AMUSEMENTS.

Easkan Conservatorium. The second Christmas music party of the season was held on Monday evening at the Easkan Conservatorium. The instrumental programme consisted entirely of music in translation, as the only song was a Christmas Carol, "Silent Night". There were many fine pieces, particularly among the violins, and violas, and the programme included a number of songs, which were an added attraction to the concert by the fact that Mr. C. R. Cochrane made his first appearance on the guitar to the accompaniment of Mr. T. H. Hunter and Miss E. D. Hunter. The concert was a great success.

On Tuesday evening, a similar programme was given, which was written by Mr. R. H. Hunter, Robert Best, and other members of the Conservatorium. A large audience was present on both occasions, and the members of the Conservatorium played with great spirit and dexterity. The programme included a number of famous works, such as Beethoven's Sonata No. 1, with one or two other numbers, and there was a great deal of variety in the music. The audience was thoroughly satisfied with the performance, and the members of the Conservatorium were commended for their excellent work. The concert was a great success.

The general standard exhibited by the Conservatorium was of a very high order, and it may be said that the progressive and stimulating influence exercised by the institution is having a marked effect on the musical development of the city. The members of the Conservatorium are to be congratulated on their efforts to promote the study of music at Easkan University.