

of lovers of Scottish music by large audiences whenever they announced a Scotch concert. The concert on Saturday night was but a repetition in this respect of the preceding annual concert under the auspices of the Society. Every seat and aisle was packed, and the old town hall had to be thrown open in order to find room for all their guests.

The stage was very handsomely decorated with festoonings of Stewart tartan and was richly furnished. At eight o'clock the following gentlemen in Highland costumes entered the hall in procession, headed by George Smith, piper to the Society:—Neil McIsaac, John Munroe, Harry Henderson, Wm. Lawson, George Robertson, D. Macleod and Tommie McMillan. The following who appeared in civilian dress were also in the procession and took seats upon the platform:—James Miller, Chief of the Caledonian Society; James Hewitt, President of St. George's Society; Wm. Johnston, James Dr. Cowan, E. B. Johnston, James Innes, M. P., and George Anderson, Jr. The programme opened with the recitation of the "Bonnie Wee Wife" by Talloch, Mr. Smith, Robertson, Munroe, Henderson, and Macleod taking part in the dancing.

Mr. Johnston was greeted with cheers. He did not know that it was fair to tell the hall that he was to make an address, but as a true Caledonian he must obey his Chief and regard the request as a compliment. To-day we as Caledonians had been celebrating the birthday of our young Dominion by holding our annual games and to-night we were met for the purpose of hearing the annual concert of our Society. There could be no more appropriate way of celebrating Dominion day, because it was only symbolic of a national feeling towards Scotland which in the days to come must characterize the love of Canada. People were apt to say that such demonstrations served to keep alive not only the traditions but the feelings of the motherland. We were here to make a new nation, and if we were to make it broad and strong there must be within all of us feelings of love and patriotism which for centuries had entwined themselves about the hearts of those from the motherland. If those feelings were to be evoked it was only by keeping alive in our minds the memory of the history and traditions of that old land. It was not by any means a sign that Englishmen, Irishmen or Scotchmen in their countries more than Canada, but because they loved them that they likewise loved this land of ours. By such celebrations as that we had held to-day this feeling would be evoked and it would gradually wind itself around the traditions and history of Canada and for the future generations cause this Dominion to be loved as thoroughly as that motherland.

THE MUSICAL PROGRAMME opened with a song by Miss Barr, of Hamilton, the "Bonnie Wee Wife," which was given with splendid effect. An encore was demanded, and a comic song, "I Would, Wouldn't You?" was given in its place. It brought a smile to the faces of the whole audience, and the effort was rewarded by loud applause. Mr. Maitland next sang "Hae Ye Mind o' Lang Syne." He prepared for the audience by an introduction relative to its history and sentiment, bringing up vivid recollections of the amusing incidents of youth and latterly the more serious of boyhood age. The rendition was most effective, the accompaniment being played by Miss Tona Maitland. He was loudly cheered and in response related an anecdote which put the audience in a splendid humor. Miss Ballantyne followed with the well-known and always welcome song, "Twas within a mile o' Edinboro' town," which she sang in a decided winning and pleasing manner. Miss Geddes, who played all the accompaniments with one exception, came next with a piano solo—various on Scottish airs. The execution was admirable, notwithstanding the perceptible stiffness of the keys, which did not tend to make their manipulation easy, and Miss Geddes repaid for her effort by well merited applause. It may be well mentioned here as heretofore, that in every part devolving upon her she sustained it creditably, and to the excellent manner in which she played the accompaniments the same case of the concert was in no small measure due. A very pretty waltz song by Miss Hastings, "When the leaves begin to fall," was a pleasant feature of the entertainment. The music proved taking and the rendering was charming, some extremely difficult trilling portions being brought out sweetly and clear, while the song as a whole was beautiful. In response to an encore, Miss Hastings sang, "I love him and I will," which also produced a pleasant impression. Mr. Munroe followed the piping of Mr. McIsaac. The performance, which was neatly executed, captured the taste of the audience who cheered vociferously. A Scotch story by Mr. James Wilson, formerly of Eden Mills, and now of Brussels, brought down the house with laughter, and proved a pleasant termination to the first part of the programme.

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