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JUBILEE SINGERS IN SCOTLAND.

(We are indebted to Scotch papers for the following interesting details.)

• CASTLE WEMYSS. FIRST APPEARANCE.

On the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. John Burns, a large company assembled at Castle Wemyss on Saturday afternoon, when the Jubilee Singers made their first appearance in Scotland.

The concert came off on the lawn in front of Castle Wemyss. A platform was erected for the Singers under the castle wall, in front of which the audience were seated. The invitations sent out by Mr. and Mrs. Burns numbered upwards of five hundred, and amongst those present were The Right Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury, Lady Edith Ashley, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Evelyn Ashley, the Hon. Cecil Ashley, Mr. Dalrymple, M. P., Sir Peter and Lady Coats.

The weather was rather changeable, so that the concert, which commenced at two and terminated at four o'clock, was interrupted for a short time by a heavy shower of rain, and singing in the open air in this country is rather trying in the case of a small company of vocalists who are natives of a warmer climate, and unassisted by any orchestral accompaniments. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, the Jubilee Singers fully maintained the

reputation they have already acquired in this country as singers of great natural power and expression, having nothing in common with the spurious negroes who, as "Christy's Minstrels," profess to sing the melodies of the plantation. Their songs and hymns are marked by passionate fervor and quaintness of expression; while their music, although the outcome of wholly untutored minds, and not reaching the standard of educated musicians, has a powerful charm of its own, which gains in attractiveness by the round, bell-like voices of the minstrels. They sing well together, with exquisite precision of time and accent, and with a simple earnestness which bespeaks the sincerity of their feeling, and relieves the audience from the sense of incongruity which would otherwise be felt at the sacred sentiment being expressed in language occasionally grotesque. Their first hymn, "Steal away to Jesus," was very softly and touchingly rendered, and a striking effect was produced by their afterwards chanting "The Lord's Prayer." The company were much impressed, and towards the close of the concert the prayer was repeated at the request of the Earl of Shaftesbury. Another of their pieces, "Turn back Pharaoh's Army," was given with great effect, and at one passage with unintentional drollery. "Gwine to Ride up in a Chariot," "Gwine Shoutin' Home to Glory," were amongst the other hymns which they sang with a curious mixture

been sent forth, Fisk University might have been compelled to close its doors.

Thus money has been provided, and as the result, we have to-day, free from debt, twenty-five acres of land; we have the foundation of Jubilee Hall laid, and paid for as far as built. Above all expenses thus far, we have now on hand between \$5,000 and \$6,000. We have felt all along that we have been working in the line of God's providences and we take this as an indication that God will further prosper this great work.

It is the design of the officers of the American Missionary Association and the workers in Fisk University, to develop the highest type of Christian manhood and womanhood among the students of the Institution. If we succeed in this, we succeed in our work, if we fail to do this, so far is our work a failure. The past inspires us with hope for the future, and we invite our friends to unite with us in giving thanks for what has already been done and for the promises to come.

After the address of the Rev. Mr. Cravath, Captain T. C. Steward read the list of articles to be deposited in the corner-stone. The list is extensive, but the capacity of the corner-stone is large, the cavity being a cubical foot.

CONTENTS OF BOX IN CORNER-STONE.

Holy Scriptures; photographs of Jubilee Hall, of original site of Fisk University, of Howard Chapel, of two groups of the Jubilee Singers, of Rev. E. M. Cravath, Mr. G. L. White, Rev. G. D. Pike and of other friends of the University, together with copies of religious, scientific and secular papers.

The box was then deposited in the cavity by Captain T. C. Steward, and Rev. E. M. Cravath, with the skill of a master, covered it over with mortar and smoothly finished it off in the most approved manner of the practical mason.

Prof. F. A. Chase led in an earnest

prayer, invoking the blessing of God upon the enterprise, and upon the people for whom it is intended.

The pupils of the University then united in singing Jubilee songs—"I ain't got long to stay here," and "Coming for to carry me home, etc."

Addresses were also made by Prof. S. Y. Caldwell, Superintendent of City Schools; Prof. J. B. Lindsley, D. D.; Rev. Mr. Thompson, Dr. Atchison, Hon. W. F. Prosser and Rev. H. S. Bennett.

The doxology was sung and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. McNeal, successor of Rev. J. G. McKee, the first missionary teacher among the colored people of Nashville. Just as the last word was uttered the sun sank beneath the western horizon and the people separated to their homes.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY.

Theological Department.

Rev. J. B. Reeve, D.D., the resident professor in the Theological Department of the University writes thus of a prayer meeting held by his pupils.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 30, 1873.

I have just come from our Department prayer-meeting. It is held after our recitations. We had twenty strong men there. One prayed fervently to be baptized with the missionary spirit; another, with eyes full of tears, spoke of God's goodness in causing Howard University to be erected, in raising up friends to help students here, and asked "How can we show any measure of the gratitude we feel but by carrying this Gospel to those who sit in darkness." Thus they poured out their hearts to God, and to each other. Prof. ——— was in the meeting, and said to me at its close, "I have never been so deeply impressed with the strength and importance of the Department, as I am to-night." Our meetings are always good; but the one to-night suggested 2d Cor. 9: 12-13, "For the administration of this service," &c.