

Our Critical Column.



EVERY musician in Ontario, and, in fact, every citizen in or out of the musical ranks, will be interested in the special article to be published in GRIP of next week under the title of "Musical Toronto," which is to be illustrated with portraits of all the leading singers, instrumentalists and musical instructors of the Queen City. Newsdealers throughout the country are advised to order their supplies early, as we anticipate an unusually great sale for this attractive number.

THE return of the Kendals to the Grand Opera House for the last three nights of this week is an event which will be hailed with pleasure by all the lovers of true dramatic art. From Reilly to Kendal may be called a stride from end to end of the stage world, and a testimony that Manager Shepard does his best to meet and satisfy every possible variety of taste.

It is not generally known that Mr. Denman Thompson wields the pen of a dramatist, though he was the originator and joint-author of "The Old Homestead." In collaboration with Mr. Geo. Ryder, who helped him with the play just named, he has produced a piece called "The Two Sisters," which is being played at the Academy this week. It is a very interesting work, containing a great variety of characters drawn from actual every-day life. The moral it teaches is for the special benefit of girls who are given to flirting, and the tale is told in a manner calculated to leave a lasting impression.

MR. GEORGE KENNAN delivers three lectures this week at the Pavilion, in which he will hammer some more nails into the coffin of the Siberian prison system of Russia. Every lover of human liberty should go and hear this brave American. The dates are, 15th, 16th and 17th.

THOSE who heard Master Kavanagh and those who failed to do so will be equally delighted to learn that another opportunity is to be afforded, by a return visit of the wonderful little artist this week. He will sing at the Metropolitan church on Thursday and Friday evenings, when that edifice will be more densely packed, if possible, than on his first appearance in this city. The wise man will buy his tickets in advance.

"THE World Against Her," Kate Claxton's celebrated play, is the attraction this week at Jacobs & Sparrow's. The leading role is filled by Miss Madge Carleton, an emotional actress of exceptionally great powers, who is supported by a fine company.

MRS. OMENS.—"Do you believe in signs, Mr. D'Auber?"

MR. D'AUBER.—"Yes, indeed. I paint 'em."—Puck.

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MOTHER.—"Bobby, dear, come here and give me a kiss."

LITTLE BOB.—"Well, I'll do it, ma, but what have you to say first?"

MOTHER.—"Why! What do you want me to say?"

BOB.—"Well, what pa generally says to our chambermaid: 'Don't be so cruel.'"

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CUSTOMER (to young Israelite).—"Are these gloves elastic?"

ISRAELITE (decisively).—"Dese gloses vill do votever you vants 'm to do. If you vants 'em to str-r-retch dey vill str-r-retch, and if you don't vants 'm to str-r-retch dey vill dr-r-raw up an' fit close to de han'."—Puck.

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GEORGE.—"I married both for love and wealth."

MR. SPENCER.—"How so?"

GEORGE.—"My wife has a heart of gold and a silvery voice."—S. F. Wasp.

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