

## DERBY SCHOOL DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT.

In aid of the fund for erecting a **Fives Court** at Derby School two dramatic entertainments have been given—the one on Thursday evening and the other on Friday afternoon. On each occasion there was a capital audience, and the performances were followed with a keen interest and relish. The programme opened with the overture to "The Merry Wives of Windsor," played in excellent style by the members of the school orchestra. A capital comediotta—"Old Cronies"—followed. Mr. G. R. Eddowes taking the part of "Dr. Jack," a mild-tempered professor, and Mr. A. D. C. Amos that of "Captain Pigeon," a passionate sea officer. Mr. Eddowes showed much histrionic talent during the existence of the local Amateur Dramatic Society, and he gave a careful and intelligent impersonation. His part well suited to his undoubted capabilities. Mr. Amos distinguished himself very much as the sea officer, and the little piece created much laughter, and was heartily appreciated. The school sang with capital taste a patriotic part song, "England," and the orchestra played that very pretty waltz "Machtschwärmer." During an interval the orchestra also obliged with Marie Wurm's well-known "Ester" gavotte. The second part of the programme consisted of a performance of a comedy in three acts by Charles Dance, entitled "Naval engagements." The scene is laid at the Fountain Hotel, Portsmouth, and the plot is interesting and well conceived. The ladies and gentlemen taking part had evidently given very painstaking attention to the piece, for their impersonations were in every respect admirable. Mr. Eddowes and Mr. Amos both distinguished themselves, and Mr. J. T. Browne made a capital representative of a young lieutenant. Mr. A. A. P. Winsor also deserves hearty commendation. Miss Gabrielle Eldrid looked and acted the part of "Miss Mortimer" really charmingly, and Miss Violet Huish—who has had previous experience in amateur dramatic performances—was "Mrs. Pontifex" to the manner born. In every respect it was a delightful representation of a capital little comedy, and the artistes were heartily and deservedly applauded. The entertainments altogether reflects the greatest credit upon everybody concerned, and the proceeds, we trust, will materially benefit the fund on behalf of which they were held. By the scholars at Derby School the proposed erection of a **Fives Court** is being looked forward to with the greatest interest, and before long it is to be hoped that they will see their wishes carried into effect.

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