

SIR HENRY IRVING.

On the 16th of last month Sir Henry Irving brought his short but highly successful season at the National Theatre, London, to a close, when a huge audience assembled to give "the Chief" an enthusiastic farewell.

MADAME MELBA AT COVENT GARDEN.

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MR. ALFRED WOODS.

... en Paix ... Sommeille," brings down the curtain on a variant of love's young dream that one does not soon, if ever, forget.

My Christchurch dramatic correspondent writes (under date August 22) :-A leading member of the Caste Comedy Company, the plucky band of amateurs who recently played throughout Grand National week at the Theatre Royal, tells me there is a possibility of the company producing "Jane" at Ashburton.

bang. Fred Bluett re-appears on Monday. Lots of shows are booked for Christchurch between this and Christmas. More about these anon.

"Brother Officers," one of the plays which the Frawley Company will probably stage here, is a comedy in three acts by Leo Trevor, and has the distinction of having run an entire season at the London Garrick, while it also enjoyed an exceptional success at the Empire Theatre, New York.

The brilliant success of Mr George Musgrove's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at Sydney is meeting with patronage commensurate with its merits.

Mme. Amy Sherwin, the Tasmanian artiste, has been invited to represent English singers at the unveiling of the Wagner monument at Berlin in October, and to sing at the International concert which will be held on that occasion.

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