

IN MUSICAL CIRCLES

There was never a more interesting season outlined than that which will begin at the Metropolitan during the last week in December, says the New York Sun. The Merd cycle will bring to the repertoire two works that have not been sung in a long time. Ernani and Un Ballo in Maschera are novelties to the present generation. Mesaline for Mile, Calve, Thais for Mile, Sanderson and La Tosca for Mme. Ternida are possibilities while it is settled that Donizetti's L'Elisire d'Amore will be revived for Mme. Sembrich. Both she and Mile. Calve are to appear in La Boheme so the public will have a sufficiency of Mimis. Mme. Eames is to sing for the first time here Leonora in Il Trovatore, and there is again the promise that Mile. Calve is to sing Valentine in Les Huguenots. Ernest van Dyck is to be heard as the Siegfried of Gotterdammerung, and Edouard de Reszke to sing Wotan in Die Walkure for the first time. La Gioconda, long promised, is again on the list of operas announced. The Padrewski work, Manru, is, of course the most interesting of the new works and the fate of the work which has met so far with triumphant success everywhere will be awaited with interest. It may be the long expected novelty that will awaken the interest of New Yorkers in new works.

The return of Anton Van Rooy will be a delight to those who have heard his wonderful Wotan. He will also appear as the hero of Der Fliegende Hollander, in which he was only measurably successful.

Scotti is to appear in L'Elisire d'Amore, Otello, La Gioconda and Ernani, and Giuseppe Campanari will be heard for the first time in Un Ballo in Maschera, Edouard de Reszke will also appear in Ernani and L'Elisire d'Amore, Mme. Gadeki is to sing Valentine in Les Huguenots, which she has not yet attempted here, although she has appeared in the role in other cities. Fritz Scheff will be a demure Micaela and will also sing for the first time Urbano in Les Huguenots, which is certain to be interesting. Emilio de Marchi, the first of the tenors to arrive, will sing the entire Italian repertoire, and has not yet learned to sing in French.

He will be heard first here as Raoul in Les Huguenots. Pol Plancon is to be seen in only one new part and that will be in La Gioconda. Mme. Ternina, who does not come until the beginning of the local season, and will not be heard on the company's travels is to appear for the first time here in La Gioconda and Un Ballo in Maschera. The useful Thomas Salignac will sing in La Boheme for the first time and also in L'Elisire d'Amore and Manon. Albert Alvaraz will sing Othello, L'Africaine, Salsambo and Le Cid. This is, of course, in case there is any great public demand to hear Reyer's opera without the presence of Albert Salza. It will be observed that there is no mention in Mr. Grau's plans of Lalo's Le Roi d'Ys, which it was at one time intended to produce during the coming season.

The long trip of the troupe makes it clear why such a large company is needed. Twenty-six cities in all are to be visited on the winter tour and in many cases two performances will be given on the same date. Thus the long list of sopranos will not be excessive. The cities to be visited are Albany, Toronto, Montreal, Rochester, Syracuse, Buffalo, Louisville, Nashville, Memphis, Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Antonio, Austin, Dallas, Kansas City, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Cleveland and New York. After the season, at the Metropolitan, the company will visit Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Chicago and Pittsburg returning there for the final performance. This tour combined with the New York season, will make the most extensive operatic undertaking ever attempted here.

Most of the performances are already sold for a fixed sum, so there is no risk to the management involved. This is not, of course, true of San Francisco or any of the cities in which a long engagement will be played. It is a strong evidence of the present prosperity of the country that some of the smaller cities should be able to pay for single performances as much as \$7,000. The tour which the company made to the Pacific coast last year did not include nearly so many cities as are to be visited this year and the amount of travel involved was much less. Nor was the financial outcome of that trip so assured. The number of performances already guaranteed is larger than any organization of the kind ever gave. The entire string of cities to the coast and back have practically paid in advance for their tickets.

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