while the Sonata in G minor, consisting of three movements, is distinguished by high musicianship, and the technical necessities are well within the powers of the organist of average attainments. The same composer's pianoforte solos are excellent pieces of their kind, and will be gladly welcomed by teachers and students. Worthy of special mention are "Bource, op. 19 No. 3," good for part playing: The Mill Song," excellent solo for arpeggio study and feeling for rhythm; "Minuet, op. 19 No. 5," effectively written and makes good demands on fingers. "Three Little Album Leaves," op. 31, are most daintily conceived. "An Idyll, op. 15, No. 1," is a very attractive number, set to a delightful theme in D flat major, with an irresistible accompaniment. while the Sonata in G minor, consisting set to a delightful theme in D flat major, with an irresistible accompaniment. Other decidedly interesting solos are:

"Valsetie, op. 19 No. 1," "Gavotte in D," and "Danse Gracieuse, op 19 No. 4." Organists, choirmasters, and pianoforte players should make early acquaintance with this composer's compositicles, as they will find much to please and interest

Madame Antonia Martinengo.

Madame Antonia Martinengo, formerly Madame Antonia Martinengo, formerly of the Brescians, needs little introduction to New Zealanders, who still have pleasant recollections of that popular company. She has recently returned from London, and has taken over the chambers recently occupied by Mr Spencer Lorraine in Pierce Buildings, Symonds Street, Auckland, where she will take worlds for singing and raise, neglecting. pupils for singing and voice production.

The Orchestral Society.

The Auckland Orchestral Society will The Anckland Orchestral Society will give their second concert of the pre-ent season on July 11, at the Town Hall. The soloists are to be Mr Officer E. Farrow (baritone) and Mr G. E. Poore (flautist). The orchestral selections will include the overture from "Mignon," Blosthower's "Symphony No. 5," Saint-Saons "Danse Macabre," Massenet's "Les Erimyes," and the march from "Leoacra" (Raff). Erinnyes," at ora" (Raff).

Mr. W. T. Sharp's Recital.

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Interest continues in a marked degree in the recitals now being held weekly by candidates for the position of city organist. Last Saturday night the fifth of the series was given before a large audience, many of those present having followed up the proceedings from the initial performance. Mr. W. T. Sharp was the organist on this occasion, and he handled the line instrument he presented a programme consisting mostly of organ compositions, while the arrangements for the king of instruments were chosen with good taste. He displayed good organ technique and maslery of control, while the effects secured were consistent with regard to the music, and his stop changes failed neither in precision ner the object intended. On the pedals much skill was exhibited, and the movement from manual to manual was achieved with lightness and dexterity. The recitalist was listened to with interest, and during the performance was bonoursed with several hearty enecres. terest, and during the performance was

Mr. Alexander Watson.

To inierest an audience by a single-handed pre-entation of "Macheth" without book or notes, and without the assistance of scenic effects, looks to be an almost impossible task, but it is safe to say that all those who composed Mr. Alexander Watson's first audience at his Majesty's Theatre were, at least, interested. Mr. Watson's performance is smethat will be remembered. His memory is faultless, his voice clear and vibrant, sand his perfect enunciation and cleanant syllables are a treat to listen two interests of the tall, slim man in conventional evening dress soon creates an atmosphere Mr. Alexander Watson. to. The tall, slim man in conventional evening dress soon creates an atmosphere and on the bare and empty stage the characters of the great tragedy live vivedly before his andsense. His rocal indections are wonderfully good, and the characters are differentiated with remarkable elevernoss. The portrayal of "The Weird Sisters" is perhaps his finest piece of work, and in the words of the "Bulletts" oritie, "the three witches are brought so close that a hurried society reporter would hardly report them as amongst those propent." The varying moods, the rugest strength, and she handed terrar of Mrc both are protecyed with magnificent resilient. Lady Macbeth, however, presents more difficulties, and one is inclined to picture her somewhat differently than does Mr. Watson, with a greater touch of the virage in her mature. But in the latter scenos, particularly the guilty woman's sleeping solibayity, Mr. Watson's work was appendidly effective. evening dress soon creates an atmosphere

characters all showed Mr. Watson's powers as an electricatist and the won-derful command of voice. At the close of the performance he was recalled sereral times to bow his acknowledgments

To-night (Wednesday, July 10) Mr. Walson will recite "Twelfth Night."

Lyric Theatre.

The programme of pictures for the current week at the Lyric Theatre, tiymonds Street, is one of the best that the firm has submitted. It contains the essential element for enjoyment and instruction, and the large crowds who have attended, anticipating good fare, have not been disappointed. The orchestral not been disappointed. The orchestral selectious and the comfortable appointments add to the pleasure of the visit. The local views, entitled "Auckland Day," constitute a popular feature of the programme, and of much interest to patrons. Dramatic studies are attractive films, creating unrestrained excitement, while the comic, seemic and general make up an admirable selection.

King George Theatre.

By carefully studying the public requirements, the management of the King George Theatre in Durham Street is able to produce a programme of unfailing in-. This week is no exception to the The continuous show is open all dermoon and evening. The star terest. rule. The continuous show is open all the afternoon and evening. The star item is a drama founded on the Reign of Terror of the time of the French Revont tion, and it is magnificently acreened. There is much else to amuse and interest.

Ladies' Hats Banned.

Berlin's energetic Police President (Herr von Jagow) had to defend before the Supreme Administrative Court his decree forbidding ladies to wear hats in the theatre, even in the boxes. Amusing evidence in the Corney Grain style was given by police inspectors, who described how at various theatres they had to dodge from side to side of ladies' hats to get a peep at the stage. One inspector debailed to watch the proceedings at a variety theatre suspected of risky productions complained that just when it was most necessary for him to watch the stage proceedings a lady with a hat 39in. in diameter sat exactly in front of him. Counsel for the Managers' Association argued that big hats were no worse than herons' plumes, against which there was no decree. Herr von Jagow's advocate argued that if a panic occurred these immense hats must result in an appalling disaster. The Court reserved its decision.

Films That Talk.

The first public demonstration in London of M. Gaumont's combined cinematoscope and gramophone was given at an interesting special matinee. There an interesting special matinee. There was a typical Gallic cock, strutting and preening itself upon a balustrade. Colour photography had retained the sheen of its hackles. We were murmuring our applause at the amazing realism of the picture, says a London writer, when Chanticleer tossed his head with inimitable arrownee, one need his heak. able arrogance, opened his beak, and crowed right lustily, once, twice, and three times.

three times.

Thereafter four typical Frenchmen quarrelled in a railway train. One beat upon his knee in his excitement, and the thwack resounded through the theatre. thwack resounded through the theatre. A shopman arranged crockery upon his stall, and you heard it clink. Such sounds did far more to impress the audience with the importance and novelty of the new invention than did the apoken words of the people whose images flickered on the screen, for it must be almitted that the reproduction of human speech on the gramophone is in the present stage of experiment a little disappointing. sappointing.

A film that did equal credit to the en-

A nm that did equal credit to the en-terprise of the photographer and the skill of the inventor depicted a lim tamer surrounded by a dozen angry lions. As they sprang and glided about the eage you listened to the cracking of whips and a perpetual accompaniment of re-onant growls that was quite alarm-

Miss Katherine Grey.

Katherine Grey, the eminent emo-tional actress, who created such a won-derful impression throughout Australa-nia in "The Truth," "The Third Degree," and other plays, is now appearing in vaudoville in Nan Prancisco. This is Miss Grey's first season in vaudeville and she is scoring heavily in the one-act

play, "Above the Law." Miss Grey is a fean Francisco girl who has achieved fame as a dramatic star through sheer ability. She has been successfully asso-ciated with the late Richard Mansfield and other great lights of the stage.

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