

The newest of local singing organiz tions, the Harmonic Society, under Dr. C. L. M. Harris, gave a concert in the accompanist for the recitatives and he did his work well.

Freeeding "The Seasons" the orchestraplayed the march, "Canada," by Dr. Albert Ham, organist of St. James 'Cathedral, Toronto. It is a brilliantly scored work, and its stirring rhythms brought a considerable round of applause at the close. The choir sang Lavallee's "O Canada," quite effectively.

Dr. Härris directed with his usual skill, keeping his forces well in hand.

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here. It is set for three soloists onlythose taking the parts last evening being: Mrs. J. Faskin McDonald, soprano;
Frank Ormsby, New York, tenor; Ruthvin McDonald, bass. "The Seasons" is
not as imposing a work as "Creation,"
but it contains much bright music. It
was the product of "Papa" Haydin when
he had almost neared his seventieth
birthday, and, for that reason, it is considered a marvellous composition. Its sidered a marvellous composition. It completion, however, brought the gifte composer nearer his deathbed and he did

composer nearer his deathbed and he did not long survive the strain forced on him by his last great work.

Last evening's presentation was, in many ways, a pleasing one. Of those concerned, the chorus work was the least satisfactory, and this can be said without writing derogatively of the singers. Each section sang admirably, but the proponderance of sopranos and contrations made the male sections somewhat thin. Despite this inequality, the choruses went excellently and the audience was liberal with its applause. The first chorus, "Come, Gentle Spring," was sung brightly. Possibly the chorus' best work was done in "God of Light," which was sung with splendid effect. "Hark! the Deep Tremendous Voice" was quite a tax on the chorus and the sopranos went somewhat astray; but, altogether. went somewhat astray; but, altogether, it was sung with force and intensity and was wermly applauded. The funting chorus was another well-sung number,

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The work is abundantly sprinkled with recitatives, cavatimas and ariaes; and the soloists have really few opportunities to induige in melodious solos that appead to the average audience. The society made no mistake in engaging Mrs. McDonald to sing the solos for the soprano. She was in grand voice and her work stamped her the equal of most of the high-priced artists who have at various times been engaged to sing here. Mrs. McDonald had a heavy tesk, and herrich, perfectly pitched voice and admirable technique carried her to a triumph that was made manifest by the enthusfastic plaudits of the audience. Her aria, "O. How Pleasing to the Senses," was the first number to stir the audience, and all her succeeding work pleased immensely, the lilting air, "A Wealthy Lord," being particularly bright.

Mr. Ormsby came as a stranger. He proved himself a tenor with a fine voice and considerable facility. There is much written for the tenor part and some of it is not greatly interesting. Mr. Ormsby sang conscientiously and when his chance came he made a marked impression. Portions of the recitatives were out of his lower register, but within his range Mr. Ormsby was strikingly effective with his virile voice and artistic style. A specially well-sung number was "The Traveller Stands Perplexed." There are several very melodious duets for soprano and tenor, and Mrs. McDonald and Mr. Ormsby sang them with a finish and quality of tone most commendable.

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The orchestra is worthy of special

on the too frequent use of firearms or the burning of red fire. It is a por-trayal of prairie life and the story deals with the exciting incidents of cattle rustling, and, as usual, has also a love affair. The play is well staged and in the hands of an unusually good com-pany for popular prices. "COME BACK TO ERIN."

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Charles E. Mack, the Irish comedian, will appear at the Grand Friday and Saturday in "Come Back to Erin," a romantic drama that will be presented by a capable company and with special scenery. The story deals with a young Irish-American mine owner from Arizona, named Dillon, who is paying a visit to the birthplace of his parents, located on the shores of Killarney. He is made the guest of a Mrs. Burke, who was an old friend of his parents, and for their sake all the neighbors endeavor to outdo themselves in giving him a was an old friend of his parents, and for their sake all the neighbors endeavor to outdo themselves in giving him a good time. On the eve of his departure he declares his love for one of Mrs. Burke's daughters, who, though she reciprocates his affection, refuses to go to America on account of her mother's advanced age. Before leaving, Mrs. Burke, handing young Dillon an Irish rose, begs of him to plant it on her son's grave, who is buried somewhere in Arizona. Dillon returns to his mine, where the United States troops are under arms ready to suppress an expected Apache rising. Shortly after his return he receives a letter from his sweetheart saying that through a brother of a friend she had learned of a young Irish cavalry sergeant, stationed in Arizona, named Burke, who had fallen into disgrace. She imagines that it is possibly her brother, who may still be living, and requests Dillon to enquire. According to his sweetheart's request, Dillon follows the information, learning that the young sergeant was really the supposed dead son and brother; that he had been dismissed from the army for forgery, and that, declaring his innocence, he was lingering around the fort with the

audience in constant good humor. Mr. Selman as Charles II. makes up after the portrait by Sir Philip Lely, and one could almost imagine he had just stepped from the frame. He capably assisted Miss Pettes in making "Nell Gwynn" one of the most entertaining plays of the present season. Albert Tavernier as Percival, a strolling player, with the as-sistance of Campbell Stratton as Rol-

GOOD THINGS AT BENNETT'S.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Crane have set new standard for hardner before the situation became acute, and a new standard for legitimate comedy in vaudeville in the one-act farce, "Pix-ley's Prodigal Parents," presented by them at Bennett's Theatre this week. This clever little playlet is not only re-freshingly original in construction, but it presents a novelty in vaudeville set-LLAVE CLAR ALUNE.

The same gentleman is also taking up the cause of the income taxpayer. He is a company of five clever people. The story deals with a wealthy American named Drake, whose daughter marries a poor artist. The parents go abroad to forget their troubles. Pixley, the artist, and his young wife settle in a quiet suburb of New York. Fortune smiles on the union, and they are happy but for the lack of parental blessing. His pictures find a ready buyer, whom he does not know, but who is purchasing all his work through an agent, one Pearl Mohr. A year elapses and one afternoon the pixleys learn from the newspaper that Mrs. Drake have separated and have returned to New York on different steamers. "A divorce is probable and a co-respondent is suggested." Saily is guite distracted, but Pixley quickly suggests a possible solution of the trouble and a co-respondent is suggested." Saily is guite distracted, but Pixley quickly suggests a possible solution of the trouble and have returned to New York on different steamers. "A divorce is probable and a co-respondent is suggested." Saily is guite distracted, but Pixley quickly suggests a possible solution of the trouble and have returned to New York on different steamers. "A divorce is probable and a co-respondent is suggested." Saily is guite distracted, but Pixley a dively suggests a possible solution of the trouble. The most interesting decision reached was concerning the attitude of the party toward the throne. The delegates and then show them by example how foolish the older people's quarrel really is.

PRINCE ITO AND COREA.

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is. the natural gravitation of affection By the natural gravitation of affection both the parents come to their daughter in their trouble, albeit by different routes. And finding them ready at hand

indulge in feats of strength that are full of startling surprises. It is the most amazing "strong man" act seen here yet. Arthur Rigby, "the minstrel comedian," who has an exceptionally bright line of funny talk and comical songs, and John W. World and Mindil Kingston, in an odd little comedy skit do much to mainodd little comedy skit, do much to main tain the general excellence of the bill.

DESSLER'S BURIAL.

BERLIN BURGLAR WILL BE BUR-IED IN OLEAN CEMETERY.

Made Final Statement-And it is Said That He Contradicted Portions of First Statement He Swore to-Booty Identifed-Had Good Time -Did Not Want to Shoot.

Olean, Feb. 23.-Nelson Dessler, the ourglar who shot dead Captain Timothy Hassett in the Droney Lumber Company's office in the Masonic Temple on Sunday morning, died at 7.10 o'clock this morning at the general hospital. Peritonotis resulted from the builet wounds in his abdomen. Only the man's remarkable vitality kept him alive until this morning.

Suffragettes Forwarded Two to away. British Premier.

sixteenth century. Lovers of the best in drama should not miss this production of "Nell Gwynn."

The next attraction will be "The Northern Lights," an episode of the Custer massacre.

The massacre of the best cel, which was followed by a great three policemen on duty to prevent suffragette visitors closed the door, but were much perplexed, being unwilling to interfere with his Majesty's mail. great

REVISION OF ONTARIO LAWS

The Opposition Members Raise Interesting Points.

Land is to be Withdrawn From Temagami Reserve.

MacKay Urges a fixed Scale of Charges For Court Stenographers.

Toronto, Feb. 24 .- Yesterday in the Legislature was a field day for the lawyers. Although anything like an element of excitement was lacking, yet a considerable amount of work of import ance was accomplished in the passing through committee stage of a number the bills revising the statutes. Severa interesting points were raised by the

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THE FISCAL YEAR.

sistance of Campbell Stratton as Rollind, the programme boy, are given opportunities to display genuine powers as laugh provokers. Thaddeus Gray, as Lord Jeffreys, gives the role dignity and appealing as Lady Olivia Vernone and appealing as Lady Olivia Vernone and appealing as Lady Olivia Vernone and Stuart Beebe is an unconventional Sir Roger Fairfax. Geeil Owen gives several superb characterizations. Eugenie Du Bois and Claudia Lucas as the scheming ladies of the Stuart court, are always in the picture, and both are most attractive to the eye. Miss Edythe Tressider is a buxom Tiffin: she has a splendid voice, and uses it to advantage. The scenery is decidedly elaborate, and transports one back to Merrie England of the sixteenth century. Lovers of the best of the sixteenth century. Lovers of the lover of the sixteenth century of the sixteenth century of the

ing the municipal act.

The amendment will permit municipalities to submit by laws to the rate-payers at any time instead of only at the municipal election. Sir James stated

interfere with his Majesty's mail.

Word reached the interior of the house before the situation became acute, and the addressee, as he had a legal right to do, refused to receive the parcel, which the messenger was compelled to return to the post office undelivered.

LEAVE CZAR ALONE.

Russian Revolutionists Decide to Do No More Preaching.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—A four days' congress of the revolutionary party of the National Socialists has just come to an end in this city. In spite of presses the state of the subject of legislation for which Mr. E. Fraser, M. P. P., is sponsor.

CAN'T READ OR WRITE.

all republicans, but it was set forth that they had found the monarchized feeling among the peasantry so strong that it was inadvisable to continue to preach openly against the Emperor and the monarchy.

PRINCE ITO AND COREA.

Seoul. Corea. Feb. 23.—That the strongest impression he retains of his recent tour of Northern Corea is that Japan must continue fearlessly in her must separate.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

"Reader" Seeks Information on

larger or speeder than the Great Lassett.

1—The Germanic languages are divided into three groups as follows with Leier subdivisions as given:

(a) Low German-Maeso Gothic, Anglo-Saxon (old English), Frislan, old Saxon, Dutch and Flemish.

(b) High German-Maeso Gothic, Anglo-Saxon (old English), Frislan, old Saxon, Dutch and Flemish oldern High German, middle High German middle Migh German, which was a state of the Great Control of the C

in their trouble, albeit by different routes. And finding them ready at hand—the Pixleys administer the "object lesson" in heroic doses. How well they succeed in destroying co-respondents and prejudice and in bringing about the necessary end of all good stories, "they lived happy ever after," can better be sent than described.

A sensational hit this week is the performance of the Brothers Damm, who do some wonderful aerobatic feats, and

Bears to Char H. Flitchers



CHARLES MACK. Who will be seen in "Come Back to Erin" at the Grand on Friday and Saturday.