ENTERTAINING A CHOIR.

Since the great Boston Peace Jubilee, our hitherto quiet village has been in a state of continual uproar. Glee-clubs vie with the town-choirs in making both day and night hideous with their perpetual turmoil.

I could withstand this with a commendable degree of patience would they give us old familiar songs and tunes; but in lieu thereof we have a something that would even puzzle Watts, or any of the old hymn makers, to make either head or tail, middle or beginning out of.

"Once upon a time" I had the honor to lead the good old-fashioned choir of the aristocratic church of our neighborhood. Then it was that when I pitched the tune, they went ahead, and did up the business on hand in short meter, and took their seats like a well-behaved and modest set of people; and those were the times that tried the muscular arrangements of the throat and mouth; but now—

Let me tell you.

Jane—Jane is my oldest daughter—she is a member of the choir, of the Mendelssohn, Beethoven, and I don't remember how many other clubs besides. The choir meets for practice every Friday evening. They meet at the several residences of its members. Last Friday evening mine was the house to be given up to the sacrifice.

I debated within myself whether to become oblivious to all sounds, sweet or otherwise, by liberal potations of liquor, or to take refuge with some kind but distantly-removed friend.

Jane noticed my troubled mind, as reflected on my countenace. She bade me for her sake to cheer up, and entertain the non-combatants—singers, I should have said.

They came—the organ, the choir, and the audience; filling the house to overflowing, save one room, which I had reserved for myself and my particular friends.

Obedient to my daughter's request, I made myself conspicuous by my acts of gallantry, especially to the young and fair—out of which number I expect to choose my second wife, at some future day.

The first song or two was remarkably well done, being of the simple, plain old school of long time ago. The next on the repertoire was an anthem. Composed of but eighteen words, it required three hours and a half of unrelaxed effort on the part of the choir to finish it off.

The organist struck up, and rattled off a medley composed of "Oh, for a thousand tongues," "Old dog Tray," "Put me in my little Bed," etc. Then the leader, in a sleep tone, sung "Praise," the alto, 'Per-aise,' the basso 'P-e-r-a-i-s-e,' then they subsided; and suddenly, as if struck by a streak of lightning, all joined in "Praiseye theLord." The female portion here rested, while the males went at it again. "Praise ye, praise ye—ye praise, ye praise ye—the hee-hee hee—the Lor, the Lor—thelothelothelo." Then the feminines took a turn in about the same manner.

But the thing couldn't last, sure. It was now nearly ten o'clock, and the anthem not half through with. Myself and friends paid quite a number of visits to our room, to consult over this style of music, and to sample the Bourbon. We now bolted the door, and went into secret session.

"Hank!" says Jim White, "do you know what I think is the matter down there? The last word of that sentence that they are now at is Lord, according to the best of my belief. Now, give me pen, ink and paper."

The implements were provided. He indited a note to the leader, teeming with compliments, and suggesting the lost word.

Teague, the Irish boy, was called, and commanded to carry the note to Doctor Brightman (the leader) without delay.

The messenger performed his part admirably. Rushing into the midst of the singers, with a loud voice, he proclaimed to the doctor:

"There's a dead man wan'ts to see you, sur, and here's a letther he sent you."

The music ceased, the note was perused, and the anxious crowd of inquirers informed that the dead man was of their own murdering.

Again they resumed their song, with but little hopes of a speedy conclusion.

"Now, if this was my house," says Jim, "I'd turn the whole lot of 'em out."

"But you wouldn't tell them to quit in so many words, would you?"

"No. Start 'em up with an earthquake, or something of that sort. Where's the cannon you celebrated with last year?"

"Housed up, down in the cellar."

"Just the arrangement—just the place! Now, one more bumper all around, and to this sentiment: 'Here's to the lame, and broken-winded, vainly endeavoring to escape the Day of Judgment. May they have abundance of faith to carry them through the trying ordeal in a becoming manner. Hank, take the light, and show the way.'"

I suppose my head must have been affected by the stimulants, besides being confused by the noise, or I should never have consented; but that is neither here or there. We unearthed the article—a small-sized, but loud-toned instrument of war. Jim installed himself as chief gunner, while I served as powder-monkey, supplying him with two one-pound canisters, and a couple of cast-off petticoats for wadding.

All was ready for action.

"Now, wait," says Jim to the man who had volunteered to apply the match—"wait until they simmer down on the little end of that 'For-ever,' and then let her rip."

"For ev——"

"Not yet," says Jim.

"For-ev-ev-ev—for-ev," came louder and more of it—"f-o-r-e-v-e-r."

An explosion followed, which came near near demolishing the entire fabric. The glass rattled from the sash, and the entire population of the house made for the doors and windows. Some ran to the village for assistance, but more remained scattered about the lawn, some dead gone in a faint, and others calling on the Lord to save them from the wrath to come. The villagers came pouring down like a flood. They assisted in caring for the wounded—in spirit—while myself, Jim, and the selectmen of the town began an investigation as to the cause of the disturbance. Jim expressed the opinion that it must have been an earthquake. I suggested Guy Fawkes, and an underground visit was undertaken.

There stood the disturber, looking as cold and grim and brassy as if nothing had occurred.

But who was the individual with malicious intent?

"Have you any enemies, Mr. Wilkins?" inquired the squire.

"Enemies? No, sir, not that I am aware of; and I herewith authorize you to offer a reward of five hundred dollars for the detection of the scoundrel

No one as yet has claimed the reward; but glee-clubs, etc., are not as popular in our town as they were.

Anecdotes of Marshal Suvoroff.

The stories told of Marshal Suvoroff display, better than whole pages of description, the wonderful way in which he contrived to adapt himself to the rude spirits with whom he had to deal, without losing one jot of his authority. The old Marshal more than once met with his match. One of his favorite jokes was to confuse a man by asking him unexpectedly: "How many stars are there in the sky?"

On one occasion he put this question to one of his sentries, on a bitter January night, such as only Russia can produce. The soldier, not a whit disturbed, answered coolly, "Wait a little and I'll tell you;" and he deliberately began to count, "One, two, three," etc. In this way he went gravely on to a hundred, at which point Suvoroff, who was already half frozen, thought it high time to ride off, not, however, without inquiring the name of this ready reckoner. The next day the latter found himself promoted, and the story (which Suvoroff told with great glee to his staff) speedily made its way through the whole army.

On another occasion, one of his generals of division sent him a sargent with dispatches, at the same time recommending the bearer to Suvoroff's notice. The Marshal, as usual, proceeded to test him by a series of whimsical questions, but the catechumen was equal to the occasion.

"How far is it to the moon?" asked Suvoroff.

"Two of your Excellency's forced marches," answered the sargent.

"If your men began to give way in a battle, what would you do?"

"I'd tell them that just behind the enemy's line there was a wagon-load of corn-brandy."

"Suppose you were blockaded, and you had no provisions left, how would you supply yourself?"

"From the enemy."

"How many fish are there in the sea?"

"As many as have not yet been caught."

And so the examination went on till Suvoroff, finding his new acquaintance armed at all points, at length asked him, as a final poser: "What is the difference between your colonel and myself?"

"The difference is this," replied the soldier, coolly: "My colonel cannot make me a captain, but your Excellency has only to say the word!"

Suvoroff, struck by his shrewdness, kept his eye upon the man, and in no long time after actually gave him the specified promotion.—*All the Year Round.*

How to Get the Best Place.

I saw a young man in the office of a Western railway superintendent. He was occupying a position that four hundred boys in that city would have wished to get. It was honorable and "it paid well," besides being in the line of promotion. How did he get it? Not by having a rich father, for he was the son of a laborer. The secret was, his beautiful accuracy. He began as an errand boy, and did his work accurately. His leisure time he used in perfecting his writing and arithmetic. After a while he learned to telegraph At each step his employer commended his accuracy, and relied on what he did because he was sure it was just right. And it is thus with every occupation. The accurate boy is the favored one. Those who employ men do not wish to be on the constant look-out, as though they were rogues or fools. If a carpenter must stand at his journeyman's elbow to be sure his work is right, or if a cashier must run over his book-keeper's column's, he might as well do the work himself as to employ another to do it in that way; and it is very certain that the employer will get rid of such an inaccurate workman as soon as possible.

I knew such a young man. He had a good chance to do well, but he was so inaccurate and unreliable that people were afraid to trust him. If he wrote a deed, or a mortgage, or a contract, he was sure either to leave out something or put in something to make it an imperfect paper. He was a lawyer without business, because he lacked the noble quality of accuracy. Just across the street from him was another young lawyer, who was proverbial for accuracy. He was famous for searching titles, and when he wrote out the history of a title to a piece of property, it was taken for granted as just so. His aim was absolute accuracy in everything. If he copied a conveyance, or cited a legal authority, or made a statement, he aimed to do it exactly. The consequence is, he is having a valuable practice at the bar, and is universaliy esteemed.

"But," says some boy, "when I become a man, that is the way I shall do. I mean to be very accurate."

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March 16—tf. Chestertown, Md.

Notice to Tax Payers.

THE Tax Payers of the Third Election District of Kent County are hereby notified that the taxes for 1871 are in the hands of the Collector, and prompt payment is hereby demanded

All persons indebted for taxes for 1870 are seriously urged to make immediate payment, or the Collector will resort to the summary process of the law.

WILLIAM V. LUCAS,

Collector of Tax for Third District.

July 15, 1871—tf.

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Baltimore, August 26, 1871—y

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent County, letters of Administration on the estate of

MARTIN L. NEWSOME,

late of Kent county, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the 23d day of November, 1872; otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. Given under my hand this 23d day of April, 1872.

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April 27, 1872—4t. Administrator.

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Chestertown, April 20, 1872.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county, letters of Administration on the estate of

WILLIAM J. GRIFFITH,

late of Kent county, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the 2d day of November, 1872; otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. Given under my hand this 2d day of April, 1872.

WALTER J. GRIFFITH,

April 2, 1872—4t. Administrator.

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