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#### MUSIC AND DRAMA.

E understand that the rehearsals of the Halifax Symphony Orchestra and Chorus are being attended with great success and that a fine programme is being arranged for the first concert which will be held in the Academy of Music on the evening of November 12th. The Orchestral numbers will consist of the beautiful Overture "Figaro's Marriage", and two pretty Norwegian dances. Among the soloists will be Miss Shireff, soprano, already well and favorably known to the public, and Lieut. Du Domaine of the 3rd R. C. R., a violinist whose playing is highly spoken of. We are told that the subscription lists are filling rapidly, which ought to ensure a large audience for the new society's first appearance.

The Weil School of Music has secured a most valuable addition in Miss Flora Belle Carde, of Boston. This young lady is an elocutionist who comes highly recommended and will no doubt soon have an opportunity to enable us to judge of her abilities. Miss Carde is also to have charge of the classes at Mt. St. Vincent, which were formerly under Miss Anna Fitzgerald, who is now in Montreal.

The Valentine Stock Company, has been touring Nova Scotia during the past week, but will resume its performance at the Academy on Monday. The first part of the week is to be devoted to a new military drama, "The Victoria Cross." This seems to be avery appropriate decision of the management, and no doubt will prove a profitable one. During the latter part of the week the company will play "Hamlet" with Mr. King in the title role, and Miss Nora O'Brien as Ophelia.

The subscription sale of seats for the Boston Symphony concerts in the new music hall was held in Boston the other day and the prices were higher than any ever reached before. A ticket speculator paid \$280 for the first seat sold in the hall and two seats sold for \$572. It is estimated that this represents a rate of 24 cents a minute for the pleasure of hearing the concerts.

#### New York Notes.

The success of the revival of "Zaza" at the Criterion Theatre was a foregone conclusion. The coarse flavors of the piece are very grateful to the palates of a numerous class of undiscriminating playgoers, As for Mrs. Carter's performance, that is as effective in its unadorned realism as it ever was.

Capt. Marshall's whimsical, fanciful, satirical, and romantic comedy, "A Royal
Family," remains in high favor with
Lyceum audiences. It is a delightful little
piece and is very pleasantly and effectively interpreted by Miss Annie Russel and
her associates.

No doubt the success of "Richard Carvel" owes a good deal to the prestige of Mr. John Drew, but the fact remains that the theatre is crowded at every performance and that the applause is plentiful and hearty. It is plain that the impersonation of the hero by Mr. Drew-which is a spirited bit of work—is completely satisfactory to the great majority in his audiences.

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