

Musical and Dramatic.

IN MUSICAL CIRCLES.

The special topic of musical interest just now is the performance of "Samson" in Brussels street Baptist church next Tuesday evening. Not the less is the prevailing desire to patronize this annual feature of the society's work due directly to the fact that the soloists all belong to the city or dwell in our midst. The burthen of the soprano solo work is divided between Miss Skinner and Miss Pidgeon, both of whom will doubtless give satisfactory work. Indeed of the former young lady it is said, she simply astonished every member of the society last Monday evening by the very clever manner she sang the solos allotted to her. Miss Hea will be the alto soloist, while Rev. Mr. Davenport and Mr. G. S. Mayes will respectively take care of the tenor and bass solo features of the work. From enquiry I learn that excellent practice has recently been had with the orchestra and that the chorus is prompt and well balanced. All the indications also point to a crowded church on the occasion of this Oratorio. The price of tickets has been placed at an abnormally low figure, all things considered and absence of that account can no longer be urged by any one who enjoys such music, or appreciates the development of home talent.

The Bicycle club minstrels have again met for organization and intend giving a series of entertainments about the middle of February next. I learn they have in contemplation a number of novelties. There is much talent and much originality among the young men comprising this club and their forthcoming concerts should surpass any of their previous efforts. Mr. Archie Cook will be the musical director.

The death this week of Mr. W. H. Beer removes from our midst one who was well known in musical circles in this city. For many years prior to his illness, which necessitated the abandonment of all active work, he was a member of St. Paul's (valley) church choir. He was also a member of the "Orphean club" (a double quartette) that existed here and which was one of the best, if not the very best of its kind, this city ever had. The sympathy of all must go out spontaneously as does my own, to the bereaved wife and family.

Tones and Undertones.

Leoncavallo's "Pagliacci" will be played in twenty-three French theatres during the winter.

Walter Damrosch is preparing for a season of German opera to follow the Italian and French season.

Eleanor Mayo, the prima donna, who is now in Boston, is about twenty years of age and quite a beauty.

Jancker's pretty song "I was dreaming" has been through an edition of 3000 copies, says an Australian paper.

The "Il Trovatore" performance in New York was attended by the creme de la creme of New York society. The audience was a most brilliant one.

"Il Trovatore" was superbly rendered at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York last week. Signor Tamagno scored a veritable triumph on the occasion.

Madame Trebelli and her daughter aged 16 have quarrelled. The quarrel was caused by the French violinist Musin paying his addresses to both of the ladies.

Sir Arthur Sullivan has definitely promised to compose a new choral work for the Leeds Triennial festival of next year, provided he can secure a satisfactory libretto.

Miss Libia Drog has overcome her recent nervousness and has shown herself to be a competent artist. It is said her skill as a singer is not as great as her voice is excellent.

John E. Killard, who is now on the stage in Boston, has received a superior musical education. Before coming to the United States he was organist of All Saints' church in London.

It has often been remarked of the oratorio "The Creation" that it "sings itself," but special complimentary mention is made of the work of the chorus in a recent production of that great work, in New York by the Oratorio Society.

Of Miss Lillian Blauvelt, in the New York Oratorio Society concert, it is said her work in "The Creation" was "most completely satisfactory." Her fresh, pure voice and excellent style were admirably fitted to give an irreproachable performance of the soprano music.

Willard Spenser, the composer of "Princess Bonnie," says the idea of writing this opera came to him immediately after his other work "The Little Tycoon" became a success. It was however four years after the first two numbers were written before the work was completed.

"Hawaii" is the title of a new comic opera written and composed and to be played by the members of the Portland (Me.) Athletic Club. It is a burlesque on the royal court of the Sandwich Islands. The recent resolution there is the basis of the plot. The work is in two acts.

The production of Saint Saens' "Samson and Delilah" at Music Hall, Boston, on the 26th ult. was a musical treat, says a

recent Boston paper. This opera, almost an oratorio in sentiment, is dignified, impassioned and full of color and dramatic fire. The concert was by the Cecilia Society.

An Australian critic thus criticizes some of his fellows: "Musical 'critics' are, in many cases, the creatures of concert syndicates, and their monotonous yawns about the same two or three singers and instrumentalists, who are continually repeating themselves in the same musical numbers, should be paid for as special adverts. But, perhaps, they are so paid for."

Frequent mention is made of the opera "Princess Bonnie," for the success of which no bid is made for an exhibition of the "female form divine." Its story is simple, telling of a girl who is rescued from a sinking ship by an old fisherman, who grows up in the little village almost to womanhood, when she is found by her own people, recognized as a princess and carried back by her guardian to Spain, to the intense grief of her lover and all the village. In the second act, however, the villainy of her Spanish lover is exposed, she is united to her old love and everything ends happily.

Ysaye, the distinguished Belgian violinist, has appeared in Boston, where he played. He is credited with being an artist but is said to have little personal magnetism. Ysaye is described as a big man, with broad shoulders and massive chest. His head is enormous, almost lion-like, with its great mass of thick, lank, black hair, which becomes animated when its owner plays, seemingly partaking of the musician's enthusiasm. His face is strong and intellectual, the features are always in repose, even when he plays with the most passion, but there is a look from the dark, bright eyes which seems to mirror the shifting moods of the music. There is no suggestion of affectation in Ysaye's appearance or style of playing. In this respect he is unique among the great violinists. His bearing is graceful, and he plays with the ease and freedom which comes from conscious power. He is plainly romantic, even sentimental, in temperament. So sensitive does he appear, and so daintily and affectionately does he handle his violin, that his playing is constantly characterized by a suggestiveness that is distinctly feminine.

TALK OF THE THEATRE.

J. H. Stoddard is 67 years of age. Minnie Palmer and John Rogers have squared their divorce suit.

Amateur theatricals are much in vogue in Boston and vicinity at the present time. The new play by Sardou which Fanny Davenport is rehearsing made a hit in Paris.

Miss Isabel Irving has been selected to succeed Miss Georgia Cayvan in the Daniel Frohman company.

Nat. C. Goodwin, while bicycling in Minneapolis recently, tried to run down an electric car. The car was not injured.

The following bill is posted in large letters at the door of a Brussels theatre: Moral pieces every Sunday and Thursday.

It is said that Annie Russell and Maude Adams divide the honors this season, so far, for thoroughly natural and artistic acting.

Rose Coghlan's new play "Nemesis" is by Mrs. Pacheco and the owner considers it is one of the strongest plays she has ever read.

"Sowing the Wind" was played recently in Melbourne, Australia. It is said to have one chief idea in common with "Sweet Lavender."

Mrs. George S. Knight, who is one of the famous Worrall sisters, is about to resume her profession. Her husband is dead three years.

Three of the best known dramatic authors in the United States have failed to evolve a play suitable for W. H. Crane (Mr. Senator) and his company.

In England, children under 7 years of age are forbidden to appear on the stage for profit; and all between that age and 11 years must have a license to play.

"The Coming Woman," which Carrie Turner played in New York a little while since and which was a failure, is a dramatization of Edmund Yates' "Broken to Harness."

Marie Wilkins was the first to play Madame Frochard in "The Two Orphans" in this country. The audience invariably hissed her. She was excellent in the part, perhaps the best that ever played it.

There is an Australian actor, who was no good in his prime of health, but since he has been afflicted with a good deal of pain, he has developed a rich vein of comedy, which keeps him in engagements.

Mme. Rejane will sail for this country on the 15th February and will give one hundred representations of Sardou's "Mme. Sans Gene," and several other plays new to the principal cities of the United States and Canada.

Miss Ethel Barrymore, daughter of Maurice and the late Georgie Drew Barrymore, made a very creditable debut in the John Drew company the week before last. Miss Barrymore who was playing the role,

formerly played by Miss Elsie DeWolfe, is described in a very pretty stylish girl.

The portrait of Miss Percy Haswell of Augustin Daly's company adorns one of the pages of the Christmas number of Munsey's Magazine. Miss Naswell, who is well remembered as a special favorite in this city, is "now in her sixth season on the stage," says the author of the text accompanying her portrait. The writer also says "Miss Haswell's work is original and consistent throughout. She was warmly praised by the London critics, and it is not hazardous to predict a bright future for her. Her stage presence is particularly pleasing."

As the curtain was about to ring up on a performance of "Captain Paul" in the Castle Square theatre, Boston, E. J. Henley, who was playing the title role, sent for Manager Rose. Mr. Henley demanded that he be featured in the press, on the programme, on the posters and an increase of salary besides. Non-compliance so far as the actor was concerned, meant non-appearance. The actor was dressed for his part and asked what they could do to fill his place at five minutes' notice. The manager happened to be the author of the piece. He had rehearsed the company. He did not weaken to these demands, but made up for the role and successfully played the part himself. Mr. Henley left Boston in bad humor and in bad odor. This is the party who is known here, indirectly, as having been the husband of Mary Hampton.

DR. EVANS' OPEN LETTER

CAREFULLY INVESTIGATED BY THE CANADA FARMERS' SUN.

Miss Koester and Her Parents Endorse the Statements Contained in the Open Letter—The Doctor's Action in Making the Facts Public Fully Justified.

(From the Farmer's Sun.)

In an open letter published in Canada Farmers' Sun of Sept. 19 over the signature of Dr. Evans, of Elmwood, attention was called to the remarkable case of Miss Christina Koester, of North Brant, who was attended by the doctor in March, 1892, when suffering from inflammation of the lungs, which subsequently developed all the signs of consumption. In June of the same year she wasted to a skeleton, and was suffering from an intense cough with profuse expectoration of putrid matter, accompanied by hectic fever. Her recovery was despaired of until Dr. Evans, at a stage when other remedies had proved valueless, administered Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Within a week the symptoms had abated, and a month after the change of medicine Miss Koester was able to drive to Elmwood, a distance of six miles, and was in good health, except for the weakness occasioned by so long an illness.

The publication of the doctor's statement, of which the above is a condensation, created considerable interest, especially when it was rumored that Dr. Evans was likely to be disciplined by the Medical Council for his action in certifying to the efficacy of an advertised remedy. A representative of The Canada Farmer's Sun was commissioned to carefully investigate the matter and ascertain how far the doctor's statements were corroborated by the patient's family.

An interview with Christina Koester, her father and mother, was held at the homestead in the Township of North Brant. Miss Koester is a well developed, healthy looking girl of eighteen years of age. Some stated that she was now in the enjoyment of perfect health and able to do her part in the labors of the farm, and had not since had any recurrence of her former trouble.

Tado Koester, father of Christina, said that the statement as published in Dr. Evans' open letter as to his daughter's recovery was correct. She was first taken sick about the 15th of March, 1892, of inflammation of the left lung, and after treatment by Dr. Evans seemed to recover after about two weeks, but again relapsed with the apparently hopeless conditions described in the letter. She was terribly wasted. Every night she coughed up a large bowlful of fetid matter. The family had completely given up all hopes of her recovery, and for two nights sat up with her expecting that she would die. After beginning the Pink Pills a change for the better was speedily noticeable. The cough began to discontinue and in one month had entirely ceased, when, as stated in the doctor's letter, she was sufficiently recovered to drive to Elmwood. She continued taking the pills until October. Christina had been quite well since and this fall had been pitching sheaves and helping in the harvest field.

Mrs. Koester concurred with her husband's statements throughout, and was emphatic in testifying to Christina's reduced and weakly condition at the crisis of the disease and the completeness of her recovery.

In view of the corroboration by Miss Koester and her parents of the statements made in Dr. Evans' letter, all doubts in the matter must be set at rest, and the doctor's action in giving the facts of this remarkable case to the public is fully justified.

Maritime Provincialists in Boston.

A friend sends PROGRESS a late copy of the Brockton Daily Enterprise, with the following item marked: "The supreme assembly of the order of the Sons and Daughters of the Maritime Provinces convened in Friendship Hall, Boston, Thanksgiving day. W. R. Wenzel of Bridgewater, Lunenburg Co. was elected supreme president; John W. Low of Mascarene, Charlotte Co., N. B., supreme vice-president; Archibald Dakin, Digby, N. S., supreme secretary; Jas. N. Murray, Plympton, Digby Co., supreme treasurer; Miss Lizzie B. Chandler of Northport, Cumberland Co., supreme chaplain; Alex. Gillis of Tyne Valley, P. E. I., supreme marshal; Geo. M. Thomson, a native of Clyde, Shelburne Co., supreme inside guard; Angus Beaton, native of South Side Harbor, Antigonish Co., N. S., supreme outside guard. Orion Steward of North Dakota, a native of Musquodoboit, N. S., the first past president of the order, was present."

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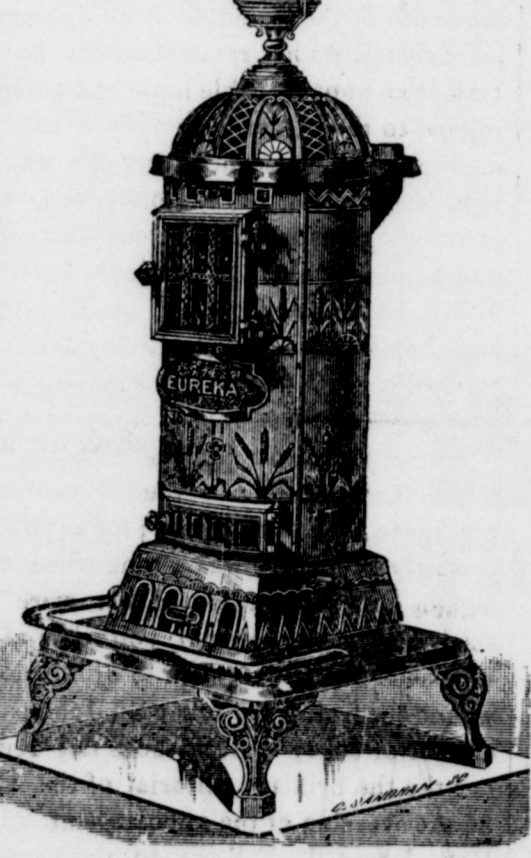
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