IN MUSICAL CIRCLES.

leaders the first of this week requesting rather made it difficult for the critics. each to be kind enough to give me a list of He was praised and blamed, lauded and the Christmas music in preparation for berated by turns, but the fact remains that have kindly complied with my request and are given below. I presume that the rest | make up is perfect, his reading of the lines of the churches do not propose to have special Christmas music.

AT THE CATHEDRAL.

Grand High Mass will be celebrated at 11 o'clock, at which the choir will sing "Farmer's Mass," preceded by the authem "Have Die Natus," by Diabelli. At the Offertory the "Adeste Fideles" will be sung. Sortie: "Deus Tibi," Mozart.

Pontifical Vespers at 3.15. Psalms Gregorian. Magnificat by Mozart. O Salutaris by Himmel. Tantum Ergo by Lambilotte.

At the Park, Venus begins to wane and

TRINITY CHURCH-SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS DAY.

8 a. m. Holy Communion. (Full choral.)
Service Woodward in E flat.
Pro: Hymn 80 Recess: Nunc Dimittis J. Jones.
11 a. m. Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Proper Psalms, xix, xlv, lxxxv. Te Deum, Tallis Anthem, "Let us now go even unto Bethlhem,"

On Sunday evening (Xmas eve) Carols will be sung by the Choir after Service.
R. P. Strand, Organist and Director of the Choir.

The following anthems will be sung in Centenary Church on Sunday, 24th, inst., and Christmas Day. "It came upon the midnight clear".....Sullivan.
"Advent of the Redeemer".....J. E. Trowbridge. "Advent of the Redeemer Sullivan. Sullivan. Sullivan. Sullivan. Barnby. Chant—"There were shepherds"..... Barnby. Hymn—" Hark the herald angels sing"..... Hymn—"Angels from the realms of Glory". And other appropriate Hymns.

J. Clawson, Choir Leader.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

Christmas Hymns and Carols. Anthems, "Behold, I bring you glad tidings," Goss. Dudley Buck's full choir setting of Gounod's Organ selections from Handel and Pergolesi,

Fantasia on Mendelshon.
"Christmas Hymn" by Frost, before the evening

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH-MORNING SERVICE. Hymn-Christians, Awake! Salute the happy morn. Flag. Venite. Barnby.
Te Deum. Hopkins.
Benedictus. Murray. Anthem-Behold, I bring you good tidings....... J. Maude Crament Hymn-Hark! The herald angels S.ng.....

BRUSSELS ST. CHURCH-SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE. Hymn 1-Hark the herald angels Sing. Hymn 2 - Hark! Hark my soul. Hymn 3-When marshaled on the nightly plain

The glittering host bestrewed the sky.

Anthem—Hallelujah to the King,—C. H. Gabriel. Hymn 4—Calm on the listening ear of night

SAINT JAMES' CHURCH-CHRISTMAS MUSIC. Dudley Buck's beautiful Festival Te Deum will Jubilate by Field and Tours Anthem, Sing O The Choir will be assisted by Misses Olive and

TALK OF THE THEATRE.

Next week should be a harvest time for the theatrical companies. We are to have with the Boston Comedy Company and will wish all of his friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the stage of the Mechanics' Institute. He opens his engagement with a matinee Monday afternoon and I don't think there is much to say beyond this that while Webber, and his company will be the same as ever the costumes, the special scenery and the property of the company will be

is Mamie Taylor, who seems, by the way, to have consented as a special favor to come to this city before she leaves the stage for a time to spend a period in Paris for study. Oh, these advance notices! The fact or the fiction that Mamie proposes to dwell in Paris for a time may bring dollars to the house but I doubt it. Like many other theatrical people Miss Taylor and the rest of the company were "not engaged" and only too ready to take a trip to "cold and chilly" Canada. Now if those adjectives "cold and chilly" don't apply to the audiences they may really enjoy the change.

Among the Boston Playhouses.

The week before Christmas is usually looked upon by managers as one of the most dull and unprefitable parts of the season, for people's minds are so bent upon what they have to buy for others, and what they expect others to buy for them, that there does not seem to be much room left for such mental exertion as attendance at a play necessitates. The theatres in Boston, however, have not had any reason to complain this week for the attendance has been fully up to expectations. The Grand Opera House has just concluded a week's run of She, the title role having been assumed by Miss Marion Booth, a neice of the late tragedian, and one who has inherited not only a goodly share of the family beauty but also an amount of the family talent as well. This week has seen a revival of The Romany Rye, and as an additional attraction the pugilist Charlie Mitchell who is matched to fight the great James J. Corbett in a short time.

At the Columbia the run of "The Girl I left behind me" is drawing to a close and the New Year will see a successor in the shape of "Charlie's Aunt," a farcical play which has set New York laughing for some time and which is expected to make a hit in our modern Athens.

The Hollis Street Theatre has given us John Drew this week in his last season's piece "The Masked Ball," which will be followed by a new play written for Mr. Drew by Henry Guy Carleton, called "The Butterflies," and which will have its Figures, first production on any stage on Tuesday next.

Following Mr. Drew will be seen a recent London success "Liberty Hall" and also Mr. Sothern in his new play "Sheridan, or the Maid of Bath."

The Globe has let us have one week of Shaksperian revival, and produced "The

Merchant of Venice," adopted to the ideas I wrote a polite note to all of the choir of Mr. Richard Mansfield who as Shylock their churches on that day. Some of them he produces such a gem as has not been seen on the stage for some time. His very intelligent-but that of course for Richard Mansfield is a student and scholar as well as a good actor-his setting of the

> the planet will soon cease to shine upon us here much to the regret of many who have admired Miss D'Arville's clever and conscientious work in the piece. By the way the company will hereafter be known as the Camille D'Arville Opera Company and the title of the piece will be changed to that of Prince Kam on a trip to Venus-January 6th. will be the last chance to see the bright and charming operetta and on the 8th. the curtain will be rung up on Adonis with Henry E. Dixey in the lead.

Another attraction which has held the boards for some time is drawing to a close. The Black Crook at the Boston is to be off at the end of the month and on the first day of the New Year Joe Jefferson as Rip Van Winkle will drink to "you and your family and may you live long and prosper," The lovable reprobate will be with us but for one week and then give place to the latest production of Hoyt, The Milk White

The Museum has given us a season of good plays and good actors recently-Louis and Frederic Waide have been seen in Julius Cæsar, Francesco di Rimini and Damon and Pythias, all of which sterling pieces have been favorably received. This week a new comedy, The Prodigal Father, has been seen. It is a piece made for laughing purposes only, and is a long step downward from the beautiful production, at the same house, of The Prodigal Son, a short time since. In order to draw a gallery audience the current play has an addition in the person of Maggie Cline, who is supposed to be able to sing the latest popular song in a very superior manner. She is one of Tony Pastor's graduates and something in the dramatic and operatic has a voice like a (steam) syren and an line. Mr. Webber comes to us again arm like a blacksmith, but she draws, and that is the main thing.

> Away down at the pretty little Bowdoin square theatre, melo-drama is King and this week a nihilistic, anarchistic, to-Hades-with-the-Czar play called "In Darkest Russia," has captivated representative audiences and will continue to do so for the rest of the year.

STAGELETS.

Is it not too bad to have to face the more than probability that Rosina Vokes will not act again. She has closed her season and gone back to England, from The star attraction of the opera company where she will have to seek a salubrious

The great event of the season draws on apace-Henry Irving will make his appearance as Becket in Tennyson's play of that name, at the Tremont threatre on January 1st. He will be here for four weeks and in that time will be seen in Becket, Henry VIII, The Bells, Louis XI, Lyons Mail, and perhaps some others,

Christmas day will be celebrated at the Tremont Theatre by the appearance of the great French artists Jean Coquelin and Jane Hading, who will be seen all of next week in a round of plays with a change of bill every night.

Hanlon's magnificent production of Superba follows Mansfield at the Globe Theatre. Alexander Salvini will soon be seen here

at the Grand Opera House. He has an new play called Famar. Soi Smith Russell has the ambition to be Joseph Jefferson's successor in the old

comedies, but the King still lives. Harry Hotto, who is in the cast of The Prodigal Father now playing at the Museum, is well and favorably known in St.

Kenw Whereof He Spoke.

Bridegroom (at the end of the wedding) "Well, I am glad it is all over." Married Friend-" All over? Great Scott, man! You have only just com-

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A MATCH FOR HIS MASTER.

Th : Empero.'s Tricks Failed to Capture His Servant,

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the fitteen thousand soldiers I take with

One can easily imagine the alarm of the Emperor and the members of the Summi Yamen when they heard of those fifteen thousand soldiers, and they answered promptly-"Stay where you are by all means, and keep your soldiers away." Li Hung Chang may be considered the most liberal and progressive man of the Chinese Empire.

Advertised Songs.

"Yes," said a music publisher, "some vocalists do sing certain songs because they are paid to do so by the publishers. "Sometimes the payment takes the form

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mount to?" asked the writer. "It it be a royalty it may run from a penny per copy upwards; or, if it be a lump sum, it may range from a few shillings to three or four guineas.'

"Is the custom very widespread?" "It is, and it is not. I mean that among our best singers very little is known of it, but in lower circles the custom is "Those who really love music for itself

select songs which they admire and to which they can do justice, and they would feel grossly insulted if a publisher were to offer to pay them for advertising an indifferent song in which he had a pecuniary interest. "I am bound to say this, that all the 'puffing' in the world won't, as a rule, make the public take to a song unless there

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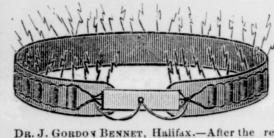
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