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The announcement went forth that Rubinstein would be heard again; he has appeared five times, and the net result, which will be distributed among the poor of five large cities, is over \$21,000. It is not the first time that his beneficent art has been execeised in behalf of the indigent and needy. For years he has given with open hand; thousands and thousands have been devoted by him from his earnings to charities of every kind and description. In the art world of the past and present, he stands alone as the shining example of a truism and generosity as rare as they are beautiful. A man who has done so much good, and has done it as unostentatiously as Rubinstein, may readily be forgiven for the occasional bitterness that finds expression in some of his late writings; and in the enthusiasm that has greeted his reappearance in the various cities visited, there was unquestionably mixed in with admiration for Rubinstein, the musician, appreciation and affection for Rubinstein, the musician, appreciation and affection for Rubinstein, the main and the number of those able to secure either seats or standing room at the concerts he has given, is infinitesimally small compared with the legions of those who were not—is: "And how did he play?" Everyone wants to know if he still is the Rubinstein of old, or if in any way he has lost some of those qualities that have made him the pianistic standard for all time. To all who ask the answer has promptly been given, and with a complete sincerity that leaves no doubt as to the truthfulness of the information: "Rubinstein plays more wonderfully than ever. Or, to put it in the words of ohe of the most distinguished among the younger pianist; "The old lion has grown, if possible, a claw or two more."

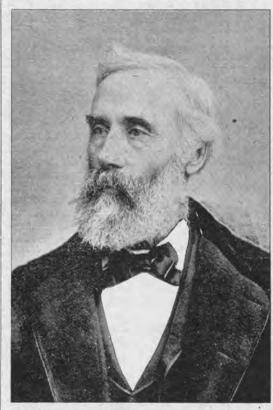
Physically, he is still a picture of sturdy manhood. A few gray hairs are to be noticed, though not sufficient to give a different aspect to the coloring of twenty years ago. His teeth, however, have not proved friends as fast and firm as his looks, and in forsaki

Charles F. Huber, assisted by some of his pupils and well known local talent, gave his second grand concert, at Concordia Club Hall, on the 18th ult. The concert was a success in every respect. Mr. Huber is a graduate and post-graduate of the Beethoven Conservatory, and the work of his pupils was most favorably received.

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J. M. NORTH.

J. M. North, the well known vocal teacher, whose picture we present to our readers, was born in Huddersfield, England, Nov. 16, 1835. He came to America in 1842, and located at Bridgeport, Conn., until 1856. Being desirous of a better education, he went to Bennington Seminary, at Bennington, Vt., paying his own schooling and board for one year. It was while at this



school that he became interested in music. From Bennington, he went to North Reading, Mass., to attend a music school conducted by Dr. Lowell Mason, Sr., Geo. James Webb and Geo. F. Root. He returned to this school in 1858.

His first class work was at the Teachers' Institute, at North Granville, N. Y. A telegram had been sent to Dr. Mason to send his best pupil for the work, and out of a class of fifty-six, Dr. Mason selected young North, who filled the position with credit to himself and to his celebrated teacher. In the summer

of 1859, he attended the Normal School at Geneseo, N. Y., Carlo Bassinia being president. In 1860, he was called to teach vocal music in the State Normal School at Albany, N. Y. In 1863, he came to St. Louis to teach in the public schools. After three years' work in that field, he began to give private lessons in vocal music. In 1881, Mr. North visited his old home in England, and while there had the able advice and instruction of McFarren, president of the Royal Academy of Music.

Mr. North has written a great many songs, both sacred and secular, which have been well received by the musical public, Among the principal are: "The Lake is Still," "But I Love Thee," "Jerusalem." "I Arise from Dreams of Thee," "My Refuge is God," (duet), and "Trust," (solo and chorus). He has brought out some of our best professional singers. Among those instructed by him are Bernard and Edward Dierkes, and Chas. Allen—all of whom have achieved eminent success in oratorio. His work in training different choirs and choruses, such as the Elijah chorus under Mr. Waldauer, was successful in the highest degree. He also conducted the "Messiah" and "Creation," at Merchants' Exchange, with great success. Of late years, Mr. North has devoted most of his time to voice culture, and has finer voices under his training at present than he has ever had.

Mr. North is a very pleasant gentleman, with a great love and talent for painting, second only to his love for his profession. He has a fine country seat, surrounded by many broad acres, and, following in the footsteps of his father—a hale, hearty man of ninety-two years—he bids fair to spend a long life of usefulness.

THOMAS ORCHESTRA CONCERTS.

The season of concerts just closed by this eminent organization was one of the principal features of the musical year. To the enterprise of the Exposition management—chiefily to Messrs. F. Gaiennie, S. Kennard and J. Ashrorft, is due the credit of the many treats enjoyed by St. Louisans in listening to Thomas and his unexcelled musicians. Although, financially, not the success they ought to have been, we hope next season the Thomas concerts will meet with proper support from the musical public at large.

Victor Ehling, the well known planist, will be married in May to Miss Lily Schuetze, a most estimable and popular lady of the South End.

Rubinstein, at latest accounts, was still undecided about coming to America, and has till July next to make up his mind. He is in good health, and playing with all his usual vigor. There is little doubt that he will revisit this country when the time comes. Why should he not? \$2,500 a night is worth some trouble and labor.

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Mr. W. S. Gilbert, the librettist, who knows nothing of the oretical music, says that he mentally digested certain technical terms in a treatise on harmony, and then propounded the following to Sir Arthur Sullivan: "I claim that when a musician, who is master of many instruments, has a theme to express, he can express it as perfectly upon a simple tetrachord of Mercury (in which there are, as we all know, no distonic intrvals whatever), as upon the more elaborate dis-diapason (with the familiar four tetrachords and the redundant note), which I need not remind you, embraces in its simple consonance all the single, double and inverted chords." He says: "Sullivan reflected for a moment, and asked me to oblige him by repeating the question. I did so, and he replied that it was a nice point, and he would like to think it over before giving a reply. That was about twenty years ago, and I believe that he is still engaged in hammering it out."

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Geo. W. Chadwick has consented to compose the music for the Columbian Exposition Ode, text by Miss Harriet Munroe, of Chicago.

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The Harmon'e Orchestra. of St. Charles, Mo., gave a grand concert at the Opera House, under the direction of E. A. Schubert. The features of the excellent programme were a clarinet solo, "Old Folks at Home," and a "Grand Baritone Fantasia, Aurora," by E. A. Schubert.

"Paganini"s Joseph," has, since the death of the master, been preserved under a glass case in the Museum at Genoa. As it was found to be deteriorating for want of use, the authorities recently suffered the instrument to be entrusted to Sivori, who played upon it for an interval sufficiently long to release its pent-up spirit, and to preserve its tone for a time. This is the second occasion on which Sivori—who, by the way, was a pupil of Paganini—has had the sole privilege of exercising this office.

According to Beethoven, Schumann, Franz, Brahms, Saint-Saens, Rubinstein, Wagner, and others, the most glorious name on the long roll of German musicians is that of John Sebastian

Diseases

Bach. These authorities claim that he is greater than Handel; and many of our local musicians—men well able to discriminate, even if they are not the equals in celebrity of the galaxy above named—entertain the same opinion. The public of today, however, does not share this view, and Handel is a better drawing card than the Cantor of Leipsic. The great oratorios of Handel find admirers who do not appreciate the learned music of Bach, though they do not dare to say so. Yet, in the musical profession, it is a received article of faith that Bach is greater than the composer of "The Messiah"

A Concert was given on the 4th ult., at Anchor Hall, for the benefit of the Infant Class of the Lafayette Park Presbyterian Sunday School. Among the principal numbers were a violin solo, "Polonaise"—Wieniawski, artistically rendered by Mr. J. L. Schoen, and "Nearer my God to Thee"—Rive-King, playd in admirable style by Miss May Nothhelfer, who received a beautiful floral tribute. The only encores of the occasion were accorded Mr. Schoen and Miss Nothhelfer

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ROSSINI.

Rossini was an Italian composer pur et simple during that part of his career which made his name and fame. The forces that "rough-hewed" him in the little town of Pesaro were as Italian as the aspect of his b'rthplace when it lay basking in the sun, with feet washed by the lazy waters of the Venetian Gulf. It is said that Haydn's "Creation" and "Seasons" were favored works in Pesaro during Rossini's boyhood, but they made as little impression upon him as did German compositions for the harpsichord. This, however, was not for want of help from the future composer's eager desire after all musical knowledge and the promptings of an instinct which reached forward to higher things than those lying immediately around. Rossin's bright and ardent spirit made him impatient of the conventional restrictions of teachers, who hid their incompetence beneath a cloak of pedantry, but there were none others available. All he might do was to break with masters who could only say "Thou shalf" and "Thou shalf not," and were unable to answer when the pupil asked "Why?" He broke with them accordingly, and like a bird escaped from the druigery of learning to whistle a set tune, began to warble his "native wood-notes wild," "If I had had you for a master," he once said to Fetis, "I should have been that which is called a learned musician, for I had a taste for the style of the old masters." On the whole, perhaps, it is as well that he did not sindy under Fetis, but went out to sing as he was moved by the spirit and fancy of Pesaro's gifteds on. "Tarpredi" turned all eyes upon Rossini. Its tunes fell upon the popular ear like water upon desert sands, and were greedily absorbed. "Di tanti palpiti" made the Venetians willd with delight, On the morrow of its production the city rang with it, and the people hummed it even in the Courts of Justice, usbers erying "Silence" in vain.

The Italians, while losing their senses in an intoxication of tune, did not cry out with Richard II. They drank melody, bathed in melody, and would have it so. A

(Continued in Third Column.)

EUGENIA WILLIAMSON, B. E.

Eugenia Williamson, B. E., is the only St. Louis elocutionist who has had conferred upon her the degree of Bachelor in Elocution. She was born in St. Louis, and at the age of twelve years manifested remarkable elocutionary ability. Her early lessons in elocution were received from private instructors, and while attending school in Chicago for two years, she studied under the best elocutionists there. She was graduated in 1884, at St. Louis "eminary, with a class honor. Miss Williamson then attended the National School of Elocut on and Oratory, where she was graduated with Art Honors and the degree of Bachelor in Elocution. After that, she continued teaching during the winters, and studied during the summers in the East, and has become a fine exponent of the Delsarte System of Natural Expression and Physical Culture.

While East for her usual three months' vacation during the summer of 1891, she received a letter from the rresident of the Board of Directors of the Missouri State Institute for the Blind, asking her to accept the position of Elocutionist. She did so, and has achieved great secess in the work, having introduced the Delsarte. She also accepted the offer to take charge of the department of Elocution, Delsarte and Physical Culture in the Goldbeck Normal school for Music and Elocution, and quite recently was requested to accept the position of teacher of her branches during the months of July and August in the Inter-State Normal and Educational Association, to be held at Eureka Springs, Ark,

Miss Williamson has advanced ideas, and has created a greater interest in the beautiful art which she has so thoroughly mastered. Her Normal Lectures are most instructive and interesting; they are prepared for Teachers' Institutes and advanced pupils. She has a double portion of enthusiasm; her animation and energy are imparted to her pupils, and they



become deeply interested before they realize it. A large number of her pupils come to receive instruction from distant cities and States.

Miss Williamson must have accorded her the honor of introducing pantomimes in St. Louis. he is graceful in every movement, and her easy, natural manner, and clear, pleasing voice, charm the artistic eye and ear, and make her a great favorite with her hearers, whom she completely captivates. She has recited many times in anada, and is well known throughout the province of Ontario.

Two entertainments are given by her and her pupils every year. Her latest success was given the public this winter at her Troiseme ofree, when her remarkable imitation of birdtones was followed by a burst of applause. She is bewitching in child dialect, very amusing in comedy; a glance from her merry eyes will cause an sudience to laugh; in pathos she is very effective, but she reigns supreme in tragedy, and her stage presence is majestic.

CHORAL-SYMPHONY SOCIETY.

The Choral-Symphony Society gave its fourth orchestral concert on the 22nd ult, assisted by Franz Wilczek, the Austrian violinist. The programme was as follows: Fredudinni and fuga—Bach; arranged for orchestra by J. J. Abert. Violin solo, "Fantasie," "Caprice"—Vieuxtemps: Franz Wilczek and orchestra. Music to "Midsummer Night's Dream"—Mendelssohn; (a) Overture, (b) Scherzo, (c) Nocturne, (d) Intermezzo, (e) Wedding March orchestra. Violin solo, "Gypsy Dances"—Sarasate; Franz Wilczek. "Huldigung's March"—Wagner; Orchestra. The violinist, who studied under the celebrated Joachim, was most favorably received, and rendered his solos very artistically. The orchestral work was admirably done, and reflected great credit upon Director Otten's conscientions efforts.

view, rightly felt—that there was a foreign influence harmful, while its power lasted, to the interest of native art. But opposition was of smail avail. The Rossinian feyer spread over from Norway to Vienna, and from St. Petersburg to London. Never was such a triumph of pure timefulness—of well-nigh spontaneous carollings, brilliant, graceful, touching now the chords of tender emotion, now exhibitating like generous whenchords of the heard, with the exception of Mozart, and, of his, only. Don Giovanni' and LeNozze di Figaro' were often retained to the heard, with the exception of Mozart, and, of his, only. Don Giovanni' and LeNozze di Figaro' were often retained or thought of. While quoting the noble amateur who gave us such a valuable record of missical events and impressions, it is but just to show that, whether or not he wish was father to the beat least partially successful. "The frippery and meretyficious style of modern masle is to the ear like timed to the eye, brilliant, striking for a moment perhaps captivating, but it will be transitory, and speedily lost in the fluctuations of the cyte brilliant, striking for a moment perhaps captivating, but it will be transitory, and speedily lost in the fluctuations of the original properties of the cyte of

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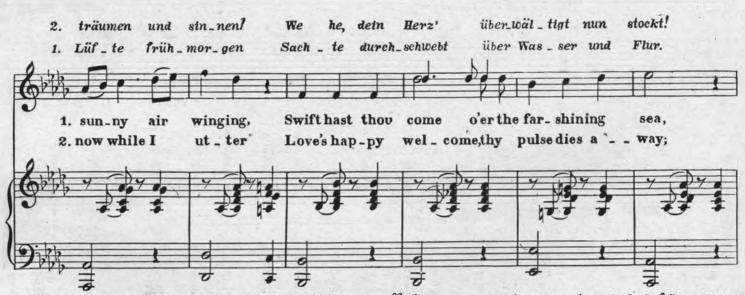
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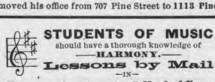
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The 33rd Annual Commencement Exercises of the Homopothic Medical College of Mo., held at Pickwick Theatre on the 17th ult., were attended by a splendid audience. The following interesting programme was offered: Piano Duet, (a) "Flash and Crash"—Grand Galop de Concert—S. P. Snow; (b) "Cinderella"—Impromptu Valse—Louis Conrath; Mr. Charles Kunkel and Louis Conrath. Invocation. Song, "I've Been Dreaming"—Ballad—F. E. Cook; Miss Urilla McDearmon. Conferring Degree of Doctor of Medicine, W. A. Edmonds, A. M., M. D. Violin Solo, "Valse Capriccia"—Weiniawski; Miss Agnes Gray. Awarding of Prizes, I. D. Foulon, A.M., M.D., Ll. D. Piano Solo, "Nearer my God to Thee"—Paraphrase de Concert-Julia Rive-King; Mr. Charles Kunkel. Address on Behalf of the Faculty—"The Elements of Success"—Rev. J. J. O'Brien. Reading. (a) "Aux, Italian"—Merrideth, (b) "Ike at the Opera"—Partington: H. Clay Eastman. Report of Dean. Song, "Come Home, Sweetheart"—Ballad—(Words by Mrs. N. K. Elliott)—Charles Kunkel; Miss Urilla McDearmon. Bene-

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