

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

Mr. Thomas Rankine, who for a number of years has met with much success in cities in the Eastern States and in England, in training amateur opera companies for performances in aid of charitable organizations, has arrived at Vancouver, and will probably settle for a period in that city. Mr. Rankine has a large repertoire of operas with which he is thoroughly conversant, and is not only an excellent actor himself, but is an admirable tutor and possesses good judgment in his selection of performers for the roles in the various operas he puts on. The eastern papers speak very highly of Mr. Rankine's abilities.

Richard Mansfield, with a supporting company of 32 persons, is booked for The Victoria, June 3rd and 4th. Mr. Mansfield is, without a doubt, one of the greatest of living actors, and ranks with Irving and Booth. In connection with Mr. Mansfield's appearance, it might be mentioned that at every revival of his famous productions of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, the Jack the Ripper murders invariably occurred. His realistic acting in the dual role of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde is said to be something fearfully realistic. Mr. Mansfield is an Englishman. His opening here will be in Beau Brummell.

Sol. Smith Russell gave one of his old time monologue entertainments at Minneapolis, last night, May 27, for the benefit of the First Unitarian Church, of which denomination he is a member. The entertainment was given almost solely by Mr. Russell himself, who appeared three different times during the evening in comic songs, character sketches and in impersonations.

The novelty of the Cake Walk, at The Victoria, Monday and Tuesday evenings, will no doubt attract large audiences. This craze has swept all along the coast, and is said to afford much amusement for spectators.

The music by the Victoria City Band at the Hill last Monday was universally commented upon for its excellence.

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