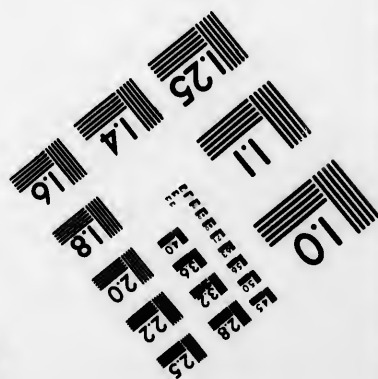
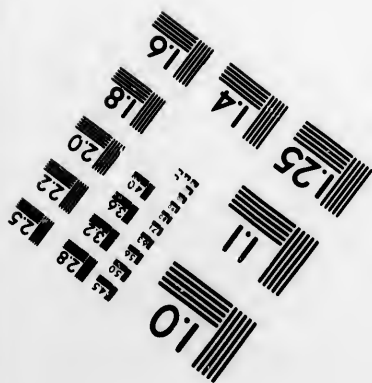
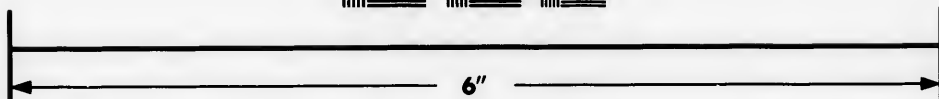
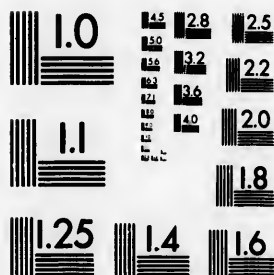


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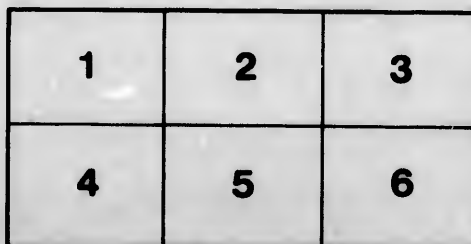
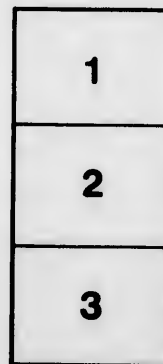
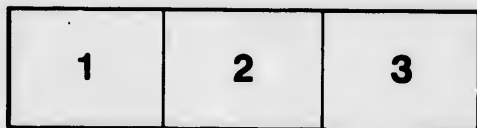
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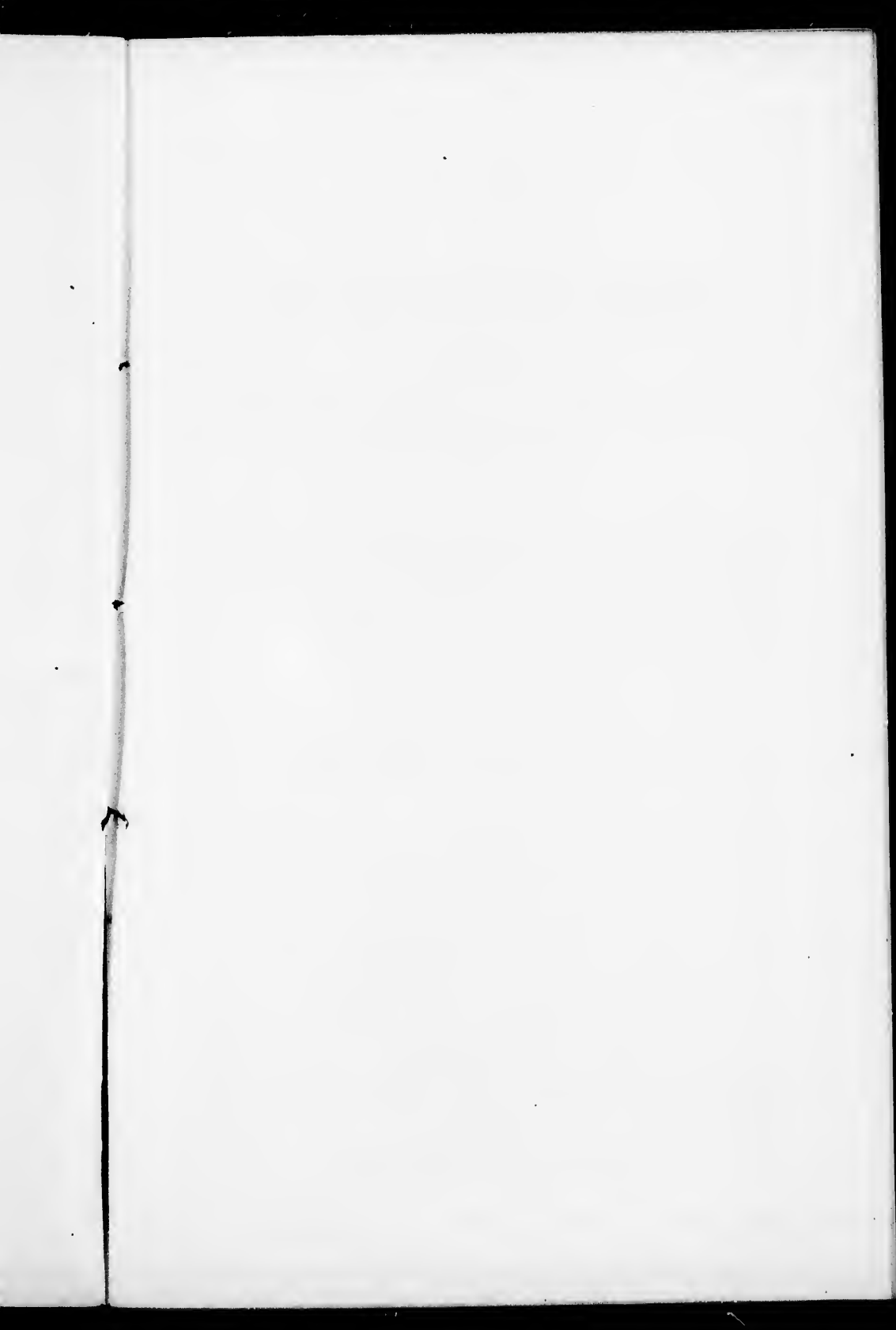
Plays at Government House



(Calendar)

1872 to 1878.

Harold Balfour





 EPILOGUE. 

Spoken by
HER EXCELLENCY THE COUNTESS OF DUFFERIN,
At the last performance.

*Kind friends! for such indeed you've proved to us—
Kinder than just I fear—and is it thus
That we must quit you? Shall the curtain fall
O'er this bright pageant like a funeral pall,
And blot forever from your friendly sight
The well-known forms and faces that to-night
For the last time have used their mimic arts
To tempt your laughter, and to touch your hearts,
Without one word of thanks to let you know
How irredeemable 's the debt we owe,
For that warm welcome, which year after year
Has waited on our poor attempts to cheer
With the gay humour of these trivial plays
Some few hours stolen from your busy days?
Despite ourselves, the grateful words WILL come,
For love could teach a language to the dumb.
'Tis just one lustre, since—a tyro band—
On paltry farce we tried our 'prentice hand,
Treading at first a less pretentious stage
E'en that the goatherds of the Thespian age;*

Without a curtain;—for each slip—a screen;—
While bedroom candles light the meagre scene.
But soon emboldened by our Public's smile,
Our Muse attempts a more ambitious style;
"THE DOWAGER" parades her stately grace,—
"OUR WIFE" declares two husbands out of place,—
To "SCHOOL" we send you, and—a sight too rare—
Show you for once, a really "HAPPY PAIR,"
Then having warned your daughters not "TO LEND"
Their only "LOVER" to a Lady friend,—
We next the fatal "SCRAP OF PAPER" burn,
And follow with "ONE HOUR,"—"JACQUES,"—in turn,
"SEMIRAMIS,"—a Debutante's "FIRST NIGHT,"—
Winging at each essay a loftier flight,
Until at last a bumper house we drew
With the melodious "MAYOR OF ST. BRIEUX!"
These our achievements—but we gladly own
The praise, if praise be due, is half your own
T'was your encouragement that nerved our wits,
Conjured hysterics, sulks, tears, fainting fits,
You taught our "Ing'nues" those airs serene,
These blushing Sirs to drop their bashful mein,—
Wherefore commissioned am I to come to-day
Our hearts and laurels at your feet to lay.
And yet my task is only half fulfilled—
Brothers and sisters of Thalia's guild (To the actors)
Who've faced with me the critic's glittering eye
And dared the terrors of yon gallery,
Who've lightened all my labour with your love
And made each effort a new pleasure prove,

*If words could thank you for your generous aid
These lips should bankrupt be to see you paid,
And oh! believe as long as life endures
The best affections of my heart are yours.
And now one last Farewell,—a few months more ^(To the audience.)
And we depart your loved Canadian shore,
Never again to hear your plaudits rise,
Nor watch the ready laughter in your eyes
Gleam out responsive to our author's wit,
However poorly we interpret it,
Nor see with artist pride your tears o'erflow,
In homage to our simulated woe.
Yet scenes like these can never wholly fade
Into oblivion's melancholy shade,
And oft at home when Christmas fire-logs burn
Our pensive thoughts instinctively will turn
To this fair city with her crown of towers
And all the joys and friends that once were ours,
And oft 'till yearning Fancy fondly fill
This hall with guests, and conjure up at will
Each dear familiar face, each kindly word
Of praise, that e'er our player souls hath stirred,
Till 'neath the melting spell of memory
Our love flows back towards you like a sea ;—
For know—whatever way our fortunes turn—
Upon the altars of our hearts shall burn
Those votive fires no fuel need renew,
Our prayers for blessings on your land and you.*

5th April, 1878.

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1872.

December 23rd.

CONCERT COSTUME.

Programme.

1. DUO "La ci darem la mano," Mozart.
MISS. ADÈLE KIMBER.
MR. R. E. KIMBER.
2. SOLO
MRS. BURRITT.
3. DUO .. From "La Fille du Régiment," .. Donizetti.
Mlle. LEPROHON.
4. SOLO
5. SOLO .. "Largo al Factotum," Rossini.
M. BARDIERE.
MR. R. E. KIMBER.

Part 2.

1. SOLOS AND CHORUS from "La Dame Blanche." Boieldieu.
 1. AH ! QUEL PLAISIR L'ÊTRE SOLDAT Mr. Blain de St. Aubin.
 2. D'ICI VOYEZ CE BEAU DOMAINE M. de Gélinas.
 3. JE N'Y PUIS RIEN COMPRENDRE. Mlle. Gélinas, Mr. Kimber, Mr. B. de St. Aubin.CHORUS.—Mrs. Percival Sheppard, Miss L. Coffin, Miss Dewe, Miss E. Stanton,
Madlle. Kimber, Miss A. Kimber, Mlle. R. Kimber, Mr. Blain de St.
Aubin, Mr. R. E. Kimber, Mr. N. McLean.
2. SOLO
MISS CLARKE.
3. DUO .. "Voici l'Heure," Don Pasquale, .. Donizetti.
MADLLE. GELINAS.
MR. R. KIMBER.
4. DUO .. "Quanto amore," Elisir d'amore, .. Donizetti.
MRS. WALTERS.
MR. R. E. KIMBER.
5. CANADIAN BOAT SONGS .. BY ALL THE AMATEURS.

1873.

March 13th & April 2nd.

TO OBLIGE BENSON.

MR. BENSON COL. STUART.
MR. TROTTER SOUTHDOWN .. F. HAMILTON, ESQ., A.D.C.
MR. JOHN MEREDITH .. F. COULSON, ESQ., A.D.C.
MRS. BENSON MISS A. HIMSWORTH.
MRS. TROTTER SOUTHDOWN MRS. STUART.

March 19th & 26th.

THE FIRST NIGHT.

ACHILLE DUFARD E. KIMBER, ESQ.
HON. BERTIE FITZDANGLE F. HAMILTON, ESQ., A.D.C.
HYACINTH PARNASSUS .. ST. DENIS LEMOINE, ESQ.
THEOPHILUS VAMP.. .. . W. HIMSWORTH, ESQ.
TIMOTHEUS FLAT R. E. KIMBER, ESQ.
GEORGE MASTER HARRY STUART.
ROSE DUFARD MISS ADELE KIMBER.
MISS ARABELLA FITZJAMES MRS. STUART.

1875.

February 18th & 24th.

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WOOING ONE'S WIFE.

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BARON MULDFOR COL. STUART.
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GERTRUDE MISS HAMILTON.

March 18th & 31st.

THE MAYOR OF ST. BRIEUX.

(AN OPERETTA.)

Composed for Her Excellency The Countess of Dufferin's Private Theatricals,
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THEIR RESPECTED PARENT C. BRODIE, Esq.

1876.

March 29th and April 8th.

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TILLY Miss LEMOINE.
MILLY Miss A. HIMSWORTH.
CLARA Miss HIMSWORTH.
KITTY LADY HELEN BLACKWOOD.
FANNY VISCOUNT CLANDEBOYE.
HETTY HON. TERENCE BLACKWOOD.

A HAPPY PAIR.

MRS. HONEYTON .. H.E. THE COUNTESS OF DUFFERIN.
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1877.

February 21st & 28th.

THE LOAN OF A LOVER.

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March 14th & 24th.

A SCRAP OF PAPER.

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MADAME DUPONT Miss LEMOINE.
PAULINE Miss A. HIMSWORTH.

1878.

April 2nd & 5th.

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