

HENRY IRVING'S CAREER.

A Critical Sketch of the Great Actor by a California Writer.

The telegraph recently announced that Henry Irving had arrived to begin his American season in San Francisco. In this relation Peter Robertson contributes an interesting article upon the great actor's life to the "Californian Magazine," from which the following extracts are made: "Henry Irving, who is a few months over fifty-five years old, was born in Somersetshire, England, and his real name is John Henry Brodribb. He was first a clerk, then he ran away and became an actor. From almost the first he was successful. 'The Bells' were his first triumph. He was materially aided by a fierce discussion. One of those inexplicable excitements arose, and one clique called him the genius of the age and another called him a mere trickster on the stage. Lady Burdett-Coutts, always an admirer of the theatres and theatrical folk, took an interest in the new actor, and with her patronage Irving very quickly rose into social and artistic prominence.

"He followed up his success by taking the Lyceum himself and producing 'Hamlet' in an elaborate way. Once again the fierce fight broke out, and his opponents sneered at his Hamlet, and his friends declared it the greatest Shakespearean performance they had ever seen. "It is hardly doubted that the first season at the Lyceum theatre left a heavy loss; but it established Irving as a manager. The newspaper critics were not all kind to him. He had many virulent attacks to endure on his Shakespearean performance; but by degrees he won them over, and now no actor is treated with so much respectful interest in London by the critics as Henry Irving. His latest success is 'Becket,' Lord Tennyson's drama.

"Irving was received in America as became a distinguished stranger. While there was no hesitation in condemning his faults, it was admitted freely that he had gained his position in England by merit. He commended himself to Americans by what they have found lacking in dramatic managers among themselves—enterprise. He was not only a remarkable central figure—he was a great artist in stage management.

"In considering his work, it is necessary to allude to Miss Ellen Terry. When Irving decided on his ambitious scheme, he engaged the best English-speaking actress to be his coadjutor. She has been a most important factor in Irving's success. He himself has never failed to acknowledge Miss Terry in his speeches before the curtain, in such a way as to show his recognition of her value.

Liszt and the Gipsy Boy.

Liszt, the great pianist, was passionately attached to educate and civilise a gipsy boy, but failed ignominiously. The wild spirit of the nature of countless generations could not be tamed, though, as a child, liking the novelty of the new life, the young gipsy submitted, but with a bad grace, to the instruction of the teacher Liszt provided. But he soon broke loose, and became arrogant and inordinately conceited. However, his untutored playing was excellent, and he became the pet of those foolish women in society who are ever on the alert for some new craze or other to feed their flighty craving after variety.

"Soon the child of nature pined for the freedom of the fields and savagery; so he went. He ran away three times and was brought back, and then Liszt let him go for good.

"In after years he turned up again in one of the numerous wandering gipsy orchestras; but he was only then a mediocre player—instruction had actually killed the real ability that, as a child, he had possessed. So was shattered one of the dreams of Liszt's life. He learned that a savage man could not be tamed quite so easily as a savage beast, as many had discovered before.

Very Neatly Done.

In "My Contemporaries," by William Archer Shee, a good story is told of a Viscount T—, a well known frequenter of the opera in its palmy days, and a gentleman of the old school, noted for his courteous bearing and high-bred manners.

"He was sitting in his stall one evening, the story goes, thoroughly enjoying some masterpiece of Rossini or Bellini, in which Rubini was filling the part of the tenor and delighting everyone by his singing, when, to his intense disgust, some stranger immediately behind him commenced showing his thorough appreciation of the performance by indulging in a vocal accompaniment, and blending with the voice of the singer his own reading of the delicacies and difficulties of the melody.

"At last, bored beyond endurance, Lord T—, ever the polished gentleman, turned round and said in the blandest manner—"I really am very sorry, sir, but that fellow on the stage is making such a noise that I hear you very imperfectly."

The Doctor Passed Him.

GRAVENHURST, Sept. 18.—About a year ago the newspapers contained accounts of the curious case of Sam Murray, a railroad brakeman, of this place. He was paralyzed, as a consequence of an injury received while coupling cars, and for two years was unable to work. Several doctors, among them, some Toronto specialists, pronounced him incurable and his case hopeless. The Grand Trunk Railway Company paid him his total disability claim, and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen was about to pay a similar claim, when Murray astonished everybody by a return to health. It was proven at the time, beyond the possibility of a doubt, that Murray's recovery was due to Dodd's Kidney pills. A few days ago Murray applied to a life insurance company to take out a policy on his life. Two physicians have just examined him, pronounced him a desirable risk, and recommended the company to issue a policy. That's the kind of work Dodd's Kidney pills do.

What Kills Musicians.

Though it is a curious fact that several eminent musicians, as for instance Handel, Haydn, Cherubini, Spohr, Rossini, and Verdi passed the three score years and ten by a considerable space, the average of professional musicians only reaches forty years, while doctors, clergymen, and lawyers average sixty. This is the result partly of constitution and partly of development under training. The emotional and sensuous faculties are abnormally developed

at the expense of the physical and the intellectual. Jealousy, envy, and hyper-sell-love, play greater havoc with the nerves of the musician than with those of his fellows in other professions; and, lastly the mere fact that the musical faculty is, as a rule, developed at an abnormally early age, is in itself a reason why the average span of vitality in musicians should be shorter than in those who mature more slowly and evenly, and, therefore, can stand the stress and strain of life to a later period without breaking down under it.

The Bearded Women Fake.

"Yes," said the retired showman, "it is curious how hard luck will follow a man when once things get to going against him. When I was younger than I am now I was in the 'freak of nature' business. I had a lot of attractions of that kind, and they made money for me by the peck. The best one that I had was a bearded lady. It was in the early days of bearded ladies, and they were good attractions.

"My lady had whiskers a foot long and a moustache that made men green with envy. The beard was no sham either, and she was featured in every town that she visited. I thought that I had a card that would be good for a couple of seasons at least. Just as things were getting rosy she took ill and died."

"That was hard luck," said a friend. "Hard luck!" replied the retired showman, "hard luck ain't no name for it. Besides losing my freak, she left a wife and two children that I had to support for six months."

A Cold Voice.

A vocalist with a very poor voice, when singing one day, noticed a woman who was crying in the audience. Thinking that the sweet tones of his voice awakened certain feelings in her breast, he exerted himself still more, and the woman wept all the louder. When the song was at an end he hastened to enquire the cause of her tears. She replied: "Alas! I am the unhappy woman whose donkey was stolen last week; and when I hear your voice, which so strongly resembles that of the poor beast, I am reminded of my loss and am compelled to weep."

Good For Your Children.

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TONES AND UNDERTONES.

Visitor—So your brother is taking lessons on the violin. Is he making progress? Little Girl—Yes'm; he's got so now we can tell whether he is tuning or playing.

The Bayreuth festival performances in 1894 will take place from July 19 to August 19 and embrace thirty representations, including "Parsifal," "Lohengrin" and "Tannhauser."

From January of this year to the end of July, 9,753 musical works were published in Germany, of which 2,885 were for the pianoforte, 2,577 for other instruments, and 3,966 were songs.

Adelina Patti has arranged to sail Oct. 28, on the Lucania. She has undertaken to appear at forty concerts, for which, it is said, she is to receive the sum of £40,000. Her first appearance will be on Nov. 9 in New York.

Verdi is writing another opera, and has invited the Italian singer, Emma Bellincioni, to create the leading role. "Your youth and beauty," said Verdi, at his first meeting with her, "will compensate for all the faults and failings in the composition of my old age."

The secret of the sustained power and freshness of Mme. Albani's magnificent voice has been explained by her to one of Messrs. Cassell's literary contributors. It lies in the simple fact that she is systematically careful of it. Before appearing at a theatre she hardly speaks a word all day, even to her husband, and even when she does speak, it is in whispers.

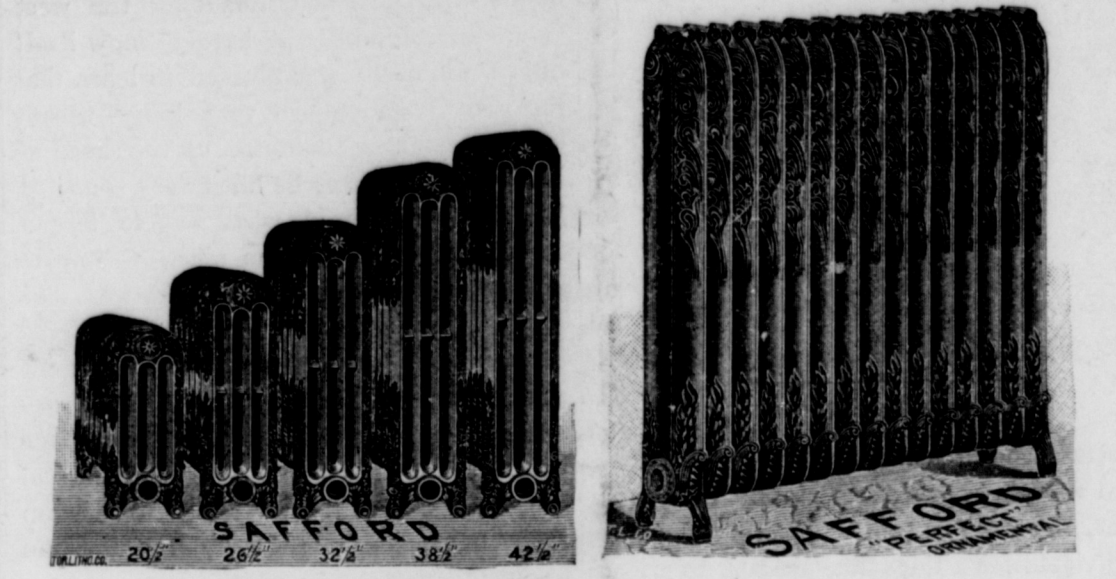
Prof. John O'Neill, of Boston, is advertising the fact that he is the true teacher of Madame Lillian Nordica. He was the first to discover the wonderful possibilities of her voice, and for five years he gave her continuous instructions. During this time she made many appearances in concerts in Boston and other cities, and the press was enthusiastic in the praise of her voice. She herself acknowledges her great indebtedness to Prof. O'Neill for the excellent start he gave her in her chosen profession.

Prince Bismarck, in an address to the boys of the Hamburg Wilhelm Gymnasium incidentally spoke of his love of music. "I used to play formerly," he said, "but I was only a moderate hand at the piano, and was glad when I could throw it up, as it bored me to have to practise. Afterwards I was extremely sorry I did give it up, for music is a faithful companion in life. I missed it at many a party, and I recommend all of you who have any talent for music to cultivate it, and take a warning from me, so that you need not reproach yourselves with the mistake I have made."

Sir Arthur Sullivan, during his summer residence at Weybridge, has progressed so satisfactorily with the new comic opera which he is composing for the Savoy, that Mr. D'Oyly Carte proposes, as we learn, to distribute the parts and to put the work into choral rehearsal at an early date. Towards the middle of September Sir Arthur will return to London, and the ordinary rehearsals will then commence. He held daily under the direction of the composer and Mr. W. S. Gilbert, so that the opera will, it is hoped, be ready for production in public very soon after the Norwich festival in October. Two of the leading parts, will, we understand, be filled by Mr. Rutland Barrington and Miss Nancy McIntosh. The lady, who is new to the stage, has already gained success as a vocalist at the Monday Popular concerts and elsewhere. She is an American, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and she has studied singing, first for three years under Mr. Errani of New York, and latterly under Mr. Henschel in London.—London Daily News.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL. SACKVILLE.

[Progress is for sale in Sackville at Chas. W. P.'s Bookstore, in Middle Sackville by E. M. Merrill.] Sept. 20.—Sackville welcomes the advent of a bride, a lady very favourably known among us as Miss Louisa DeWolfe. Of course there is a groom too, no less a person than Mr. A. W. Bennett, of the firm of Powell and Bennett. The marriage was solemnized at Shelburne, N. S., on Wednesday last, and the wedded couple arrived home on Tuesday evening. They have taken rooms with Mrs. Joseph Dixon on Bridge street, where Mrs. Bennett will be residing next week. The friends of Mrs. Edward Harrison are pleased to learn that she is spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Allison at Brookside. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Boyce and Miss Cahill returned from Campbellton on Tuesday. Mrs. Kainne of St. John is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Rennie. Mrs. Wetmore of St. John is the guest of Mrs. Chas. Fawcett. Mr. Fawcett and Master Charlie left on Monday for the World's Fair, 1893. (FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.)

Mrs. B. Eaton Patterson, of Parrsboro, spent Sunday in town. Mr. Arthur Saunders, of Charlottetown, is spending a few weeks in town. Mr. Frank Black left last week for Chicago. Mr. F. L. McDonald, returned from Boston on Saturday. Mr. Neill Matherson, spent last week in town, his many friends were pleased to learn that his health is much improved. Mr. Miles Bleakney, of Petticoatic, was in town on Wednesday, visiting his son, Mr. George Bleakney at the University.

Mrs. John Bell, left last week on an extended trip. Mrs. Bell expects to be absent a year, she intends visiting Chicago, Kansas City, California and British Columbia, before her return. Miss Bell left on Monday for Moncton, where she intends to remain the winter, with her cousin Mrs. Pick. Mrs. Fred Anderson, gave a very pleasant party for Miss Carrie Anderson on Friday evening. Several very pretty dresses were worn. The hostess looked very nice in a pretty black cashmere. Miss Harrison, pink silk waist, black skirt; Miss Laura Shirey, grey silk; Miss Cahill, cream chaille, with crimson flowers; Miss Sprague, black silk; Miss Anderson, brown silk; Miss Purdy, cream waist, black skirt; Miss Atkinson, light chaille. Miss Emma Ayer, also entertained her friends on Friday evening. Mrs. Taylor, of Rockland, is the guest of Mrs. Charles Doull. Capt. and Mrs. Moore gave a most enjoyable party on Wednesday eve. for their nephew Dr. Tom B. Moore. What was the amusement of the evening. Mrs. Moore makes an admirable hostess. She received her guests in a very becoming dress of light chaille, gold ornaments. The guests of the evening were: Miss Carrie Anderson, very pretty dress of brown and fawn silk. Miss McLeod (Federated) a handsome dress of shot silk and velvet. Miss Carrie Atkinson, very pretty cream chaille, silver ornaments. Miss Minnie Cope, elegant costume of black Bedford cord, corsage bouquet of pansies. Miss Nellie Cope, very pretty pink silk. Miss A. Lee Purdy looked very pretty in white lawn with heliotrope trimmings. Miss Willie Purdy a becoming dress of cream pouting and lace. Miss Minnie Harrison looked charming in a light chaille with natural flowers. Among the gentlemen invited were: Messrs. Calkin, Thomas, Turner, Harrison, and Stanley Atkinson. Dr. Moore left for his home in Los Angeles, on Monday.

Mrs. Lanton and little daughter of St. John are the guests of Mrs. R. P. Foster "Red Villa." Mrs. W. H. Warren left on Wednesday for Bridgewater. Mr. Will Warren has returned from Nova Scotia where he has been spending his holidays. Mr. Harry Black of Amherst spent Sunday at Mr. Pickard's. Mrs. C. W. Harrison has her sister Miss Smith visiting her. Miss McLeod who has been visiting Miss Carrie Atkinson returned to her home in Fredericton on Monday. Miss Sangster and Miss Bertha Sangster are in Windsor visiting their brother. Mr. Arthur Atkinson clerk in the employ of Mr. Geo. E. Ford was married to Miss May Lee of St. John this week. The bride has many friends in Sackville who will be pleased to welcome her. Miss Alice Purdy entertained a number of her friends on Saturday evening. Mr. A. W. Bennett and bride returned on Tuesday evening and are the guests of Mr. Josiah Wood. M. G.

(FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.) SEPT. 19.—On Thursday evening Mr. H. R. Fawcett's house, "Manshrie," presented a merry scene. Miss Grace Fawcett made a charming hostess, Miss Pauline Bell assisting in receiving the guests. Miss Grace Fawcett wore a charming dress of pale turquoise blue, trimmed with white chaille lace, slight train. Miss Bell, gown of serpentine green, prettily embroidered with black. Miss Annie Fawcett, pretty dress of dead white. Miss Ayer was becomingly dressed in pearl gray, with pink chaille demi train. Miss Fawcett, Boston, crimson gown trimmed with satin and fish net. Miss Rennie wore a most becoming dress of sh1 pink and pale green, with a profusion of lace, en traine. Miss Emma Ayer had a very pretty garment of cream crepon de soie, with trimming of satin. Miss Ethel Smith wore a very dainty dress of forget-me-not blue and cream, asters and maiden hair. Miss Eleanor Wood, rose pink gown of silk, silver ornaments. Miss Winifred Fawcett, gown of blue chaille, trimmed with ribbons. Mrs. Gretta Ogden, most becoming empire dress of salmon pink, prettily decorated with guipure. The gentlemen present were Mr. Bedford Teed, Mr. Chas. Fawcett, Mr. Ted Smith, Mr. Wallace Black, Mr. Van Buren Thorne, Mr. Hour Knapp, Mr. Frederick Rennie, Mr. Arthur Sanders, Mr. Barney Chandler, Mr. tanhope Atkinson, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mr. Rupert Smith. Zera Semon will play here Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights of next week.

ST. MARY'S, N. B. Sept. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. James R. Garden have left for Niagara, where they will reside with their son Rev. Alfred Garden. Mrs. Ruel has been visiting friends in Woodstock. Miss Jeffrey visited friends at Oranocoto lately. Mr. John Kyle met with a painful accident on Monday, while removing part of the staging from his new dwelling house. He fell some distance, cutting his hand quite badly. Mrs. Helmer expects to return to Boston this week. Miss Dockrill has gone to St. John enroute for Chicago to visit the world's fair. Mr. George Byran, who was quite ill recently, is better. Mrs. Peppers has had friends from St. John visiting her. The little church at Nashwaak has been presented with a fine organ lately, Mr. Russell conducts the musical part of the services, and it is to be complimented on the efficient way in which the music is rendered. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wilson of Lower St. Mary's have had a friend from Boston visiting them. Miss Caroline A. Peppers of Oakland has been appointed organist of Trinity chapel, during Miss Bulfinch's absence. The Misses Carman had friends visiting them last week. Mr. Babbitt has been appointed postmaster of Gibson, in place of Mr. J. R. Garden. Rumors say that one of our young ladies, a member of the teaching profession, who has been for some time on the Victoria county staff, is soon to leave here on an extended tour to the United States, visiting friends in Boston, New York, New Jersey, and other places before sailing for England, where she will be one of the principals in an interesting event, the other being a young physician who enjoys a large practice in one of the principal cities of England. OAKLAND.

WOODSTOCK. [Progress is for sale in Woodstock by Mr. John Louie & Co.] SEPT. 20.—The Tournament spoken of last week ended in a victory for Jones & Loane. Invitations are out for a small party at Mrs. D. F. Morriss, Wednesday evening. Miss Caroline A. G. Ball, B. A. Professor of Science at Harcourt Place Seminary, Gambier, Ohio, left for that place Wednesday. Mrs. Anderson of Halifax, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Charles Connell, having accompanied Miss Connell from Halifax, where she had been spending the summer. Mrs. Blake left last week for Nova Scotia. Miss Ethel Parks, St. John, is the guest of Mrs. J. E. Griffith. Mr. H. B. Dornville spent a few days at his home in Ebesay, last week. Mrs. Fred Dale accompanied her daughter, Miss Rilla, to St. Martins last week. Mrs. D. A. Grant also accompanied Miss Edith to St. Martins, the young ladies will attend the Seminary there. Rev. Canon Ketchum spent part of last week in Woodstock. Dr. Griffith and Miss Griffith returned to their home last week, after a pleasant visit in Woodstock. Mrs. R. English Brayley, Montreal, is the guest of Mrs. Stephen Smith. Miss Florence Bull is spending a few weeks in Toronto, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Rice Tucker. Mrs. R. K. Jones and Miss Beulah, are spending a few weeks in Fredericton. Mr. W. S. Queen, Varcouver, B. C., is the guest of his parents. ELAINE.

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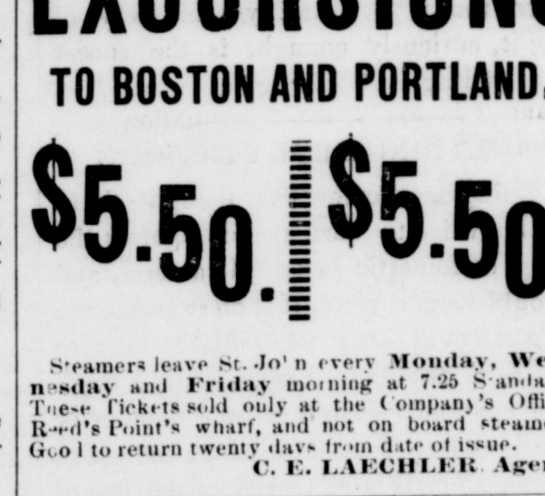
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