MEBLLA GRAND OPERA.

COST $1,000 A PERFORMANCE.

BOOKING LISTS TO BE OPENED.

At a meeting held yesterday a good start was made with the promotion of the opera in connexion with the proposed visit of the MELBA GRAND OPERA COMPANY to Adelaide.

In the reception room of the Lord Mayor's residence, at the Adelaide Town Hall, on Thursday a meeting was held to arrange for a sufficient guarantee to ensure that the MELBA GRAND OPERA COMPANY shall give a series of performances in Adelaide.

The Lord Mayor (Mr. C. J. G. Glover) presiding, declared that it was a privilege and a pleasure to introduce to those present—though an introduction was perhaps not necessary—for the MELBA GRAND OPERA COMPANY, which had come to Adelaide for the purpose of giving a series of performances to the citizens that they should avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing grand opera.

Great attention was paid to the seating arrangements of the opera house, and the committee understood that a sufficient number of seats were reserved for the benefit of those who had purchased season tickets.

The company was introduced by Mr. G. D. Cleaver, who expressed his hope that the opera will be a success and that it will not be necessary to reduce the prices of tickets.

Mr. W. H. Basso, from the company, said that he was perfectly satisfied with the arrangements made for the opening night of the opera, and he hoped that the company would be able to maintain its standards of performance during the remainder of the season.

Mr. W. H. Basso also expressed his appreciation of the efforts made by the committee to ensure that the opera will be a success.

The meeting adjourned, and it was arranged that the company would be received by the Lord Mayor at the Town Hall on the opening night of the opera, when they would be introduced to the assembled company.