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The Welsh Singers.

These are proud days for the Welshmen in St. John's when their brothers from home are here singing their own songs and giving us all a taste of such delightful part singing. Last night the Royal Gwent Welsh Singers at the College Hall, before a large audience, gave a programme that was manifestly greatly enjoyed. The gentle Walton used to wonder what music was prepared for the Saints in Heaven when we of the earth, earthly can hear such harmony, and surely the blending of voices in sweet singing is one of the most satisfying forms of that Art which is almost the greatest gift that the Creator has given us.

The Welsh Singers show that they have been touched with the inevitable regard of the general audience for a mixed and modern programme. There are some of us here who have heard so little part singing that we have not yet had too much of the old music, but we are thankful for small mercies and the programme was all too short. The most finished performances we thought were the two part songs, "O Peaceful Night" and "In Absence." They were quiet, and consequently the voices were heard to much better advantage; and there was a fineness in attack and expression that was noticeably good. "Old Black Joe" was also well done, the change for one verse to the minor key, being very effective. "The Danube," "The Soldiers Chorus," the Sextette from "Lucia," and the "Hallelujah Chorus" with many encores formed a selection to please every taste. Mr. George Francis Davies, the Conductor, though quiet in his seat, had the unanimous support of his choir and anyone who knows anything about chorus work will appreciate how much that means. Every eye was fixed on him continually and this accounted for the crispness of attack and the clear-cut phrasing and ending which are such a delight, even if they do not constitute the essential work of a choir. The leading tenor voices (which can convert themselves into male altos when required), have a great deal of "go" in their singing, and it is good to hear such precision in all the parts, and the effect of these fourteen voices (the conductor also sings) shows what volume can be obtained from a few voices that sing.

The solos, duet and trio were not the least enjoyable and all showed themselves quite at home in solo work, "Mellandale" and "The Rosary," "I Hear You Calling Me," "Absent" being familiar songs.

Mr. Hesser seems to do a little better each venture, and we have no doubt at all but full houses will reward him this week. It is an opportunity and a comparatively cheap one for all who like music to gratify their desire to hear a choir from a country of which we have always heard much regarding their singing. Of course it is a difficult job to surprise a Newfoundland and while we think of it, we would suggest to Mr. Hesser to cut down some of the advance notices so much in evidence. If we were to believe all they say, the Concert Parties are just a little lower than the angels, and Gabriel is only a consequence. The advance notice is altogether overdone and has lost its influence, because of its impossibility in most cases, of fulfillment. However, this does not apply much to the Welsh Singers, who are really worth hearing and hearing more than once.

There is a second concert to-night, and a matinee on Wednesday, and a Final Concert on Wednesday night.

Here and There.

FISHERY NORTH.—Between Upper Amherst Cove and Cape John there were 70 traps, 389 boats and 1,091 men engaged at the codfishery up to the 9th inst.

DIPHTHERIA REPORTED.—Diphtheria was reported to the Health Authorities yesterday from Mount Pearl, a boy of seven was found to be suffering. This is the first case of infectious disease reported in the city within the last fortnight.

MORE BANKERS HOME.—The schooners Effie M. Pettie, and J. A. McLean arrived at St. Jacques from the Grand Banks, yesterday, hailing for 550 and 450 quintals of fish, respectively. The Natoma, of St. Jacques, also arrived with 500 qts., half of which is ling.

REV. HATCHER PREACHES.—A meeting of Epworth Leagues took place at Wesley Church last night when the Rev. H. G. Hatcher, B.A., B.D., who has just returned from the Theological College at Montreal, preached on the Bible, and explained how it should be studied. The discourse was most interesting and instructive and was listened to by a large audience. The Rev. Mr. Hatcher is a student of the Hebrew and Greek language.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES BURNS, ETC.

NEWS BY CABLE.

Special to the Evening Telegram.
LONDON, June 15.
Sir Edward Grey, to-day, gave a luncheon in honor of Col. Roosevelt.

CHICAGO, June 15.
Adlai M. Stevenson, Vice-President of the United States, during President Cleveland's second term, died to-day in hospital in this city, at the age of 78.

WASHINGTON, June 15.
President Wilson, to-day, signed the Panama Tolls Exemption Repeal Bill, as amended in the Senate and agreed to by the House of Representatives.

ROME, June 15.
Church property suffered severely during riots, accompanying the recent general strike in Italy, according to reports presented to the Pope to-day. These show 14 churches burned, 39 damaged and 23 looted. Work was resumed generally to-day. At Ravenna, Lugo, Parma and in other districts, the authorities are gradually succeeding in restoring order.

LONDON, June 15.
According to the Daily Express, the authorities have discovered that the suffragettes pay a regular rate for the commission of acts of violence. As an example, it says that \$250 is the price paid for slashing a valuable picture. The Express says that the three stained glass windows damaged in St. George's Church last night, were historical, having been made in Mechlin, Belgium, in the year 1500.

WASHINGTON, June 15.
Mediation in the Mexican trouble got what is believed by many to be a knock-out blow last night, when it became known that President Huerta will inform President Wilson that he will not resign, but will continue the war, if Carranza or a revolutionary sympathizer is chosen by the mediators as the provisional head of the Mexican Government. The same holds good if the commission, of which the majority of members are Carranza adherents, is selected to rule.

DURAZZO, Albania, June 15.
The Albanian Government troops under the personal leadership of Prince William, to-day, repulsed a strong attack on the Albanian capital by the Mussulman insurgents. At the outset of the fighting the insurgents gained advantage over position, but after Col. Thomson, a Dutch commander of gendarmes had been killed Prince William placed himself at the head of the defenders, who succeeded in silencing the rifle and artillery fire of the attacking force after three hours' fighting.

VANCOUVER, June 15.
Starvation stares the Hindus on the Komagata Maru, in the face. Only liberal subscriptions from their fellow countrymen in this city, or an order to return to their own country will be their salvation. The last report is that they are fishing, day and night, to replenish their larder. Applications are being made to the local Hindus to come to their rescue with funds or food supplies, but the response is not generous. Provided the charter money is not paid within a few days, the order will be given for the ship to return to Japan.

Odd Fellows' Reception to The Grandmaster

Last night, Grand Master C. E. Cruickshanks, of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, in the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland, who arrived by last Saturday's express, was officially received at Atlantic Lodge, No. 1. The rooms were tastefully decorated for the occasion, and many transparent mottoes of the Order adorned the windows. Practically all the local brethren attended, and P. G. Barrett, of Queen Lodge, Sydney, P. G. House, of Cabot, Bonavista, Bros. Peyton and Alcock, of Exploits, Grand Falls, and many other visitors from the outports were also present. Grand Master Cruickshanks was accompanied by D.D.G.M. Phillips, Past Grand Quirk, Spurrell, Bartlett and Barrett, and upon arriving at the rooms was most enthusiastically received after the usual manner. The Noble Grand, G. Grimes, then presented the distinguished visitor with an elaborate address printed on satin together with a panoramic view of the City of St. John's, as a souvenir of his visit. Mr. Cruickshanks replied in a pleasing manner, and gave some interesting information of the organization he represented. Bro. Dr. Rendell also delivered an address. To-night a dinner will be given at Wood's Restaurant, in honor of the visitor. Upwards of seventy persons will be present.

INDISPOSED.—We regret to note the indisposition of Mr. George Shea. Yesterday his condition grew alarming.

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