AMUSEMENTS.

A successful recital of recitatives was given at the Elder Conservatorium last night, when the orchestra were assisted by the Conservatorium string orchestra, under the baton of Mr. Eugene Alderman. The conductor, well known as a teacher of music, was well welcomed on the list of conductors here, for his practical knowledge of musical literature and stringed instruments added to his musical ability. His baton was concise, and choice of tempos a strong point of his style of direction. Although, through being over-anxious, perhaps, there were some points for improvement.

The orchestra played a "Serenade" by Verdi, "L'Assoggiamento" by Donizetti; "Musetto in C" by Simonetti; Ravel's "Oiseau de Feu"; and an exact "Schumann" by Hotzen. For a first performance many good points were noted. The most perfect passage of all was the allegro, the pianissimo being quite beautiful to the human ear. Miss Henry's rich contralto was heard in a solo, while Miss Simcox's Accompanist was heard in "Sonn's Solo" and "Sonn's Serenade" with success, the former being a solo of Chopin's "Nocturne" well played and exposed with power and grace. Miss Tucker's soprano was heard in good condition, and Miss Ponsonby's mezzo-sopranos was heard in her usual condition. Miss Cameron's tenor was heard in good condition, and Miss Light's alto was heard in good condition.

CONSERVATORIUM CONCERT.

A concert was given last night by the students of the Conservatorium of Music, under the baton of Mr. Eugene Alderman. There was a satisfactory audience, which was treated to a novel and harmonious symphony of vocal and instrumental music.

Miss Evie Florence, "The Wanderer" (Bach); Misses Mabel Mcleod and "The Wanderer" (Bach); Misses Hilda Simcox, "Preludes and Consolations" (Ravel); Mr. Handley, "Hilda Simcox, "Preludes and Consolations" (Ravel); and Mr. Handley, "The Wanderer" (Bach).

The concert was well received, and the students gave a good account of themselves.

DR. MAWSON'S WORK.

An interesting story was told to a crowded audience in the Town Hall, West Melbourne, on Thursday night, by Miss Mary Taylor, one of the students of the University of Melbourne, in her lecture on "The Southern Cross and the Southern Ocean." Her lecture was well received, and many questions were asked. The lecture was followed by a discussion, in which Mr. Handley, one of the students of the University, took part. The lecture was well received, and the students gave a good account of themselves.

Dr. Mawson's work is of great importance, and it is hoped that his researches will be continued.

The evening was well spent, and the students gave a good account of themselves.

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