



## Popular Entertainment

The second of the present series took place, under the auspices of the Literary Institution, in the National Schoolrooms, on Tuesday evening, and consisted of readings, interspersed with vocal and instrumental pieces. The readings, given by the Rev. W. S. Shuttleworth, the Rev. G. A. Vender-Meulen, and Mr. William Toomer, were all heartily received, and we have only to regret that the other reader, Mr. Slow, should have imagined that a piece of doggerel, in which he satirized some of our oldest and most worthy townsmen, could do anything but inflict pain on those that heard it. The songs of Miss Staples, Mrs. Lavington, and Mr. F. C. Mills, were all well sung, as was also the part song, "Banish, O Maiden," by a party of gentlemen amateurs. The pianoforte duet from "Zampa, by Mrs. Green and Mrs. Lavington, and the solo from "Travatore," by Mrs. Green, were both excellently rendered. The proceedings concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, the Rev. D. Olivier. The attendance was not so numerous as on the first occasion.

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