

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

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SABBATH MEETINGS.—Elder Henry W. Miller occupied the morning, treating on the principle of obedience, and giving an account of the condition of the southern settlements. He expressed his appreciation of the country there, and his satisfaction at living in it. He urged the congregation to faithfulness, and bore his testimony to the truth.

Afternoon, President George A. Smith delivered a short but interesting address upon the text "Why are we Latter-day Saints?" He was followed by Elder Joseph F. Smith, who spoke at some length on the blessings and privileges enjoyed by the Latter-day Saints.

Verbatim reports of both discourses were made.

THEATRICAL.—To-morrow evening a regular theatrical performance will be given, when, we understand, the amusing comedy of "The Love Knot" will be presented with an efficient cast; followed by the laughable farce "To Much for Good Nature," with Mr. Margot's in his great specialty of Romeo Jenkins.

Madame Scheller requiring rest and time to prepare for fresh novelties will not appear this week.

THE CONCERT.—A large and fashionable audience assembled on Saturday evening at the Theatre to hear, at last, the renowned Cantatrice, Parepa Rosa, and her troupe. Let us go through the programme in regular order.

The concert opened with symphony of Haydn, executed by the orchestra, under the direction of Prof. Geo. Careless, in a really excellent and precise manner.

No. 2.—Song "Beware," sung by Mr. Brookhouse Bowler, with charming bravura; his performance was powerful and his voice sweet and agreeable. He is a good tenor, and we believe would make his mark in heroic parts in the opera.

No. 3.—A Cavatina from the "Barber of Seville," executed by Sig. P. Ferranti, was decidedly the gem of the evening. We have never before heard it equally sung either in Europe or America. His performance was excellent, and combined with a powerful and clear voice, rank him among the first baritones of our times.

No. 4.—Chorus of six voices, from Linda, sung by Madame Parepa Rosa in most artistic style. Her voice was somewhat what we call in musical parlance, "velvet," yet her execution was brilliant.

No. 5.—Violin solo by Mr. Rosa. We can assert that Mr. Rosa is one of the best violin players at the present day. His wonderful facility, gentle touch and command over his excellent instrument were indeed remarkable.

No. 6.—Duet from "Les Huguenots," sung by Madame Parepa Rosa and Signor Ferranti. The second part opened with the overture of "Les Huguenots," which was given by the orchestra, and did honor to our untiring leader, Professor Careless, and his excellent orchestra.

No. 7.—"Let me like a Soldier fall," from Maria-Teresa, sung by Mr. Brookhouse Bowler in a very impressive style. He was encouraged, and favored the audience with "The Rose of Shazam," which called forth great enthusiasm.

No. 8.—"Oh Women, Women!" was sung by Mr. Ferranti with so much simplicity and action that it elicited our admiration, the more so, as it seems to be a rare gift with Italian opera singers. Mr. Ferranti received 25 seconds.

No. 9.—A ballad, "Waiting," admirably sung by Madame Parepa Rosa. It was received with great applause, and "The Last Rose of Summer," with much brilliancy and sweetness.

No. 10.—Violin solo by Mr. Rosa. The "Caprice Fantastique" was executed with wonderful facility.

The "Laughing Trio," although rather weak as a finale to a concert, received an encore.

Madame Parepa is particularly fine in her "edanzza" and "willing" the voice is not of a sympathetic timbre, but of considerable compass. We have heard singers who sung with more soul and fervor than Madame Parepa, yet she is undoubtedly one of the best concert singers now living. As she had not fully recovered from her cold, however, it was difficult to decide fully on her abilities.

Mr. Ferranti was the hero of the evening, and we shall not easily forget his splendid voice and graceful bearing. The verdict of the audience on his favor is that he must be an excellent singer, and we should like to hear him.

Ferranti in opera, when he has full scope for his good and excellent acting.

Mr. Orson Pratt, Jr., acquitted himself of his ungrateful task with great ability.

This evening the principal feature of the concert will be a grand operatic scene from the 4th act of "Il Trovatore." Madame Parepa Rosa will also give the "Nightingale's Trill" composed expressly for her. "The Storm," a descriptive song, and sing an operatic comic duet from "Don Pasquale." Madame Parepa Rosa will also give the "Nightingale's Trill" composed expressly for her. "The Storm," a descriptive song, and sing an operatic comic duet from "Don Pasquale."

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