MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

"Hilda" at the Walnut. Last evening Mr. E. L. Davenport produced a new drama entitled Hilda; or, The Pearl of Canalry which has been adapted from a French piece, called Cadet la Perle, by Messrs, L. R. Shewell and F. Wiliams. This is a melodramatic play of the oldfashioned sort. The plot is an adaptation of a remantic story of the New York Ledger type, and the piece depends for success upon spirited and artistic acting rather than upon the ingenuity of the stage carpenter or machinist. The piece is an excellent one of its kind, and it is of a kind that lovers of the drama will be loth to lose. It is in just such plays that some of the best actors on the stage have achieved the greatest success, and this particular drams furnishes Mr. Davenport with a singularly fine role that is admirably suited to his forcible but elegant style of acting. Indeed, there is no actor in the country that can approach this gentleman in the better class of melodramas; and such parts as "Henri de Lorraine" he plays with a breadth and freedom adapted to the subject, but with a vigor of expression that is doubly effective from the total absence of rant or vulgarity, and which raises the character to the rank of a dramatic creation.

The story told in the play of Hilda is romantic rather than sensational, in the modern acceptation of the term. "Henri de Lorraine" the Compte d'Harcourt, loves "Hilds," the daughter of a burgher. He is wounded in battle and by chance is carried to her home, when the physician asserts that his only chance for life is the infusion of fresh blood into his exhausted veins. "Hilda" offers herself, and her lover's life is saved almost at the expense of her own. He is made to believe that she is dead, and we next find him the leader of a band of revellers in a low cabaret in Paris, striving to drown the remembrances of the past in dissipation. The Cardinal Richelieu, however, designs an alliance between "Henri" and his niece, the "Duchesse de Puylaurens," but the lady having informed herself of his habits, wishes to decline the proposed match, and a meet ing between "Hilda" and her lover, which accidentally takes place in the Cardinal's ante-room, induces her to take the girl under her protection and to bring about a reunion. "Henri" is made commander of the army, and achieves a great victory, which se cures him the gratitude and favor of the King and Cardinal. The "Duchess," however, finds that she is in love with "Henri" herself, and the subsequent events turn upon the imprisonment of "Hilda" in a convent at her instance, her rescue by "Henri," the various plots and counterplots which the policy of the Cardinal and his niece put in action for the accomplishment of their purpose, and the final reunion Some of the situations in the play are remarkably

effective, although, from the rather careless manner in which it was performed last evening, they did not make the same impression that they would if worked up in proper style. Scarcely one of the actors knew their lines, and Mr. Davenport himself required the assistance of the prompter rather frequently. Making all due allowance for the difficulties of a first night and hasty preparation, the play was not given in the style that it should have been. This is to be regretted, as the piece is a good one: far better than the majority of those which the public are invited to patronize, and with reasonably good acting it could be made strikingly effective. To the general inefficiency of the support we must except Mrs. Walcot, who gave an admirable personation of the heroine, and Mr. Walcot, who acted the part of a Falstaffian poetaster with much ability. These artists are entitled considerable credit, for while other members of the Wainut Street Company are too often careless and inattentive to the artistic re-

quirements of their profession, Mr. and Mrs. Walcot almost invariably act well, and even in parts not suited to them they at least try to act. In this connection it may not be out of place to mention that some weeks ago we received a note from one of the ladies of this theatre, complaining that we failed to notice her efforts. It is certainly an ungracious task to find fault with the actors under any circumstances, but habitual fault-finding would be unpleasant for all parties concerned; and the newspaper that would always speak the whole truth in matters of this kind would get the credit of being hypercritical, harsh, and ungenerous. There is not a paper in this city that does not pass over a great deal of execrably bad acting in silence, especially in cases where there does not appear to be any hope of effecting a reform. If we charitably say nothing, certainly no member of the profession has a right to complain, and those who are ambitious to obtain praise ought to do something to deserve it. The drama of Hilda will probably work smoother

this evening than it did yesterday, and we commend it to the attention of our play-goers. Mr. Davenport is an actor who deserves well of the public, and he ought to draw better houses than he has yet done during his present engagement.

The City Amusements. AT THE WALNUT Mr. E. L. Davenport will appear this evening in the drama of Hilda, or the Pearl of Chi-

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At the Arch Mr. John Collins will appear this evening in the comedy of The Nervous Man and the farce of Teddy the Tiler.

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At the Chesnut the burlesque of Paris, or the Judgment will be performed this evening.

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MISS ANNA E. DICKINSON WIll lecture at the Academy of Music on Monday evening next, on the subject of "Nothing Unreasonable." Miss Dickinson demy of Music on Monday evening next, on the subject of "Nothing Unreasonable." Miss Dickinson is about to leave for California, and this will be the

is about to leave to cancerna, and the second only opportunity our citizens will have to hear her for some time. The sale of seats will commence to-morrow at Gould's, No. 923 Chesnut street.

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ANDERSON.—At his residence, Cheltenham, Montgomery county, on the evening of the 25th instant, WIL-LIAMV. ANDERSON.

The male friends of the family are invited to meet the funeral at North Laurel Hill, on Friday morning at 12 o'clock.

DE HAVEN.—On the morning of the 28th instant, SOPHIA M., widow of the late Holstein De Haven, in the 71st year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 1833 Arch street, on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. To proceed to North Laurel Hill. North Laurel Hill.

McGOVERN.—On the 26th instant, MARY, wife of Patrick McGovern, and daughter of Joseph and Sarah Huntre, in the 26th year of her age.

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