

# Musical and Dramatic.

## IN MUSICAL CIRCLES.

Events of special interest to the lovers of good music and of fun, will be the concerts of the Bicycle Club Minstrels at the Opera House next Monday and Tuesday evenings. The young men comprising this club, or many of them, at all events, have appeared as minstrels on a previous occasion, when their clever work gained for them much merited commendation: an infusion of new talent this year, coupled with the experience of stand, by, ought to be a guarantee of productions not inferior to those formerly given by these young men. They all possess originality to no little extent and may be relied on to make music and mirth from the rise of the curtain till its fall. Several specialties, I understand, are to be introduced by capable performers, and although on one pretends to absolute proficiency in magic, yet there is every reason to believe the "Fakeograph" will mystify every one present. The after-piece, as previously announced, is called "Christopher Columbus" and that historic personage will again greet America—and with him will be Isabella of Spain—a stately dame. This feature is the medium for the introduction of some beautiful music, which includes a sextette of alleged excellence. From the present indications next Monday and Tuesday evenings will be memorable by reason of the efforts of these aspiring minstrels.

The Oratorio Society, at its meeting last Monday evening decided to take into rehearsal Farren's "May Day" and Rhombert's "Lay of the Bell." Special consideration I am informed, will speedily be given by the management to the Orchestral feature of the Society. I learn it is also among the probabilities that "The Rose Maiden" may be given by this society in this city at a not very remote date. It has recently been given in Halifax and with much popular approval.

Musical people here all remember the clever young basso—Mr. Tom Daniel—who dwelt within our walls for some time, but who is now resident in Boston. Mr. Daniel still continues his interests in music and, not very long since, mention was made of his success in competition for a vacancy in the choir of Mount Vernon Church. His many friends, and admirers of his fine voice, will now be pleased to learn that he has been selected for the position of basso of the Berkely Temple quartette which he will join on the 1st of April. A good salary, it is said, attaches to this appointment. This is a mixed quartette, and its talent will be admitted when it is known that the other members are Mrs. E. Humphrey Allen—Marie Kaula Stone and George J. Parker. Mr. Daniel, who, will probably spend his vacation in St. John next summer, is succeeded in the Mount Vernon church choir, by Mr. W. H. Clarke, remembered as the Bass soloist who sang in "The Creation" at the Opera House here last June.

## Tones and Undertones.

Tamagno the opera baritone, does not like American criticism.

The place of Sybil Sanderson in the opera in Paris has been successfully filled by Miss Suzanne Adams, who is a Boston girl.

Carl Zerrahn, the well known musical conductor, has almost recovered from the effects of a severe fall which happened to him about a fortnight ago.

Patti appeared at Nice in "La Traviata" on the 12th inst. with great success. She was complimented with eleven recalls and flowers were piled upon the stage in great profusion.

"L'Africaine" was given at the Metropolitan (N. Y.) Opera House, on the 13th inst. when Madame Nordica sang the role of Selika. She sang "The Slumber Song," admirably.

"Falstaff" has been selected for the closing performance of the regular season of the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York. It had been intended to produce "Otello."

Emil Bach's new opera "The King's Guard," will receive its first production, at Cologne on 27th inst. Bach, lives in London but he will be present on this important occasion.

Aubrey Boucicault, who is a member of the Camille D'Arville company has a new comic opera, entitled "Electra" which it is said, he will produce in London, Eng., next summer. He will attend its production.

A San Francisco girl named Ethel Corlette has recently made her appearance in Grand opera at Malta under the stage name of Aledina Zeld. Five or six years ago Miss Corlette was understudy in the Carleton company. Her engagement in Malta is for six months.

Madame Melba recently sang in concert, Handel's Aria from "L'Allegro" with flute obligato. A writer describing the concert says, "The singer's marvellous vocal agility was again manifested and the sweetness of tone made the flute notes pale and cold in comparison."

Albert Chevalier, the London character

singer, has hitherto resolutely refused to sing at private houses. He declined an offer of 50 guineas to sing twice in Lord Rothschild's drawing room. He also excused himself when Princess Louise sent a special messenger to secure his service for a party at Kensington palace.

Cesar Thomson, the eminent violinist, gave a matinee at music hall, Boston, last Tuesday and played the following selections:

- (a) First movement from the concerto in D minor.....Bruch
- (b) Polonaise.....Wieniawski
- Le Trille de Diable.....Tartini
- (c) Adagio.....Ries
- (d) Passacaglia (on a theme by Handel).....Thomson
- Fantasia, Non Piu Mesta.....Paganini

The season of Grand opera will open in Boston on Monday evening the 25th inst. The following is the list of performances for the first week with the cast of characters.

- Monday evening, Feb. 25, "Les Huguenots."
  - Valentine.....Mme Nordica
  - Urbain.....Mme Sealchi
  - Dama d'Onore.....Mlle Bauermeister
  - Margherita di Valois.....Mme Melba
  - Marcello.....M. Edouard de Reszke
  - Conte di Nevers.....Sig Ancona
  - Conte di San Bris.....M. Pianco
  - Huguenot soldier.....Sig Vanni
  - Tavannes.....Sig Rinaldini
  - De Retz.....Sig de Vaschetti
  - Maurevert.....Sig de Vaschetti
  - De Cosse.....Sig Vanni
  - Raoul di Nangis.....M. Jean de Reszke
  - Premiere danseuse.....Mlle Gir

Tuesday evening, Feb. 26, "OTELLO."

- Desdemona.....Mme Emma Eames
- Emilia.....Mme Mantelli
- Otello.....Sig Tamagno
- Lodovico.....Sig. Mariani
- Cassio.....M. Mauguiere
- Roderigo.....Sig Rinaldini
- Montano.....Sig. de Vaschetti
- Araldo.....Sig. Viviani
- Iago.....M. Maurel

Wednesday evening, Feb. 27, "MANON."

- Manon Lescaut.....Mlle. Sibyl Sanderson
- Rosette.....Mlle de Vigne
- Pousette.....Mlle. Bauermeister
- Javotte.....Mme. Van Cauteren
- Lescart.....Sig. Bensaude
- Le Comte des Grieux.....M. Pianco
- Guillot.....Sig. Carbone
- De Bretigny.....Sig. Gomezski
- Le Chevalier des Grieux.....M. Mauguiere

Thursday evening, Feb. 28, "FALSTAFF."

- Miss Ford.....Mme Emma Eames
- Anne.....Mlle Zelle de Lussan
- Mistress Page.....Mlle Jane de Vigne
- Dame Quickly.....Mlle Sealchi
- Fenton.....Sig Russitano
- Pistol.....Sig Campanari
- Dr Calio.....Sig Mariani
- Bardolph.....Sig Vanni
- Sir John Falstaff.....M. Victor Maurel

Friday evening, March 1, "IL TROVATORE."

- Leonora.....Mme Libia Drog
- Inez.....Mme Van Cauteren
- Azucena.....Mme Mantelli
- Il Conte de Luna.....Sig Campanari
- Ferrando.....Sig Mariani
- Ruz.....Sig Vanni
- Un Zingaro.....Sig Rinaldini
- Maurico.....Sig Tamagno.

Saturday afternoon, March 2, "RIGOLETTO."

- Gilda.....Mme Melba
- Giovanni.....Mlle Bauermeister
- La Contessa.....Mme Vancaute en

## TALK OF THE THEATRE.

Kate Claxton has dropped the play entitled "My Lady Reckless."

Agnes Booth-Schoeffel will return to the stage next season in "The Sporting Duchess."

Sardou's next new play "Don Quixote," is said to be a mixture of comedy, drama and farce.

Miss Suzanne Leonard, who plays Iza in "The Grand Duchess," is a sister of Lillian Russell. Charles T. Leonard of Chicago is their father.

Louis R. Gaisel, now playing the role of the German professor in "Our Uncle Dudley," in Boston, was first in Boston with Madame Ristori.

Clyde Fitch, the American playwright has sold a modern comedy-drama to George Alexander, actor-manager of the St. James theatre, London, Eng.

Mr. and Mrs. Beerbohm Tree will begin their Boston engagement on the 25th, of March. A social as well as professional triumph is assured for them in the "hub."

Bernhardt produced "Helmuth" at the Renaissance theatre, Paris, on the 13th inst. and was applauded and recalled with enthusiasm. The French version of the play is called "Magda."

Before leaving the United States M. Febvre gave his impressions of the plays and players he has seen while in New York. Some of those who consider themselves favorites will have occasion to improve in several respects.

That Mrs. Kendal wears the pants, was shown when she took the curtain call at the Tremont Theatre, Boston, on her last night, and made the speech, while her husband meekly stayed in the background. Truly, there is only one Mrs. Kendal.

M. Febvre, the celebrated French comedian, has been visiting the United States and Canada since the first of this month.

He goes to the West Indies before returning home. He is accompanied by his wife.

Moliere's "Amphitryon" is to be reproduced at the Paris Renaissance theatre with Coquelin Aine as Jocie, his son, Jean Coquelin, as Mercure his double, and Sarah Bernhardt as Alceme. The play chiefly turns upon the resemblance between the two men.

It is said to be probable that John Hare, the actor-manager, of the Garrick theatre, London, England, will visit the United States next winter. He has been on the London stage for thirty years and is reputed the greatest impersonator of old men on the English stage at the present time.

Charles Wheatleigh, a well known actor and a member of Daly's Company, died suddenly last week, after attending a rehearsal. He had just got to his home and seated himself before the fire, when he fell to the floor and was dead before a doctor arrived.

Olga Nethersole's Boston engagement will begin on the 18th March. During her engagement Miss Nethersole will play the best pieces in her repertoire. Miss Ethel Mollison (Mrs Moore) formerly of this city is a member of Miss Nethersole's company and is receiving not a little commendation for her work.

Madge Yorke, the actress, who was murdered in Philadelphia by James B. Gentry this week, in private life was known as Miss Margaret Winifred Drysdale whose home was at 169, West 78th street, New York. The murderer, who has been captured, and his victim, were both members of "The Baggage Check" Company which played an engagement in this city a short time ago.

## A CALAMITY AVERTED.

### An Accident at St. Mary's with Almost Fatal Results.

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## Why John Bright Subscribed.

A capital story of John Bright is told by Dean Hole in his "More Memories." A witty and persistent clergyman was urging Mr. Bright to subscribe towards rebuilding his church, and got the natural reply that, as a Quaker, Bright could hardly be expected to give for the purpose. The clergyman actually replied that the building must be pulled down first, and that perhaps he would like to subscribe to that. And accordingly Mr. Bright subscribed £10.

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