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CONSERVATORIUM CONCERT.

Two important works were performed at the Elder Conservatorium last night, the occasion being the concert by the University Choral Class. The first work programmed was William Sterndale Bennett's sacred cantata, "The Woman of Samaria." The choral singing was splendid, the tonal balance and attention to expression being very fine. The conductor, Mr. Frederick Bevan, had complete control of his forces. Miss Gladys Chento rendered the recitative, "Then Cometh Jesus," pleasingly, and Mr. Richard Choral exercised a good voice in the air, "Jesus Answered." The best work in the cantata was accomplished by Mrs. Ernest Pickering, A.M.U.A. The unaccompanied quartette, "God Is a Spirit," by Misses Myrtle Ingham and Winifred Lewis and Messrs. J. Ardill and M. Farmer, was a fine example of expressive concerted singing. Miss Hilda Wheeler also assisted in the solo work. A performance of Barnett's setting of "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" formed the other portion of the programme. Miss Nellie Watkins was somewhat weak in the recit and air, "And a Good South Wind Sprang Up Behind." Mr. Leslie Martin infused some dramatic force into "God Save Thee, Ancient Mariner." Miss Olive Bassett's was an effective rendition of "Oh, Sleep! It Is a Gentle Thing." The chorus, "The Upper Air Burst into Life," was one of the best-rendered items. The ensemble was worked up with fine effect. Others who appeared in the work were Miss Eva Close and Mr. Frederick Booker. The orchestra met all requirements, Miss Sylvia Whittington leading and Mr. Alfred Bampton acting as organist.

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EDUCATING ADULT WORKERS

MR. MANSBRIDGE'S MISSION.

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Mr. Mansbridge is visiting the Commonwealth with the objects of studying Australian educational methods, making known to Australians something of the English revival in education, among the workers, and forming branches of the association in the Commonwealth. The movement is essentially a democratic one, and each branch or circle is self-governing. Explaining the university tutorial classes which are formed in connection with the association, Mr. Mansbridge recently said:—"The university tutorial class consists of 30 adult men and women pledged to study for three years, and not to miss a single attendance other than from unavoidable causes, and to write 12 essays in connection with each of the three sessions of 24 lessons each; together with one tutor, who must be a fine scholar, and whose main business in life is the development of the subject with which he deals. Its essential characteristic is freedom. The students control the class, the justification for which is that they have devised for themselves regulations which are of greater severity than any which a university would have dreamed of asking them to frame. It is the class of the students—each student is a teacher, and each teacher is a student; the humblest is not afraid to teach, and the most advanced is willing to learn. There is a complete absence of distinctions; diplomas and degrees are not asked for, consequently there is no competition, but in actual fact an all-pervading comradeship."