

THE JUBILEE SINGERS.

The Jubilee Singers were favored with a very large audience on Monday night, at Steinway Hall, on the occasion of their first appearance in New York since their prosperous absence in Great Britain. The occasion was one of thorough enjoyment. Their songs are delightful to the ear as fraught with the very soul of harmony; and while appealing in about equal measure to laughter and tears, they are withal stimulating to every good sentiment and hope. Some of the pieces convey the high lessons of Christian experience in imagery that is rather grotesque, considered apart from the antecedents of the singers, but there is really no incongruity in the underlying truth; and that was addressed to all in such a subtle and charming way, that the discerning audience could not refrain from calling for frequent repetitions, albeit the programme was not at all deficient in length and variety.

It was also expanded at the middle by pertinent speeches from Gen. Clinton B. Fisk of St. Louis, after whom Fisk University is named, and Hon. Wm. E. Dodge. The former alluded to the time when one of the Jubilee party was a "four hundred-dollar boy" of all work at his headquarters in Tennessee, beguiling camp life with his songs. Now what was started as "The Fisk School" had grown into such proportions, and had such prospects as admonished the speaker that he must walk carefully lest he should prove unworthy of so great honor.

Mr. Dodge spoke of the very encouraging progress of education among the Freedmen, as it had come under his own observation. They had demonstrated their capacity for rapid acquisition, even in the higher branches of learning, and so far one of our great political problems was receiving a favorable solution. We have made them one with ourselves as citizens, and we are bound, as never before, to seek their moral and intellectual elevation. In conclusion Mr. Dodge referred to the judicious expenditure which had been made of the large sum (over \$90,000) which the Singers had already secured, in the purchase of twenty-five acres of land near Nashville, and the erection thereon of a fine university building. Thus the only deficiency which remained to be supplied was the endowment of the professorships, and with this object in view a new campaign had been entered upon, with the hope of securing one hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Dodge was sure that the Singers gave more than an equivalent in the pleasure they imparted. The intelligent public were their debtors.

It was announced that there would be a second concert at the same place on Friday (tomorrow) evening.

The Rev. Dr. McClosky, the new Professor at Princeton, late of Belfast, has received a cordial welcome from the faculty and students.

The Presbytery of Westchester, by a vote of twenty-four ayes and thirty-one noes, has rejected the overture in relation to the eldership.

Golden weddings seem to be the order of the day in Western New York. In addition to that of Mr. and Mrs. Deacon Dickey, noticed elsewhere, we learn that Mr. and Mrs. Walter Laidlaw celebrated theirs in Geneva, 21st ult. They were born and married in Scotland, and came to this country in 1829, and for the past forty-two years have resided in Geneva. Up to 1860 he was a member of the Associate Reformed Church, when he transferred his relations to the Reformed Church, and soon after was elected a member of the Consistory. The occasion brought together all five of the children now living, the members of the Consistory in a body, and a large circle of friends. Rev. Mr. Brush, the pastor, made some appropriate remarks in presenting a memento of affection from the official members of the church to the aged couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Reed of the town of Seneca, commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage the previous week. They were among the early settlers of the town, and have always enjoyed the confidence of the community by their sterling excellence of character. Their only child married a former pastor of the Seneca church, Rev. Mr. Topping. A very large gathering from the town and region enjoyed a delightful season of social intercourse and toothsome luxuries.