

"LA TRAVIATA" SUNG

Excellent Performance at Metropolitan by Philadelphia Company

THE CAST: Violetta... Cornelia... Flora...

The Philadelphia Grand Opera Co. gave what was, on the whole, a good performance of Verdi's tragic "La Traviata" at the Metropolitan Opera

House last evening before the best-sized audience the company has had for several performances.

The ever-reliable and artistic Angiola Antola sang and acted the part of Germont effectively, as he does all the

roles entrusted to his capable hands, and Miss Klinova was pleasing as Annetta, both in voice and stage presence.

The minor parts of Flora, Gastone, Douphol, D'Obigny and Dr. Grenvill were adequately done by Miss Wilkinson and Messrs. Fini, White, Di Massa and Bozza.

"Traviata," like the other operas of that period of Verdi, is essentially melodious and therefore gave full play to the singers, opportunities which were generally well utilized.

There was a slip, caused by reasons not easily traceable, toward the close of the scene "Ah, fors'è lui che anima" at the end of the first act which caused the soloist to address a few words of seemingly lively

Italian to the conductor, in a quasi-recitative, which were received with considerable interest by the Italian-speaking citizens in the forward rows. Outside of this the opera passed without untoward incident.

The audience was enthusiastic throughout and the principals received many curtain calls, which they deserved for their sincere and spirited performance of a difficult work.



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