

THE Pierian Society gave one of their popular musical and literary entertainments in College Hall on the evening of the 30th ult. The following programme was well sustained:—

PIERIAN SOCIETY.

Friday Evening, Nov. 30th, 1883.

- Professional March, - Marche aux Flambeaux.
Misses Holley and Hill.
1. Piano Trio: Selection from Der Freischutz, Weber.
Misses L. Bridges, Sanford, E. Bridges.
 2. Reading: - A Little Girl's Views of Life in a Hotel.
Miss May McDonald.
 3. Piano Solo: - - - Lurline, Favarger.
Miss Lizzie Hill.
 4. Reading: - - - The Station Agent's Story
Miss Sadie Rand.
 5. Vocal Solo: My Mother Bids Me Bind My Hair.
Miss Harding. Haydn.
 6. Reading: - - - A Reverie in Church.
Miss Lila P. Williams.
 7. Reading: - Famine Scene from "Hiawatha."
Miss Minnie Magee.
 8. Vocal Duet: - - - Herbstlied, Mendelssohn.
Misses Hill and Wallace.
 9. Reading: - - - Cicily and the Bears.
Miss Helen Read.
 10. Vocal Solo: - - - Adelaide, Beethoven.
Mme. Cornu.
 11. Reading: - - - The "Little Rid Hin,"
Miss Beth Rogers.
 12. Reading: - - - Kate Shelley.
Miss Wallace.
 13. Piano Duet: Grande Valse Brillante, Schuthoff.
Misses Eaton and Rand.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Miss Andrews presided. Of those who appeared on the stage for the first time Miss McDonald deserves mention for her sprightly and natural manner, Miss Rogers for an excellent attempt at the Irish accent, and Miss Magee for the expressive rendering of a very difficult selection.

WE are in receipt of the first number of the *Biographical Magazine*, an illustrated monthly of twenty-four pages, published by the Pictorial Associated Press, New York. The publication contains interesting sketches of the following modern celebrities:—Alphonso XII, King of Spain; Prince Bismarck, Chancellor of Germany; Li Hung Chang, Prime Minister of China; Lord Coleridge, Chief Justice of England; Jules Ferry, Prime Minister of France; Henry Irving, the great

English Actor; Harriet Beecher Stowe; Henry Villiard, President Northern Pacific Railway and others. This magazine is to be devoted chiefly to the publication of biographies of persons whose lives commend themselves to public attention as eminently worthy of emulation.

EXCHANGES.

The *Wolkestock Gazette* is a creditable paper published by the Grammar School at St. John.

The November number of the *Colby Echo* contains a very readable and somewhat unique poem; "The Wheels." A considerably large space is given to matters of merely local interest.

The *Haverfordian* says some very sensible things about American wit. We wish they would come to the ears of all American people. Haverford College is to be congratulated on its visit from Lord Coleridge.

The *McGill Gazette* is distinctly educational in its character. The last number devotes fifteen columns to the college world. Its literary article on Matthew Arnold is among the best we have read upon the subject.

The *Premier* reaches us from Fall River, Mass. We are puzzled whether to regard it as a school journal or an advertising agency. Lest we should incur the charge of reviewing something of the nature of a local almanac we forbear to say a word.

The *Kings College Record*, while containing nothing of especial interest, reads better than it often did heretofore. The article on "Robert Bloomfield" is worth reading. The exchange editor condemns religious articles in college papers, yet, himself discusses the subject of "Elders" with the *Presbyterian College Journal*.

The *Oberlin Review* comes regularly. Its editors complain that they are obliged, for want of space, to consign many valuable articles to the waste basket. We would suggest that they relegate the *Review* itself to the same category rather than burden its columns with another scientific (?) article like "Our Relation to the Brutes" in the issue of November the 17th. The writer who descends to the calf's stall and the hennery to find illustrations for his insipid notions, may find the best illustration of his own stupidity in that long eared animal that is noted for kicking.

Two numbers of the *Dalhousie Gazette* have reached us in good time. The extension of the college supplies the editors with abundance of subject matter; but it would seem that the increased prosperity has not been an un-mixed blessing. The *Gazette* complains of overwork and of prevailing strifes for position. It we comprehend the situation, some parts of the college have been developing faster than others; there has not been the proper adjustment of courses, examinations, &c., to new conditions. The *Gazette* is doing the proper thing in attempting to correct abnormal tendencies before they become chronic.

The November number of the *Argosy* contains a very readable article on "Scientific Discoveries." In another article an attempt is made to give the evolution of laughter. We doubt if the phenomena has been well observed. The writer fails to discover laughter in the baby or child but rises into ecstasies over the "sweet, bewitching" laugh of a woman. We fear that the radiant smiles of his adored one have made him pessimistic with reference to the rest of the world! We would like to say something about Sackvilleans but as it is not intended that we should appreciate these columns we must remain obtuse to their vices and excellencies.