## Musical and Dramatic

IN MUSICAL CIRCLES.

Last Sunday evening the choir of the Queen Square Methodist church provided the congregation with a musical treat of rare excellence. The choir was assisted by an orchestra and other friends, and the effect was really fine. The quartette of the choir has never done better work than they did on that occasion. Mrs. Gregory was in fine voice and sang admirably, and Mr Cole in a very superior manner gave his solo 'Oro Pro Nobis.' At this church tomorrow evening other specially prepared music for the Christmas season will be given. The programme was given in this department last week

Prof. Byron C Tapley, of this city has composed not a few pieces vocal and instrumental and he is still producing. The latest composition this gentleman has given to the public is an instrumental piece-'Royal March and Two Step,' which is very bright, spirited and taking, and for the reason of its intrinsic merit as well as for the nationality of the composer ought to receive very general a ceptance in this city and province. It is published by the S. Brainard's Sons Co., of Chicago and is copyrighted in London, England, where it is also on sale with Wickin's & Co, 41 Bond street.

Much pleasure is had in making note of a chamber concert given by the Boston Quintette club at the Conservatory of music at O.e.n. N. Y, of which Prof. Jaroslaw de Zielinski is director Mr. de Zielinski will be remembered among local musicans at least, as having passed his vacation in this city last summer, and as having given evidence of his skill as a pianist at the White testimonial concert in Mechanics Institute. Miss Margaret Horton a pupil of Professor de Zelinski, sang at the Institute and sang on the occasion of the Olean concert as well. At this latter concert Miss Horton's solos were "In June" by Browne and "Ever True" by Shelly, the latter having a violin obligate by Signor Quintano, first violinist of the Quintette. Among the members of this quintette by anthe way, appears the name of Thomas Ryan a name not unfamiliar to local music lovers who remember the Men Issohnn quintette of come years ago.

## Tones and Under ones.

Calve has returned to America and is rejoicing in the fact that she has lost several pounds in avoirdupois during her ed by the narrative. For the average absence. She has been developing much interest in agriculture during the summer.

Olivette, with Miss Clara Lane in the title role was the opera sung at the Castle Squars theatre, Boston, last week, and splendid productions are said to have been given. For this week, Sir Julius Benedict's romantic opera "The Lily of Killarney," has been sung at this house. Next week "The Bohemian Girl" will be revived.

"A clever artiste and a very beautiful woman" is Madame Calve's remark about Madame Emma Eames.

Madame Teresa Carreno has recently had successful appearances in Moscow and St. Petersburg. She had been invited by the Royal Music society of Madrid to appear as solo st in three concerts there but was obliged'to decline because of her American engagements. Madam Carreno spen Christmas in Berlin with her four children and sailed for New York to-day.

Madame Emma Eames appeared as Marguerite in 'Faust' in Philadelphia last Wednesday evening.

Sousa's band will give the first concert for this season on New Year's day in the Academy of music, Philadelphia.

In Vienna on the 31st, January next a concert will be given in celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of

It is rumored that Madame Calve has signed a contract for next season at the Opera Comique in Paris where in all probability she will originate the title role in Massenet's "Sappho."

Rosenthal is reported to be slowly recovering from his attack of typhoid fever. He will spend the winter in Southern California. All contracts for concerts up to the middle of February at least have been cancelled as his physician has ordered absolute rest.

Carl Halir the Bohemian violinist, gave a short recital for the students of the New England conservatory of music, Boston, one day last wehk.

Madame Lillian Nordica has signed a contract for an operatic concert tour, extending from New York to San Francisco and return. The tour begins on Monday next. The contract provides that Malame Nordica shall appear four times each week

Mrs. Jennie Patrick Walker sang in the 'Messiah' at the Free baptist church, on Commonwealth avenue, Boston, last Sunday evening. The choir of the church was with her head for the occasion. Whether augmented for the occasion.

Rehearsals for the Cadets new play 'Simple Simon' are well under way in appearance on the stage was thirty four Boston.

Yvette Guilbert, is described by Harriet Hubbard Ayer in a recent number of The World, as 'a paradox worthy of the degringolade of the fin-de-Siecle. A young woman, tall, of exquisite figure, with a bust and throat of which I have never seen the Cross' tollows 'Sue' at the Boston museum. ' cents.

equal in beauty of outline and delicacy of skin texture.' Yvette is now in her twenty ninth year and she detests 'Johnnies.'

Sarasate has a red Stradivarius for which he says, he has just refused an offer of \$30.000 made by an American collector. He has several times before refused other offers by this same party.

Miss Nellie Bergen, the new prima donna of Dewolf Hopper's company is credited with possessing a wonderfully clear and powerful voice. It is said that her top notes in the great march number in the finale of the second act of 'El Captains', as well' as in the chorus 'The Gates of Tempeza are rendered with the greatest ease, and are distinctly heard above the combined efforts of principals, chorus, orchestra and brass band. She is the daughter of John Brennan, who is a sergeant of the Brooklyn Police Force, and she has been on the stage for only two years past.

## TALK OF THE THEATRE.

At the Opera house this week the Isham Lytell company has been giving "My Friend from India" a very enjoyable comedy not long ago imported into the United States, and "A Dark Secret," 'a tank' play of somewhat more mature age. Both of these plays are new to St. John. The latter piece was put on Thursday evening and has been continued until this evening exclusive. There is only opportunity this week to briefly notice the first named play and with respect to it to summarize the effect by saying that it is most mirth provoking, this condition being intensified by the work of Mr. Lytell, who is a well know comedian, in the role Erastus Underholt, trying to get into "Society" and by George Mack who personates a theosophical barber, and who against his will is much lionized. It is a tarce comedy and is intended as a hit at society fads. By the way a young lady member of the company has been introduced to the theatre goers here in a somewhat cheap way. They are told in advance of the lady's appearance that she is the heroine of two romantic stories-Now this is a matter of the lady's own-it does not concern the public in any special way—al though it is highly probable some of the "chappies" and those who lounge in the theatre lobbies to see the actresses come out after the performance, may be impresstheatre goer it is much more to the purpose to know whether or no the lady is a good actress. In the first place she does not give much evidence of extra skill -perhaps because there is little chance for her, in the piece. At all events this romantic episode business is rather a "jay" kind of business for a practical city like St. John.

On Christmas day at the Mechanics Institute, and continuing for a week, appears Mr. J. E Brennan a singing and dancing comedian, and Miss Eva Westcott, at the head of a company which will give a number of different plays during their stay. Both Mr. Brennan and Miss Westcott are well known here, especially as having been members of Miss Ethel Tucker's Company. Of Miss Westcott's work some one has written as follows:

"She is a delicious little body - half sun shine, penetrating like a random ray the cobwebbed, musty covers of lite-and half music, dancing like a strain of merry concord across the sighing breezes of the dull old world." My! On! my! Aint that beautiful!

And now it is said that Olga Nethersole is not coming to America next season.

The week closing this evening is the last production of 'Sue' at the Boston Museum, and Joseph Haworth, of that company having recovered from his recent illness, will shortly start west to join Modjeska.

Ibsen has selected the realistic title 'John Gabriel Borkman' for his new play. It will be published in five languages at once, Norwegian, English, French, German and Russian.

Captain Macready, the youngest son of the famous tragedian, after winning the Tel-el-Kebir clasp for gallantry in the Egyptian campaign, is also acquiring fame as an amateur actor at Aberdeen.

Sarah Bernhardt will shortly have a glorification in Paris. It will begin with a the Rennaissance theatre in an act of ·Phedre' and other selections from her repertoire. Francois Coppee, Jose de Heredia, Catulle Mendes and other poets will recite verses composed in her honor. The poems, together with a hymn addressed to her by Armand Silvester, will be printed in a book adorned with pictures by Gervex, Rochegrosse and other artists, and Roty, the engraver, has made a medal golden jubilee is not stated. Her first woman pushed t last.'-Baltimore Sun.

years ago. Maurice Barrymore's play "Roaring Dick & Co." is constructed from episodes Mortiboy."

John Drew comes with 'Rosemary' to the Hollis theatre, Boston, on the 4th prox. Miss Maud Adams, who plays the title role in this play, is pronounced by Alan Dale, the dramatic critic, as 'the cleverest actress on the English speaking stage.'

Isabelle Urquhart, formerly a special favorite actiess in the United States and who has been in Europe for some time is now in Boston Her husband is 'handsome Guy Standing' of the 'Sue' company and who has made a decided hit in the role of Jan Wynd in that play.

new comedy sketch called 'A Model Young | (281 chief inspectors and subinspectorst Man' at Keith's theatre, Boston. They appeared in a company in this city a few sea-

Jessie Wood, dramatic critic for 'The World' writing of the piece called "The Girl from Paris' says it 'is a play of tolerably bright surface on which an eruption of other day for twenty-four hours. Eight of songs and dances springs forth teverishly. It is a violent attack of specialties of Miss Clara Lipman who plays the title role she says 'she cannot do the two things required | eight hours he must patrol a certain distric. of her. She can neither sing nor dance Her acting is rather pretty, but not half as pretty as she herse'f.'

### WRECKED.

Mrs. Harkley, the Wife of Captain Harkley,
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MR JEFFERSON'S THUMB PRINTS.

An Album in Which Distinguished People Are Represented. Mr Thomas Jefferson, a son of Joseph

Jefferson, the distinguished comedian, arrived in Baltimore recently from Washington with a singularly interesting autograph book. It is not that the book is so unique for the famous names it includes in its pages, but that it contains the thumb marks of several persons prominent in the political and dramatic histories of the

President and Mrs. Cleveland's thumb prints appear in the book and are striking examples of the singular difference that exist between thumbs, for it has been proved by scientists so interested that there are no two thumbs in the world possessed of similar marks. In the president's print the lines of the thumb are bold, positive and lengthy. It is near the first joint of the member that the circular lines begin to appear. In Mrs. Cleveland's print the ines also appear firm and bold, but the circular lines are much higher up toward the

Francis Wilson shows his print in the book. According to an expext in such matters, the lines indicate a nature truly humorous. There is nothing exactly postive about them, though nothing indicating weakness is revealed. But the lines are far from regular and are such as are natually looked for in a person who constantly develops a versatile wit and droll conception of the incidents of life.

The Hon. Daniel Lemont, the secretary of war, has impressed his thumb upon one page of the book, and his print is strong and full of character. It typifies candor, well mixed with deliberation and discretion and a jovial appreciation of the good things of this world.

In the play of 'Pudd'nhead Wilson' a murderer is detected by his thumb print, upon which means of positive identification the hero of the piece is an enthusiast This has been suggested by a scientist as the best and most certain way of identifying criminals and upheld as far more simple and direct than the Bertillon system now in general use throughout this country. Constant experiment has demonstrated that the marks on the thumb never change from infancy to old age. These marks are impossible of imitation, because they are too complicated in design and it is impossible to destroy the marks on the thumb except by amoutation. The use of the thum's prin t breaktast after which she will perform at in connection with signatures is already

heing advocated in eastern states. Mr. J fferson is an enthusiast on the subject of the thumb print and its possibilities and importance in business transactions Such is his earnestness that he has become known among other theatrical business men as a sort of crank. An advance agent, speaking of his enthusiasm recently, remarked : 'Jeff-rson has got Benjamin Constant, Carolus Duran, Clairin | the thumb print idea bad. Have you heard the latest about him?

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Duties of the Patrolmen-The Length o Their Hair Regulated.

The police force of Japan is a large and well-organized department constructed on the French model. In Tokio, the ancient Yeddo, which is the capital and seat of government, the earliest force of "watchmen" was organized by "Kawadzu" (the first Chief of Police in Japan) on his return from Europe nearly a quarter of a century ago but the police force was established on its present footing twenty one Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew are doing a years ago. It has now a strength of 3,474 and 3 253 constables or Junsa), The Fire Department is also under police control. For a slender remuneration a large amount of service is expected, says the Sunday at Home. The ordinary city policeman is on duty every these hours he must stand in front of one of the li tle boxes, or kobancho, of which there are 338 in the City of Tokio. For returning to his kobancho, and during the remaining eight he may sit or lis on a bench within the inner room of the kobancho, ready to be called upon at any moment if required. Six policemen are attached to each box three by day and three by night, so that while one is resting a second is on the fixed point duty in front of the box, and a third is patrolling.

On his off-duty days the policeman is partially empolyed in making inquiries, serving summonses, filling in census papers or carrying out one or other of the fortytwo separate and distinct duties which he has to look after. For a policeman in Japan is supposed to know a little of everything

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A Japanese policeman seldom has much difficulty in making an arrest He is invested with all the majesty of the law, and to the Japanese law is supreme. It is almost amusing to see him holding a solumn court in the street to settle some dispute between the inhabitants. The surround ing crowd shows no disposition to ridicule and banter, which is so trying to the temper of the ordinary London 'Bobby.' With the utmost gravity he examines the porties interested, notes down the informanion given, and finally pronounces his decision, which ia generally obeyed without question. This absolutism because the policemen are usually youthful in appearance and small in figure. Fine feet two inches is the standard height and 21 is the medium age for entrance into the force. Every policeman receives minute instructions as to his deportment, the position of his hands when standing, sitting, etc , and the length of his hair, which 'must not be more than 2 inches in front nor 7 10 hs of an inch on the neck. The police are for the most part recruited from the old Samaural, the feudal class of

gatherings of the people.

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