

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Mr. Alex. Begg, of Crofter fame, is expected to arrive here in a few days.

It is reported that Miss Beatrice Johnson will shortly leave for England.

Mr. E. H. Russell, the well known tenor singer connected with the Conservatory of Music, has joined the Christ Church Cathedral choir.

Mr. W. F. Blight, a leading player of the Victoria lacrosse team, returned home, Wednesday evening, via San Francisco, from his eastern tour.

Mr. W. S. Hampson returned by the Umatilla, Wednesday evening, from San Francisco, where he went to meet his sister, Miss Heywood, of Christchurch, New Zealand, who will make him an extended visit for the benefit of her health.

The closing meeting for the season of the Musical Society, was held Tuesday evening at Gypseywyk, Moss street, the home of Mr. F. H. Worlock. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Prof. Yarnley, conductor; A. E. Laundry, treasurer; Mrs. Worlock, secretary; Mrs. Day, accompanist, and Mrs. Dennis Harris for her untiring efforts in behalf of the Society. An impromptu musical programme was rendered during the evening.

The Rt. Rev. William Wilcox Perrin, Lord Bishop of Columbia, was welcomed to his new diocese Thursday evening, by an impressive service of thanksgiving in Christ Church Cathedral. The service was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, and closed by the chanting of Le Deum Landamus, and the pronouncing of the benediction by the Lord Bishop. A public reception will be given in the Oddfellows Hall this evening, when an address of welcome will be presented by the executive committee of the diocese.

Invitations to the Arion Club concert were eagerly sought for, and Wednesday evening the Institute Hall, View street, was crowded by a fashionable audience when the members of the club and their conductor, Mr. Wm. Greig took their places on the platform. The personnel of the club was sufficient to let the audience know that a treat was in store for them and full well their expectations were realized. All of the numbers were heartily applauded and the audience were so vigorous in their applause that the club repeated most of the numbers. Mr. Russell's tenor solo, entitled The Image of the Rose was well received. The Happiest Land was the prettiest selection of the evening. Messrs. Kent and Woolaston sang the solo parts and were rewarded with a hearty encore. Miss Heathfield, who assisted the club, was well received in her solos and much appreciated. Mr. E. Wolff gave an excellent violin solo, which was heartily encored. The concert will probably be repeated the first week in June for the benefit of a local charity.

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