

MUSICAL THEATRICAL

IN MUSICAL CIRCLES.

If the Sacred Concert given by the Beethoven Club of Lancaster, last Sunday evening, is to be taken as an example, one can see that Sunday concerts are not popular. The audience though small was at first very appreciative; but interest gradually decreased and towards the close there was a noticeable exodus, not to be wondered at, but disconcerting to the performers.

Italy he has written more than a hundred successful songs, some of which—"For Ever and For Ever" and "The Venetian Song," for instance—have brought him very large sums.

TALK OF THE THEATRE.

Zera Semon has been delighting his audiences again this week and is about to bring his very successful season to a close. Those who want to have the opportunity of seeing him will see by the advertisement that they have no time to lose. The matinee offers a good chance to those who are unable to attend in the evening.

Miss Merringtons new play "Good-bye" now running at the Boston Museum with Miss Mary Hampton in the cast. And whatever opinions may prevail in regard to its success, there can only be one, says the Herald, about Miss Hampton's "Muriel" who is certainly one of the sweetest English girls possible to imagine on or off the stage.

Our other St. John favorite, Miss Julia Arthur, is at the Columbia Theatre, in the same city, where Oscar Wilde's new play, "Lady Windermere's Fan," had its first presentation in America on Monday evening. The audience was a brilliant first night one; the house crowded, and Mr. Palmer's company did excellent work. Of Miss Arthur it is stated that she was apparently very nervous, and her best work was done after the opening scenes, and her greatest success was made in those situations which made extraordinary calls upon her powers. The audience gave many indications of its appreciation of her work. Miss Arthur's play itself and of its author, Mr. Wilde intended his play for audiences of culture and refinement; therefore his men and women, no matter what their moral condition, are the ladies and gentlemen of modern society, and that, too, representative of the best society. Their manners, their conversation, their surroundings are all in good form.

Being men and women of education, they speak excellent English. Their phrasing is elegant, their wit is keen, there is a sparkle in their repartee and a brilliancy in their conversation even when it is confined to society small talk. It might be objected that the average society gatherings would hardly furnish such brilliancy of dialogue as Mr. Wilde has placed in the mouths of her characters, but then he has carefully selected his personages, and it must be confessed that he never makes them speak out of character.

Those who are familiar with the methods and language of the dramatists of only a few years back can readily imagine what they would have done with such a part as Mr. Wilde has selected.

The ravings, the tears, the entreaties, the moanings, the re-echoing remorse of the tainted mother; the heroic mouthings of the self-confiding husband; the high-sounding poetical prose of the lover who tempts the wife, and the agonizing twists and turns and faints of the jealous and hesitating wife can easily be imagined.

Mr. Wilde has not written for an audience which still delights in such exhibitions. His men are too well bred to tear a passion to tatters and his women could never condescend to drag their handsome gowns all over the floor, no matter how deeply they might suffer from remorse or any passion. In the situations in which he has placed his characters, Mr. Wilde's creations act as they would in real life, and they speak as one would naturally expect them to. More than this a dramatist could not do, and when it is stated that the situations are intensely affecting, and that all the characters are interesting not only in themselves, but from the relationship which they bear to each other, it may readily be inferred that "Lady Windermere's Fan" is a play far removed from the average and of remarkable superiority.

The dialogue fairly flashes with wit and sharp bright catchy epigrams. Indeed the text is so luminous that it is not surprising that the comedy has been styled a play of dialogue.

When a theatrical company does not keep its "dates," through failure of any sort, the local manager rarely receives any recompense from the traveling manager.

Robert Mantell, the actor, is mixed up in a matter in which he is said to have alienated the affections of somebody else's wife. It is said that Mr. Mantell's head has been turned by being admired so much.

History has it that in January, 1784, Lenon, the lieutenant of police, addressed a letter to the actors of the Italian Theatre containing this phrase: "There are constant complaints of the size of head-dresses and hats, which, being loaded with plumes, ribbons and flowers, intercept the view of the spectators in the pit."

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J. C. Wild in black face character will introduce the latest banjo and mandolin solos.

The performance is to conclude with a fun making farce, written especially for this company, entitled "A Trip to the World's Fair" or "None of the comforts of Home," which will introduce several of St. John's celebrities and local characters.

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