

AT THE THEATRES

DONIZETTI'S "LUCIA" SCORES A TRIUMPH

Manhattan Grand Opera Co. At Royal Alexandra Finest Yet Heard in City.

A packed house last night at the Royal Alexandra Theatre—that was the first sign that the music-lovers of Toronto wanted grand opera and would pay to hear it if it were done in "style," as indeed it was by the company now in the city fresh from the Manhattan Opera House, New York, over the destinies of which Oscar Hammerstein, the greatest modern impresario, presides with unfailing artistic and business insight.

The management selected the perennially delightful "Lucia di Lammermoor" for the first night, and in this they made no mistake. For "Lucia" has both melodic and dramatic qualities which appeal to music-lovers, especially those who like sensitive artists, and the plot is so full of dramatic developments, which are readily interpreted and which "catch" the whole in the imagination like a well-wrought story. In all these respects—melodious music, scenic beauties and melodramatic situations, making a complete and very humanly interesting story—"Lucia" is the grand opera par excellence.

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ter on the music hall stage. It is designed solely to entertain, and that we have succeeded I think we may hope from your expressions of appreciation and amusement. Had we failed I can only say, to borrow one of Sir John's expressions, it would have been "Bitter, bitter." It is very gratifying to me to appear in Toronto after so many years—I think 19 or 21—and to receive so warm a welcome.

The applause and approval of the large audience were incessant throughout the performance, and justly so. The play is a strong comedy-drama depending upon character revelation of the clearest description for its interest. Sir John Coswold is an English baronet of advanced years, irascible in the tortures of his family, who suffers in the poverty caused by his former extravagance and constant selfishness. There are scores of similar types in every city, but they never recognize themselves on the stage. Sir John is at the same time what is known as a "thorough gentleman," and his biting and caustic wit, the expense of all and sundry. He and his family are indebted to the forbearance and generosity of Sir Isaac Jacobson, the successful son of a former pauper tenant, for more than they can acknowledge. The son and daughter of one house fall in love with the daughter and son of the other, and they with the two mothers, the newly rich Jewess, and the English gentleman, the slave of her lord and master, form the cast, with the addition of two men-servants and a dog. Dodson's work, however, is a figure and his art reaches a very high level in his study of the dictatorial aristocrat. Names like John Hare, Edw. Gwynn, and others are recalled. Mr. Dodson's work, but he is his own master and in the elaborate characterization of Sir John he shows himself the equal of any actor in the city. In similar parts there is a wealth of detail and a breadth of conception in Mr. Dodson's development of Sir John for which one must go to Thackeray in literature for a parallel. Sir Isaac is a Jewish gentleman in every sense, and his large-minded, full-hearted personality is a splendid contrast to the claimant of the descent. No one can outdo him in recognition of the majesty of birth. The other parts are very well filled. Miss Olive Temple makes the most of her opportunity when Sir John tries to bully her in the second act. Miss Louisa Atwood is very good as Lady Jacobson, and A. T. Hendon, who plays the role of the stage manager, is an excellent Vivian. It is the admirable comedy of the piece that should be emphasized. It has fun enough for several ordinary plays, and the audience laugh no less heartily because the fun is clever rather than silly.

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Majestic

Anne Blanche as Freckles. "Freckles," the one-act play which tops the bill at the Majestic this week, is a well-written sketch brimful of human interest. Anne Blanche, in the title role, plays the New York gamblers to the life, and George Holland gave an excellent interpretation of the old Union soldier, "broke in the wars." Alarity, who played the use of the enthusiastic welcome from the audience.

Frank Bush created plenty of hilarity with his humorous stories, and Rayette's dogs reached the superlative limit in canine intelligence, their auto scene and equilibristic feats being a delight to the eye. The New York gamblers, who play the role of the gamblers, are a study in themselves, and the audience is kept in a state of suspense by the light fantastic toe, her footwork being the best that has been seen here for some time, and J. W. Winton in ventriloquism could give points to Valentino. His entertainment being in a class by itself.

Lily Lena with Story Songs. There is some show at Shea's this week, believe me. Firstly there is Lily Lena, singing her own songs, and Lily can sing and the songs are real. It is headed by that winning little burlesque idol, Patti Carney, who is a real gem. She is a good singer and she sang and danced herself into the hearts of everyone at the Star yesterday.

Be There On Time. Dr. Ham requests the audience to be in their places promptly at eight o'clock for the performance of the National Chorus at Massey Hall tonight.

NOT AN ALIEN. Parents Had Not Been Naturalized as United States Subjects.

CHATHAM, Jan. 17.—(Special).—The Chatham and L. E. Railway was acquitted of the charge of violating the alien labor act, brought by Thos. Martin on the claim that the railway had engaged P. J. Shiel, general manager, by proxy contract. It was found, however, that the Shiel came from Ulster, N.Y., his parents came from Ireland, and had never been naturalized. The court therefore held that Shiel was a British subject.

Typhoid Prevented. Typhoid fever continues unusually prevalent for the time of year. There have been 36 cases reported for the month thus far, while for the whole month of January last year there were but four cases.

The medical health officer says that the latest analysis of city water shows cold communit, the typhoid germ, but not in an alarming quantity. He attributes the outbreak, however, to sewerage contamination, and says that the recent rain has distributed through the water the typhoid germ, and that sand being stirred up by the wind and has no marked relation to the typhoid situation.

Boy Steals 20 Cents. For the theft of 20 cents and a purse from Samuel Stobber, 144 Teraulay, a 12-year-old boy, Harry Cohen, 52 Chestnut-street, 12 years of age, was arrested yesterday by Policeman Hollis (216), and is even now incarcerated in the Children's Shelter.

Brought Here For Trial. Robert C. Tall, future fireman, arrested in Detroit Sunday for the Toronto police, was brought to this city yesterday by Detective Armstrong.

At Cornwall arrested. Mrs. Secord, 720 60, sued John Lyle, aged 70, for \$200.00 for breach of promise. The action was settled for \$25.

GROWING GIRLS NEED PINK PILLS

This Tonic is Necessary for Their Proper Development and to Insure Health and Strength

There are throughout Canada, thousands and thousands of young girls who are in a condition approaching a decline. The complexion is pale or sallow. Appetite feeble. A short walk, or going upstairs, leaves them breathless and with a violently palpitating heart. Headaches and dizziness often add to their misery. Doctors call this anaemia—which, in common English, means poor blood. There is just one sure and certain cure for this trouble—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. These pills make new, rich, red blood, strengthen every nerve and bring a glow of health to pale faces. Do not waste time and money experimenting with other medicines. Do not delay treatment until you are in a hopeless decline. Get Dr. Williams' Pink Pills at once and see how speedily they will restore your health and strength. Here is the proof. Mrs. Joseph E. Lepage, St. Jerome, Que., says: "My daughter Emilia became a box or six boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. She suffered from headaches and dizziness. Her appetite was poor. She was pale and apparently bloodless. She had no strength and could neither look nor do any work. Doctors' medicine failed to cure her and I thought she was going into a decline. She was in this condition for several months. Mr. Dodson gave me a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I decided to give them a trial. It was not long until an improvement was noticed, and the continued use of the pills for a month or more completely cured her, and she has since enjoyed the best of health. I feel sure that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will cure any case of this kind."

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sons at college, presently show up for some mysterious reason, and as the girls would have no other fall-in love with the widow. On the side there are all kinds of love affairs between the male and female offspring of Irish Dutchy, McFadden and Schmitz are both wealthy, but the widow stipulates that both must bow before their wealth before she will say "Yes." The scene in the second act shifts to the home of the widow, where the girls are high life and extravagance. The way those plutocrats blow their coin would make a Standard Oil melon-cutting look like a contribution to the poor-box.

The women are daintily costumed in each act and some of the songs are catchy and entertaining.

Star

Big Burlesque Attraction. The attraction at the Star this week is the "Merry Maidens." This season the show is staged under the personal direction of Harry H. Hodges, who is said to be one of the best burlesque producers now in burlesque. The first burlesque is a humorous satire on the life of the "Merry Maidens," and the second burlesque is a humorous satire on the life of the "Merry Maidens." The show is staged under the personal direction of Harry H. Hodges, who is said to be one of the best burlesque producers now in burlesque.

Opera Matinee Wednesday. Owing to engagements made previously for the principals who will sing "Mignon" the mid-week matinee at the Royal Alexandra has been postponed to Wednesday.

Theft of Letters. For theft of letters from her employers, the Dr. Maturine Medicine Company, Anne Slinnett, 21 years, who lives in Strachan-avenue, was yesterday taken to police headquarters by Inspector Henderson of the postoffice department. Complaint was made that the letters were being mailed and the young woman was usually suspected. The letters missed contained money, but the amount is as yet unascertained.

Arrested for Hamilton Police. Gordon W. Preston, no home, was arrested yesterday by Detective Twigg for the Hamilton police, who want him for theft of a watch and chain.

Coughs, Colds, Throat Weakness

You have a cold. Some resort to tablets and powders that contain dangerous drugs, and death from heart-dressing remedies is frequent. It is poor policy to neglect a cold—especially when it can be cured so quickly without medicine. You can send the soothing vapors of the pine woods, the richest balsams and healing essences, right to the cause of your cold by inhaling Catarrhazone. Little drops of wonderful curative power are distributed through the whole breathing apparatus by the air you breathe. Like a miracle, that's how Catarrhazone works in bronchitis, catarrh, colds and irritable throats. It simply breaks its fragrant vapor, and every trace of congestion and disease flees as before fire.

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SOCIETY NOTES

Mrs. E. E. Boreham, 64 St. George Apartments, will be at home on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, Jan. 18th and 19th, for the first time this season. Afterwards on the second Tuesday of each month.

Mrs. Fred G. Mara will receive in her new home, 313 East Roxborough-street (over Glen Road Bridge), today, and in future on second Monday of month.

Mrs. Stanley Flood, 461 Avenue-road, will receive Wednesday, Jan. 19th, for the first time in her new home.

Mrs. Murray Alexander White will receive for the first time in her new home, 11 Whitney-avenue, Rosedale, on Wednesday, Jan. 19th, and afterwards on the first Monday and Tuesday of the month.

Mrs. and Miss Stowe, Dovercourt-road, will not receive to-day, but on the first Tuesday during the season.

Mrs. E. J. Curry, 37 De Lisle-avenue, will receive on Thursday, Jan. 20th, and afterwards on the third Thursday in the month.

Mrs. John Taylor Eastwood will receive for the first time in her new home, 83 Lynwood-avenue, Friday, Jan. 21st, and afterwards on the first Thursday and Friday of the month.

Mrs. Henry Nerlich, 73 Chestnut Park Road, will not receive until Tuesday, Jan. 25th.

Mrs. William Graham, 1229 Queen-st. West, will not receive until Tuesday in February.

Mrs. J. J. Vaughan, 45 Dunvegan-road, will receive Thursday and Friday of this week and afterwards on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

Mrs. Frederic Roper, 515 Sherbourne-street, will receive to-day.

Mrs. Colin J. Stalker will be at home Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Jack Phillips, New York, will receive with her.

Mrs. Harry E. Livingstone, 239 Avenue-road, will receive on Thursday and Friday of this week.

The following ladies will act as patronesses at the Toronto Canoe Club on home, Friday evening next: Mrs. J. H. Mason, Mrs. Jos. Oliver, Mrs. J. J. Ramsey, Mrs. M. A. Thomas, Mrs. E. King, Mrs. E. King, Mrs. A. F. Spott, Mrs. E. A. Blackhall, Mrs. A. L. Young, Mrs. W. A. Purse, Mrs. S. A. Sylvester.

Mrs. W. Tomenson, 254 Park Plaines-road, will receive on Thursday, Jan. 20, and afterwards on the third Thursday of each month.

The University Women's Club will meet this afternoon at a quarter to five in the small lecture hall, Conservatory of Music. Miss Florence Keyes will be the speaker.

Mrs. John Suckling of Winnipeg are at the King Edward Hotel.

Mrs. Oliver M. Ross will receive this afternoon from 4 to 6 at 14 St. Joseph-street.

National Chorus To-Night. As will be seen at the announcement the principal musical events at the Massey Hall this week will be the National Chorus concerts (Tuesday and Wednesday evenings). On these occasions they will have the assistance of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Mme. von Nissen-Sonne, Metropolitan, and the Toronto Chorus.

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RETIRED FROM BUSINESS HIS FEELINGS WOUNDED

Ambrose Kent & Sons Selling Their Stock by Auction. Ex-Mayor Oliver Takes Umbrage at Pulpit Remark.

It was, no doubt, a surprise and of great regret to many when Ambrose Kent & Sons, jewelers, announced their retirement from the retail jewelry business.

On the retirement of this firm passed away one of the few remaining landmarks in the business vicinity of Toronto, they being in business in Toronto for over forty years. Mr. Ambrose Kent first started in 1867 in a store then situated on the east side of Yonge-street, about opposite Albert-street, then moving to larger premises, where the Robert Simpson Company's building now stands, and from there to 5 and 7 Richmond-street west, and thence to 155 Yonge-street, thus combining the two stores.

On the purchase of 155 Yonge-street, Ambrose Kent & Sons entered into the manufacturing of jewelry for ladies and other secret society requisites, this branch of the business proving a very profitable one to them, and it is their intention to engage and continue in this as also the manufacturing jewelry business.

Last year a purchase was made of the corner of Richmond and Yonge-street adjoining their present store, and plans prepared for a ten-story office building, it being their intention to occupy the ground floor for their rapidly-growing jewelry business, and later on a purchase was also made of the Nasmith property to the south of them, which gives this firm property to the value of nearly one-half a million dollars on one of the best corners in Toronto.

An offer was then accepted for the rental of the ground floor of their new building, and the retirement from business was decided upon, the only obstacle arising being the disposal of their stock, which they decided to do by auction, and after much deliberation and enquiry Mitchell & Tillotson of New York were decided upon as best being capable of conducting an auction sale of such high-class stock, which speaks in volumes for the abilities of Mitchell & Tillotson.

In disposal of their stock, public auction sales are being held daily, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 o'clock, and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday evening at 8, which affords every lady and gentleman in Toronto an unprecedented opportunity to purchase at the lowest possible prices. This sale is conducted a little out of the ordinary on account of the public being allowed to select any article they wish, and it is immediately sold to the highest bidder. In this way many articles are secured at ridiculously low prices.

On disposal of this stock, which must be done immediately, their buildings will be torn down and the erecting of their new office building will be started, which, when completed, will be one of the finest and best equipped office buildings on the American continent.

Ambrose Kent & Sons wish to understand that everything will be sold at public auction, even their fine diamond pieces, which will go to the highest bidder, regardless of their cost.

Laymen's Conference. The Laymen's Missionary Movement will hold a two days' conference at Guelph on Wednesday and Thursday next. Speeches will be made by Canon Tucker, N. W. Rowell, K.C., Rev. Dr. Sillman, China; Rev. Dr. C. Manning, Rev. Dr. G. J. Brown, Rev. H. M. Clark, China; H. E. Caskey, K.C., Allin and F. W. Anderson. Meetings will also be held in London on Feb. 21 and 22, and in Belleville on Feb. 1 and 2.

Something Worth Remembering. Remember the splendid equipment of the Canadian Pacific between Toronto and the Falls, winter service of four luxurious trains, fast time, close connections and solid, smooth-running tracks make a strong combination.

Light Holders of Havelock put an electric light bulb in his bed to warm his feet and set fire to the bedding.

NOT THE MAN

Frederick Gebhardt Not the Barton Murderer. Superintendent Joseph E. Rogers of the provincial police stated yesterday that Frederick Gebhardt, now in prison at Riverhead, Long Island, on a charge of murdering Anna Luther, is not regarded by the Ontario officers as a perpetrator of the mysterious Barton murder. He is not tall enough and his photo is quite dissimilar to the description of the murderer.

Canadian Forestry Association

The eleventh annual convention of the Canadian Forestry Association will be held at Toronto, Feb. 22-24, at the invitation of the Government of New Brunswick, on Feb. 23 and 24. The railways have granted single fares. Among those who have already promised to attend in addition to the president, Thos. Southworth, will be: Hon. C. Clifford Sifton, chairman of the commission of conservation; Hon. Jules Alford, minister of lands, Quebec; Dr. Fernow, dean of the forestry department of Toronto University; E. Sterling, who is in charge of the forests of the Pennsylvania Railroad; Prof. A. B. Miller, head of the forestry department of the University of New Brunswick; Nova Scotia will also be officially represented. The secretary, James Lawler, expects to leave Toronto in a few days to complete details on the spot at Fredericton.

Liquor & Tobacco Habits

A. McTAGGART, M.D., C.M., 115 YONGE ST., TORONTO, Ont. References as to Dr. McTaggart's professional standing and personal integrity permitted by: Hon. G. W. Ross, ex-Premier of Ontario; Hon. N. Burwash, D.D., President Victoria College; Rev. Father Teefe, President of St. Michael's College; Hon. J. F. Sweeney, Bishop of Toronto. Dr. McTaggart's vegetable remedies for the liquor and tobacco habits are healthy, safe, inexpensive home treatments, no hypodermic injections, no publicity, no loss of time from business, and a certain cure. Consultation or correspondence invited.