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post-cards of myself in different poses"—
all waiting for her autograph! Zena
smiles at one from about seventeen
shop windows in Wellington.

I am sure that the public wants first-
night notices, and expects to get them. It
is an item of news, and to many people
of important news. The theatre manager
can no more say, "I will not have a re-
port of my play published," than a murder-
er can say "I will not have a re-
port of my trial in the papers." It is
desirable, and might at the same time
be useful, to have a more mature criti-
cism of some productions which are
certainly deserving of thought and at-
tention.—Mr. Tree interviewed by a
London paper.

Much that is found in the Press from
day to day about alleged "actresses" re-
lates to persons who have no real stand-
ing in the theatre; and it may not in-
frequently happen that this or that
sensational story about an alleged mem-
ber of the profession has no foundation
whatever as regards the theatre. It
would seem that in many newspaper
offices there must be a standing order
to classify as an "actress" any woman who
has become involved in notorious pub-
licity, no matter what the truth may
be; and it goes without saying that
such a method is outrageous.—New York
"Dramatic Mirror."

Madame Blanche Arral, who shortly
tours N.Z., has completely won that
section of the Sydney public which cares
at all for music, or indeed art gener-
ally, says the "Sydney Mail." The Town
Hall, on the occasions of her concerts,
presents that most cheerful of aspects,
close-range files of a warmly friendly
audience. The prima donna sings with
absolute musical truth. Her voice is
fresh; her wide experience has left it
unimpaired, and enriched her nature, so
that she is the most fortunate of ar-
tistes, one intellectually matured, and
yet youthful in quality.

Miss Nellie Wilson, sometime of Pol-
lard Comic Opera Co., has been appear-
ing in Tannahuser in the Raid. One
critic writes: "An excellent performance
was the Elizabeth of Miss Nellie Wilson.
This artiste has a fine voice, a fine stage
presence, and that essential thing a tem-
perament. Never falling below a high
standard of excellence, the singing of
Miss Wilson occasionally reached real
distinction, and she is to be warmly con-
gratulated upon a thoroughly artistic
performance. The remaining principals
were: Mrs. Bayly (Shepherd), Mr. F. H.
Grange (Herman), Mr. H. S. Ralph
(Walther), Mr. A. A. Davis (Heinrich),
and Mr. B. Parry (Schreiber)."

It is estimated that the subsidised
State theatres of France, such as the
Theatre Francais, the Odéon, the Opera,
and Opera Comique, are forced to give
away so many free seats to members of
the Government, that they can never
make any profit. The yearly subsidy
paid to the Opera Comique amounts to
£8000, but this sum is more than
equalled by the tickets claimed as a
right by politicians, Deputies, not
content by claiming seats for themselves,
are in the habit of asking for them for
their constituents, so that at the end of
the season there is always a deficit for
the house. The same practice obtains
in the provinces, where the theatre man-
ager is the serf of the municipality.
So many free seats are exacted from
the unhappy manager that it may be
said that the subsidy ruins the theatre.

A curious law suit was heard last
month in Constantinople, in which an
operatic tenor named Rolland was
defendant, the plaintiff being M. Paul

Sim, the dramatic critic of the "Stamps
boul," who had not apparently at any
time written in favourable terms of
M. Rolland's performances. Seeing the
critic in the front row of the stalls on
the production of "Les 28 Jours de
Clairette," the performer let his temper
get the better of him, and from the
stage he exclaimed "Voilà ce pignouf"
M. Sim sued for damages for this pub-
lic insult, but the tribunal held that
in point of law the word "pignouf"
did not amount to a libel. However,
M. Rolland was fined five francs and
condemned in costs for unbecomingly con-
duct on the stage.

Mr. Marcus has arrived to pave the
way for another variety company which
is being sent across by Harry Richards.
The season opens on October 8th, at
His Majesty's, and we may look for-
ward to a treat. The bright particu-
lar star is Bruun, who juggles amongst
other trifles with a cannon, which is
fired off while balanced on his chin.
Seymour and Dupre, American sketch
artists, introduce a clever turn, and
theatregoers will be interested to know
that Dupre is a sister of the deligh-
tful little body of the same name, who
came with the last Richards company,
but one and gave such charming
character sketches. Little Gill, an ar-
tist of the Little Tich stamp, Baby Wat-
son, a serio-comic and dancer of only five
summers, and Miss Nellie Kilburn,
burlesque artist from England, are some
of the others who figure on an ex-
ceptionally good bill.

Even the exploits of American man-
agers in moving their companies round
must pale before the similar undertak-
ings which Mr J. C. Williamson looks
upon as all in the day's work, and prob-
ably nowhere else in the world do com-
panies travel such immense distances,
without once breaking their journey for
show purposes, as they do in Australia.
Take, for example, the journey upon
which the Gilbert and Sullivan Company
are about to embark. They finish their
Sydney visit on Friday this week, travel
straightway by train to Adelaide, and
then ship across from there to Perth,
where they are due for a three weeks'
season—only that and nothing more—
on the 1st October. For that three weeks
season, however, Mr Williamson pays
over £1000 in return fares alone for
the eighty members of the company,
without reckoning in it all the heavy
incident expenses. Even this immense
sum is not a record in that direction,
however, and several instances could be
quoted in which the travelling expenses
of a company have totalled considerably
more, with nothing in the shape of
receipts at towns in between the termini
of their voyages which might be set off
against the outlay.

Chief Savage Hunket (who is, in-
cidentally, Governor of New Zealand) re-
lapsed into Irish at the Ladies' Bureau
of the Savage Club on Saturday last,
says our contemporary the "Free Lance"
of Wellington. This distinguished Sav-
age is a good comedian, and had his
Grace (His Excellency's father) not de-
cided on diplomacy, as a "job" for his
son, the stage might have claimed him.
Lord Hunket had the necessary solemn-
ity for the telling of Irish stories,
and only the faintest smile illumined
the vice-regal countenance when he
talks the brogue. A Governor can at
times "bring down the house," of
course, but if the Governor disguised
himself and came on as Pat Malone or
Michael Muleehey, he would still be the
same thing. It may be news to you that
the large, genial A.D.C., Captain Braith-
waite, is artistic too. He wrote for this
"wailing" occasion, "The Spilling Bee,"
and it was an excellent satire, full of
point and humour. Also, Messrs. James
Dykes (we can never believe "Jimmy")
is only one man any more; sang and
played and acted it excellently. Savage
the Hon. Capt. Bingham has been ac-
cused of writing things, and the "Lance"
happens to know that he has a very
pretty wit indeed. In fact, the Gov-
ernment House people are mostly hum-
orists.

The ways and means of autograph
hunters are varied and comprehensive,
but we have lately come across one
whose ideas and methods are delight-

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A sign over the door of the editor of
popular magazine reads:
POETS TAKE NOTICE.
Shelley, Chatterton, Raleigh, Marlowe,
Tillotson, Tannahill and Suckling all
died violent deaths. Verb. sap.

Miss Nora Kerin, recently in London,
presented her husband, Mr. Cyril
Michael, with a daughter.

Ten thousand people lined the plat-
form of a Manchester railway station
to see the "Besses of the Barn" Band
leave on its tour for America, New Zea-
land and Australia.

Theatrical life has not, after all, been
interrupted for very long in San Fran-
cisco, seeing that a new theatre, contain-
ing 900 seats, has already opened its
doors with an operette entitled "The
Sparkles." Three other houses of lar-
ger proportions are in course of erec-
tion, workmen being engaged day and
night, so that they may open in Oc-
tober.

Wellington approved of "Dorothy Ver-
non" to such a satisfactory extent that
its play-goers filled the theatre every
night for the whole of the first week of
Miss Tittell Brune's season there—a fact
somewhat noteworthy when the popula-
tion of the town is considered. The
rest of the visit was devoted to "Leah
Kleschna," "Merely Mary Ann," and
"Sunday," with results every bit as
satisfactory.

Mr W. S. Gilbert had his little joke
at the Edgeware Petty Sessions this
week, when two men were convicted of
trespassing on land in search of conies.
The police evidence showed that the de-
fendants, who were beating a hedge,
were accompanied by a dog. Upon being
searched, a ferret and nets were
found in their possession. Defendants
denied that the dog was theirs, and said
it had followed them into the field. "Did
the ferret follow you?" inquired Mr Gil-
bert, with twinkling eye.

Miss Zena Dave, writing in the Lon-
don "Tattler," says that with the birth
of the picture post-card craze the day's
work of many an already over-worked
actress has become practically doubled.
"Recently," she says, "I received a large
cardboard box big enough almost to
contain a bride's trousseau, and on
opening it I found, neatly done up in pa-
ckets of ten, no fewer than 230 picture