

Florenceville Amateur Dramatic Club.

The Florenceville Amateur Dramatic Club which was organized late in the summer has so far been very successful. The club decided to try to put on a concert at Florenceville on the evening of August 23rd, and with that in view, although only three weeks time intervened, went to work with a will. Two plays "The Lottery Ticket," and "A Black Diamond," were selected; then the task of choosing the most suitable person for each character was begun, and it was afterwards proven that the selections were good ones. Kearney Bros. very kindly placed their fine hall at the disposal of the club and spared no trouble or expense in fitting up the stage. D. McGaffigan and Dr. Hagerman were an advertising committee. After time for only a few practises the appointed evening arrived, but what an evening! The rain came down in torrents. At seven o'clock no one expected to see an audience of over a dozen persons. At 8.30 when the concert began the hall was crowded and many were obliged to stand during the performance. The receipts were over fifty dollars. But what about the concert? Scarcely was the opening chorus over and the first play begun when the audience became interested and amused and for over two hours there was continuous laughter. Some laughed until tears of joy ran down their cheeks; some braced themselves against the wall and laughed; all went home well satisfied and declaring that it was the best concert given in Florenceville for many years.

There were five characters in "The Lottery Ticket," viz., J. V. Kearney as the village lawyer; P. A. Ash as Wormwood the lawyer's clerk; Miss Bertie Boyer as Susan the lawyer's maid of all work; Miss Viola McCain as Mrs. Corset the milliner, and D. W. Hamilton as Susan's Cousin Charles from London. Mr. Ash, as Wormwood, was to make the fun and whenever he appeared on the stage the laughter of the audience attested to the fact that he played his part to perfection. Though of course the laughable part is most enjoyed by a village audience, a person's ability as an actor should not always be judged, as is too often the case, by the amount of fun the actor makes. Very often the laughable parts are the easiest to take and require less real acting. Miss Viola McCain, as Mrs. Corset, had a difficult part to play well and she deserves much credit for her success. Few professionals could do better than Miss Boyer, as Susan maid of all work, and many comments were made concerning her effective acting. Mr. Kearney as the lawyer, and Mr. Hamilton as Susan's cousin from London, played their parts with fine success. In general this play was much appreciated by the audience. The second part of the programme consisted of songs and comic specialties. Miss Mary McCain and Miss Bertie Boyer each sang with great success. The comic songs and stump speech of Mr. Ash convulsed the audience with laughter, especially were the local hits much enjoyed. The singing and dancing of little Miss Genevieve Bohan well merited the round after round of applause which it received, and she was encored several times.

A "Black Diamond," was then put on. The leading character was Hulda or the "Black Diamond" and this part was admirably played by Miss Kate McGaffigan. Her clever impersonation of a negro girl, the darkey dialect, singing, agility, shrugging the shoulders, inquisitiveness, and dress was much appreciated and afforded great laughter. The children especially were delighted with Hulda. D. W. Hamilton as Mr. Redford the London dude, by his peculiar so-called English dialect, his nervousness, and his great fear of Hulda, delighted all. Miss Susie Jewett as Emily, Miss Mary McCain as Fannie, and Miss Jennie Jewett as Minnie, three cousins spending the summer at a country boarding-house, looked remarkably pretty on the stage and played their parts exceedingly well. Miss Nettie Taylor the wealthy aunt of the three cousins in disguise as Dr. Zinn, took the part of a dignified maiden lady with great success. Mr. Ash as a college graduate working on the farm, did some clever acting, and A. D. McCain as Captain Houston an English dude played his difficult part well. It would be difficult to decide which of the two plays was more appreciated, more laughable or better played. All on the stage won much praise for their general appearance and the manner in which each played his or her part.

The concert was a decided success, and demonstrated the fact that there is good theatrical talent among the young people of Florenceville. Many invitations came from different places to repeat the concert and it was decided to play at Clearview on Thursday evening and at Centreville on Saturday. Thursday afternoon the members of the club drove to Clearview, had a picnic, and that evening played to a packed house in Phillips' Hall, returning home in the early hours of the morning. The kind thanks of the club is due Mr. Herb Phillips for the free use of the hall, also to Mr. Adams for kind assistance. Mr. Phillips and wife were so pleased with the concert that they drove to Centreville the next Saturday evening in order to be present again. Saturday afternoon the

members of the club drove to Centreville, had supper at the hotels and that evening played to a large and appreciative audience in Sherwood's Opera House. At Centreville as at Florenceville and at Clearview, the audience was large, the laughter was great, the order was excellent, the actors were heartily applauded and congratulated. All seemed to depart well pleased, and in general the concert was a decided success. Mr. Sherwood very kindly gave the use of his fine up-to-date opera house for half the usual charge. The receipts at Centreville were considerably over fifty dollars.

Although invitations had been received to repeat the concert at Bath, Glassville, Hartland and Woodstock, it was impossible to do so, as several members of the company had to leave the village. After paying all expenses the club had \$112 on hand, which amount was given to a sidewalk committee. More money will be raised by the committee and next spring a fine new sidewalk will be laid through the village. The Florenceville Amateur Dramatic Club may be heard from again.

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The Farmers' Institute.

The list of meetings, speakers and subjects for the Farmers' Institute for September and October have been published by the Department of Agriculture. Following is part of the list:—

New Denmark, No. 48, Patron Hall, October 20; Andover, No. 46, Orange Hall, October 21; Perth, No. 76, October 22; Kincardine, 60, School House, October 23; Aberdeen, No. 45, McIntosh Hall, October 24; Wilmot, Wicklow and Kent, No. 44; Hall, Centreville, October 25; Wakefield, No. 43, Tilley Hall, Jacksonville, October 27; Lindsay, School House, October 28.

The meetings mentioned above will be addressed by Henry Glendenning, of Manilla, Ont., who will speak on "Cultivation of the Soil and Rotation of Crops," "Under Draining," "Weeds and How to Destroy Them," "Grasses for Pasture," "The Growing of Red and Alsike Clover for Seed," "Breeding and Feeding of Hogs for Market," "Feeds and Feeding," "Poultry on the Farm," and C. F. Alward, of Havelock, Kings Co., whose subjects are "Summer Care of Dairy Cows," "Winter Care of Dairy Cows," "Raising Dairy Calves," "Sheep Husbandry," "Pork Production," "Wheat Growing," "Cultivation of the Soil," "Conservation of Soil Moisture," "Mixed Farming," "Corn Growing for Ensilage," "Co-operation in Cheese Factories."

The Grand Falls and Drummond Institute, No. 78, will meet at the school house of District No. 7, on October 15th, and Madawaska, No. 77, at the town hall, Edmundston, on October 17th. These two meetings will be addressed by J. H. Grisdale, B. A., Agriculturist Experimental Farm, Ottawa, whose subjects are "Cultivation of the Soil," "The Bacon Pig," "Feeding Dairy Cattle," "A Talk on Feeds and Their Value," "Farm Management," "Crop Rotation," "A Trip Through Great Britain," and L. C. Daigle, Dairy Superintendent, Moncton, who talks of "Feeding and Care of Cows for Summer and Winter Dairying," "Breeding a Dairy Cow," "Care of Milk for Creamery and Cheese Factory," "Importance of Keeping Up the Milk Supply," "How to Improve our Farms."

Revival of the Sailing Ship.

Springfield Republican: The launching of a seven-masted, 10,000 tons, displacement steel schooner on the Weymouth water front last week is pretty forcibly calculated to hush the talk of the disappearance of the sailing vessel. In fact, the day of this vessel, built on dimensions never dreamed of as possible in former times, seems to be just coming in. Partisans of the Nicaragua canal route are urging this revival of the sailing ship as an objection to the Panama route. A region of calms, it is said, exists on the western side of the isthmus at Panama, which would make that route impracticable for sailing vessels

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BRIGGS—WARK. At the bride's home, August 27th, 1902, by Rev. Charles Henderson, Mr. Wilson Briggs of North View, Vic. Co. to Miss Mary Lavina Wark of Sisson Ridge, Vic. Co.

DIED.

PERLEY.—Died suddenly at Sheffield, N. B., on the 7th. Sept. 1902, Miss Margaret E. Perley in the 75th. year of her age.

BOYER.—At the residence of his father, Victoria Hotel, Woodstock, N. B., Sept. 3rd, of consumption, Matthew F. aged 32 years and 6 months, third son of Thomas J. and the late Jane Boyer, leaving a father, a stepmother, two brothers Charles in Colorado and George in Michigan, three sisters Mrs. Charles Burpee in St. John, N. B., Ada and Carrie at home to mourn their loss.

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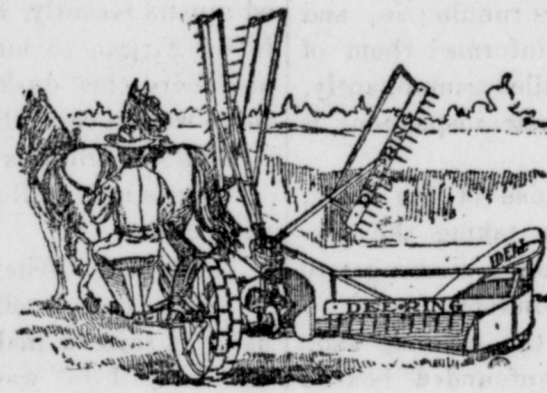
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