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#### MUSIC AND THE DRAMA

HERE was a pleasant little concert at the James Bay Methodist Church, last Tuesday evening, which was fairly well attended. Two piano solos were excellently rendered by Mrs. Drury and Miss Leach. Mr. Wheeler sang two songs, the titles of which differed from those given in the programme. This gentleman has a fair voice, which, with cultivation, would be greatly improved. Recitations were given by Miss Dunnington and Mr. Payne. Madame Laird sang a little ballad, and, for an encore, once more gave "Comin thro' the Rys." Miss Honour sang "At the Mercy of the Waves" in a fair contralto voice. Mrs. Russell, who sang "Romona," has a pleasing manner and voice, and deserved the encore she received. The honors of the evening were divided between Miss Agnew and Miss Jameson, both receiving a double recall. Miss Agnew's rendition of "Ask Me No More" shewed that her voice was such that with more training she would probably achieve success in her chesen profession. Her upper notes are especially brilliant. In response to her encore, she sang a charming little love ditty. Miss Jameson's selection, "The Staccato Polka," was one which would tax the efforts of some of our best known professional singers, her enunciation of the staccato being especially clear and resonant. As a pleasing contrast, she sang "Loch Lomond" for an encore, with simplicity and purity. Mr. Wolff executed tastefully on the violin some selections from Bellini, and received a hearty encore. This gentleman and Mrs. Drury accompanied the various vocalists during the evening. The proceedings were brought to a close by the National Anthem, and the audience dispersed, well pleased with their entertainment.

A grand costume concert, to include national and other music of all the well known peoples of the earth, is to be given under the direction of Mr. Edgar Buck, at the end of October. Selections from the "Bohemian Girl," by Balfe, and other operas, also the famous "Prison Scene," "Miserere" and the grand duett from "Il Trovatore" will be amongst the attractions, which are already well advanced in preparation. The proceeds are to be equally divided between the Protestant and Catholic orphans' homes.

Miss Florence Agnew and Miss Jameson, who-made so successful an appearance at a recent concert, have both been studying under Mr. W. Edgar Buck, of this city, intending to make the divine art their profession, in the near future.

The Lacrosse Club Minstrel Show is making great progress under the leader-