

16 Young Ave.,  
Pelham, N. Y.  
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Dear Miss Tarbell:

I have been through the special catalogue in the Drama Section at the New York Public Library, but can find no Thomas Y. Mears. There are several men and women with the name Mears, but Thomas Y. is not among them. I also consulted the indexes in the volumes of Odell's huge "Annals of the New York Stage" that cover that general period. Mention is made of a Mears who appeared at Burton's Theatre in the season of 1848, but Odell gives him no Christian name. Search of the old Clipper or of the Spirit of the Times might perhaps turn up something.

It also occurs to me that possibly Miss May Davenport Seymour, curator of the theatre and music collections, Museum of the City of New York, might be able to discover something for me. The Museum now has quite a lot of drama material. I have not yet heard anything from Mr. Lyons. If I knew of anybody in Washington whom I could send to the Office of the Judge Advocate General (which has been moved to the Munitions Building), I would ask him to go around there personally; but I do not know of any such person.

With regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*G. J. Bryan*