

Collie's Patriotism.

The second concert initiated by the War Patriotic Committee, as the result of a resolution carried unanimously at a meeting and concert held in the Mechanics' Institute 15th August, was held in the Mechanics' Institute on Saturday last, and was again well patronised by a large audience of Collie's patriotic citizens.

The hon. secretary, Mr G. T. Roberts, notified that his Worship the Mayor (Mr M. P. Mahony) was unable to be present, and the honours of chairman was unanimously conferred on Councillor Davie Jones, the oldest member of the Collie Council, who filled the position to a nicety, keeping the audience amused throughout by interspersing the musical items on the programme with jokes and humorous anecdote.

The programme was a diversified one, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, both ladies and gentlemen volunteering their services, and a feature of the programme was the Male Voice Society under the able baton of Mr Davies. The various items rendered were much appreciated, many well deserved encores being responded to. The programme almost entirely consisted of patriotic contributions, the

of patriotic contributions, the audience joining in the choruses with great zest by local artists, who are seldom heard; in fact, as the chairman remarked, it was surprising how much musical talent there was in Collie practically un-earthed. The ladies and gentlemen who contributed to the programme of vocal and instrumental music were Mrs Allan Miller, the Misses Beswick, Ware and Straw, and Messrs Jack Cox, Watson, Easton and Mahlet, and the members of the Collie Male Voice Society, Mrs Fencker acting as honorary accompanist. Mr Mahlit contributed both the Russian and French Anthems on the violin. Messrs E. A. Griffith and J. T. Hall did yeoman service with the collecting boxes, the former at the door (as the concert was free), and the latter round the town, the War Patriotic Fund by the two boxes benefiting to the extent of £5 13s.

Mr Milligan moved a vote of thanks to the performers, and to Mrs Fencker for their willing assistance, whom he trusted, would again assist in the same kindly spirit, and concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman for coming to the rescue at short notice.

The National Anthem concluded the proceedings.

Collie Roads Board.—It was resolved at the last meeting of the Board to strike a general rate of 2d in the £ and a health rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £. An advertisement appears in our, columns elsewhere.

Collie Local Board of Health.—The Council employee who sweeps the gutters has been asked to furnish a report to the Council, as is done by the Town Clerk and Foreman. This was forthcoming at the last meeting, and read as follows.—“I hereby hand you a report, as per request, re gutters and their condition. Firstly, I am not sufficiently conversant with the by-laws as to what constitutes a nuisance, but the gutters in general, out of the rainy season, are not, to my mind, what they should be, there being too many solids and soap suds put into them. For instance, if you carefully inspect Johnston street you will find what I say to be correct. I don't want to complain about anyone outside the work I am supposed to perform, but I think you will find that the Chinese laundry is responsible for a great deal of the solids there: these are not the only people

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that do this sort of thing. I don't
want to be personal, and I am of
opinion that if people are allowed to
run water into drains that it should
be unconditional, but ,should pass
through a sink and the solids be re-
moved by them periodically and at
their own expense. This would give
the town a far better and healthier
appearance.
