



THE San Carlo Opera Company which Mr. Henry Russell has brought out to America will give two performances at Massey Hall, Toronto, on April 26th and 27th. Among the principals of the company are Madame Lillian Nordica and Miss Alice Neilson. The company is provided with excellent soloists, a large chorus and a complete orchestra.

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The Mendelssohn Choir of Toronto has engaged the Theodore Thomas Orchestra of Chicago to assist at next year's concerts. Some citizens may recall the visit of the Thomas Orchestra in the winter of 1896 when the audiences were of such meagreness as to be an artistic disgrace. But Toronto has learned a few things since then and the news that one of the finest orchestral organisations in America is to be associated with Canada's champion choir is good tidings, indeed.

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Miss Elizabeth Robins has written a dramatic production around the suffragette movement which is being presented in London this week. The second act includes a meeting of suffragettes in Trafalgar Square. When the Thaw murder and trial are dramatised, the stage will lack nothing in modern interest.

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Sixty young people of the enterprising Middlesex town of Strathroy have formed the Strathroy Opera Company. They gave "The Mikado" in their home town last week and repeated the successful performance in Sarnia.

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Miss Dollie Blair, a talented young pupil of Dr. F. H. Torrington, gave a piano recital recently in the Margaret Eaton School, Toronto.

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The demand for tickets for the production of "The Pirates of Penzance" has already indicated the popularity of its revival. The opera will be presented by Mr. Schuch's company in Massey Hall, Toronto, on April 18th, 19th and 20th with a Saturday matinee, under the auspices of those two popular organisations, the Queen's Own Rifles and the Argonaut Rowing Club.

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That brilliant English journalist, Mr. James Douglas, has lately drawn attention to a new "Desdemona," Miss Margaret Halstan, who has been playing in the "provinces," as English localities outside London are popularly called. Mr. Douglas declares that if London were Paris, Miss Halstan would find scope for her gifts in a national theatre which would foster and develop and mature them, and concludes his panegyric with the prophecy: "Some of these days she will find her Irving, and we shall be fascinated by another Ellen Terry, who will be a romantic, poetic, imaginative and intellectual embodiment of the great Shakespearean heroines."

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