

Instruments, none could yet rival in harmony and power the Female Voice. Pleased with themselves and with each other pleased, the company retired to their respective homes, to tell of all they felt and all they saw.

AMATEUR BAND CONCERT.

We feel ourselves indebted to a Correspondent for the following remarks on the Musical entertainment given by the Amateur Band. Associated as we are with that body, our Correspondent rightly conjectured that we felt rather uncomfortable in the matter. To not notice it at all, would not be doing justice to the other members constituting the band; and should we bestow a few laudatory comments on the performance, we imagined it might be considered egotistical. The receipt of our Correspondent's letter relieves us from our unpleasant embarrassment.

Mr. Editor, Under the impression that the position in which you were placed as President or Conductor of the Chatham Amateur Band, at the Concert with which that body, lately entertained its patrons, may tax your modesty rather too heavily, in the event of your noticing the matter in your editorial capacity: and, indeed, influenced by the further consideration, that it may be possible, owing to the reason already assigned, that you may not notice the matter at all, I am induced to offer a few remarks, with a request, that if any thing more appropriate be presented, you will reject this and adopt the other.

And in the first place I would observe, that having been rather late in entering the room, I was very gratifyingly surprised at its appearance!—there I was met by a profusion of light emanating from transparent wax candles, and shedding its lustre upon a highly respectable audience, which by the time the performance commenced, had become as numerous as could have been wished, for comfort; and must have been highly gratifying to yourself and your associates, Sir, as the parties more directly interested, as well as to all those who composed your audience. The fitting up of the room, generally, reflected very great credit on the parties concerned; and its temperature throughout the evening was all that could be desired, in that respect. In connexion with this part of my observations I cannot help noticing the exceedingly dexterous manoeuvre of three members of the Band, who, first having ascertained, on enquiry, of some of the audience, that the temperature was comfortable, determined to remove from the room a small auxiliary stove, and upon this determination, they acted as if by magic.

My position happened to be auspicious, having been near the door, and such as to enable me, without inconvenience, to command a view both of the audience and of the Band—and I must say, that when the crisis arrived that the evening's entertainment was to commence, that your fagelman gave his bass drum the preparatory tap, and that the glitter of your highly polished and burnished instruments, commingled with the happy countenances and general appearance of your audience, and the decoration of your room, it, as a whole, presented a galaxy, such as is rarely witnessed in Miramichi, and as will leave an enduring impression upon the minds of those who enjoyed it. The distribution of your PROGRAMME, previously to the commencement of the music, was in good taste, but notwithstanding that, it was very general, yet the public generally, who feel interested in such matters, may think it desirable to see it, for that reason, I should, with your permission, wish to see it introduced:—It is as follows.

PART I.

Grand March from the Opera of Norma.
Chatham Rifle Company's Quick Step.
Hunter's Waltz.
Heart's of Oak.
Julian Polka.
Oh, Susannah.
Louisville March.

PART II.

Bristol March.
Bass Horn Quick Step.
Tyrolienne Waltz.
Dandy Jim.
Camilla Polka.
Troubadour Quick Step.
Fourth Dragon's March.

PART III.

Harrison's Grand March.
Hogan's Quick Step.
Brunswick Waltz.
O Dear, what can the matter be.
Dan Tucker.
Duchess of Kent's Gallopade.
Trumpet March.

PART IIII.

Tina March.
Quick March from the Opera of Cymon.
Song of Temperance Quick Step.

Mahala Waltz.
Lucy Neal.
Chatham Band Quick Step.
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

The musical part of the public who did not attend, will be enabled to judge of the good taste with which you catered for your audience. These who did attend, manifested their approbation in terms not to be mistaken, and which yourself and associates cannot readily forget.

The introduction of 'Oh, Susanna,' 'Dandy Jim,' 'Dan Tucker' and his associate, 'Lucy Long' and 'Lucy Neal,' one into each of your parts, had a most happy effect, and produced plaudits 'long and loud.' In your performance generally throughout, it was evident that 'time and tune' were well developed in the organization of the Band; and the smoothness and regularity of your movements, from beginning to end, reflects very great credit upon your association. I, myself, felt particularly gratified by your performance of the 'Tyrolienne Waltz.'

Situated as I was, Sir, and as I before observed, I had the whole audience under my eye—the room was so luminous, as that there were no dark corners, and the company so arranged as that there was no crowding, and yet it is rather painful to me to have to request of you, thus to notice a small matter, which came under my observation. I did not observe that any notoriously 'Black Sheep,' had found their way into the room—but I did observe that there was one Black Lamb, in the shape of a Lad, not far from fifteen years of age, whom, it was evident to me, determined upon annoying—impudently annoying, a very young lady, who sat near him—he should be marked, and denied admittance into any public company, until he learns better manners. One of his initial letters is R.; and I do hope, for his own sake that he will see this article and take the hint, else he possibly may get a broader one the next time he is caught 'showing off.'

In conclusion, Mr Editor, you may rest assured that the feeling and expression of satisfaction with your performance is general and without exception; and it only remains for me to hope that the result, in conformity with the original object, has been equally satisfactory to yourself and associates.

AN OBSERVER.

Chatham, Monday morning, 29th Jan.

ADDRESS TO W. END, ESQ.

A Correspondent has forwarded to us the following documents for publication. He says the address was signed by over one thousand persons.

TO WILLIAM END ESQ., M. P. P.

Sir,—A number of your constituents in this parish, impressed by a consideration of the duration and importance of your services, as a Representative of the County in the General Assembly, conceive it due to themselves, now that you are about to attend your legislative duties for the Twentieth time, to discharge in some measure the great obligation they feel under to you, by publicly declaring their high appreciation of these services.

When the constituency of this county by an almost unanimous voice, first entrusted you with the charge of their public interests, the county was in a rude, feeble, and neglected state; with a Trade transient and insignificant, and comparatively without Roads, Bridges, or Schools.

You then promised to devote your attention and energies to the removal of those evils, and the improvement of our condition; and although it required exertion and industry of no ordinary magnitude to accomplish it, we feel that you have fully, faithfully, and nobly redeemed that promise.

The proofs of this are visible in our extended commerce, our multiplied facilities of communication, our much increased population, our widely spreading fields of cultivation, and the additional vigor and enterprise manifested by the husbandman, which, repeated by running seasons of failing crops, cannot totally cramp or destroy.

We view the present as a crisis in the affairs of the Provincial and the Legislative Session, in whose deliberations you are now about to take a part; meet for the first time under what may be deemed a new Constitution, a new Governor, and a new Government, and doubtless with new and changed views and opinions. Under all these circumstances, therefore, we think we should not delay to offer you this feeble testimony of our sense of your merits as a Legislator, that it may serve, not only to show you that we are not unmindful of our obligations, but that it may afford you encouragement, and inspire you with confidence throughout all the revolving phases of political change.

To continue steadfast in the course you have hitherto pursued, a course to us so signally beneficial and advantageous, and which we fully believe is consistent with the best interest of the Province.

Gentlemen, You, who know me well, can appreciate my feelings on the receipt of these addresses, so generously signed, coming from almost every

settlement in the County, and, above all, bearing no marks of those undue influences by which expressions of Public opinion are frequently contaminated.

You place my Legislative services in a light much too favourable; but if I have been zealous and successful in my endeavours for your interest—it must be borne in mind that without your own industry and indomitable perseverance, legislation would have availed but little; and those smiling abodes of civilized man, by which this County is now adorned, would have still remained the undisturbed possessions of the Caribboes and the Bear.

We have cause for much thankfulness in the comparative prosperity of the County of Gloucester. While other parts of the Province are pouring out their hundreds, to search in a foreign land for that employment and remuneration which cannot be found in this land of their birth or their adoption, we have as yet witnessed but a very limited emigration of our neighbors or our friends. And the wise and enlightened system of even-handed justice originally established among us, during the administration of the good Sir Archibald Campbell, (which did not recognize creed, or country, or party, as its qualifications for office, or the confidence of the Sovereign) has preserved us from those bickerings, falsely called religious, and absurd party contentions, by which other counties are afflicted.

To receive so general an expression of approbation, after having enjoyed the people's uninterrupted confidence for nearly twenty years, is an incident of rare occurrence in Colonial history, and I can only say that I receive it in the same spirit in which I believe it is offered. My political life has ever been governed by one fixed opinion, that "British connexion and British protection should be the interest as well as the glory of this Colony!" and deeply should I deplore it if any mistaken policy at Home, or any system of oligarchical tyranny, a party favoritism here, should undermine a principle so long regarded with almost religious veneration.

Sustained by these addresses, on resuming my legislative duties, I shall gladly unite with those men (and I trust they are many) by whose exertions trade may be revived, public confidence restored, the machinations of party and faction confounded, the revenues of the province applied to useful purposes, and not wasted in satiating the cupidity of an irresponsible, unprincipled, and self-created compact; and this once happy and flourishing colony restored to a position which may bear comparison with any part of this widely extended continent.

To you, Gentlemen, my ancient friends—some of whom met me when I first landed on your shores, and warmly supported me during a protracted political struggle, how can I express my pride and gratification on perusing those addresses, bearing your signatures, and, in some instances, the signatures of your children's children. Time may relax those energies for which you give me credit, but time can never eradicate from my breast that deep sense of those obligations which I now so gladly acknowledge. Hoping that we may all be spared again to co-operate for good; assuring you of my ardent desire to serve you fearlessly and faithfully, and trusting that the approaching Legislative Session, may be a blessed era in the history of New Brunswick, I bid you an affectionate farewell.

WILLIAM END.

Bathurst, 27th January, 1849.

AN INVITATION.—The Northern Courier informs us that he travelled the new road from Dickson's to Currie's, for the first time on Wednesday last, and he requests us to state that he invites his Chatham friends, and the public generally, to take a trip through to assist him in breaking the road, and see for themselves, the great advantage this one possesses over the old road.

NOVASCOTIA.—Two soldiers, one belonging to the 20th and the other to the 7th regiments, have been committed for trial, for robbing St. Mary's Cathedral. The evidence was very strong against them.

The following amendments to the address of the Assembly, in answer to the Governor's speech, was moved by the Hon. Mr. Johnson, which after a stormy debate was lost—20 to 11.

When the public accounts shall be laid before us, we shall be happy to find that the revenue of the last year has been equal to all the public obligations, the providing for unforeseen casualties as they arose, and the discharging of the ties of humanity towards the deceased and the unfortunate cast on our shores. We encourage the confidence that the resources of the province are adequate to raise it from its present depressed condition, if they shall be drawn forth and disposed of with judgment and fidelity; and if provincial industry shall receive judicious encouragement and direction. Of the future destinies of Nova Scotia there will be no occasion for apprehension, when its rulers in their own conduct exhibit, that the happiness of the people and not the advancement of individuals is their principal object; and that they rely for stability of Government on the wisdom, integrity and equity of its measures rather than on a corrupt and tyrannical exercise of patronage. By these means, with the Divine favor, will the welfare of the Province be promoted, public credit flourish, and an impetus be given to internal improvement.

We are happy to be informed that the quantity of fish taken around our coast has proved as abundant as in former seasons; and regret that the price of this great staple in the market abroad has been depressed; and while we believe that this diminution of price has been owing in some degree to general causes, we yet fear that a deterioration in the high character which this valuable product of provincial industry once bore, has greatly increased that disastrous result.

The Editor of the Courier thus humorously notices the weather experienced in Halifax:

The weather has been playing all sorts of freaks since Tuesday last; and it has rained, blew, snow, thaw, frizzed, and then snowed and rained again all in the space of twenty-four hours. But since Thursday the North wind has shown a determination quite appalling to weak nerves; and the thermometer fell so low at last that nobody would look at it.

It was quite amusing on Thursday to see the musicians of the Guard of Honor outside the Province Building, puffing their cheeks out in fruitless attempts to play the National Anthem when the Lieutenant Governor arrived. But it was no go, the wind was there but the sound was not. Enterpe refused to lend her aid, and the big drum, and the side drums were the only votaries of Apollo who put Jack Frost at defiance—if we except our old fashioned fife, who for as many as a hundred paces after marching off, managed to whistle forth 'Carry on the Glory!' The music inside was more fortunate, and the spacious halls of Legislation resounded with the notes of 'God save the Queen.' Encouraged by their success in the stove-heated hall, the 97th formed and marched off with—great wags them 97th fellows—'Coming through the Rye'—only think of coming through the rye with the thermometer below the cipher, and a cutting north wind rushing through the streets of Halifax, Nova Scotia, on the 18th of January. But they shared the same fate as the 38th fife—a hundred paces and the drums had it all to themselves. To be sure one strong fellow with a trombone, managed to hang out a little longer than the rest—but he also was soon silenced; and it was not until the instruments had been snugly deposited in the band rooms, that they under the influence of a good fire, like the horn spoken of by Baron Munchausen under similar circumstances, were thawed out, and then voluntarily gave forth the tones that had been frozen in them.

ST. JOHN REFORM CLUB.—The Morning News continues to publish the address delivered at this institution. The last subject under discussion had reference to the Laws of Imprisonment for Debt in the Province.

SMALL POX IN MIRAMICHI.—We are sorry to have it to record, that this fatal and loathsome disease has made its appearance among us. Dr. Key, one of the Health Officers, reported that he had on Friday last, by the request of the Overseers of the Poor, examined several families in Chatham, and found FOURTEEN cases of decided Small Pox. The Justices on receiving the report, called a Special Session for the purpose of bringing the matter immediately before the Executive. The Session met on Saturday; and we understand, passed resolutions to the effect, that Small Pox having appeared in Miramichi, that the Executive should be immediately apprised of the fact, and the necessity that existed of steps being taken by the Government to have the persons requiring it vaccinated; and calling on them to appoint a Board of Health, as it will be impossible for the Sessions to act under the existing laws, with any effect. We hope the Executive will see the necessity of complying with the request of the Sessions. We long ago urged the establishment of a Board of Health in the County; and now that disease of a most virulent nature has made its appearance among us, we trust it will have the effect of inducing them to perform an act of justice and humanity which they have most strangely too long withheld from us. We can assure them, the inhabitants of this County will wait with deep anxiety and solicitude, their action in this important matter.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—An unusual press of original matter, and the receipt of European news, compels us to postpone the insertion of H. M.'s letter.

The Librarian of the Miramichi Mechanic's Institute, begs to signify to the members thereof, that he will attend at the Institute for the delivery of Books, every Thursday, from One o'clock, till about a quarter past Two, as he has been accustomed to do.

ERRATA.—In the list of Directors of the Northumberland Agricultural Society, published in our last week's paper, Messrs. Daniel Withersell and David Johnstone, being Nos. 5 and 6, were omitted. And at the 7th line of the 10th paragraph of the Secretary's Report of the Annual Meeting and Exhibition, instead of 'not a Farmer,' read 'not a furrow.'

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