

Halifax Amateurs Anticipated.

The members of the Halifax Amateur Operatic Society are perturbed and annoyed. They have been assiduously rehearsing "Ruddigore" for production at the Theatre Royal, on February 16th, and now the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company have slipped in with a week's engagement at the Theatre Royal, opening yesterday, during which they will play "Ruddigore" three times.

Naturally the amateurs fear that this will have an adverse effect on their receipts, which are devoted to charity. They selected "Ruddigore" because so far it has not been regularly included in the D'Oyly Carte's repertoire, and therefore they felt that its novelty would appeal to the Halifax public. Whether the gilt has been completely taken off the gingerbread, however, remains to be seen.