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TRIBUTE TO RUBINSTEIN. In an article by Madame Marchesi which appeared recently that well known authority in matters musical says concerning Rubinstein: How unlike the French composer was Anton Ruall strength, courage and decision. One must and striking resemblance to Beethoven. have seen this Titan at the piano to understand his nature. But he, too, was in life a simple, modest man, free from all affectation. To hear Rubinstein play was a rare delight, and for thirty years he was to me a true friend. He often sought to engage me for the St. Petersburg Conservatory, but I withstood his

but a few years ago, was unexpected, almost Rubinstein were present at a musical soiree at my house, at which Saint-Saens played a fantasia on "Faust" by Liszt, while Calve sung an air from Gounod's setting of Goethe's poem, and Emma Nevada the air from "Mibinstein! He was all life, all artistic purpose, reille" of Gounod. Rubinstein bore a strange

ASCAGNI AND THE MANAGERS. entreaties, dreading for my family and myself change, about the great Italian composer and a truth in the new faith, the faith so comthe severe climate of Russia. The last days conductor Pietro Mascagni and the American pletely German, of which an Italian has not of the celebrated artist were most gloomy, for managers who are said to have offered him felt the mysterious approach and, in advance, he lost his sight; his death, which occurred \$80,000 for an eight weeks' tour of the United the exact definition."

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> These managers, Klaw and Erlanger of New York, according to the story, want to cancel the contract now because Mascagni refuses to let his hair grow a la Paderewski, or to otherwise give himself the conventional look of an inspired genius, deemed necessary to draw large audiences of women.

A PARISIAN musical critic, Mr. Camillo Bellaigne, has discovered that Mazzini dis-A funny story is going the covered the principles of Wagnerism before rounds in Paris, says an ex- Wagner himself! He declares "there is not

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WHEN MAY CHILDREN OF A TENDER AGE BEGIN TAKING PIANO LES-SONS AND HOW SHOULD THEY BE TAUGHT?

HESE are important questions in which every pianist is deeply interested, since on their proper solution depend the saving of much time and money as well as the laying of a solid foundation and the careful and systematic advancement of the pupil.

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When the pupil has become sufficiently advanced to think independently and recognize the value of careful practice, the daily services of the teacher can be dispensed with

and lessons taken once or twice a week. One of the hardest trials in the life of the conscientious teacher is to come across pupils who have been in the hands of careless and incapable teachers. Far better would it have been if the pupil had never taken a lesson from such a teacher, since the work must be undone and a proper foundation laid.

Parents owe it to themselves and their children to look more to the musical training of their children-to put them into competent hands and have them guided carefully in their earlier years.

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The music this year will be kept up to its former high plane, Seymour's Band of fifty soloists having been engaged to give four concerts daily, which will be supplemented at the evening concerts with vocal music-solos, quartets and choruses. Those who remember Seymour's success last year under many disadvantages in the Coliseum will be delighted to learn that the concerts will be given this year in the magnificent Music Hall, and the probability is that its enormous seating capacity will be taxed to its utmost at every concert.

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> RANK DAMROSCH ON CHOIR MUSIC.

This authority on matters musical is credited with having expressed himself, in a recent interview, as follows: The quartette choir is frequently nothing but a means of entertainment and for that very reason the better the quartette the less it is suited to a church service. As a matter of fact, many church people have no hesitancy in saying that they want fine music in the church simply in order that people may be attracted to the service.

While I personally enjoy the singing of a first-class quartette, I consider that church music must be more than a mere appeal to the musical or artistic sense. The element of worship must predominate, and for that reason that class of music which does not bring the individual performer prominently before the congregation, but which attracts the attention of the audience to the character of the music itself and brings out the religious feeling of the listener, will be much more in conformity with the character of a church service.

These are the reasons why I consider a chorus choir preferable to a quartette. I must admit that in the present condition of musical education in this country, the volunteer chorus choir is as a rule unsatisfactory but it seems to me that a paid choir can be organized in any church where the present quartette costs from \$2000 to \$2500 per year. Very good singers could be obtained for \$3 a Sunday on the outside, and as the choir is frequently dispensed with in the summer, they would need to be paid for only forty Sundays in the year, and a chorus of twenty could thus be maintained for \$2400 a year. In many cases it would be unnecessary to pay as much as \$3 per Sunday.

As to whether the members of a church choir should be professing Christians; in other words whether they should believe that music is the expression of divine thought and feeling and that therefore any person who leads a moral life and is musically gifted, be his personal belief what it may, can give adequate musical expression to religious feeling.

"Where in the church should the choir be

located?" I do not care where it is so long as one cannot see the women's bonnets. If Louis organist, gave a series of three recitals the choir is placed in view of the congregation, I think the singers should wear vest- the Pan-American Exposition grounds at ments. It is better, as a rule, to have the Buffalo, with immense success. choir out of sight,

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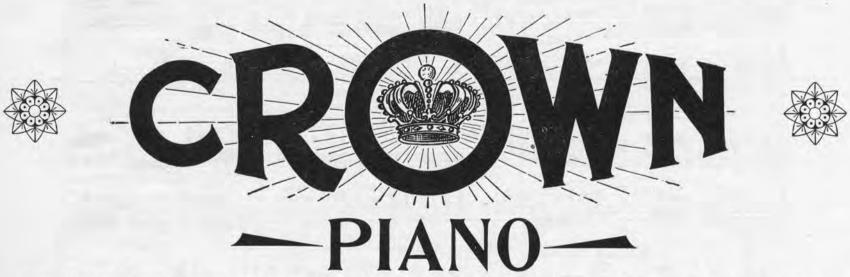
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