

Actors, Orators and Musicians.

The Editor will be pleased to receive Canadian items of interest for this column.

The Hungarian band has returned to Paris.

Mr. Candidus and Frau Wilda have been singing in "Aida" at Frankfurt.

Madame Schumann played at the Schumann concert at Stuttgart, Nov. 23.

Salvini is to return to New York after the run of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at Booth's Theatre.

E. E. Rice will take out "The Original Evangeline Company," starting from Boston, Jan. 15th.

La Gazette Musicale gives the full list of Offenbach's 103 operettas, from "Pascal et Cambord" to "Les Contes d'Hoffman."

Herr Albin Schroder, a violoncellist, made his debut at the seventh Gewandhaus concert at Leipzig, Nov. 25th, with fair success.

J. G. Saville has taken out a company, playing "The Governor," in which Harold Warfeu is playing Theodore Macleagfield with much credit.

The 25th anniversary of the foundation of the Dresden Conservatoire was celebrated in January. Buch's Mass in B minor was performed.

Mr. McKee Rankin says that "The Danites" made a bad failure in Dublin, and that the Irish said they didn't know anything about Americans.

The 54th season of the Conservatoire concerts began at Paris last Sunday. The "Eroica" symphony was the piece de resistance, and there were no novelties.

On Dec. 6th, Madame Patti began with Nicolini and Verger an operatic engagement at Madrid. "Traviata," "Barbiere," "Somnambula," and "Lucrezia" will form the repertory.

Grand Opera House.—To-night, Salvini, the great Italian tragedien, appears in "Othello." There will be a good house to greet him, as seats are being rapidly taken.

Before it was produced at Madleburg, Wagner's "Meistersinger" had 179 rehearsals—that is to say, 17 with orchestra, 3 with *mise en scene*, 4 *d'ensemble*, 75 with the artists respectfully, and 80 choral rehearsals.

Royal Opera House.—During the week, "Drink" has held the boards. To-night, "Macbeth" will be produced for the Benefit of Rose Eyttinge. This talented actress deserves a full house. Next week the "Nip and Tuck" Combination will appear.

To do "Michael Strogoff" well will take a great deal of time and money, and it begins to thought advisable, both by Abbey and Coleville, to postpone the production from this season to next, in which case it would be the opening attraction of the season of 1881-82 at Booth's

The "Mapleson" season in New York closed on Friday night, and on Saturday and Sunday people left for Boston. Mr. Mapleson has made a gross profit during the season of ten weeks of close on to \$60,000.

Those desiring a hearty laugh, one that will drive away the "blues" and make a man feel good-natured for a week, should try Grip's almanac for 1881. There is enough of it, and of such a genuine humorous quality, as to well repay its readers. Toronto: Bengough Bros.—Goderich Star.

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Paid-up Cash Capital, \$600,000.

ASSETS.	
Real Estate	\$ 911,389 77
Cash on hand and in bank	217,216 09
Loans on bond and mortgage, real estate	2,101,410 50
Interest on loans accrued but not due	51,314 61
Loans on collateral security	87,500 00
Deferred Life premiums	52,854 86
Premiums due & unreported on Life policies	34,844 80
United States Government bonds	281,520 00
State, county, and municipal bonds	393,200 00
Railroad stocks and bonds	670,240 00
Bank stocks	705,703 00
Hartford City Gas Light Co. stock	18,000 00
Total Assets	\$5,519,194 23

LIABILITIES.	
Reserve, four per cent., Life department	\$3,454,212 00
Reserve for re-insurance, Accident dept.	369,562 72
Claims unadjusted and not due, and all other liabilities	227,818 00
Total liabilities	\$4,051,592 72
Surplus as regards policy holders	\$1,467,601 51

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1880.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.	
Number of Life Policies written in 1880	1,743
Whole number of Life Policies in force	11,914
Amount Life Insurance in force	\$19,098,632 00
Gain in amount in force in 1880	\$916,507 00
Total claims paid in Life Dept.	\$1,630,200 43

ACCIDENT DEPARTMENT.	
Number of Accident Policies written in 1880	73,241
Gain in Policies over 1879	\$254,758 91
Gain in Premiums over 1879	\$254,758 91
Whole number Accident Policies written	645,788
Number Accident claims paid in 1880	11,774
Amount Accident claims paid in 1880	\$544,171 67
Whole number Accident claims paid	53,366
Amount Accident claims paid	\$3,981,801 81
Total losses paid, both Departments	\$5,612,002 24

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A GENTLEMAN four years pastor French Protestant Church, New York, wishes to form classes. Address Rev. J. Bleaubien, 20 Alexander St., Toronto.

Authors, Artists & Journalists.

The Editor will be pleased to receive Canadian items of interest for this column.

A half dozen American authors are reported as writing American Endymions. This is the worst blow of all, and stringent repressive measures should be used against them.

Puck now issues a monthly supplement in the form of a tinted caricature portrait of a distinguished man. The first, Gen. Garfield, is done in Keppler's best style—in other words it is simply inimitable.

The Globe has an addition to its editorial staff in the person of Prof. Wells, late principal of the Baptist Literary Institute, of Woodstock. The professor has had considerable journalistic experience, and will, no doubt, prove a valuable acquisition to the leading Opposition organ. We hardly expect funny articles from him, however.

Rev. Dr. Hill, of Halifax, entertained a St. John audience last week with a brilliant lecture on "The Pulpit, the Platform and the Press." In referring to the last division of his subject, the Telegram says he made a good hit by reading accounts of a Syndicate meeting from two rival party papers, and commenting on the 'custom' of misrepresentation.

We affectionately admonish our esteemed contemporary Chic to put a stopper on that individual of its staff who inspired the late Bernhard cartoon. That man has a downward tendency, and if not choked off will land the paper in the slums before long.

The Christian Reporter sets out on its useful and lofty mission with renewed energy for 1881. The January number is before us and presents a very neat appearance. The Reporter is thoroughly evangelical and deserves the warm support of all Christians.

Grip's almanac for 1881 will be welcomed by the Canadian public, containing, as it does, a complete and varied fund of information. The weather and other heavy themes are properly relieved by apt illustrations and mirth provoking passages. This unique work can be recommended to the public, and will take a high stand in the realm of almanacs. It is dedicated to the Canada Paper Company. Buy it, and you will be successful in 1881.—London (Ont) Advertiser.

The Traveler's Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., (whose advertisement appears in another column) have issued their 34th semi-annual statement. This statement shows the company to be in a most prosperous condition: the surplus as regards policy holders being \$1,467,601. The Travelers is one of the oldest and most reliable Life and Accident Insurance Companies on the continent, and are doing a large business, not only in the United States, but also in Canada and other countries. Any one wishing to insure, cannot do better than with this company, as all losses are promptly paid.

We have received Grip's Almanac for 1881. It is, if possible, an improvement on the one for 1880. The "Cosmopolitan Essays" are remarkably clever, and the different dialects are written in a style from which an example might be taken with advantage by the most celebrated of character actors. The little cartoons by Bengough, Canada's caricaturist, are admirable, and the accompanying verses contain decided and pointed hits at Canadian politicians and politicians. To review the work in detail would take up more space than we have at our disposal. Suffice it to say that if any one wants a hearty laugh, the best thing he can do is to subscribe for Grip's almanac.—Aurora Borealis.