

THE TRUTH REFLECTED

Meaford, Ont.

The renowned elocutionist, Effie Elaine Hext, appeared before a Meaford audience in the Methodist church on Tuesday evening. Those who were present enjoyed the cleverest entertainment of the kind ever afforded the people of any community. In "Tom's Little Star," "The First Quarrel," and "Ben Hur" Miss Hext displayed rare dramatic power, her impersonations being perfectly natural and life-like. She made no attempt at affectation, but assumed an easy grace and dramatic force that stamped her as an artist of the highest rank. A novel feature of the program was posing in Greek costume, in which Miss Hext represented in forty different attitudes the emotions of the mind. So natural were her gestures, and with such cleverness did she assume the various attitudes, that her auditors easily interpreted them without a reference to the program. Miss Hext is undoubtedly the most talented and accomplished elocutionist that has yet visited Meaford, and should she decide to pay us another visit a large audience will be sure to greet her.—*Meaford Mirror*, April 14, 1893.

A GREAT SUCCESS.

Brampton, Ont.

A very fine and high class entertainment was given in St. Paul's Church last evening. The weight of the program fell upon Miss Hext, the accomplished elocutionist. The Curse Scene from "Leah the Forsaken" was perhaps the choicest selection of the evening. "The Kitchen Clock" elicited roars of laughter and a rapturous recall, "Ol' Pickett's Nell" and the "First Quarrel" were equally well rendered and Miss Hext was recalled again and again.

Miss Hext's readings show rare artistic merit. She has exceptional control of her voice and her enunciation and gestures are particularly good. As an elocutionist she is established in the front rank, showing unusual ability in both light and heavy pieces. The posing in Greek costume was a most pleasing feature of the entertainment and was warmly applauded. This highly cultured and talented young lady has a brilliant future before her, and we predict that should she appear again in Brampton she will be greeted with a crowded house.—*Brampton Times*, March 24th, 1893.