

Provincial Notes.

Our Dartmouth correspondent omitted to furnish us in time for last week's issue with a notice of a very attractive concert which was held in Christ Church school room on the evening of the 10th inst., under the management of Mr. W. R. Foster, in aid of the fund for the proposed new pipe organ for the church. Although the weather was anything but delightful, and walking almost impossible owing to the slushy and slippery condition of the streets, quite a full house met the performers at the hour of commencement. As the programme was one of unusual merit, we give it from memory:

- 1.—Violin and Piano THE MISSES DRAKE.
- 2.—Recitation, "King Robert, of Sicily," *Longfellow.*
MRS. H. S. CREIGHTON.
- 3.—Song,—"Once in a While," *Schubert.*
MR. S. DRAKE.
- 4.—Song,—"Maid of Athens," *Christie.*
DR. W. F. SMITH.
- 5.—Flute Solo MR. S. DRAKE.
- 6.—Song, "Give Me Thy Love," *Wellings.*
MISS MCKENZIE (with violin obligato by MR. HAGARTY).
- 7.—Recitation, "Told at the Falcon,"
DR. W. R. FOSTER.
- 8.—Song, *Court.*
DR. GOW.
- 9.—Violin and Piano Duet
MR. AND MRS. H. B. HAGARTY.
- 10.—Song, "It Came with the Merry May, Love," *Low.*
MR. J. WILSON.
- 11.—Song, "Is This a Dream?" *Sullivan.*
MRS. HAGARTY.
- 12.—Recitation, "His Answer to Her Letter," *Butcher.*
DR. M. A. B. SMITH.
- 13.—Song,—"To Anthea," *Schubert.*
DR. MILSON.

Mr. and Mrs. Hagarty, in their violin and piano selections, and Mrs. Hagarty in her songs, gave great pleasure to a most appreciative audience, as did also Miss McKenzie, Mr. Wilson and Miss Daisy Foster, in her accompaniments, and, in fact, all of the ladies and gentlemen who contributed to the programme. The recitations by Miss Creighton, Miss Foster and Dr. M. A. B. Smith were much appreciated, notably that by Miss Foster, "Told at the Falcon." It was this little lady's first appearance in the role of a reciter, and she certainly made a decided hit, having not only good style, but an uncommonly good voice. Her portrayal of the kind old darkey in her encore number was capital, and fairly brought down the house. Miss Creighton's "King Robert of Sicily" was an ambitious undertaking, and was well done; but we enjoyed her rendering of "The Jackdaw of Rheims" in a former entertain-

ment much better, such a selection being, in our humble judgment, more within her power. We always enjoy Dr. Smith's recitations, and if he would cultivate a more easy and graceful manner he would be a most pleasing reciter, but on this occasion we did not think him happy in his choice, and unfortunately he was not sufficiently familiar with his lines to render them effectively.

Where all did so well it is perhaps indiscreet to particularize, but we may be pardoned for suggesting to some of the performers that although a good voice is said to embrace nine of the points which go to make up a singer, yet that alone fails to satisfy critical audiences, who are now looking for culture and style as well.

WINDSOR.—The number of dances that were given in Windsor previous to Lent, were followed by their inevitable result—much visiting. The people of our little town are very good in this respect, and there are very few places where one can pay calls with so much satisfaction, or be so cordially welcomed as in Windsor. Last Friday was a glorious day, and many took advantage of the favourable weather to walk out to the College—Friday being College afternoon. There were so many callers at some of the houses that a lady told me it seemed more like a series of levees than an ordinary visiting afternoon. But there seems one disadvantage in our system of visiting, due no doubt to the rambling extent of the town, and that is that so few people are at home on the same day, and unless one is blest with a good memory one is very apt to call on the wrong afternoon, and be met by the cheerless intelligence—"Not at home."

Of course the approaching elections cause a good deal of interest in Windsor. Both parties held conventions last Saturday not very far from town, and the extreme cold failed to cool the ardour of the politicians. Mr. Putnam is the Liberal-Conservative candidate and Dr. Haley is the Liberal nominee. Both are popular men in the county, and one may predict a close competition.

Mr. Thomas Whitehead of Montreal, paid his relations and many friends a brief visit last week. We wish we could have seen more of him.

Mr. William Curry left Windsor on Saturday last en route to Bermuda, where Mrs. Curry is now visiting. I hear they will not return for two or three months.

The carnival last week was not much of a success. It suffered the disadvantages of a postponement, but one carnival a winter seems to be amply sufficient in a small community like ours.

I have heard a good deal of disgust expressed at some excessively vulgar Windsor whispers which were recently published in a Halifax paper. It is not positively known who enjoys the unenviable reputation of sending them from here, but the general impression is that he, or she, is sadly lacking in nice feeling. I trust that the authors of these vulgarities will wake up to a sense of their shame.

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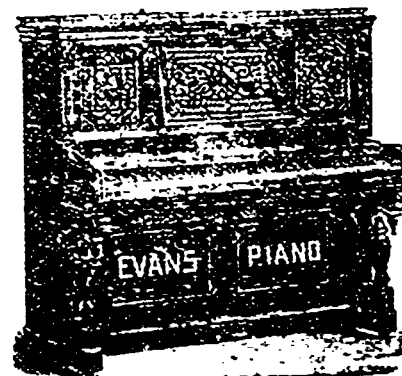
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