

Music and The Drama

IN MUSICAL OPERAS.

One of the most unique and really delightful entertainments offered in this city in a long time, was the song recital at the Opera house on Thursday and Friday evenings of last week.

In the three against one incident, connected with the quartette of St. Andrew's church choir referred to last week, the only development I have heard since the previous mention is, that the three, have tendered their resignations.

This department is indebted to the thoughtful courtesy of Mr. John H. Williams, representing the Worcester Daily Spy for an official circular of the approaching Worcester musical festival.

Mr. Williams who is accompanied by his wife has been touring Nova Scotia and spent a few days in the city on his way home.

Tones and Undertones.

Maurice Gran and his wife are at Bayreuth visiting there on invitation of Fran Cosima Wagner.

A boy pianist named William Baur has arrived in the United States from Europe. He will make his debut in that country in New York on the 18th November next.

Mr. Plunkett Greene's next season in the United States will open at Steiner Hall, Boston in the early part of November with a series of song recitals.

Jean de Reszke, the operatic tenor, who is a great lover of horses, has recently, and for the second time, won the grand prize of the Czarina in Russia.

A memorial tablet to Anton Rubinstein has recently been placed on the house No. 1, Augusterstrasse, Stuttgart, where he lived for several years as a young pianist and composer.

The Bar Harbor record is authority for the remark that an effort upon the part of the summer residents there to bring down for a series of concerts, the famous Boston Symphony orchestra, failed, although Mr. Joseph Pulitzer subscribed \$1000 towards the project.

The date of the opening of the next Damrosch Opera Season in New York is definitely fixed for the 17 January next. The Operas will be given at the Metropolitan Opera House and the season will last for five weeks.

"Song recitals" as they are called appear to be becoming a favorite method for introducing to the public an aspiring vocalist. A young lady, named Miss Katherine Hurley will give a song recital at Steinert

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Hall, Boston, on the 14th October. Miss Hurley is spoken of as "a young singer of much promise." Of course local talent will assist in the programme.

Misses Minna J. Gaul and C. Mabel Bonnan, two musical young ladies of Boston have been conducting business on new lines this summer. They have been at Nantasket beach all season and have been furnishing music at hotel Nantasket.

The Bostonians open their season at the Boston theatre Boston on 20th September and will produce for the first time in that city their new opera "The Serenade." For the last week they will revive "Robin Hood." The new opera is said to be "not only melodious but very brilliant in its scoring besides having a witty and clean cut text."

TALK OF THE THEATRE.

The Miles Ideal Stock Company opened their return engagement at the Opera house on the afternoon of Labor day and to an audience that literally crowded the house, and in numbers exceeded the best previous record at the Opera house.

Much regret is felt at the fact of Mr. Frank Lee Miles' illness which seized that gentleman on Wednesday morning last. Mr. Miles was happily convalescing from the injuries he received on the stage in Halifax a few weeks since and which obliged him to go to the hospital for treatment.

On Monday evening next the opera house will be occupied by the famous actor James O'Neill whose name has been especially connected with the play "Monte Cristo." Mr. O'Neill's stay is limited to four nights, and his opening play will be "Virginia's."

"Fort Frayne" is the title of a dramatization of Captain King's novel which was recently presented at the Schiller Theatre Chicago, and for the first time on any stage. It is credited with a success. The dramatization is the joint work of the author and Mrs. Emma Sheridan Fry and Mrs. Sutherland.

Edith Hardy, is the name of a Cambridge society girl who is to take the part played by Laura Joyce Ball in "The Walking Delegate" when that play is produced in Lynn Mass. on the 15th inst.

The Stock Company plan of the Castle Square theatre Boston, is to be continued "The White Slave" will be the bill for next week. For the current week "The charity Ball" is the bill. The season opened last Monday night.

A writer, referring to the recent production of McNally's new play "The Good Mr. Best at the Garrick theatre, New York, says the author 'has a fluent and nimble wit of the slangy up-to-date kind but in his latest effort he has distinctly failed to hit the mark' and 'The Good Mr. Best' might be much better.'

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The piece is called a musical force its quality thus perhaps involuntarily being rightly designated.

London's "Mme Sans Gene" with Marion Abbot in the title role, will begin its season at Youkers, New York, next Monday evening. Miss Katherine Kidder now owns the piece. Among those in the cast is Malcolm Bradley, the clever member of Harkin's Company for the last two summers. Mr. Bradley plays the part of Fouché.

The English Company that is to play "The Sign of the Cross" in the United States this season is now on route. They sailed for New York on Wednesday last.

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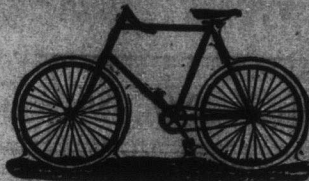
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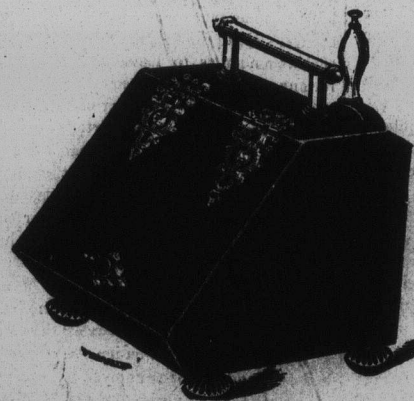
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