
AMUSEMENTS.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The return of the Rankins and "Danites" to the Academy stage last night assembled an audience that filled the theatre full, from bottom to top. The excellence of the "Danites" as an acting play has long been known and acknowledged. It is the best of all dramas, having to deal with the life and characters of early California. The cast, with a few exceptions, is the same as that of last season. Mr. Wm. E. Sheridan, who is too good an actor to play any part badly, entirely fills the place left by Mr. Aldrich, when that actor resigned the *Parson* in the "Danites," to start out with a piece of his own. Mr. Frank Budworth, as the Chinaman, is very good, and lacks only the Celestial face of Charley Parsloe to play the part as well as his predecessor. The best judges of comedy acting judged Mr. Ben Maginley to be a good *Judge*. Mr. Maginley was last seen here as *Little Buttercup*, in an illuminated "Pinafore" troupe, which part he did very badly. In the *Judge* he finds a part worthy of his talents, and he succeeds. The nearly perfect acting of Mr. and Mrs. McKee Rankin needs no commendation at this moment.

The "Danites" will be repeated at every performance this week,

Mr. Chas. Melville, agent of the Alice Oates Comic Opera Troupe, has arrived, to prepare the way for the organization he represents, which will be the next attraction at the Academy.
