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The Paisley Glee Club 1875



The Paisley Glee Club have had an excursion to this far-famed glen, leaving County Square about two o'clock afternoon, and reaching Lochwinnoch before three. Above the hotel occupied by Mr MacMillan there is large comfortable well furnished apartment, pretty well adapted for musical meetings, which was freely placed at the disposal of the members. Mr MacMillan, we believe, is a native of Paisley, although has long resided in Lochwinnoch, and appeared very glad to see many Paisley bodies. These periodical visits of the club to this place and that are much appreciated by the members. It is a very pleasant way spending Saturday afternoon, combining the feast of reason and flow of soul with healthful recreation in the open air.

The weather last Saturday was unusually favourable, and the enjoyment for all was correspondingly enhanced.

The books of the club have been unpacked and the conductor is ready to start we must not hinder the members from the glees selected for this meeting, which were sung in the following order:

"In the pleasant Summer Day" Beale. "Health my Dear" ...Spofforth. "Abelard,"Calcott. "Where shall we make her Grave,"....Sir H. R. Bishop. "Crabbed Age and Youth," ... Stevens.

After the foregoing pieces were sung we were invited by Mr MacMillan to inspect his garden, and help ourselves to any quantity of his splendid crop. Having made a pretty good impression on the grozets, it was decided that every man should pocket his book and set out for the glen.

Here the following glees were tried, although not so satisfactorily as could be wished on account of the noise of water dashing among the rocks:

"Green of the Valley," ... Calcott. "The Mighty Conqueror,"....Webb "Come, Bounteous May,"Spofforth.

Whilst the singing was going on a numerous party of Good Templars from Paisley made their appearance on the edge of the cliff, where they did us the honour of listening to our efforts, and applauding them far beyond their merits. It was decided, however, that the remainder of the programme should be sung within doors. Accordingly tracks were made for the village, and the glees still the list were sung in our former quarters:

"Are White Hours for ever fled?" "Come live with me and be my Love," "If love and all the world were young," "Adien, ye Streams," "Wanton Gales," "Sweet Poet of the Woods," "How often have I seen the generous Bowl,"

