
SERVICE OF PRAISE.

The Service of Praise announced in our March number, was held on Monday, 14th inst. It was well attended and much enjoyed. Some doubts were felt beforehand as to the propriety of what some chose to call a Sacred Concert in Church, but after the Service of Praise was over, and indeed during its progress, one could not help reflecting that the most favourable conditions for hearing Sacred Music of a high character are where all the associations of the place in which it is heard are of a nature to dispose to devotion, and to elevate the mind, and purify the heart. The whole demeanour of those present was a proof that they felt that they were not listening to a mere concert *pour passer le temps*, but could give themselves up to the influences of the Church and the Music.

We have not space to specify in detail the excellence of the various numbers, but the thanks of all are due to Mr. Phillips, who took the chief trouble in preparation, and must have been much pleased with the result.

All will be glad to hear that another similar Service of more jubilant character is promised after Easter, of which due notice will be given.

The offerings for the Church Home at the service were \$60.

BUNYAN.

An excellent Illustrated Lecture was given in St. George's School House on Thursday evening, the 24th, by the Rev. Adam Chambers, the subject being Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress." The whole story was most graphically described by the Lecturer, and the chief points in Christian's Progress to the Celestial City, were forcibly brought out by almost life size oil paintings on canvas—the handiwork of the Lecturer.

The most realistic scene was where Christian, represented as carrying his heavy burden of sin upon his shoulders, stands before the Cross of Calvary, and as he gazes at the Holy Rood, and realizes the great sacrifice of the Redeemer, and is convinced that he who hung and died thereon was His Saviour too, the burden suddenly drops off from his shoulders, and he is free.

The Lecture cannot fail to have impressed all who heard it.

One child was afterwards heard to say that he could never forget it.

The proceeds will be in aid of the Church Army Work.