

Of Interest to Women



Mme. Sembrich

Madame Sembrich, who comes to Massey Hall on Friday evening next with the Elgar Choir of Hamilton, assisted also by Mr. Ellison Van Hoose, tenor, made her farewell appearance for the season at the Metropolitan Opera House two weeks ago, prior to her going on tour.

Mr. Krehbiel of The Tribune said: "Madame Sembrich sang as she has never sung before since the season had its beginning, and filled the music of 'Violetta' with a sensuous charm and an artistic spirit not to be heard elsewhere."

Emily Baner, in The Mail and Express, said: "No greater perfection of singing can be conceived than that of the prima donna."

Richard Aldrich of The Times said: "Her appearances have given for so long a regular recurrence of great musical delight, a kind of delight which no other singer can offer in the same measure and intensity."

Personal

Ex-pupils of the Jarvis-street Collegiate Institute (old Grammar School), will give an at home under the auspices of the Old Boys' and Old Girls' Association on Friday evening, Feb. 28. Many of the graduates have signified their intentions of being present at the reunion.

Mrs. Bethune, 32 Wilketts-street, is giving a bridge party next Thursday, and has asked a few people in to tea afterwards.

The engagement is announced of Miss Augustine M. Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Adams, Glenora, Rosedale, to Mr. Douglas Laird, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Laird, Laird, Cluney-avenue, Rosedale.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Young, Bowmanville, announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, to Mr. Colin S. Macdonald, manager of the Farmers' Bank, Williams-town, Ont. The marriage will take place quietly at Easter.

Mrs. Arthur Jukes Johnson has sent out invitations to a tea on Tuesday, Feb. 29, at her home, 124 York-st., to celebrate the birthday of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Johnson, wife of the minister of public works, who will receive on Thursday at the Speaker's chambers, Parliament Buildings.

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Prof. and Mrs. Franklin Russell, for the Pel Upson dance at New York university.

Miss Mabel Bennett of South Parkdale has gone on an extended trip to Chicago, Ill., and Omaha, Neb.

Mrs. Colin Campbell, contralto; Geo. Caplan, violinist, and F. G. Killmaster, B.A., as accompanist, will assist Miss Hone Wignore at her piano recital to be given Tuesday evening next, the 25th inst., in the school house of the Church of the Redeemer. The program is an excellent and varied one, and should be liberally patronized, seeing that the proceeds of the concert are to be applied towards the cost of the new electrolines in the main hall of the Sunday school.

Invitations have been issued for the I.C.B.U. annual at home to be held Monday evening, March 2, in the assembly hall, Temple Building. Friends who have not yet received invitations may procure them by forwarding names to the secretary, 188 Berkeley-street.

The clerks at the postoffice hold their third annual at home in the Temple Building this evening. There will be cards and dancing.

King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter held their annual at home Friday evening in the Temple Building. About 200 guests were present, including Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Nixon, Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Loughheed, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Elder, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jolly, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Clapp, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Miss Hazel Davis, Mrs. Griffin, Miss Louise Griffin, Mrs. S. S. Seale, Miss F. Welch, Mr. W. N. S. Stewart, Miss Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Evans, Miss O'Keefe, Mr. and Mrs. T. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Nelson, Dr. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Tait, Mr. J. C. Graham, and Miss Graham, Mr. John Pritchard, Miss Pritchard, Mr. Joseph Doust, Mr. F. J. Ramsey, Mr. A. M. Kennedy, Dr. and Mrs. McCullough, Miss Dottie Jacobs, Miss Gertrude Smith, Mr. and Mrs. F. Bates, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Cook, and Miss Cook, Dr. Lewis and Miss E. Bateman, Mr. J. Lester and Miss Sanderson, Dr. Singer, Mr. H. Standand and Mrs. Standand, Mr. J. McGuire and Miss Muldoon, Mr. McArthur, and Miss Hutchinson. Mr. F. T. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. M. Stewart, Miss Gill, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Garrett, Mr. Burroughsford, Miss Head, Dr. Foster Elliott, Dr. A. Elliott, Miss Newcomb, and Mrs. Beattie, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Carleton, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bowerman, Mr. Robt. Tait, Miss Hutchison, Mr. and Mrs. Coates and Miss Rowan, and a number of others.

Miss Blanche Bates arrived yesterday and is registered at the King Edward.

NEWS FORECAST.

Morse and Hitchcock Trials Set Down for To-Day.

The week holds in prospect a number of events of wide news interest. Chief among the former will be the hearing to-day in the court of the cases against Charles W. Morse, financier, and Raymond Hitchcock, actor, in New York; the meetings of the baseball magnates in the same city, Monday and Tuesday; the formal opening on Tuesday of the tunnel under the Hudson River between New York and Hoboken; the wage conference Thursday between coal miners and operators, at Indianapolis; and the vote Wednesday on Thursday at the Speaker's chambers, Parliament Buildings.

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The World would be glad to hear from any or all of them now, and will be pleased to publish photographs to show just how pretty a lot they all were.

Further, The World wishes to state that all babies born in this province on Saturday, Feb. 29 next, a similar souvenir will be presented. That is, we repeat our announcement of four years ago, viz.:

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AT THE THEATRES

Miss Maxine Elliott has been meeting with success in her newest production called "Myself-Bettina." It is in this play that she will be seen at the Princess Theatre to-night and throughout the week. The scenes are laid in a small New England town and the characters are natives. Only one, Bettina Dean, has been abroad, and has gained much knowledge of the world. The play is by no means a "rural drama," as its characters are all people of refinement, who have lived the simple life, punctuated with occasional visits to Boston. It is Bettina, who has lived in Paris for four years, who, upon her return home, gives them more than one surprise by her advanced ideas. The regular prices will prevail during the engagement.

Miss Blanche Bates, who comes to the Royal Alexandra Theatre this evening, in David Belasco's "California and the Goldfields" in the days of '49, is and has been for the past few years an especial favorite with American theatregoers. She never fails to respond agreeably to the exhibition of a magnetic and prepossessing personality such as Miss Bates may boast. While her exceptional histrionic powers have brought her a host of admirers, her delightful personality has made the majority of them become more friends.

Charley Grapewin, a favorite with Toronto theatregoers, will be seen in "The Awakening of Mr. Pipp," at the Grand Theatre, at the theatre by giving them a play with a story. He has the girls, the music and the songs, in his own kitchen, his eyes red and flaring with pain. He grasped the edge of a chair and muttered: "Well, it is not a case of changing my mind, but of not having had time to think about retirement. I looked then for some falling off in business, but nothing like that has occurred. I did not expect to see 50 per cent. of the decrease that has been realized. Under such conditions there is nothing to do but stick until matters get into competent hands, at least, and until confidence has been restored."

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