Dramatic and Lyric.

Dull December and Lively January.—Home Attractions This Week.—The Mendelssohns of Denver.—Shadows of a Great City.—Davenport.—Sinbad.—Easton's Song in Print.

The month of December at the Theater will be given up almost entirely to local attractions, as January will be in outside ones. First we shall have the World's Fair Grand Views Monday and Wednesday evenings; Tuesday evening the Orpheus Club of Salt Lake and the Mendelssohn Male Quartette of Denver, will appear; Friday evening and Saturday afternoon the first grand ball of the season at the Theater will be given, while the Christmas attractions will open up with a matinee by the Salt Lake Stock company—and a three night production of the Shadows of a Great City.

The Chicago Stereopticon company will revive for those who saw the World's Fair the memories of their delightful experiences, while to those who did not visit Chicago the views will give the grandest idea of the immensity and splendors of the exposition that could be obtained. The illumination of the court of honor, the electric luminine, the wonderful search lights, the magnificent buildings, the novel and fascinating Midway Plaisance, and a thousand other wonders are promised by the managers. A reduced schedule will be put in force for these two nights.

The Mendelssohn Club of Denver is a quartette of gentlemen who have achieved a very high reputation in Colorado. The club, assisted by Miss Cowan, of Boston, as accompanist, and the Orpheus club of this city, will appear at the Theater Tuesday evening. This will unquestionably be one of the musical events of the season and the News is promised that enough "sip" will be forthcoming to satisfy the most fastidious, for which we say all thanks. The prices are within easy reach and the visitors should be accorded an enthusiastic reception. The quartette has made sales at Ogden, Grand Junction, Leadville and Pueblo. Mr. Talmage, the manager, writes that everything promises well for large houses at each of these places. The Orpheus club's work in Salt Lake is too well known to need comment.

The bell season will open with eclat, as Mr. Nye would say, Friday evening. The grand march is called for 8:30, and the committee is made up of the following gentlemen: Heber M. Pitt, Paul Hammer Jr., Heber M. Wells, Kenneth Kerr, Sharp Walker, E. S. Hills, Will Ford, W. K. Conrad, Chas. S. Barton, A. H. Campbell, Albert C. Morris, and Chas. S. Wells.

Christmas afternoon, one of the recent successes of the Salt Lake Stock company—but which is not yet decided on—will be revived; Christmas night the famous sensational play, The Shadows of a Great City will be put on for a run of three nights. The actors of the company have shown that they are at their best in melodrama, and in the Shadows they have one of the most ultra kind. The cast is a heavy one, and Messrs. Collins and O'Malley are already at work distributing parts.

Manager Burton has reason to feel both apprehensive and hopeful when he looks over his bookings for January. The December lethargy will be succeeded by almost half a month of sightly activity, and whether this town can stand ten or a dozen consecutive nights without any rest is not now somewhat uncertain. Fanny Davenport opens on Monday night, January 1, 1894, with Cleopatra, and will of course have an ovation; she is to put in Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, probably with a repertoire; let us hope we shall this time have Fedora, which was so generally desired on her previous visit. Saturday night Charles Hudson puts in one nice and solitary evening; we hope he won't find it so. Monday, January 8th, the gorgeous Sinbad with Eddie Foy and all Manderson's other array of brilliants, will open a four night's season, and probably play to the capacity of the house—that is, they would have done last year at this time. It remains to be seen whether such notable attractions as these will be put against the changed conditions which have come over us since they swept everything before them on their previous visit.

The popularity of Mr. Easton's rendition of the hymn "O, My Father," to the beautiful Mosey and Dankey tune, "My Redeemer," was one of the interesting things on the bill of the Tabernacle choir. That popularity has so far continued at home that the original words and music as we trolly the author have been quite overwhelmed in favor of the words of Mrs. E. R. Snow's hymn, and the music has changed hands so much as compared by Mr. Easton. As this piece of music now promises to become one of our sacred classics, it will be well to record that it was first arranged to the Snow song by Mr. Easton, by his friend Frank W. Merrill, the young organist. It was first sung in public by Mr. Easton at the funeral of Mr. Merrill's brother in Logan, where it made a decided an impression that Apostle Teichert asked to have it rendered in the Logan tabernacle, and afterwards, at his suggestion, it was sung by Mr. Easton and the Logan choir at the dedication of the Temple in this city. Mr. Merrill has just printed the arrangement as a solo for issue at reports, in the key of A B flat. Coeller & Sheppard have now just published another, arranged by Mr. Stephens, in the key of A B—a charming idea with the chorus accompanying the solo gaining all for way through, instead of only repeating the last three words of each verse as a refrain, as in the other arrangement. Mr. Stephens's arrangement is to be first sung by the Tabernacle choir tomorrow. The News encourages the foresight of a copy of both versions.

The sacred cantata Joseph, by J. Asbr Broad, which was rendered with so much success some time ago, will be repeated in the Twentieth Ward meeting house, on the 20th inst., by the members of the ward choir, Prof. J. J. Dayton acting as conductor and Miss Katie Romney as pianist. The proceeds derived from the entertainment will be donated to the poor of the ward.

Rose Coghlan raised herself a good many notches in the esteem of the public, when she took her brother out of the cast of her plays; Barrymore was engaged to take his place, and Coghlan was given the stage management. Now comes the news that he and his sister have had another row. Last Saturday evening the company were playing in Baltimore, Charles Coghlan and Robbie Beveridge, it was agreed, were to sever their connections with the company. The Woman of No Importance have that night. The rehearsals of been going on for some little time. Charles Coghlan has been superintending them. All this week the rehearsals were to have gone on under his management. On Monday morning, immediately after his arrival from New York, Charles Coghlan went to his sister.

"Look here, Rose," he remarked, "I've been thinking this matter over. I don't see why I should go on superintending this work of yours. It's not going to do me any good. You must either put Kenyon and me back in the cast or I shall knock off working for you immediately."

Miss Coghlan turned on her brother and relieved her mind. She told him that if he chose to leave her in the lurch he could do so. He would not play in A Woman of No Importance on any condition. As for Miss Beveridge, she had already received her marching papers.

"All right," exclaimed Charles Coghlan. And straightway he went to his hotel and announced that he was very ill. He did not play in Diplomacy that night. In all probability he has made his last appearance in Miss Coghlan's company, if not on the American stage.

Sydney Armstrong is making a great hit in Boston as the heroine in the Girl I Left Behind Me. In an article on Miss Armstrong's personal issues a Boston paper says: It may be of interest to know that Hey Her is her favorite actor, they're Kemp her most beloved poem. She is a good judge of art, does not flower, especially violets, and is very quiet in her dress, except on the stage, where she is noted for her fine gowns always in keeping with her part. She has no fads unless "being stage struck," as she expresses it, is one. She is a brilliant conversationalist and a keen observer, and makes a charming companion.

Nym Crinkle, the well-known critical essayist, in a leading article in the New York World alludes to Salvini and his monologism in the following words: "Whoever has seen Forbes as Guy Bias or young Salvini as Don Cesar or d'Aragona, will acknowledge the warm glow of all the faculties as the eye and ear followed the full tide of the human music—the sphere music, the loud heroic, the sweet and pathetic of a bygone time. I think we all like to have our jubilee under stained glass and not in the street.

"We are here to-day that the sound of the pipe and the royal lineage of the strolling tenor do not still seem sheer delightful. And I think we do well to have them with us. The danger in this country is that our thoughts and our love will become too prosaic."

This is the time of year when Christmas' merry knowingly turns to wishing the memories of days when the sights go up that such great tools of opera as our time knows have played, music be reserved for the pitiless thousands and not for the fashion thousands of merry lovers. Dreaming this wishing we see a new bubble is reaching than one afforded by the rebuilding Metropolitan Opera House a week ago on Monday night. Since the great fire which destroyed its interior last year, a vast sum of money has been spent in modernizing and improving the house, and an attraction signal that it is now simply a superb conservatory of music and brilliance. The New York Herald says: "It is a dreamy thing of cream and gold and silver and brilliant lamps and wonders the difficult play of the new business over the lamps." On the opening night, there were three people in the audience—hardly a member of the Four Hundred was absent; the commission of the house included the Vanderbilts, the Astors, the Stevens, the Jennings, the Bridges, the Wilmerds, the Tiffanys, the Rhinelanders, the Astors, the Fishes, the Winthrop Hotels, the Sherrys, the Hoppers, the Gerrys, the Morgans, the Potts, the Delmonicos, and the non-dress other representatives of the F. F. Diamond stated, and the air was heavy with the scent of flowers. The Herald account says: "Never in the history of opera in New York has there been such a brilliant and beautiful assemblage. It seemed as if every one who has any pretensions to a position in society or who claims a foothold in music was present.

The boxes are arranged to show off the occupants and their fine gowns to better than in the original Metropolitan opera house, and there seemed to be any time of demarcation between them or the parterre. It was rather one continuous row of beautiful women magnificently appointed, whose raiment had an admirable setting in the maroon lined boxes.

La Nilla, the great baritone, peeping from behind the curtain said: "I love to sing in New York. The audience knows how to dress. If the Americans have diamonds they wear them. If they have fine costumes they do not hang them in the closet. Music to an audience implies a man. And, heaven knows a singer needs a little inspiration."

The opera of Faust was the bill and the cast was the famous "Gloria" one, to make up which the musical counselors of Abbey had been ransacked. The two De Reszke brothers were the Faust and Mephisto, La Nilla was the Marguerite, the brilliant Emma Eames was the Marguerite; Scalchi was to have been the Siebel but was prevented by illness and a new contralto, Duvivis, took her place; the great orchestra was presided over by the celebrated composer, Mancinelli. The chorus was very heavy and is said to have been the most finished that ever sang in New York. The stage production was stupendous; the knights came on riding richly caparisoned horses, and the celebrated soldiers' chorus was sung from the backs of the steeds; the ballet was led by the fire dancers of Europe and the scenes of enthusiasm on the part of the audience are said to have risen almost to the frantic degree.

The Faust ensemble, however, is only one out of several that Abbey Schoeffel and Grau have in reserve; two other systems, among the foremost the world now boasts, have since appeared and created equal furore. Mme. Emma Calve, creator of the role of Santuzza in the Cavaliers, has appeared and taken the town by storm; then the famous Melba, whose social sensational history vies with that of Patti, has been a great hit in her rendition of Lucia, which last season set all Europe raving. As for the tenors and tenors with unpronounceable names, they are present in such a cloud as to defy enumeration. Altogether, it would seem as if the managers had determined to make this the red letter season in the history of music in America. The effects are that the other fashionable theaters in New York are almost unpopulated on opera nights—three performances a week are given—and even Irving and Terry are deserted in the rush of devotionals to Thalia's shrine.

The Tabernacle choir received a rousing welcome at Denver, the Salt Lake public should turn out in force to welcome the Mendelssohn's Tuesday next.

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