



MUSICAL & THEATRICAL

IN MUSICAL CIRCLES. I wish our musical people would awake and give some nice concerts; at present everything is so quiet, most people having given their attention to Christmas trees and entertainments appertaining thereto.

Prof. White delighted those present by a clever rendition of a fantasia on The Blue Bells of Scotland, and Mendelssohn's Spring Song, Mrs. Wetmore and Miss Swann gave vocal solos, Mr. Woodland a flute solo and a drum solo.

Prof. Horseman, conductor of the Artillery band, was presented with a purse of money on New Year's day by the members of the band. It is gratifying to observe that the professor is as much appreciated by his associates as he is by the public, which is always ready to give him and his band a hearty welcome.

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The Critic's Life Is Not Happy.

TO THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS.—According to "Lounger" the Christmas music in the churches was lovely from St. Peter's to the Cathedral at Fredericton, save and except that in the stone church, St. John. How much of her criticism regarding that church is due to the fact that she was not invited to assist in the music there?

TALK OF THE THEATRE.

The Boston Comedy company finished its season at the Opera House on Monday, and at both the matinee and the evening performance the audience, though not so large as on Christmas, were very satisfactory ones.

At the close of the second act of the "Little Detective," which was put on in the evening, Mr. Webber appeared in front of the curtain and made a characteristic speech. He thanked everyone—directors of the Opera House, press, public friends, even the veteran bill-poster Tom Rodgers—who had contributed in any way to make his engagement here the success it had been.

On Tuesday the company went to Fredericton, where a short season is being played at the city hall. The Baker Opera Company, I am glad to notice, has struck it rich in Portland, Maine, whither it went from here. It is being stated on good authority that it played to \$3000 there last week.

Speaking of Opera reminds me that the bookings at our Opera House for the coming year are unusually large in that line. Jan. 16, Katherine Germaine Opera Company; April 3rd, Marie Gurney Opera Company; May 1st, Calhoun Opera Company.

The Germaine people, as announced in advance, are extraordinarily strong. Miss Germaine, the prima donna, so the press notices state, is young, blonde and beautiful. Just think of that chappie! She is also acknowledged to be the handsomest pronounced the most beautiful woman to-day on the comic opera stage, possessed of a "rich and glorious full-throated soprano voice." Are not these praises a little extravagant? Do they not seem a trifle "full-throated?" We shall see. We can only wait. Happily the 17th and blonde and beautiful Katherine are not far off. Then there are three comedians, and a long list of sopranos, tenors, etc. Perhaps the Company will include all these stars and artists, but I am inclined to think it will not. By the way where has the Katherine Germaine Opera Company been concealing itself up to date? and where is it now? I can find no trace of it in any of the dramatic papers.

That versatile writer, Julian Ralph, has been having a little to say regarding the stage and plays and players.

"In the meantime it is becoming a notable thing to see a really serious and melodramatic play. Another comic opera company has been added to the host of fun-making companies of that sort, and if one runs over the long list of plays now performing here, he will find them all of a comic

character; comic opera, farce comedy, plain comedy, and here and there a spectacular thing with a lot of dancing mixed up with a great deal of ballet. This makes us wonder what will become of the stage, and why people demand such a stage. Plays were recommended to the young by worldly folk, not long ago, as the means of learning polite speech and well-bred behaviour. Actors, even in such comparatively new plays as Robertson's comedies, took pains to acquire the most correct pronunciation of words, and the most admirable ways of walking, bowing, sitting and dressing, as well as the most genteel deportment in the presence of men and women. Men of the type of Wallace and Charley Thorne learned to ride, to fence, to dance, and even to play the piano and to sing, because, by such practices, the refined men of the time were disciplined in gentility. There are men and women who will read this who remember that the Shakespearean and other tragedies were recommended in order that they might see (or hear) declamation at its best, and understand the portrayal of emotion as it stirs grand, heroic or kingly souls. What has become of all this? For it would be utter bosh to say that the stage is any longer the mirror of elegant conduct, speech or style in anything except, possibly, the dressing of women. Today we resent the idea that the stage is an educator—and well we may. We ask of it now nothing but amusement if our tastes are clean; only impropriety if they are not."

Zera Semon's Season.

Prof. Zera Semon, who opens at the Institute on Monday night next, Jan. 9th., will introduce to the people of St. John Prof. Powell, called by an exchange, "one of the leading magicians of America." Prof. Powell is a gentleman of rare mental graces, culture and refinement. At the age of 20 he was graduated from the Pennsylvania Military Academy at Chester with the degree of C. E. and the rank of lieutenant, and for three years occupied the chair of higher mathematics in his Alma Mater. The closer application to duties made inroads upon his health, and possessing from boyhood a genius for the study of magic, he decided to travel at the advice of his physician, and devote himself exclusively to the study of the art and the invention of scientific illusions and automata. He succeeded so well that he quickly began a series of entertainments which were from the start eminently successful. He went abroad visiting the French and English colonies. He returned to this country in 1855 and made a tour of the Southern and Western States and Mexico, going to Canada two years later. Subsequently he visited South America and West Indies, then sailed for New York where he had a successful run of five months at the Eden Musee. Mr. Powell is master of several languages, especially of the French and Spanish, which enables him to do great work in those countries. He is a gentleman of high principles and worthy accomplishments and wherever he goes wins the high regard of all with whom he comes in contact.

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Private classes can be formed day or evening. New classes for beginners will be formed on Thursday, Jan. 5th., Afternoon and Evening, at regular prices. Assemblies, Balls, Parties, outside of regular classes will be done by invitation. A. L. SPENCER, Teacher.

A ST. CATHARINES MIRACLE.

AN OLD AND ESTEEMED CITIZEN RESTORED TO HEALTH AND STRENGTH.

Mr. C. W. Hellem, Sr., Relates the Particulars of His Sufferings and Relief to a Standard Reporter—Advice to Other Sufferers.

St. Catharines Standard.

Casually, the other day, the Standard learned that Mr. C. W. Hellem, sen., one of the oldest and most respected citizens of St. Catharines, had been restored to health after years of suffering, in a manner bordering on the miraculous. The editor of this paper had known Mr. Hellem for years, and he was anxious to hear from him the story of his wonderful recovery. He had not seen Mr. Hellem for some months, but met with a very warm welcome when he told the errand upon which he had come. Mr. Hellem's home is on the corner of St. Paul and Court streets, and he is well-known to all our older residents as a citizen of the highest integrity, having lived in this city since 1833.

"I have had rheumatism," said Mr. Hellem, "more or less for the past twenty years, which often got so painful that I could not get about at all. I had been to all the doctors here and to some in Toronto and Buffalo, but I could get no relief worth speaking about. Five years ago I went to Welland and took a vapor bath, and felt so much relieved that I took two more. The relief, however, was only temporary, and four and a half years ago the lameness and pains came on again and so completely used me up that I could hardly do anything. I applied to a number of doctors for treatment and two of them treated me, but without relief. My age they said was against me; that if I were a younger man there might be some hope for me. I was 84 last October. I then discontinued the doctors' treatment and about a year ago got a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and used them without feeling any benefit and quit. This spring I used another box without any effect and again stopped. You see I expected too much and seemed to think that a box of Pink Pills ought to do what years of doctoring did not do. In July I read about the case of Mr. Condon, of Oakville, who had used, I think, eighteen boxes. When I read that he was so fully cured that he was able to work again, and even play base ball, I took courage and saw that I had not before given it a fair trial. I then got half a dozen boxes and was on the fifth before I felt any beneficial effects. I had run down so low and my appetite had left me. I now began to feel my appetite returning and my knees and ankles began to gain strength. From that out I continued to improve until the time of the county fair, when I went down there in company with others and went the rounds seeing the stock and other exhibits. I tried to keep up with them and walked so much that day that I felt some bad effects afterwards. But I knew where to look for relief and continued using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and ever since have felt a steady improvement. My legs have gained strength wonderfully, and the doctors tell me that if I was a younger man I would be still more benefited. My general health has also improved very much. About six weeks ago I was in Toronto and walked fully five miles that day, something I could not have done before. In fact I feel so much better that I have taken a two year old mustang colt to break it in." At this point Mrs. Hellem, the life partner of the venerable gentleman, who had come into the room while Mr. Hellem was relating his story, said that a friend, when he heard that Mr. Hellem, had taken a colt to break, said he was going to commence using Pink Pills too. Then the lady noting the Standard man writing at the table asked Mr. Hellem if all this was to be published.

"Yes" said Mr. Hellem, "if there are any other poor creatures who are suffering as I have done I would be glad to have them know the great good Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done me, and be benefited in the same way. I am glad to have my experience published for the benefit it may do to others, and I cannot too strongly recommend these great pills." In reply, an enquiry Mr. Hellem said he had taken three half dozen boxes since he began to take them regularly and was now using the fourth half dozen.

The Standard reporter called upon Mr. A. J. Greenwood, the east end druggist, whose store is only a few doors from the residence of Mr. Hellem, to enquire how the sale of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills stood in regard to other proprietary medicines, and incidentally to enquire what he thought of their effect in Mr. Hellem's case. "Pink Pills for Pale People have a great sale," said Mr. Greenwood, "and I am continually asked for them. With regard to Mr. Hellem's case I knew that for years he had suffered from rheumatism and other diseases and that he was thoroughly run down. He now speaks very highly of Pink Pills though at first he did not think they were doing him any good, but that may be accounted for by the hold the disease had on his system. He now feels like a young man and is able to attend the various animals, horses, etc. After he had taken about a dozen boxes he came into the store one day and started to dance around like a school boy. 'What's the matter,' I exclaimed, perfectly astonished, and with happiness ringing in every tone of his voice, he called out, 'O, I'm young again; I'm young again.' He ascribed as the reason for this that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills had performed the miracle. He has frequently told me that he had tried doctors without number, besides other patent medicines but without any avail. My sales of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are constantly increasing, and all agree that these excellent little pills are beyond praise. There are many people in this district who have cause to be thankful they tried Pink Pills.

The reporter called upon Mr. W. W. Greenwood and Mr. Harry Southcott, the well known druggists, and both spoke highly of Pink Pills, saying that they are the most popular remedy in the stores, and that those using them are loud in their praises of the results. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are a perfect blood builder and nerve restorer, curing such diseases as rheumatism, neuralgia, partial paralysis, locomotor ataxia, St. Vitus' dance, nervous headache, nervous prostration and the tired feeling therefrom, the after effects of a grippé, diseases depending on humors in the blood such as scrofula, chronic erysipelas, etc. Pink Pills give a healthy glow to pale and sallow complexions, and are a specific for the

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