THE FLAG GOES BY.

(By H. H. Bennett.)

Hats off!
Along the street there comes
A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums,
A flash of colour beneath the sky;
Hats off! The flag is passing by.

Blue and crimson and white it shines, Over the steel-tipped ordered lines. Hats off!

The colours before us fly; But more than the flag is passing by.

Sea fights and land fights, grim and great, Fought to make and to save the state; Weary marches, and sinking ships; Cheers of victory on dying lips.

Days of plenty and days of peace; March of a strong land's swift increase; Equal justice, right, and law, Stately honour, and reverent awe.

Sign of a nation, great and strong To ward her people from foreign wrong; Fride and glory and honour, all Live in the colours to stand or fall.

Along the street there comes
A blare of bugies, a ruffle of drums;
And loyal hearts are beating high; The flag is passing by!

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MUSIC AND DRAMA.

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The latest enterprise of William Anderson is the engagement of two of the most popular Austra ian artists-Waller Baker and Miss Frances Ross, who for many years proved the backbone of Bland Holt's celebrated or-ganisation. They made their reappearance at the King's Theatre, Sydney, on Saturday, January 23, in a new and original drama, called "Sallor Jack," written by Walter Baker him-self. The principals were supported by a strong company, including:---Messrs. Edwin Campbell, Bert Bailey Vivian Edwards, Hill ard Vox, Edmund Duggan, Edwin Lester, and the Misses Fanny Erris, Kate Gair. Mag-gie Knight, and others.

Miss Maggie Moore and Mr. H. R. Roberts have engaged a strong company to support them on their forthcoming tour, which begins at Hobart on January 23. Included in the company are Misses Laura Roberts, Madge Herrick, Ethel Bashford, Terry, and Messrs. John Forde, J. Montgomery, Sid Everett, Fred Francis, Herbert and Katford, while Beryl Yates and Little Vera Huggett play their original parts of the two children in "The Prince Chap." Chas. W. Tay.or has charge of the orchestra, and James Moore is business manager. The Hobart season commenced with a double bill—"The Prince Chap" and "The Chinese Question." Subsequent productions will be "Struck Oil," "The Case of Rebellious Susan," and several pieces new to Australia, the rights of which have been purchased by Mr. Roberts. Little Vera Huggett play their original by Mr. Roberts.

Miss Ros na Buckman, the New Zealand soprano, who distinguished herself with the National Opera Company in Melbourne and Sydney, has been engaged by Mr. F. Shipman to go on tour with Mr. Philip Newbury.

The Steele-Payne bell-ringers return to Melbourne on January 3, after a most successful tour of South-Africa, After taking a rest at their home in Ballarat (Vic) they purpose re-organ-ising for the Austral an states and return to South Africa later with new novelties.

Miss Eileen Castles, the youngest of the Castles Sisters, has joined George Edwardes' Company in England. She is said to have a "beautiful soprano voice of almost dramatic quality.'

Mr. Harold Carr, late of the J. C. Williamson Co., has secured the sole rights for tour in Africa of the Johnson-Burns fight pictures by arrangement with Mr. H. D. McIntosh.

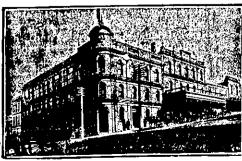
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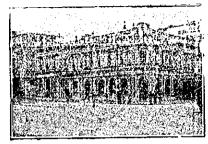
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