacDonald.
3. Garcia..... "Nina."..... Duett, Soprano and Baritone.
Mrs. Percy Lear and Mr. Sobeski.
4. Gounod..... "Nazareth."..... Tenor Solo with Violin Obligato.
Mr. A. I. Rice.
(Violin, Mr. Perron.)
5. Violin..... Wedding March..... Beethoven.
Mr. Perron.
6. Wellings..... "Close to My Heart"..... Song.
Mr. Sobeski.
- 6½. Harp.... "Robin Adair" and "Bonnie Annie Laurie."
Mr. Sobeski.
7. Bailey..... Vocal Waltz—"Fleeting Days."
Mrs. Percy Lear.
8. Pit-pat Goes the Rain"..... Chorus.
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

The concerted pieces by the ladies were one of the features of the evening, the last one "Pit pat goes the Rain" being decidedly the best, and we would suggest the keeping together of such a good body of voices. Our Halifax representatives, Mrs. P. Lear and Mr. Zebeski, as usual, sang well, and were accorded a hearty reception. Mrs. Lear's rendition of "Fleeting Days," being encored, was responded to by "Will the heart is young," while Mr. Zebeski sang in response to an encore for "The Palms" that good old standard "The Anchor's weighed." Mr. Dickson gave by request his reading of "King Robert of Sicily," but was not received as well as on New Year's Day. He also kindly consented to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Huggins' illness and gave a comic reading called "Jim Blaines' Ra" which tickled the audience greatly. Of the other performers Mr. Rice, Miss MacKenzie and Mr. Frazee and Mrs. Cooke received encores, the latter as usual completely charming the audience (of whom she is apparently a favorite of the musical portion of Pictou) by her rendition of the "New Kingdom" in response to an encore singing "Bonnie Dundee." Last but not by any means least, we must certainly give the lady who played all the compliment not only for that, but for the whole concert (as the success in every way was entirely due to her untiring zeal in connection therewith) great praise, one and all voting it one of the best concerts held in the good old town of Pictou for some time.

A VISITOR TO PICTOU.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—Sir Charles Tupper is expected to address a political meeting on Thursday—nomination day. Contrary to expectation, Sir Charles is to be the guest of Hon. Neil MacLeod, Q. C., Premier, instead of Mr. Edward J. Hodgson, Q. C., as stated last week.

The Philharmonic Concert was given last Thursday, and proved a emphatic success. The audience was not as large as at former concerts of the Society, but a more appreciative one could not be found. "The Heavens are telling" and "By thee with Bliss" from the Creation, a violin solo by Mr. Newcombe and Mr. Arthur Sullivan, "Will he Come" sung by Miss Roome, constituted the former part of the programme, the latter being devoted to Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise." Mrs. Malcolm Macleod and Miss Russell, sopranos, and Rev. Fred. J. Lloyd, tenor, sang the solos, and the concerted parts written for the soloists, and each individually excelled. Miss Barratt was very nervous and in consequence did not sing as well in her solo parts as when supported by Mrs. Macleod, who was in excellent voice and interpreted her solo with accuracy and exceeding expression. Mr. Lloyd was particularly happy in his rendition of the thrilling solo "Watchman will the night soon pass" and indeed his rich expressive voice was never used to better advantage. The chorus was composed of about forty voices, was well balanced and did good service, but the instrumentalists from want of practice together were not united in their accompaniment, and while there was good individual playing in certain passages, the whole effect was not what it should have been. This does not apply to Mr. Heaty, the accomplished pianist, who was faultless in all his playing by which he elicited universal praise and admiration. Our one great annual concert is thus a thing of the past, and it is with regret that we chronicle the fact.

Practices have already begun for the fun drill which the Tennis Club purposes performing on or about St. George's Day. The practices are held in the Philharmonic Hall, Capt. Weeks being drill master. Two have already been held, on last Tuesday and Saturday, respectively, and these will be continued weekly until the date of the entertainment, the other features of which have not been definitely announced. There are, however, rumours of a farce. If the entertainment prove as excellent and remunerative as the last one, it will be another success for the Tennis Club to score.

Last Friday a drive was organized in which about thirty ladies and gentlemen joined. It was a short drive, but the dance which was sandwiched in between the outward and home-coming journeys was invigorating. It was one of those successful parties which need only a moving originator and cost nothing, the care falling equally upon the various ladies who see to it that the inner man is refreshed.

CURLING.—A series of games to contest the superiority of President vs. Vice-President was begun in Hillsborough Rink last week. On the first day six rinks participated, the play resulting in a victory for President by two shots. The game was resumed on Monday, when only two rinks joined issue, giving a victory to the Vice-President by four shots, thus leaving the match for the present with two shots to the credit of the President.

HOCKEY.—A game of Hockey is arranged for Wednesday 23rd instant, between Liberals and Conservatives. A system of voting is arranged in connection with the game which will bring in a goodly purse for the Hospital for whose benefit the game is to be played, as a means of testing the voice of the electorate it will not have much weight as the great event arranged for Thursday 5th March.

TRURO.—Mrs. F. A. Lawrence returned last week from Boston, after an absence of some months.

Rev. T. Cumming of St. Andrew's Church, exchanged pulpits Sunday last, with Rev. J. McMillan of Halifax.

Mrs. F. Congdon of Halifax, is visiting Mrs. Ernest Gladstone Queen St.

Mrs. Lordly of Acadia Mines, and Mrs. F. B. Pearson of Halifax spent a few days last week with her mother, Mrs. Reading.

The juvenile dancing class met at the residence of Mrs. M. Blanchard, on Monday evening. Quite a number of little folk were present and enjoyed it immensely, being initiated in the movements of graceful art.

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