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Financial aid was frequently extended by him to the struggling artist, and the appeals of charity met with substantial responses. His home was al-vays an artistic centre, and among his guests and friends were Von Bulow, D'Albert, Gruenfeld, and other celebrated musicians and singers. His father was the enterprising William Knabe, the German plano maker, who came to Baltimer in 1833, and four years later commenced the manu-facture of pianos with Henry Gashie, under the name became William Knabe & Co. Mr. Ernest J. Knabe was born on Baltimore Street, near Liberty, name became William Knabe & Co. Mr. Ernest J. Knabe was horn on Baltimore Street, near Liberry, August 16, 1857. He received his early education at Street, and later attended a business college. At the age of fourteen he began his apprenticeship in his father's plann factory, where he learned the working of every department so thoroughly that if necessily had compelled he might easily have earned necessity had competed he migateasity have earned a livelihood as workman in any one of them. At the age of twenty-one years he became a member of the firm of Wm. Knabe & Co. His father died in 1894, and three years later Mr. Knabe married Miss by Kunkel Bros.

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On the death of William Knabe, 8r., in 1894, the business was taken up and continued under the same name by Ernest and William Knabe, soons of the decased, and Charles Keidel, his soon-in-law. Mr. 1889, at the age of forty-seven. The firm of William Knabe & Co. has since been conducted by Mr. Ernest J. Knabe and Mr. Charles Keidel, assisted by the sons of the seniors—Ernest Knabe, Jr., William Charles Knabe, 2r., William Charles Knabe, 3r., William Charles Knabe, 3r.

ljam Knabe, Jr., and Charles Keidei, Jr.

The same journal pays the following editorial tribute to his personal worth, which will be heartly

Ernest J. Knabe was a central and conspicuous figure in business and social circles of Baltimore. He was not only a manufacturer, but a trained and skilled musician. As a manufacturer he gave em-ployment to a large number of people, and carried the name and fame of Baltimore to every civilized land. His father, who was a naive of Germany, which his rame is connected all over the world. His son, who has just died, was a fine type of the German-American stock, which has furnished to America a wast number of her most valuable and particulate them. The first of the world has have head has always been noted for its liberal dealings if riguilty feeling which existed between employer friendly feeling which existed between employer with its employees, and the close relationship and riendly feeling which existed between employer and employee has long been one of the most pleas-ing features of this great business. The result of that relationship has been the exemption of the firm from the labor troubles which embarrass so many from the labor troubles which embarrass so many large manufacturing concerns. In all matters tending to promote the weifare and prosperity of Baltimore Mr. Knabe took a leading part. As a musician he could appreciate real merit, and it is told of bim in a quiet way he extended a helping hand to many who, through that help, were enabled to

Strassberger's Musical Institute gave a splendid concert, on the 3rd ult., in honor of Miss Luiu Vogt, that drew a crowded attendance, fully two hundred ciated, for it is meeting with every success. For every department he has engaged the best teachers, who spare no efforts to effect the best results.

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Miss Nettle Hale, a pupil of Prof. Nelson, is now soprano of the Grand Avenue Presbyterian Church.
Geo. Dickson, basso of the same church, is also a pupil of Prof. Nelson.

Among the most pleasing studies for young players re those by Carl Sidus, ops. 500 and 501, published

INDIAN MUSIC.

nabe died in 1872, leaving two sons, Ernest and William. On the death of William Knabe, Sr., in 1864, the usiness was taken up and continued under the same gives when the same gives the

gives her impression of Indian music in the Ceatury, It appears that they have no mechanism for de-termining a pitch; there is no uniform key for a song; it can be started on any note suitable to the singer's voice. Men with good voices take pride in accuracy of singing, and often have in their memo-ries several hundred songs, including many from these with the members of which they have exscaic, there is a natural tendency to less voiume at the close than at the beginning or middle part of the tune. The different qualities of male and female voices bring out harmonic effects, which are enhanced by the women's custom of singing in a high, reedy falsetto, an octave above the male voices. The choral generally presents two or three bigh, reedy falsetto, an octave above the male voices. The choral generally presents two or three octaves, and one becomes conscious of overtones. Evidently, the Indians enjoy this latent harmony, as a kind of throubing of the voice on a prolonged note, producing an effect similar to that obtained in vibrating a string of the 'cello by passing over it the bow in an undulating movement. In solos like the love-song, where there are sustained passages, the singer waves his hand slowly to and from his month Indian the words of a song are to a considerance ex-tent subscripent to the musle; even the entire ab-sence of words does not seem to render a time menningless to him, while words clearly enunciated break the melody and disturb his enjoyment of the song. More than once Indians have commented on our music, saying, "You talk a great deal as you

The native ear is precise as to time; a retard oc-curs only in the mystery, dream and love songs; in any other, a variation of the value of a thirty-second or sixty-fourth of a beat is sufficient to throw the tune out of gear to the Indian. Syncopation is common, and the ease with which an Indian will sing syncopated passages in three-four time to the two-four beat of the drum is remarkable.

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The Third Popular Sunday Concert occurred on the 15th uit., at Exposition Music Hall, presenting an orchestar of fitty musicians, under the direction and orchestar of fitty musicians, under the direction Miss A. O. Brasson, soprano; Miss Engene Dussishal, alto; Mr. Otto Hein, tenor; Mr. Louis Bauer, base; and Mr. Chas. Streeper, cornet. The concert base; and Mr. Chas. Streeper, ornet. The concert base; and Mr. Chas. Streeper, ornet. The concert base; and Mr. Chas. Charles and Mr. Chas. Streeper, deep the streeper was placed by the concert of the concert St. Louis is fortunate in the possession of such a

ayer. The Fourth Popular Sunday Concert was given at The Fourth Popular Sunday Concert was given at Exposition Music Hall on the 22nd uit. and was quite largely attended. To Mr. A. A. Aal is due the receit of naving bought a large number of tickets to help the good work in supporting the concerts. A novelty was Louis Conrath; plane concert in B flat minor, played by Mr. Charles Kunkel. It was received with genuine enthusiasm, and both the composer and performer achieved a signal triumph. The audience, amid continuous appliause, demanded the composer of which was not been also been according to the control of the control o latter of whom in a few felicitious remarks intro-duced the composer to the audience. The concerto ranks with the best, nothing of recent years sur-passing it. It is very melodious and wonderfully brilliant. Mr. Kunkel played in amanner worthy of his great reputation, giving the audience a treat long to be remembered. be remembered.

Mr. F. Geib, the violin soloist, was received in the

Mr. F. Geib, the violin soloist, was received in the warmest manner, and proved himself an artist in every sense. He had to respond to the repeated de-mands for an encore. Mr. Geib should be heard more in concert; his magnificent playing and genial bearing have won him a host of friends. Miss Josie Ludwig, the soprano, received a hearty

delightful surprise to the audience, who were lavish in praise and applause. Miss Ludwig is a pupil of Mrs. Louie A. Peebles. We hope to hear more of

mr. I. L. Schoen has proved himself an energetic and capable director, and deserves the hearty sup-port of the music-loving public in his efforts to giv-Popular Sunday Concerts, with a magnificent or-chestra of fity musicians.

SONATA

The name "Sonata" is derived from the Italian verb "sonare," to sound, and was originally applied to describe a piece which has to be played, not to be sung. The old sonata, as we have it from Bibre, Kuhnau, Matheson, etc., contains the germs of the modern sonata, but not much more; it was, indeed, mourni sonara, but not much more; a was, indeed, rather to be considered as a shorter suite, in so far as the first movement had a great analogy with the Allemande—the slower movement with the Sarabande, and the last or quick movement with the Gigue. It was Emanuel Bach who fixed the present original plan. Joseph Haydn, an enthusatic admirer of Emanuel Bach, improved the sonata greatly; to such an extent that we could pass from Haydn's sonatas direct to those of Beethoven, in so is a most of the second second

If we attempt to describe the respective characterfeature. The minute or scherzy stands between these great and striking contrasts, and prepares the mind for the finale. The scherzo, with its quaint humor, has to reconcile us with the darker and passionate passages; wit and jest find here an appro-priate field; and the composer has a welcome oppor-tunity to show that, besides feeling and passion, he unity to show that, besides feeling and passion, he possesses also humor and an intelligent fund of joviality. It is the aim to the finale to develop to the highest point the character indicated and initiated contains all the necessary material for a regular physiological structure, and the production of a reality good sonata is by no means the result of mere chance or accident, but the work is founded and built up on regular logical principles. The solo-sonata is like a mirror reflecting the luner most flees and feelings a mirror reflecting the innermost ideas and feelings which move the composer's heart; when these individual feelings, as in the work of our classic composers, are regulated and penetrated by deep study, by the observance of strict rules, which observance has by the discipline of incessant toil become wholly instinct to the composer, a work will be produced which is intelligible to every one. - E. Pauer.

P. G. Anten, Jr., the popular celloist, played in Alton at a recent concert and repeated his usual triumphs.

To Geo. McManus, the genius and enterprising manager of the Grand Opera House, is due in a large measure the success of the engagement of the Abbey-Grau Opera Co. in St. Louis. The local work of business management was done by Mr. McManus, who when he undertakes a thing, never lets go until he is sure every thing will come out on top. Mr McManus' business abilities and indefatigable ac-

Alfred G. Robyn's comic operetta, "Beans and Allred G. Robyn's comic operetta, "Beans and buttons," was presented at the residence of Mr. August Gehner, on Lindell Boulevard, to a select audience, under the auspices of the Valentine Organization of the Rebekah Hospitai. Messrs. Henry Groffman, Charles Humphreys. Miss Ruth Thayer and Mrs. Josie Ludwig sung the roles.

Geo. C. Vich, the pianist, afforded the music-loving people of Jacksonville, Ill., a rare treat on the occasion of his recent concert there. He was received with every mark of enthusiasm.

J. M. North's beautiful song, "Sweet Vale of Neufchatel," was sung with great success at the Philharmonic Concert, given on the 17th ult. Mr. North is a composer of considerable reputation, and

Two Alternoons of piano musik were held at the studio of Misses Schafer and Miller, 2329 Pine St., and the studio of Misses Schafer and Miller, and the studio of Misses Schafer and St. and the studio of Misses Schafer are always interesting, and were especially so on these occasions. The pupils participating played gressive training of their teachers. Misses Schafer and Miller rendered "Preinfulum and Sarabande," by Wilson, and "Danse Macabre," by Saint-Saens, both piano doos, in their usual artistic manner.

On May 12th, at Entertainment Hall, Mrs. Mary Hogan-Ludium, the popular elecutionist and teacher, will give a beautiful entertainment, consisting of will give a beautiful entertainment, consisting of assibetic gymnastics, tableaux, movements and statue posing. Singing and recitations will be interspersed, young ladies dressed in Greek gowns, who will pre-sent a series of enchanting pletures not easily to be forgotten. Mrs. Mary Hogan-Luddum is well known for her magnificent renditions and a great treat is assured. Miss Clara Stubbeleidd, the favorite treat is assured. Miss Clara Stubbeleidd, the favorite

An interesting musicale was given at the residence of Mrs. C. W. McClure, 4055 West Bell Place, on the 19th ult. Numbers were contributed by Messrs. A. D. Weld, Chas. E. Meissner and Miss Bluthart. All present were handsomely entertained by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McClure,

Mrs. Regina M. Carlin, the popular supervisor of music in the Public Schools, is accomplishing much toward the advancement of music. Mrs. Carlin is a hard worker, emergetic and ambitious,

and it is composed to the control of displayed special talent for church music, and his knowledge of counterpoint and fugue enables him to write in a free and polyphonic style. We hope to hear the Psalm, which may be classed with the best cantatas, in a more public place and rendered by a large choir with full orchestra.

The Philadelphia Evening Tetapoph, speaking of "The Princes Bonnie," the Necond wood of the speaker of as a second I age of the prince of a second I age of the prince of as a second I age of the prince of as a second I age of the prince of a second I age of the prince of a second I age of the prince of the pr ner, and some of the most successful multibers of years of experience, and their own factory, they are classified to such that was the most successful and the music in both the operas could have been form. The first preferance in Paris of Verdit, "Fail-west with the same in Paris of Verdit," "Fail-west with the same in Paris of Verdit, "Fail-west with the same in Paris of Verdit," "Fail-west with the same in Paris of Verdit, "Fail-west with the same in Paris of Verdit," "Fail-west with the same in Paris of Verdit," "Fail-west with the same in Paris of Verdit," "Fail-west with the Same in Paris of Verdit, "Fail-west with the Same in Paris of Verdit," "Fail-west with the Same in Paris of Verdit, "Fail-west with the Same in Paris of Verdit," "Fail-west with the Same in Paris of Verdit, "Fail-west with the Same in Paris of V

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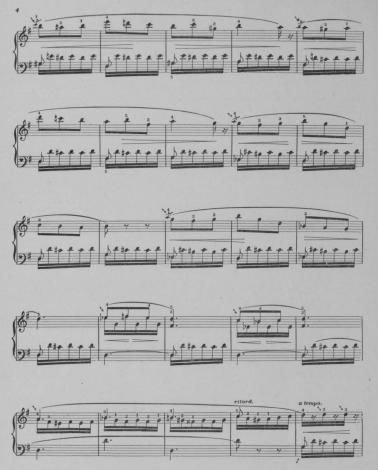
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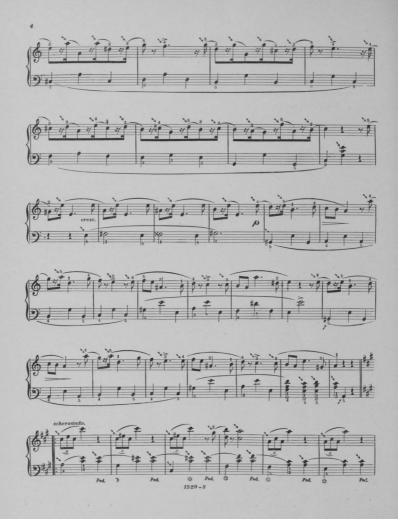


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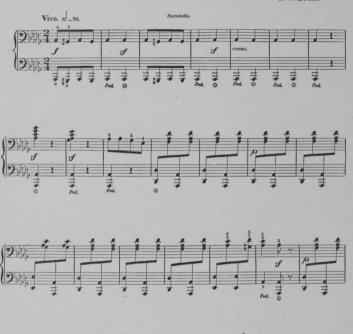






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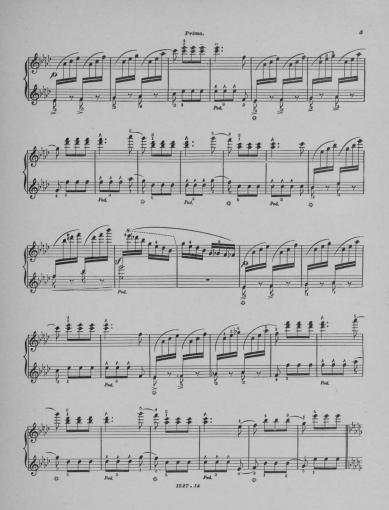
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THE CULTURE OF THE EMOTIONS.

"The more intellectual an art is," says Ernes Newman, in the New Quarterly Musical Review, London, "the more possibility there is of impressions derived from it passing from the ideal or potential derived from it passing from the ideal or potential into the actual—of emerging from the artistic as-istic control of the control of the control of the sidered, a man perpetually devoted to high thoughts is more likely to live rightly than not only the man possessed with evil throughts, but the man occupied the major portion of his life being spent in moods that depend for their very existence on an acquise-cence in the deep moral course; of things, he has pressure of a life from within resisting and modifying the pressure from without. Similarly, long inter-course with any medium, artistic or otherwise, that persistently reliterates clear ideas, is likely to result in the suffusion of the blood with the life going on courses of action instinctively felt to be making for moral death. And accordingly to the measure with which clear thinking has become converted, by passage into the blood, into right feeling, will the moral life of the individual be predominantly healthy or unhealthy. Where the assimilation has there will be a nationation between moral inco-herence and complete insanity. If, mow, healthiness of moral, as of physical, life depends on the indi-vidual acting in accordance with the laws of nature, what is likely to be the result when one organ is so largely developed as to impede the growth of all the rest? where one passion prevails so dominantly that this passage from thought to sense is choked up when a sanity of moral life, seen to be sanity in

moral training of some kind is almost inevitably carried on in most individuals by constant association the greatest music without the faintest approach to assimilation of the spiritual harmonies underlying ii. The amargamation of form and feve in muses, which makes criticism by the same methods as in the other arts in many ways inapplicable, has the further effect of creating a mental state in the vast majority of hearers that is utterly confused, there being no recognition of the dual life that is in the eligin or recognition of the dual life that is in the in them. They cannot distinguish in their impres-sion the sensious form from the intellectual idea. Not that they should fix, of course, on a definite set of ideas as being shown in the music; but they should recognize that parily hidden, partly revealed in the music is the life of the composet—his spiritual in the music is the life of the composet—his spiritual history, his conception of the world, his philosophy. What follows from this inability to distinguish:

Music expressing an intellectual conception above suous to the very core plays with the facile power upon their own sensous moods. Of fully ninety per cent. of people who are "fond of music," as shey phrase if, it is afe to assert that only the sen-sous is assimulated, falling as it does, into asystic prepared for its reception by all the habits of life. Herein, then, lies a great and real danger. If the over development of any one faculty be injurious to What are the

phenomenon? In a mild form indolence, lack of initiative, cessation of interest in the active form of life. In a more pronounced form, sensuality, lack of moral restraint, submergence of finer feelings. In

fact, the highest delight in music may be seen to cowith the lowest of moral and intellectual

Is there a remedy? Apparently, only the alloto lift music into a higher intellectual plane than formerly—that is, to give music the same place in his mind as poetry or objective literature generally. We have seen that the intellectual unmistakableness sible for any man not to recognize both the effect of the work on himself and its connection with the life around him, so that whether he assimilates the strength of it or not, he at least has the opportunity of assimilating it. When once a man can view music as analytically as poetry (making allowance, of course, for the different spheres of the two arts) he has attained to another plane in the philosophy of life. He has learned to travel back through the so-nant web of the music to the condition of soul that above his opinion of the music as art there will be the much more valuable one of the music as life. and healthy living. With a clear eye with which to become one again. The modern voluptuary, the Hellogabalus of music, is not a healthy or wise character. Let him once see clearly what it is that he will right himself, become a balanced man again. Without some such culture of the emotions as this. decay. With such a culture will probably come an emotional and intellectual balance, a juster knowl-edge of ourselves, and a healthier and saner life.

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The above mysterious and rather cabalistic figures well as manufacturers have been asking each other what the significance of these figures was. In the Musical Courier is found a solution of the

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CITY NOTES.

Mr. Charles S. Reed, the genial and popular piano salesman, has again associated himself with W. T. Bobbitt, wholesale and retail piano and organ house, 822 Olive Street, where he has full charge of the retail department, and will be pleased to meet his many friends. W. T. Bobbitt is the western representative of the world-renowned Weber, representative of the world-renowned Weber, Decker & Son, Kurtzmann, Wheelock, Behning and Stuyvesant pianos, and the celebrated Story & Clark organs. Everyone is cordially invited to call and inspect the magnificent stock.

Eugenia Williamson, B. E., and some of her advanced pupils in elocution, gave a most interesting programme at Pickwick Theatre on the 17th ull.

Miss Williamson's well-known reputation as a Miss Williamson's well-known reputation as a teacher and elocutionist deve out a large and appre-tacher and elocutionist deve out a large and appre-awarded well-deserved applause, and reflected great credit upon Miss Williamson favored the ner of teaching. Miss Williamson favored the latender between the properties of the properties of talling the accompanist, performed the "Spin-ing Song," by Wagner-Lisks, in admirable style.

Chas. E. Meissner, of 2843 Market Street, is a promising pupil of Prof. Nelson, the well-known

Miss Katie Jochum, the pianist and teacher, will aris actic sociam, the pransi and teather, was give a pupils' musicale at her residence, 1905 Lami Street, on the 12th inst. Miss Jochum's well-known ability and careful and progressive manner of teaching will make the occasion an interesting one.

Hamilton Council, of the Royal League, gave a cry creditable entertainment at Rose Hill Hall on the 16th uit. Among the taking numbers of the programme were Moszkowski's Spanish Dances, plano duet, played by Mrs. F. S. Fish and Miss Florence Hammon, and "Home, Sweet Home," plano solo, played by Charles Kunkel.

A. D. Weld, the baritone, sang with great success at a reception given by Franklin Council, Legion of Honor, on the 10th ult., at the Liederkranz.

Mrs. Emily Boeddecker, teacher of piano, will give a pupils recitai at her residence, 1310 Sidney Street, on the 30th inst. About fifteen pupils will contribute to an enjoyable and well selected pro-gramme. Mrs. Boeddecker is a thorough and pains-

Wesley M. De Voe, the artist, has removed his studio from 2313 Washington Avenue to Room 30. Pope's Theatre Building. Mr. De Voe is one of the leading artists here, and has executed magnificent work in pastel portraits, oil, crayon and water colors. Patrons desiring artistic photographs should call upon Mr. De Voe.

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Three hundred and twenty-five books on musical subjects were published in Germany during 1893.

OPERA AT THE OLYMPIC THEATRE.

For some time past Manager P. Short, of the Olympic, has been in correspondence with the management of the Duff Opera Company, one of the agement of the Duff Opera Company, one of the best known light opera organizations on the road, looking towards an engagement of a month or more at the Olympic Theater. Mr. Short was successful in the negotiations, and closed with the Duff company for an engagement opening Monday, May 6, to be continued for from four to six weeks. An at-tractive repertoire of light opera will be produced. tractive repertoire of light opera will be produced, and the excellence of the company engaged guarant descriptions of the company engaged guarant except the second of the second secon

AMERICAN COMPOSITIONS.

"So far as the public is concerned, it does not care in what country a composer is born so long as his work pleases. If a Chinaman should write an overwork pleases. If a Chinaman should write an over-ture which has the brilliancy of the 'William Tell' overture, I think Mr. Thomas would begin playing it at once and keep on playing it—not because it was written by a Chinaman, but because it was written by a Chinaman, but because it was hear music because they like, in o matter who may have written it. As far as I have seen, the only prejudice against the American composer emanates from the other American composer ought interested in his own work. The composers ought interested in his own work. The composers ought interested with so was not provided the office of the composers of the Judgest that every American as opposite the program of pledge himself to purchase a certain number of copies of the compositions of each of the other copies of the compositions of each of the other American composers, and see to it that they are properly disposed of. Then you will see how many people will be glad to pay for American compositions and use them."—E. Liebling.

GEO. KILGEN & SON'S NEW ORGAN.

An inaugural recital was given on the 26th ult. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Lindell Boulevard and Spring Avenue, by Mr. Alfred G. Robyn, assisted by Mr. Charles Humphrey, Mr. Win. M. Porteous, Mr. Franklin S. Beckett, and a vested choir of forty-five voices, on the new organ built by Geo. Kilgen & Son, of this city. The concert was a pronounced success in every regard, and the magnificence of the organ In every regard, and the magnificence of the organ shown to an appreciative attendance. The organ has three manual compass CC to CCCC, 61 notes, pedal compass CCC to F, 30 notes, 41 stops, 2,011 pipes, eellipse wind indicator, and electric motor switch. The organ in its mechanical details is one of the most complete instruments in this section of the country. The specifications were carefully prethe country. The specifications were carefully pre-pared by the builders, Messrs. Kilgen & Son, to se-cure as complete an organ as the space would allow, and also an instrument especially adapted to the edifice in which it is to stand. Due consideration has been paid to the acoustics of the building, and the position that the organ occupies, necessitating careful study to produce the proper effect, both in the choir and the body of the church. The action the choir and the body of the church. The action is patent pneumatio on the great organ and its couplings, and Kilgen's improved tubular pneumations of the couplings, and Kilgen's improved tubular pneumations of the couplings o combined with fine tone effects; therefore the greatest care has been taken to obtain perfect and character-istic equality throughout each register, and perfect blending in all. The workmanship and material are of the very best, and criticism is invited from those having a knowledge of the King of Instruments.

According to an interview, Rubinstein is to retire bering three score prominent men, will send member by the property of the p

RICHARD WAGNER. By Emile Zola.

A genius like Wagner, despotic and all-powerful, A genus like Wagner, despotic and all-powerful, is sure to exercise enormous influence on future generations. Thus in music the Wagnerian formula, so full, so complete, lords it over with paramount power to such a point that outside of it, for a long to come, it will be impossible to create better ks or more original one

works or more original ones.
All this is very disquieting for French art. Lately
the receipts at the opera were made public, and the
largest amounts were received on the evenings
when Wagner's operas were performed. In the
near future all our lyric theatres will produce noth-

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ing clies but works from his repertoire. His influence will still further increase, and he will be the favorite and the tyrant of our types size.

This state of things is naturally very distressing for our composers, many of whom will be forgotten when Wagner shall be at the height of his popularity. This may well render anxious those artists in all the composers and the composers are not to the composers are not the composers are not to the composers and the composers are not to the composers are not the composers are not the composers are not the composers are not to the composers are not the composers are larity. This may well render anxious those artists who have at heart the genius of our race. To take no notice of Wagner would be puerlle. He has renewed the formula, and it is no longer permitted to accept any other. But, instead of stopping with him, you can go farther than he did—this is the only way out of the difficulty for our musicians.

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I long for a French lyric drama relying mostly on
the orchestra, which unfolds the situations and
comments on the personages, leaving to the voice of
the singers only the expression of their feelings.
I foresee a lyric drama altogether human, not in the lyric stage living beings who shall rejoice at our joys and shall weep at our sorrows.

I would also like that every libretto should be in-teresting as a history of passions related to us. Clothe your personages in velvet or steel, but let them speak like men. I dream of a lyric drama was the properties of the properties of the properties of the mystery or caprice. All our race is in his passions about on-able burst of humanity, of which mass is should on-fold the different passions. Musicians, if you would scarch into our hearts for the sources of laughter and of tears, even Wagner, the modern giant, would be dwarfed. Life, life everywhere, even in the

Once in a while one hears of Emile Sauret the violinist, who was the first husband of Teresa Car-reno, the planist. He recently gave a concert in Berlin. Sauret has hardly the fame he deserves. He certainly ranks among the half-dozen great con-temporary violinists. He is a premier prix of the Paris Conservatory. Domestic troubles and other disappointments have embittered the man, and he voluntarily expatriated himself and took up his res-voluntarily expatriated himself and took up his res-

The Court Opera, Vienna, has 153 singers and 122 dancers. The orchestra comprises 110 men, including 22 on the stage; it is under four capellmeisters, with 25 assistants. Supernumeraries, seene shifters, and other employees number 283, including a shoemaker, a washerwoman, an ironer, a scouring woman, and a "mistress of the chimney-aweeps." woman, and a "mistress of the chimney-sweeps." Altogether the force numbers 732. Since the erec-tion of the new house 183 operas and 56 ballets have been produced. "Abu Hassan," which consumes 60 minutes, is the shortest work. The longest is "Die Meistersinger," which takes 3 hours and 52 for the last year show a deficit of 160,000. The gul-den is worth about 40 cents.

The National Saengerfest, which will begin at The Autonal Saengerrest, which will begin at Madison Square Garden, New York, on Saturday evening, June 23d, continuing for three days, will embrace 10,000 voices and the following soloists: Mme. Amelia Materna, Mme. Emma Juch, Mme. Lillian Blauvelt, Mr. Emil Fischer, Miss Maud Powell and Mr. Victor Herbert, while Messrs. Van Foweil and Mr. Victor Herbert, while Messrs. Yan der Stucken, Hein and Zöllner will officiate as con-ductors of the immense chorus. Rehearsals are now in full force in all the principal Eastern eitles. The opening concert will be given in honor of the visiting singers, and will be under the direction of Carl Hein, leader of the United Singers of New York. The two matness at which the prize singing York. The two matinees at which the prize singing will take place will occur on Sunday and Monday. It is the first time in over a quarter of a century that a musical celebration of such magnitude has been attempted in New York. At the end of this month the honorary committee on reception, num-

MAJOR AND MINOR.

- W. H. Harrison, Jr., of Mobile, Ala., bids fair to put that city in an attitude of congratulation. He put that city in an attitude of congratulation. He has a fair daughter seventeen years of age, tall and strong, who is pronounced by musicians to give promise of becoming one of the leading pipe organists of this country. She is ambitious, a graduate of a noted conservatory, and highly cultivated.
- It is thought that after the celebration of the It is thought that after the celebration of the centenary of the Paris Conservatoire, which takes place this year, M. Ambroise Thomas will retire from his post. It is a little curious that since the foundation of the institution it has only had four chiefs, all veterans, who attained to upward of eighty years of age, viz., Sarrette, Cherubini, Auber and M. Thomas.

Anorgan rectifal was given at the M. E. Church, Belleville, Ills., on Friday atternoon, April 27th, by Dr. Jackson, F. R. C. O., before a large and fashbuilt by Mr. Jos. Gratian, of Alton. Its many beauties, together with Dr. Jackson's magnificent playing, were much admired. Miss Jessie kingen, of St. Louis, gave two solos with excellent tast.

Gouned, finding in Carolus Duran, the painter, a sympathetic friend, talked freely to him while he was giving him sittings for a portrait. The Paris Figuro has collected a few of these intimate expressions. consistency of the processing of the view of the consistency of the co times, and that is why art is a living emblem. Art is life and is love. To live is to love. I feel as young as when I was 20. What ages in us is the mansion; the tenant never ages.

> W. T. Best, who is generally considered as the W. T. Best, who is generally considered as the foremost of English organists, has been compelled by ill health to retire from the profession. Ameri-can musicians passing through Liverpool used to make a point of attending one of his daily perform-ances in St. George's Hall. These recitals were marvelous displays of technical skill combined with

> Antoine Sax, the celebrated French manufacturer of musical instruments, who died recently in Paris, devoted himself at first to making clarinets, and in devoted himself at first to making clarinets, and in 1888 he exhibited a bass clarinet of remarkable quality at the Beigian Exhibition and designed a in Paris, where in 1883 he constructed his first axon-phone. This led to an entire reform of the whole series of brass instruments, and he added to the list several new ones, usually known by names in which that of the invector forms a part. When his instru-tlated the invector forms a part. When his instruthat of the inventor forms a part, When his instru-ments were finally adopted, all horns, oboes, and bassoons were banished from army bands. Among

Several wealthy citizens of New Orleans have formed a company to guarantee a season of French opera in that city next fall and winter. The sub-scriptions already amount to \$12,000.

Leoncavallo, the composer of "I Pagliacci," has been requested by Emperor William, of Germany, to compose a patriotic opera for the Royal Opera of Berlin. The subject is to be taken from old Brandenburg history, and the Elector Fredrick II. is the principal personage in the story. Leonca-vallo has laid aside all his other work to fulfill the

"Lohengrin" will be produced for the first time "Lohengrin" will be produced for the first time at Bayventh during the coming featival in July, and the full cast has now definitely been settled by Frau de Francisco and the full cast has now definitely been settled by Frau gring; Fri. Dressler, of Munich, will be Elsa; Fri. Termina, likewise of Munich, will be Dressler, and Herr Grengg, Reichmann will be Teiramund, and Herr Grengg, ing. The cast will, however, occasionally be changed, and before the season closes it is understood that Madame Nordica will take the part of the product of the profound in its eftery, and without "cut" his performed in its eftery, and without "cut". in its etirety, and without " cuts.

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