

A Rare Opportunity to See the Ben Greet Company.

"The best production of the Merchant of Venice," says Hutchins Hapgood, in the Chicago Evening Post, "that I have ever seen, was given last night by the Ben Greet company—and I have seen Booth, Henry Irving, Richard Marsfield, and Jacob Adler companies in the play. There is not a single "genius" in the cast, but the play is a unity. It is given practically as the author intended, and so has the ear marks of a work of art and beauty as a whole."

The Merchant of Venice will be given by one of the two companies now touring the United States under the direction of Mr. Greet—the company that is devoting itself entirely to the more serious plays of Shakespeare.

Everybody playing all sorts of parts is the scheme, and it is one which makes their productions notable for their all around smoothness, and has developed the finest actors on the English stage such as Mrs. Patrick Campbell, Robert Lorraine, Henry B. Irving, Lawrence Irving and Edith Wynne Mathison.

The company which will be seen at the State College Auditorium under the auspices of the Literary Club, Saturday afternoon and evening, Feb. 27, will include Miss Keith Wakeman, the well known player and for many years E. S Willard's leading woman as well as Mr. Otis Skinner's. Many know of her beautiful portrayal of Portia, and will be glad of the opportunity of witnessing it. Mr. Leonard Shepherd, the well known English star, who at the head of his own company in England played Shylock, Iago, Macbeth and Hamlet, will be seen here as Shylock. Such well known players of the Ben Greet company as Frank McEntee, Stanley Drewitt, Augusta True, Helen Drewitt, Mark Wilson and others will fill their parts

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