MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

Booth as "King Lear."

Mr. Booth played "King Lear" last evening at the Walnut to a large audience, and earned the cordial thanks of every lover of dramatic art by restoring Shakespeare's text. Leaving poetry and propriety out of the question, the tragedy as Shakespeare wrote it is so much more effective in representation than Tate's adaptation that it is disgraceful the latter should have kept possession of the stage so long. Mr. Booth's impersonation of "King Lear" is artistic in an eminent degree, and it is based upon an intellectual and scholarly conception of the character. Not a point is missed from first to last, and in many of the scenes Mr. Booth's interpretation throws a new light upon the character. As an artistic whole it surpasses the "Lear" of Mr. Forrest in many particulars, Mr. Booth's exquisite taste in costume and "make-up" rendering his impersonation much the most picturesque of the two and the most satisfactory to the eye. Where Mr. Forrest, however, is greatest Mr. Booth is weakest, and his performance, very excellent as it is, lacks the one thing necessary to make it great—inspiration. "King Lear" is a valuable addition to Mr. Booth's *repertoire*, and although it is not his best *role*, it is one that admirers of the Shakespearian drama can witness with much pleasure.

The City Amusements.

AT THE WALNUT Mr. Booth will have a benefit this evening, when he will appear as "Hamlet."

A matinee will be given to-morrow, when Mr. Booth will appear in *The Stranger* and *Katherine and Petruchio*.

To-morrow evening Massinger's comedy of *A New Way to Pay Old Debts* will be performed, with Mr. Booth as "Sir Giles Overreach."

AT THE CHESNUT Mrs. Scott-Siddons will have a benefit this evening, when she will personate "Mrs. Haller," in *The Stranger*, and "Juliana," in *The Honeymoon*, supported by Mr. E. L. Davenport in both pieces.

A matinee will be given to-morrow, when *As You Like It* will be represented.

AT THE ARCH Mr. Oliver Doud Byron will take a benefit this evening, and will personate "Joe Ferris," in the drama of *Across the Continent*.

AN ENTERTAINMENT for the benefit of the National Homestead for Soldiers' Orphans at Gettysburg will be given this evening at the Academy of Music. There will also be a matinee to-morrow.

AT MRS. CHARLES WARNER'S CIRCUS an equestrian and acrobatic performances will be given this evening. A matinee to-morrow.

THE NEW AMERICAN THEATRE, Chesnut street, above Tenth, will open to-morrow evening with a great variety combination.

AT THE AMERICAN MUSEUM, Ninth and Arch streets, dramatic performance will be given this evening, to-morrow afternoon, and to-morrow evening.

AT THE ARCH STREET OPERA HOUSE a variety of attractions are announced for this evening.

SIGNOR BLITZ and his son will give a magical entertainment at the Assembly Building this evening. A matinee to-morrow.

AT DUPREZ & BENEDICT'S OPERA HOUSE an entertaining programme of minstrelsy will be presented this evening.

THE ART MALE SINGING SOCIETY will give its first soiree of the season this evening, at City Institute Hall, N. E. corner of Eighteenth and Chesnut streets. A fine programme is announced.

THE BEETHOVEN SOCIETY will celebrate the centennial anniversary of Beethoven by a grand concert at the Academy of Music to-morrow evening.

THE GERMANIA ORCHESTRA will give a public rehearsal at Musical Fund Hall to-morrow afternoon. The programme will consist of selections from the books of Beethoven.

CITY ITEMS.

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GRAHAM—ELLIS.—On the 14th of December, by the Rev. Matthew Gailey, Pastor of the Third Reformed Presbyterian Church, at the home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. GEORGE S. GRAHAM to Miss EMMA M. ELLIS, granddaughter of John McFee, all of this city. No cards.

PLUMB—MIDDLETON.—On Tuesday, the 13th inst., in the West Arch Street Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. Dr. Willits, Mr. FAYETTE R. PLUMB to Miss KATE C. MIDDLETON, daughter of George W. Middleton, all of this city.

ROEHM—PARK.—On the 14th instant, by the Rev. Frank L. Robbins, JOSEPH ROEHM to LIZZIE A., daughter of the late Ingram Park, all of this city.

TAINTOR—HAINES.—On the 14th instant, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. Thomas P. Coulston, assisted by Rev. Isaac Styles, Mr. CHAS. C. TAINTOR, of Springfield, Ill., to MAGGIE, daughter of John T. Haines, Esq., of Frankford, Philadelphia.

DIED.

HUGHES.—On the 15th instant, at the residence of Joseph Pennock, Esq., No. 3831 Bridge street, Manayunk, Mrs. EMILY H. HUGHES, daughter of the late Dr. Hughes, United States Army, and wife of C. T. Hughes, Esq.

Funeral services will be held at the above place on Saturday afternoon, at 4 o'clock. Interment at Pittsburg.

LOYD.—On the morning of the 14th instant, JOSHUA T. LOYD, Jr., in the 49th year of his age.

The relatives and friends, also the members of Sparta Lodge, K. of P.; the members of the Typographical Union, No. 2, and the remaining members of Co. K, 2d Pennsylvania Reserves, are invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 339 North Seventh street, on Sunday morning, at 10 o'clock. Interment at Mechanics' Cemetery.

REID.—On the 14th instant, JOHN REID, in the 66th year of his age.

His relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, Fifty-fifth and Spruce streets, at 1 P. M., Saturday, December 17th. To proceed to Laurel Hill.

☞ MASONIC NOTICE.—THE OFFICERS AND Members of KENSINGTON LODGE, No 211, A. Y. M., and the Order generally, are fraternally invited to meet at Day's Hall, RICHMOND and MARLBOROUGH Streets, on SUNDAY AFTERNON, 18th inst., at 12½ o'clock, to attend the Funeral of our deceased Brother, THOMAS CAMPBELL.

By order of the W. M.
CHARLES K. NEISSER, Secretary.

N. B.—Masonic Dress will be strictly observed.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

For additional Special Notices see Inside Pages.

☞ ADELAIDE MURDOCH'S LECTURE,
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☞ REV. THEODORE L. CUYLER, D. D., OF BROOKLYN,
will address the TEMPERANCE MEETING to be held under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association of the First Presbyterian Church on FRIDAY EVENING, 16th instant, at 7½ o'clock, at Church WASHINGTON Square and SEVENTH Street.

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