

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

"Il Trovatore" at the Academy of Music. First Appearance in This City of Signor LeFranc.

Opera of Il Trovatore was first produced at Rome in the year 1853. Although not the best of his compositions, it has become a universal favorite, and in accordance with the public taste it has, for years past, been almost invariably selected by managers for the opening night of a season.

This traditional custom was followed at our Academy of Music last evening, at the inauguration of the first instalment of the Italian opera that we have had this winter, and the house was fairly filled on the occasion.

The cast was, to Philadelphia, almost entirely a new one, as follows:—"Manrico," Signor C. LeFranc; "Leonora," Madame Carolina Briol; "Azucena," Madame Eliza Lumley; the "Count di Luna," Signor Reyna; and "Ferrando," Signor Barill. Of this list the last named alone has been familiar to us in the past, and his role last evening was comparatively unimportant.

Signor LeFranc made his first appearance before an American audience at New York early in November last, and at once achieved a reputation of the very highest character—so high, in fact, that he came to be talked about as the greatest tenor that has appeared on the American stage.

In such a play as that produced last evening at the Walnut, the most important consideration is, of course, the opportunities afforded for the band and the drum corps, to distinguish themselves, the marching and countermarching of troops, and the opposing of hostile forces in battle array, with plenty of rattle and bang and red fire at the side scenes.

Not Guilty at the Walnut. In such a play as that produced last evening at the Walnut, the most important consideration is, of course, the opportunities afforded for the band and the drum corps, to distinguish themselves, the marching and countermarching of troops, and the opposing of hostile forces in battle array, with plenty of rattle and bang and red fire at the side scenes.

The Italian Opera.—This evening the Brother Ricci's comic opera of *Crispino e la Comare* will be performed, with Signor Ronconi in his great role of the "Cobbler." Mrs. W. W. Wallcut will make her first appearance in this city as "Fannetta," and the remaining parts will be sustained by Signor Loti, Signor Reyna, and Signor Barill.

At the Walnut the new play by Laura Keane and Mattia Heron, entitled *Champagne*, or *Step by Step*, will be repeated this evening. AT THE WALNUT the military drama of *Not Guilty* will be performed this evening.

AT THE ARCH MRS. WALLACE'S drama of *Little Dorrit* is announced for this evening.

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NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS

AT WANAMAKER & BROWN'S.

MARRIED.

DE GINTHER'S MARRIAGE.—On the 18th of November, 1869, by the Rev. J. B. McLaughlin, Mr. GEORGE W. LINTNER, of Bethlehem, Philadelphia, to Miss ELLIEN G. HAZEL, of Haverford, Pennsylvania.

DIED.

CATHERWOOD.—On the 1st instant, of gastric fever, ANDREW J. GATHERWOOD, in the 40th year of his age.

DR. J. D. BERR, in the 90th year of his age.

JOHNSON.—On the 2d instant, DAVID JOHNSON, aged 72 years.

KELLY.—On the 2d instant, MARY ANN, wife of James Kelly, aged 25 years.

KING.—On Saturday, the 1st instant, SEPH KING, aged 42 years.

SAVYOLD.—On the 2d instant, WILLIAM H. SAVYOLD, aged 64 years.

TAGGART.—On the 2d instant, ROBERT BRUCE TAGGART, aged 62 years.

WIRZ.—On the evening of January 1, 1870, Mrs. HANNA WIRZ, in the 52d year of her age.

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