

OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

The winter session of the Chelmsford Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society was brought to a close on Friday with a highly-successful dinner and dance. A most enjoyable time was spent by a company of members and friends numbering 116. A short toast list was gone through, the President, Mr. Sidney C. Taylor, giving the toast of "The King," which, in view of Their Majesties' visit to Canada and the United States of America met with tremendous enthusiasm.—Mr. P. Butchard, a former chairman of the committee, gave the toast of "The Society," and congratulated all who took part in "The Belle of New York" on their finished performance.—In reply, the President said he was particularly pleased to see so many old members back among them, and hoped that meant greatly-increased support. He had heard nothing but commendation of their work. So far as it was possible to foresee, they hoped they would have covered their very heavy expenses, so that their reserve fund would not have to be called upon to meet any loss.—Miss Peggy Green, on behalf of the Society, presented Mrs. Taylor with a handsome bouquet. Mr. Evans, the property master, was the recipient of a gift as a slight token of appreciation of the way he carried out his work. Mr. Charles Hambourg, the musical director, was also asked to accept a gift from the whole company for all he had done. During the summer season it is hoped to hold a series of dancing classes for all interested.