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MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

THE St. Andrew's and Caledonian
Society are to be congratulated on
the success of their Halloween celebra-
tion, last Monday night. When it was
announced that their Excellencies, Lord
and Lady Aberdeen, would be present,
the sale of reserved seats was almost un-
precedented, and when the doors were
opened on the evening of the concert, the
remaining seats were quickly occupied.
By 8:15, the time announced for the con-
cert to commence, standing room was all
that could be had, except in the upper
gallery, where there were a few seats
vacant all evening.

The assemblage was a brilliant one—

including the Mayor and Mrs. Teague,
General Roberts and party, presidents of
various societies in the city, who occupied
boxes above those reserved for the Gov-
ernor-General and Lady Aberdeen, His
Honor Lieut. Governor Dewdney and
Mrs. Dewdney and many others of the
best known people of Victoria.

It had been announced in the evening
paper, that, owing to other arrangements
at Government House, their Excellencies
would not be able to arrive until 9 o'clock,
and, in consequence, the hour for begin-
ning the programme had been changed
from 8:15 to 9; but the large majority in
the audience were in ignorance of the fact,
and about a quarter to nine, that portion
of the audience occupying the gallery
began to manifest signs of impatience, by
stamping their feet, whistling, etc. An
announcement was made from the stage
that the Governor-General's party were
expected momentarily, and the audience
were requested to exercise their patience
a little longer. Here, it may be remarked,
that a more orderly and patient audience
than that which gathered last Monday
night could hardly be got together any-
where, and their conduct reflects the
greatest credit on our city, and shows
great respect for the society under whose
auspices the entertainment was held. An
amusing incident occurred while waiting
for the arrival of the guests of the even-
ing. A musically inclined gentleman in
the upper gallery amused himself and the
audience by whistling "The Campbells
are Coming," and, just as the Governor-
General entered the theatre, began
whistling "God Save the Queen," causing
a very general laugh. As their Excellen-
cies entered the box set apart for them,
the artists of the evening appeared on the
stage and sang God Save the Queen; the
large audience rose to their feet, and
joined heartily in the singing of the
national anthem.

The programme was at once proceeded
with, Mrs. Rowlands, Madame Laird and
Messrs. Wolff and Brown rendering a
part long appropriate for the occasion,
"Hail to the Chief," which was sung in
vigorous style, and received hearty ap-
plause. Mr. W. Anderson then danced
the Highland Fling, to the intense delight
of many of the audience. "The Battle
of Stirling," by Mr. Rowlands, was a
magnificent effort, and was deservedly
encored, but Mr. Rowlands did not re-
spond. Madame Laird's rendering of that
beautiful ballad, "The Flowers o' the
Forest," showed what a finished singer
can do in a song so full of pathos and ex-
pression, her well trained, clear soprano
showing to great advantage. Mr. Wolff,
L.C.M., as a violinist, has few equals and
no superiors in British Columbia, and he
scored a hit in his excellent playing of
"Auld Robin Gray" and "The Blue
Bells of Scotland." He was vociferously
recalled, and played "Home Sweet
Home." Mrs. Rowlands, than whom
there is no more popular singer in Vic-
toria, sang that most pathetic song,
"Angus Macdonald," to perfection, re-
ceiving a most emphatic encore, to which
she responded with "Daddy." Mr. J.
G. Brown, as he appeared on the stage,
was greeted with a roar of applause almost
deafening, showing the estimation in
which this gentleman is held in Victoria.
He gracefully bowed his acknowledg-