AMUSEMENTS.

English Opera.

The Richings English Opera Company will begin an engagement in the Academy of Music on the evening of the 6th of June. On the night of the 7th of June, Mr. S. Behrens, the leader of the orchestra, will have a benefit, and will produce *The Huguenots* in magnificent style. The details of the performance will be published shortly.

—Mr. John T. Donnelly will have a benefit at the Arch Street Theatre on Wednesday night next. He presents a bill of such an attractive character that the house ought to be crowded. Miss Ettie Henderson, for the first time in four years, has consented to appear. She will sustain the character of "Kate Wishaw." Mrs. Susan Galton Kelleher, and Mr. Robert Craig will appear in the opera *Idealion and Eyeteeken*. Mr. Alfred Kelleher will sing several ballads. Profs. Wyman and Lubon will indulge in feats of magic and legerdemain, and Sic Sic, Jr., will go and do likewise. The programme is full; many members were elected to the Association.

—The Guardians of the Poor held a stated meeting yesterday afternoon. The population of the Almshouse was reported at 2,231, an increase of 167 over the same period last year. The Hospital Committee made a report in regard to the number of cases of ophthalmia in the Women's Medical Department the number treated since May 9th, 1870: White, 12; black, 2; total embraced, white, 18; black, 10; deaths; number remaining, white, 24; black, 3; total remaining, 28. In the Men's Medical Department, number treated since May 9th: White, 18; black, 2; discharged, white, 36; black, 3; deaths, white, 3; number remaining, white, 07; black, 13; number originating in the house, white, 2. (Many of these were born convalescent, and will be discharged at an early date).

—A Temperance meeting, under the auspices of the Presbyterian General Assembly, was held last evening in the First Presbyterian Church. The attendance was very large. George H. Stuart, Esq., presided. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, Rev. Dr. Arnot, of Edinburgh, Rev. B. Dunn, of Boston, and Rev. Dr. Hall, of New York.

—William Moore, 70 years old, residing in Bedford street, was admitted into the Pennsylvania Hospital last evening with severe wounds on the head, from blows given with a blackjack.

Presbyterian General Assembly.

The Assembly reconvened at 3½ P. M. yesterday, and was opened with prayer by Rev. E. D. Reed, of New Jersey. After some unimportant changes in the boundaries of the Synods of Allegheny, Utica, Geneva and Genesee, they were ratified.

The Synod of Philadelphia was then taken up.

Alfred Hand, Esq., of Scranton, moved that the present Synod of Scranton be divided into two Synods, with the exception of the counties of McKean, Potter and Tioga, which be added to the Synod of Harrisburg.

After speeches in the affirmative by Rev. H. Harvey H. Wells, of Nyack, and Rev. S. H. Moon, of Presbytery of Montrose, it was agreed to. All of the Pennsylvania Synods were finally and unanimously disposed of, and constituted as follows:

The Synod of Philadelphia to comprise the counties of Philadelphia, Bucks, Northampton, Montgomery, Delaware, Chester, Lancaster, Berks, Lehigh, Lebanon, Dauphin, Northumberland, Wayne, Pike, Monroe, Lehigh, Carbon, Schuylkill, Luzerne, Wyoming, and Susquehanna counties, and the Presbytery of Western Africa.

The Synod of Harrisburg to comprise the counties of McKean, Potter and Tioga, and all under the jurisdiction they feel as though the punishment he has already experienced is sufficient for the present all the claims of justice, and that the time has now arrived when exercise of executive clemency is demanded.

The business over the Camden and Atlantic Railroads during the present season promises to be larger than ever before in any year since those roads were in operation. The improvements making about the centre of the city are very extensive and attractive and important, and the bathing is excellent.

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T. B. Peterson & Bros. begin a convenient popular edition of the writings of Mme. George Sand, with the work usually considered her masterpiece, "Consuelo." Of this romance, which traces the development of a young girl of genius, whose strange name forms the title, is narrated, we have not space, when merely noticing its popularization, to speak fully. It is recognized as embodying the best qualities of Mme. Dudevant as a writer—her elevation, exquisite diction, unapproached felicity of illustration and pathos—along with some of her boldest theories, which moralists have often laughed and combated without the ability to answer them adequately. The edition now noticed is cheap and showy, but has that easy legibility characteristic of most of Peterson's publications: white the cover, in maroon cloth, gilded from dies of rich and tasteful design, will make the series an ornament to the shelf.

"The Countess of Rudolstadt," a sequel to "Consuelo," will appear almost immediately in the same form, and "Indiana," "Valentine," "Lavinia," "First and True Love," and "The Corsair" will follow seriatim.

Taking advantage of the great sensation caused by "Lothair," the new romance by Disraeli, Messrs. Peterson & Bros. present their handy and cheap series of the statesman's earlier novels, which they remind us is "the only complete edition published." "Henrietta Temple," for instance, appears as a neat and legible octavo pamphlet, at half a dollar, and the others in similar form, excepting "Contarini Fleming," which is larger, and costs seventy-five cents.

A reasonably good translation of Homer's Iliad, by W. G. Caldclough, author of "Eastern Tales" and "The Branch and Other Poems," is published in handsome form by J. B. Lippincott & Co. But Mr. Caldclough, however meritorious his writings, should understand that at this time, when the best minds of English literature have vied with each other in producing a close and flowing version of Homer, it is rather late to write an English Iliad "as a desultory recreation," "for the mental amusement of the translator and his friends," "as an exercise in versification," and "as a curious literary experiment." Such other reasons will suffice for the publication of a work which should be entirely unnecessary, but which is not entirely unattractive and important, and the bathing is excellent.

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