

Penny Readings

A Penny reading was given in this village on Wednesday last. The Rev. Tupper Carey, in opening the entertainment said that this was the beginning of a series of penny readings he intended to give during the winter months. They were to consist mostly of readings of an instructive kind, interspersed with part songs by the school children, whom Mrs. Carey had taken great pains in training. The Rev. gentleman then read an account of Joan of Arc. The Rev. H. C. Cholmeley and the Rev. A. Elton both gave some entertaining stories with much spirit, and the former gentleman sang two songs, unaccompanied, with good effect. The Rev. T. Carey read an essay on "Rich and Poor," by the late Archbishop Whately, which was very appropriate in these times of strikes. Mrs. Elton sang "Robin Adair" with much feeling, and the audience would evidently have liked an encore. The children sang several part songs very prettily. We were particularly struck with an air of Meyerbeer's, sung by a boy, in which the children joined in a soft accompaniment. The room was quite full, and the audience most attentive, not loud in their applause, but seeming to enjoy the entertainment most thoroughly. We heartily congratulate the Rev. Tupper Carey and Mrs. Carey on the success of the first of their winter entertainments, and anticipate with much pleasure the next, which will take place in the middle of December.

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The second penny reading was given, in the schoolroom of this parish, on Thursday se'night, and was as successful as the first. The programme was as follows:-

Reading from Archbishop's Whately's "Essays on Labour and Capital," Rev. Tupper Carey: chorus, "Brightly glows the Morning Star" (Mercadante); song, Mrs. Whitting, Mozart, reading, "Murder," Rev. W. Whitting; chorus, "The moon just peeps from out the sea" (Bishop); song, "I'd choose to be a daisy," by one of the choir; reading, "An account of a shipwreck off the coast o'er Guernsey." Rev. T. Carey; chorus, "Good night" (Flotow).

There was a crowded audience, who seemed fully to appreciate the kind exertions of those who had contributed so much to their entertainment.

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