MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

Mrs. Scott-Siddons as "Lady Macbeth." Last evening Mrs. Scott-Siddons appeared as "Lady Macbeth" to the largest audience that has yet attended her performances. We are not among those who think that an exaggerated physical development is essential in the actress who would successfully represent this character; on the contrary, we have always been in clined to imagine "Lady Macbeth" as a little woman, and that Mrs. Siddons approximates to our ideal rather prepossessed us in her favor That she lacks the thews and sinews of Char lotte Cushman is, however, apparently the only qualification she has for the part. How much her success in comedy roles was due to her very attractive personal appearance, her engaging manners, and her lively and animated style, rather than to her merits as an actress, was made painfully apparent when she undertook to interpret this stern tragic character.

The reading of the letter, and the subsequent interview with "Macbeth," the inciting him to commit the murder, and the awful scene where the crime is consummated, were rendered in a ranting style that any school girl with sufficient self-possession to appear before an audience could easily have equalled. We have never seen anything more crude or unsatisfactory from an actress who professed to understand the rudiments of her art. Mrs. Siddons' gestures were neither elegant nor appropriate The words,

"Yet do I fear thy nature: It is too full o' the milk of human kindness ITo catch the nearest way." she illustrated by a violent clutching at the

air, as if striving to catch something; and in the

That I may poor my spirits in thy ear.
And chastise with the vigor of my tongue
All that impedes thee from the golden round
Which fate and metaphysical aid doth seem
To have thee crowned withal."

she beckoned violently, as if to hurry "Mac beth" on the stage, and indicated the "golden round" by describing a circle with her finger above her head. And so we might go on multiplying instances of similar character.

Mrs. Siddons' elecution, too, was palpably defeetive, and her emphasis was almost invariably given in the wrong place. We do not argue for traditional usages in matters of this kind, and if an actress can evolve a new meaning, well and good. The effect of Mrs. Siddons' misapplied emphasis, however, was to make nonsense of the text, and to our mind she had no particular idea of any meaning to be expressed. All these peculiarities may be evidences of genius, but we do not think so.

The first indication Mrs. Siddons gave that she had any clear conception of the part she was playing was in the scene in the third act immediately preceding the banquet, the first scene in which she appears after the murder of "Buncao." Then her manner was subdued, seemed distrait and oppressed by the weight of her crime; and while endeavoring to assume an air of ease and un_ constraint before the attendants, and to encourage her husband, she clung to him for sup_ port, and the remembrance of "Duncan's' blood occupied her mind to the exclusion of other thoughts. During the banquet scene, too, while "Macbeth" was raving at "Banquo's' ghost, only by an effort was she able to rouse herself to the task of explaining matters to the guests, and more than once she sank back in her seat as if exhausted, nervously clutching at the arms of the throne and drawing her robes about her in a preoccupied way. This is how we understood Mrs Siedons, and when er it was a correct interpretation or not, it is scarcely necessary for us to discuss now. At any rate it was intelligent acting, which is much more than we can say for the previous portions of the performance. The sleep-walking scene was tolerably well done, although it

Mrs. Siddons is evidently at her best in comedy, and such a heavy tragic part as "Lady Mac beth" is certainly beyond her powers. Not having seen her in "Juliet," we will not undertake to say whether or not she is equal to juvenile tragedy; but we beg her to remember, in any case, that rant is neither forcible nor expressive.

seemed an effort rather than an inspiration.

Mr. Harkins played "Macbeth" like a panorams man explaining the pictures. He was extremely confidential with the audience, and appeared to think that they would not be able to understand the drift of the argument unless he explained it in a pleasantly familiar sort of way. Some of Mr. Harkins' readings had the merit of novelty at least, atthough the style in which he mixed up the text can scarcely be considered an improvement on Shakespeare. As for the rest of the cast, the prompter was the best man among them, for he did give the unadulterated text so that it could be heard to the remotest corner of the

We wish that some enterprising manager would forget the traditions of the stage, and oblige us by announcing "Macbeth" to be performed without Locke's music. We think that Locke was a humbug, at any rate we are sure his music "entire" is a nuisance that we would gladly see abated.

The City Amusements.

AT THE ARCH A Flash of Lightning will be given this evening.
AT THE CHESNUT the circus troupe will conclude their engagement this week. Performances this afternoon and evening.

AT THE WALNUT the drams of The Orange Girl and the farce of Up for the Hoidays are announced for this evening. A matine will be given to morrow.

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AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC Mrs. Scott Siddons will appear as "Juita" in The Hunchback.
To-morrow evening Romeo and Juliet will be performed for the benefit of Mrs. Siddons. At the American a matines will be given to-morrow, when the pantonime of Juck the Giant K her will be performed.

AT THE THEATRE COMIQUE Offenbach's operetts of A Marriage by Lanterns and Dibdin's ballad opers of The Waternam will be performed this evening by the Pyne-Galton Troune. McEvox's New "Hibernicon" will be ex-

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The relatives and male friends are invited to attend the funeral, on Monday, the 4th instant, as 11 o'clock, from his late residence, No. 1121 Girard street. Services at St. Peter's Church, Third and Fine streets. MILLER.—On the 28th instant, CATHERINE MILLER, wife of Damel Miller, in the 50th year of The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the faneral, from the residence of her husband. Wayne street, between Queen and Manheim, Germantown, on Friday afternoon at 2 colock.

STERRETT.—On Wednesday, the 30th of December, JAMES B, STERRETT.

The friends of the family are invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, No. 411 Green street, on Monday morning, January 4, at 10 o'clock. WOLFF.—On the 29 h instant, CATHERINE WOLFF, wife of Christopher Wolff, in the 47th year

of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, N. W. corner of Front and Moore streets, Southwark, on Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

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His noble traits, his extraordinary abilities, his great success, due to his own exertious, the architect of his own tortune, remain a monument to his good name, which was in lie, as in death, "As chaste as show, as pure as icc." A fame to be envied and an ipheritance to be valued more than life-a path which followed will lead to happiness and renown. I can only offer this poor condolence to an afflicted family, this shallow honor to departed worth, "To die in Ohrist is but to live again." His upright life, his love anothering, which he note with Christian fortitude, give us an assurance of his blissful eternity. His charitable and meritorious deeds were not embiszoned to the world, and his aversion to display and noto lety is but an evidence of the train, "Men die, but their deeds do live atter them." To enumerate his virtues or recount his worth would be "placing a rose leaf upon the brimming jar." causing "the crystal font to run over." We leave him with his God, in who e image he was created, and whose teachings he followed whist permitted to be with us.

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