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MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

MR. BURNETT, organist and choir-
master of St. Andrew's Presbyterian
Church, is hard at work on the "Messiah,"
which he intends giving towards the end of the
present month. He has secured the assistance
of good voices from several of the church choirs
of the city, among them being the well known
soprano, Miss Heathfield, and Mr. J. G. Brown,
baritone. The chorus numbers about 35—rather
small for such a heavy work—but with good
voices and quick readers this can be overcome.
The rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings in
the lecture room of St. Andrew's church. Mr.
Fisher is accompanist.

The concert for the poor of the city was ex-
ceedingly well attended, the admission fee
being placed at the nominal sum of 25 cts. The
programme was an excellent one, many of our
best professional and amateur artists taking
part. Among the former were Madame Laird,
Prof. Buck, Mr. Wolff, L.C.M., and among the
latter Miss Cameron, Parfitt Orchestra, Mr.
Richardson and Mr. Brown. The fee for such
a concert was ridiculously small; more espe-
cially when the object was such a worthy one.

Another of those social parlor concerts was
given on Wednesday evening by the ladies of
the First Presbyterian Church, at the residence
of Mr. Wm. Munsie, Johnson street. The large
house was well filled, in fact, uncomfortably so.
Nevertheless all present enjoyed a musical and
literary programme of merit rarely heard in
the best concerts in Victoria: Piano duett,
Misses Munsie; song, Miss Hutcheson; song, Mr.
Collister; song, Mrs. McCandless; recitation, Mr.
Chisholm; song, Madame Laird; song, Mr. J.
G. Brown. After the rendition of the above
programme, the ladies served dainty refresh-
ments to those present. Dr. Campbell, the pas-
tor of the church, presided and made a short

address during the evening. It was a most
enjoyable and profitable evening.

The Presbyterians are in it during the coming
week. There is to be an entertainment in the
Spring Ridge Music Hall, on Wednesday eve-
ning, under the management of Mr. J. G. Brown,
that ubiquitous gentleman, who seems to be
connected with every entertainment that is
given in the city. The concert is for the benefit
of the mission fund in that neighborhood, and
the following are some of the items on the pro-
gramme: Quartettes by male voices of Mr.
Brown's choir; duett, Mr. Kinnaird and Mr.
Brown; solo, Misses Way, Stapleton and Fraser,
and Messrs. Gold, Collister, Lake, Nicolson,
Kinnaird and Brown; piano solo, Mrs. Hall;
piano duett, Misses Munsie; recitation by
Messrs. Hay and Chisholm. The Oak
Bay mission will give their concert
on Monday evening, in their hall, also for the
funds of the mission, and an equally first class
programme will be given including the names
of some of the best vocalists and elocutionists
in Victoria. The fee in both instances is only
twenty-five cents. Pandora avenue cars run
within two minutes' walk of the Spring Ridge
Mission Hall, and Oak Bay avenue cars run
past the Oak Bay hall. It is expected that both
places will be crowded to the doors.

The Sons of Erin have nearly completed the
programme for their concert on the 17th of
March. Among those who will take part are
Messames Laird, Rowlands, McCandless, and
Harris, and Miss Styles' female orchestra, and
Messrs. Rowlands, Evan-Thomas, Brown, Philo,
White and many others.

Kamloops is to be congratulated on having
an excellent choral society. On Friday night
of last week, a concert was given by this or-
ganization in Raven's Hall, of that place. The
attendance was large, and the programme evi-
denced a high order of merit. The conductor
was Mr. J. Savage, and the accompanist
was Mrs. J. F. Betts. The chorus consisting
of Messames McCutcheon, White, McDonald
and Gordon, the Misses North, Miss Matthews,
and Miss Harmon and Messrs. Harper, P. C. L.
Harris, McLean and Douglas, was well bal-
anced and strong.

It is rumored that Ellen Terry's daughter,
Alisa Craig, is desirous of remaining in this
country, and that possibly she may be engaged
by Charles Frohman. Gordon Craig, Ellen
Terry's son, after having been on the salary
list at Daly's theatre, London, for six months
during which time he has had no chance to
appear, has severed his engagement and
signed with Mr. Tree, at the Haymarket,
where he is to appear at once. On dit that
Ellen Terry is seriously angry with her son,
Gordon, not only because of his early marriage
last year, but because of his impending debut
in the character of a father. She speaks
bitterly in private of her misfortune in being
obliged to figure, thus early, as a grandmother.
Another child of a famous parent, Ellaline
Terriss, is charming all London by her dainty
performance in "Cinderella" at the Lyceum.
She married Mr. Seymour Hicks, actor and
playwright, last autumn.

The visit of the W. T. Carleton Opera Com-
pany to this city, the last three nights of the
present month, will be a musical event of more
than usual importance. The repertoire to be
given will consist of the most popular of the
light operas, each one of which will be hand-
somerily costumed and produced with careful
attention to every detail. The chorus is a
large one, and strong, well trained voices are
conspicuously present, each individual having
been carefully selected by Mr. Carleton per-
sonally. In fact, the calibre of the company is
quite up to the high standard that has char-
acterized Mr. Carleton's previous engage-
ments, many favorites of past seasons being
retained in the ranks of the present organi-