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A St. Paul paper says: "W. T. Carleton has the best singing company that he has ever brought to St. Paul. They presented 'Fra Diavolo' last night to another large house at the Metropolitan, giving the utmost satisfaction. Mr. Carleton himself is a most excellent artist, and never sang better than he is singing now."

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