

who has got all right again, be thought himself that there would be time enough to get up a farewell concert, & finding Mrs Vail & Miss Wakley ready to help, we have been occupied all the week in what practising we could venture on in the crowded saloon. But we contented ourselves with simple things - as you will see in the programme, mainly trios duets & solos which are much more easily got up than larger pieces, inasmuch 2 or 3 people are more easily got to practise at odd times than 6 or 8 when you have to hunt every one up individually. Leather produced for the occasion an original glee. Both words & music, which like

amateur music is uncommonly difficult to get to go well¹⁵⁷ as they always are ambitious & have some favorite but unnatural harmony to introduce. It is pretty however & we have taken a great deal of pains with it to please him. Our male trios are all simple & familiar enough - One of them 'Of all the brave birds' I have not seen since the old Glenamont days. Luckily Mrs Atwood was intending to ask you to get something up for the last Saturday evening as there is always a final supper on these voyages - so our little concert will do very well. We were not favoured with the best of weather for it, as it turned out to be the roughest night we have