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Wauconda, Ill. In 1858, he entered the University of Michigan, leaving to take charge of the schools at Richmond, Ill. Two years later he resigned the position and went to Elkhorn, Wis., where, for a brief time, he was associate editor and proprietor of The Independent. In 1864, he enlisted in Company D, 40th Wis. Vols., and served as 2nd Lieutenant. It was during his residence at Elkhorn, Wis., that he wrote the beautiful hymn, "In the Sweet By-and-By." The hymn was written principally to cheer up his friend, J. P. Webster, who was his associate in the music business. Since its completion it has gained for its author a place in the ranks of the world's famous poets. It is published in numerous collections of sacred music in America, and is translated into various foreign languages and sung in

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EXPRESSION.

Expression is not the sole property of the musician. It belongs just as much to the actor, the elocutionist or the public reader. The whole matter of study versus spontonety has been discussed thoroughly by actors, and artists like Coquelin, Bernhardt, and Irving have given their views. The question was whether the actor ought to prepare before his actions, looks, gestures, and intonations, or trust to the inspiration of the moment. That was one phase of the matter. Another question then arose. Should the actor actually feel the emotions of the scene, or coldly simulate them by carefully prepared symbols? In other words, could he act with expression if he was not carried away by his temperament during the performance, but engaged in doing everything with pure intellectual method?

Now if you ask the actor about this, says an Exchange, he will answer according to his kind. If he is in the habit of trusting to the inspiration of the moment, he will tell you that the purely intellectual method is cold and valueless. If he is in the habit of doing everything according to cast-iron rules, he will tell you that temperament is of no consequence whatever.

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He must be able to understand the emotions of every scene in his part before he can convey them to the audience. His first step is to study the personality of the part he has to act. The commonest actor knows that. The actor, having formed his general conception, proceeds to study out the details by which he is to convey that conception to his audience. He studies first those details of walk, speech, manner, gesture, etc., which are inseparable from the character as a whole. Next he plans the especial effects which are to give point and significance to particular scenes. Having done all this work, the actor relies upon his temperament to infuse the notes of genuine feeling into the whole. He prepares himself to read a certain speech in a certain way, but his temperament puts the ring of sincerity into that certain way. In a measure the true actor does feel the emotion of the scene, but the method by which he conveys that emotion to the audience is the result of study.

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The method of expression as practiced by the actor is also that of the musician. It is easiest to perceive the resemblance when the case is that of a singer, for here the musician uses all the apparatus of the actor, except speech, for which he substituter song. Has anyone ever heard Jean de Reszke sing "Salut Demeure" in different ways on different nights? That is only a single number, you may say. Has anyone ever known him to present a Faust different from that which is familiar to us? If not, why not? Jean de Reszke has a powerful temperament. Why does it not make him play Faust with a different expression sometimes? Because the conception of Faust that the great tenor presents to us is the result of thought and study, not of spontaneous impulse. Sometimes M. de Reszke plays Faust with more intensity than at others. That is one effect of temperament, which, being an emotional thing, may be strengthened or weakened by physical conditions. But the conception of the part and the methods of expressing that conception are always the same. If they were not, there would be no conception, and hence no art.

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The whole truth of the matter appears to be this, that the temperament must operate in conjunction with the intellect in the preliminary work to the extent of supplying the element of sympathetic feeling, and in the actual business of performance to the extent of infusing life into it. One writer says: "In a perfect conductor mechanical excellence must be accompanied with knowledge, feeling, appreciation, enthusiasm, poetry, and the highest qualities of the musician." It is the same with the player or the singer.

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But the best finite as to the province of the femperament in the preparatory study, without which no correct conception of a composition can be formed, is to be obtained from what was said about acting. The assertion that the actor can not simulate any emotion which he is incapable of feeling applies to musical art. No player can express what he can not feel. Neither can he conceive it. When he is engaged in the study of a composition, he will fail to detect its emotional content unless that content awakens kindred emotions in his own breast.

The true interpretative musician must be able to find within his own breast all the heaven and the hell of human feeling as poured into music by the geniuses of the art. He must be able to praise God joyously with Haydn, to sing in the sunlight of flowered valleys with Mozart, to thunder like fate at the portals of human life with Beethoven, to hear in some wild lament of Tschaikowsky a vast Æolian harp of swept heart-stringson grief-trodden steppes, to find in Wagner 'tears from the depths of some divine despair.'

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But when he has found, he must absorb, assimilate, and make ready to give forth again as a part

of himself. He must take thought as to how he will do this. He must reduce the impulses of temperament to a method, for he is an artist, and there is no such thing as art without method. He must say to himself: "How can I make all this known to my hearers? And the moment he says 'How' he precludes all possibility of doing the thing without preparation, on the impulse of the moment. He may, while playing or singing, feel the music most intersely, but that feeling will not make him play or sing differently from what he has convinced himself is the right way. It will make him do it with deeper and more influential emotional force, and that is how temperament manifests itself.

REAL INDIAN MUSIC.

One of Prof. Max Müller's many interesting friends whom he is telling the world about now-adays hore the name of Dyarkanath Tagore. He was a Hindu, the representative of one of the greatest and richest families of India, and he made his appearance in Paris in 1844, where Professor Müller made his acquaintance. One morning, while visiting at the Hindu's apartments, Professor Müller asked him to give a specimen of Indian music. We

asked him to give a specimen of Indian music. We quote from the Professor's narrative in Cosmopolis: "He sang first of all what is called Indian, but is really Persian music, without any style or character. This was not what I wanted, and I asked whether he did not know some pieces of real Indian music. He smiled and turned away. 'You would not appreciate it,' he said; but, as I asked him again and again, he sat down to the pianoforte, and, after striking a few notes, began to sing. I confess I was somewhat taken aback. I could discern neither melody, nor rhythm, nor harmony in what he sang; but, when I told him so, he shook his head and said: 'You are all alike; if anything seems strange to you and does not please you at once, you turn away. When I first heard Italian music, it was no music to me at all; but I went on and on till I began to like it, or what you call understand it. It is the same with everything else. You say our religion is no religion, our poetry no poetry, our philosophy no philosophy. We try to understand whatever Europe has produced, but do not imagine that therefore we despise what India has produced. If you studied our music as we do yours, you would find that there is melody, rhythm and harmony in it, quite as much as in yours. And if you would study our poetry, our religion, and our philosophy, you would find that we are not what you call pagans or miscreants, but know as much of the Unknowable as you do, and have seen perhaps even deeper into it than you have!' He was not far wrong.

"He became quite eloquent and excited, and to pacify him I told him that I was quite aware that India possessed a science of music, founded, as far as I could see, on mathematics. I had examined some Sanskrit MSS, on music, but I confessed that I could not make head or tail of them. I once consulted Professor Wilson on the subject, who had spent many years in India and was himslf a musician. But he did not encourage me. He told me that, while in India, he had been to a native teacher of music who professed to understand the old books. He had expressed himself willing to teach him, on condition that he would come to him two or three times a week. Then at the end of a year he would be able to tell him whether he was fit to learn musc, whether he was an adhikarin, a fit candidate, and in five years he promised him that he might master both the theory and the practice of music! That was too much for an Indian civilian who had his hauds full of work, and though he learnt many things from Pundits, Prof. H. H. Wilson, then, I believe, Master of the Mint, and holding several other appointments, had to give up all idea of becoming apprentice for five years to a teacher of music. Dvarkanath Tagore was much amused, but he quite admitted that five years was the shortest time in which any man could hope to thoroughly master the intricacies of ancient Hindu music, and I too gave up in consequence all hope of ever mastering such texts as the Sangita-ratnakara, the Treasury of Symphony, and similar texts, though they have often tempted my curiosity in the library of the East Indian House."

The true endeavor of the music student or the music lover should be to stimulate and develop in himself, as far as possible, a discriminating insight into the vital principles of his art, the power to perceive the life beneath the shell, the soul within its symmetrical form; to distinguish and analyze for himself and others the different phas s of emotion which it awakens: to follow the subtle train of thought or fancy which it suggests; thus making of art's temple, not a banqueting hall for the indulgence of seusuous pleasure, but a sanctuary for soul elevation, for mind and heart training, a place from which he shall come forth daily nobler and wiser.

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NEW ART FOR OLD.

What is much needed at the present day are a few guiding laws by which art work may be estimated and its merits or defects be thus placed beyond the line of doubt. Independence in matters artistic has its advantages, says the American Art Journal, but it also has the capital defect of making criticism impossible. When a musician writes a bad symphony, he claims that his individuality is superior to law or art canons, and that what the critics complain of as faults are the particular merits upon which the vitality of his work depends. The literary workman gives loving descriptions of vice, and when protests are made, accuses the critic of being a nice man with nasty ideas, or, with offended dignity, argues that he has the same rights as the morbid anatomist, and that he describes foulness because it exists. In painting, the artist vindicates his right to represent degradation because he simply uses the disgusting as the means of showing his technical skill.

Art has increased its limits, but it has not followed the law of evolution; in place of becoming more definite and coherent, it has become more indefinite and incoherent; the land of art has been overrun by hordes of irregular soldiers and free lancers who produce chaos instead of order. The crimes committed in the name of liberty are nowhere in stronger evidence than in this same art land, and here, as elsewhere, if the license is not restricted the result can be nothing else than anarchy. Genius makes its own laws; but the misfortune is that we are living in an era wherein genius is conspicuously absent, and if respectable medicity is to do its best work, it should be compelled to do it under the stress of some law or laws; should at least be told what is expected of it, and should be taught the difference between coarse, unlovable ugliness and ideal beauty. The distinction is useful to remember, for, although beauty has been discarded from a large portion of our modern art and literature, it has a certain restraining influence on those who have gone in quest of it which is not without practical profit. A modern statuary, although he deals only in marble leprosy, is less dangerously infectious if he has devoted some of his time to the study of old Greek sculpture; he has done as badly as he could do, but not as badly as he might have done had he been left in modern ignorance.

Originality does not consist in escaping from form, but in the worth of ideas; a tune is no more old-fashioned now than it was in the time of Mozart and it has been branded as obsolete simply because the inventive powers of respectable mediocrity are incapable of producing it. In an era of art-license the difficult is avoided, easy eccentricity becomes fashionable, and incapacity founds its elaims for admiration on what it is unable to do. In the same way, lovers of art are taught to look for and admire, not what is done, but what is left out; are expected to admire the gutter or the manure heap because of the beauty of summer flowers and the lusciousness of autumn fruit. The large tolerance of our era has helped to crowd book stalls and fill picture-galleries, but it has not helped to advance art or literature. Our art at its worst produces those imitations of Japanese tea-screeus seen at every art exhibition, and at its best a carefully delicate and irresponsible Burne Jones History repeats itself, particularly in the direction of mediocrity, and the passing hobbies of to-day were the convictions of yesterday, but the surrender of capital art laws to individual caprice is characteristic of our days alone. A return to the old method does not necessarily mean a return to the old art, but to higher ideals and motives, to restrictions that are irksome only to the incompetent, and to a purity of taste that refuses to accept criminal statistics and maternity hospital reports as documents of art. In dividualism might suffer by the change, but what was lost in vanity would be gained in art. In any case, judging by its trivialty, sensuality and rayslexism, any change in modern art of the fashionable kind would be a change for the better.

Frau Cosima Wagner is reported to have settled the ontlines of the arrangements for the various Bayreuth festivals down to the end of the year 1901. There will be no festival this summer nor in 1900, in order that the London performances of this year and the Wagner Festival, organized by M. Lamoureux in Paris for the Exhibition, may not be interfered with. In the summer of 1899, "Die Meistersinger" will be revived at Bayreuth upon a scale of great splendor, and performances will likewise be given of "Der Ring des Nibelungen," and, of course, of "Parsifal." In the year 1901, "The Flying Dütchman will be produced for the first time at Bayreuth. Wagner's early opera will be given in its entirety, and the scenery will be upon the most lavish scale. In that year, "Der Ring des Nibelungen" will not be performed; but "Tristan und Isolde" will be revived, and there will, of course, be several representations of "Parsifal."



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OPERA AS AN EDUCATIONAL FORCE.

Proposals for State aid to grand opera are finding no little favor in England. The idea is becoming familiar and popular among the musical public. The leading critics are advocating it. Fuller Maitland, in the Nineteenth Century, makes the following argument in an article entitled "Wanted—An Opera."

Opera:"
"Some kind of grant or subvention from without is absolutely essential if opera as an institution is to do a really useful work or to take a place among to do a really useful work or to take a place among national enterprises. A great many Englishmen look askance upon any suggestion of a state subsidy for theatres of any kind, partly from a remnant of the Puritanical feeling that all such places are in themselves evil, partly because they caunot dissociate the idea of theatrical art from the notion of frivolous amusement, and partly because they dread an increase in the rates. But the general principle of state or municipal aid for various things lying outside the domain of practical business life is already acknowledged in many ways, and accepted as a fact of our national existence. It would require a bold politician indeed to bring in a bill for the a bold politician indeed to bring in a bill for the abolition of the grant to the National Gallery or the British Museum, yet in truth these are not more strictly educational in their intention than such instrictly educational in their intention than such in-stitutions as the great op ra-houses of the Conti-nent. Even in theatrical matters, the idea of mu-nicipal aid is slowly but surely making advances toward realization; yet the opera, if it is to exist at all as permanent institution for the nation at large, all as a permanent institution for the nation at large, stands in far greater need of external help than does any non-operatic theatre. There is a want of logic about a system such as that which allows grants to be made to the two principal institutions for teaching music in London, without practically recognizing the need for kindred help for the young musicians who are being turned out of these semi-parise every year into a profession which is rapidly naries every year into a profession which is rapidly being overstocked beyond all remedy. At present, the demand for the raw material to educate in one or other of the great music-schools is a large one, and every inducement is held out to promising stuand every inducement is held out to promising students, but only during their career as students. All the tedious time that must elapse before even a musician with a certainty of ultimate success can begin to make his mark on the great world of London musical life is quite unprovided for; and many are the cases of absolute penury that come to the knowledge of those who are familiar with the seamy sides of the musical profession. Some means might well be devised for hindering, rather than encouraging, the entrance into the profession of all encouraging, the entrance into the profession of all classes of incompetent performers, and at the same time of providing help for those whose education in music is finished, and whose chances of making an income are very remote."

Several important conditions are thus pointed out

by the writer:
"Unless it is founded on the widest possible basis—a basis of devotion to no particular school, but to all schools of excellence of whatever date and country—the scheme must fail, though never so kindly a fairy godmother were to come down the kitchen chimney. For a time, the dictates of fashkitchen chimney. For a time, the dictates of fashion must be disregarded; the classical repertory must be kept steadily before the public, rather than the works which come into vogue for a year or two and are then forgotten; the language employed must be English, and the performers, as far as possible, must be chosen from among English artists. There is, of course, a danger of favoritism and a certain opening for the elements of intringer which There is, of course, a dauger of favoritism and a certain opening for the elements of intrigue, which have already wrecked so many hopeful schemes; but if a large enough body were elected or appointed to govern the institution, and if the impressarios and managers were paid servants of the governing body, not persons with interests of their own to serve, there is no reason why a subsidized operahouse should not be conducted ou principles of absolute rectitude and honesty. The reins of government must of course be in the hands of persons who should represent not merely the business side of the should represent not merely the business side of the scheme as a pecuniary speculation, but the various schools of thought in music. Not only these should have a voice in the control, but the claims of the many arts that are associated with opera must be fairly represented, and nothing must be omitted that can make for the maintenance of a high standard in all departments. For example, literary skill in the supervision of new librettos, or in the allimportant point of providing decent translations of the words of classical foreign operas, must go hand in hand with artistic taste applied to mounting the works chosen for representation.'

SPAIN'S NATIONAL AIRS.

Among the national and patriotic airs of Spain the two most popular are "La March Real" ("The Royal March") and "El Himne de Riego" ("Riego's Hymn"). "The Royal March" is an ancient com-position, which has long been familiar to the ears of all Spaniards. It is struck up in Spain whenever the King passes, and is frequently played at patriotic assemblages of various kinds. "Riego's Hymn," known as the national air, is sung by the people on similar occasions. It was composed by the Spanish poet Huerto.

MAJOR AND MINOR.

Rosenthal is now in excellent health, having played in England and Italy last month. At present he is rusticating in the Tyrol, preparing for his American tour, which opens in New York City on the evening of October 26th, in Carnegie Music

It is estimated by London musicians who re-cently petitioned for an opera house supported by the city, that, with an annual grant of \$75,000 from the City Council, a theatre could be kept open most

Pesaro, the birthplace of Rossini and the home of the conservatory directed by Mascagni, had a row in the Town Council recently, in which two Councilmen came to blows. Mayor Venerandi stepped in between, but was knocked down, and, striking his temple against a table in his fall, was killed almost instantly. almost instantly

De Kontski, whose name is known the world over by his celebrated composition, "The Awakening of the Lion," has recently returned to Europe after a prolonged tour in the East. He played in China and Siberia, the tour extending over a period of two years. He is now eighty-two years of age, yet never missed a single engagement of this long

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The exhibits this year are of a character to justify the management in saying it will be equal to any in the past.

any in the past.

The Art Galleries will be filled with fine examples of art. The collection will have a large number of Old World pictures. It is thought that in several respects the grade of work shown this year will surpass any previous exhibitions in St. Louis, The effort has been to obtain quality more than size in the pictures. No such monster painting as "Charles the Bold at Nesle," which was shown last year, will be exhibited this fall, and, unless Mr. Kurtz has made recent arrangements for larger pictures, it is likely that there will be no canvases larger than 6 feet by 8 or 9. This feature of itself will give opportunity for a high grade of excellence, since it is generally held by connoisscurs that an artist rarely does as good work on a large canvas as on a small one. as on a small one.

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England, France, Holland and Spain will all be represented by paintings from some of each country's leading artists. England's greatest animal painter. Mr. J. M. Swan, is to have a large picture, the subject of which is a lioness and her cubs. It is a large picture in every sense of the word, not only because of its size, but also in its treatment of the subject. Among the works from Holland there will subject. Among the works from Holland there will be a scene done by Mesdag, one of the greatest of the Holland marine painters, and the commissioner of the fine arts for Holland at the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893. Another work from Holland will be from the hand of the late Anton Mauve, the famous cattle painter. Among the French paintings there will be nictured by the modern improveings there will be pictures by the modern impres-sionists, Monet and Pisarro, together with others.

There will be one picture by Meissonier. It is not large, but shows the touch of the master hand. Frederick MacMonnies, who modeled the Columbian fountain at the Wor'd's Fair and the Bacchante and child at the Boston public library, will

have four bronzes on exhibition. These works are about 28 or 30 inches high, and are of his best.

The Aquarium will be a special feature of the Exposition, and will be filled with fine specimens of

Altogether, this year's Exposition will surpass all past records.

The interesting and valuable collection of Wagneriana of the late Anton Seidl is about to be transferred to the Weimer Museum, of which institution t will in future form a part.

Carl Reinecke has composed a two-act opera under the title of "Die Teufelchen auf der Himmelswiese" (the devils upon the heavenly meadows). The libretto is taken from Rudolf Baumbach's fairy tale of the same name. The opera is destined for performance by children and was tried by such at the home of the composer, where it is said to have pleased both listeners and interpreters.

A statue is about to be erected to Schumann at Zwickau, his native town.

A musical and literary entertainment was given at Marvin M. E. Church South, Twelfth and Sidney sts., on the 4th ult. The affair proved a gratifying success, special credit being due Mrs. T. F. Kaut for her good work in its behalf. Among the chief features of the programme were numbers by Mrs. Myers, Miss Vest, Mr. Knoerle, Mrs. Rolke and Miss Lina Schreiber.

Great masters of art ought not to force scholars, for they can exercise on them but a very indirect influence. Without doubt it is a profit to the latter to hear a master execute a musical work in his own style, but they will never be able to assimilate his individuality. As for the rest, they can learn it just as well from lesser professors. This, assuredly, does not prevent there being scholars who try, as much as they can, to copy their master, but who succeed only in coughing and spitting like him.—Rubinstein.

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This study should be practiced with the different fingerings indicated for the right hand, each making it a distinct study. In practicing with the upper fingering, hold the hand very quiet (the same as in the practice of finger exercises). In practicing with the lower (second) fingering, hold the wrist very loose and fully as high as the knuckles, or a little higher. This fingering offers fine practice for the changing of the fingers on notes (Keys) that are repeated and will establish an independence of the fingers that could not be obtained by any other means.

The teacher may decide whether the study should be practiced with the lower fingering immediately after it has been mastered with the upper fingering, or whether the study of a piece or two should intervene as recreation, in order to avoid confusion to the fingers and monotony to the mind of the pupil.













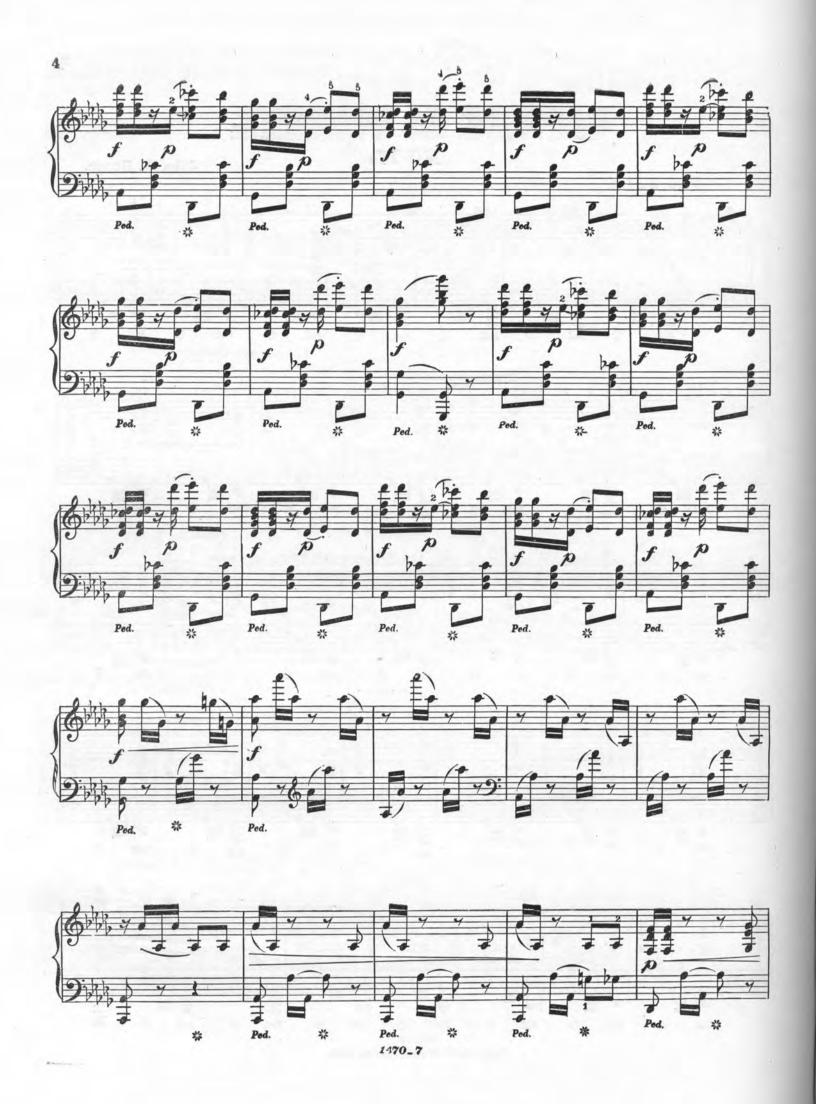






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OFFERING PRIZES.

The question has recently arisen as to whether art can be benefitted by the offering of large prizes for the best poem, musical composition or picture on some particular subject. One distinguished En-glish writer recently said on this subject:

"While the employment of all legitimate means towards the furtherance of art is to be commended, it is a question whether the giving of prizes can be considered such a legitimate means. Money is not the end of art, nor should it be its chief aim; and the offering of large cash prizes excites unnatural capidity, causes the artist to attempt in too short a space of time or before he has reached his full development that which he should have attempted several years later, and to which he should have given two or three times the work which the limits of a competition allow."

This subject is one which is particularly interesting at this moment, says Musical Age, when from all over the world we hear of large prizes being offered for various kinds of musical compositious. We have in mind several of these prizes, which in

the aggregate amount to many thousand dollars It is all very well and very easy to give reasons why a financial incentive is an unwise one; and it is as easy to call attention to the fact that an artist's aspirations—the things which he desires most—are apt to be directly connected with opportunities for his improvement in his art which money alone can his improvement in his art which money alone can obtain. But, after all, who can make rules in such a matter? As Frederick Harrison said in his recent essay on style: "It is quite impossible for anyone to talk with any certainty of being able to help anyone else on the subject of style."

Surely if one cannot lay down a formula or two on a subject about which so much has been written and anythich so many great men have thought any

and on which so many great men have thought, one cannot reach any conclusion that is worthy the name on a subject in which individuality plays so

large a part.

We think that anything which will give hope to a struggling artist, which will make him feel that he by the timidity of publishers, or the mediocrity of some of our so-called great editors, must be a good thing. So we would advise our rich friends who have money, but have no particular use for it, to give it all away in prizes for the advantage of worthy artists. But if they care for art, let them be advised in the matter of the judges in such competitions. Do not offer the poor artist bread in the shape of a prize, and then give him a stone in the person of an unwise judge. Come, let us have moderation in all things, and more particularly in the things pertaining to music. If there were fewer emotional maniacs, that is, fewer people who are insane in emotional matters, we would have clearer visions, and we would all appreciate that all art, whether that of the realist or the idealist, is to tell of things as they are for the God who makes and controls those things.

MUSIC IN MANILA.

We learn from Wallace Cumming's article on Manila life in the August Century that to a lover of music Manila is a charming place. The natives have wonderful musical talent, and there were numerous bands. Those of the three regiments stanumerons bands. Those of the three regiments stationed there were remarkably good; and four afternoons each week they played in turn on the "Luneta," a sort of plaza on the shores of the bay, just outside the old walls. I recall vividly the open-air concert, by three hundred instruments, given in honor of Prince Oscar of Sweden. The glorious full moon of the tropics, far brighter than in more northern lands, shining on the quiet waters of the bay, the innumerable lights, the brilliantly dressed crowd, and the thrilling music of the mighty bands, softened in volume on the great plain, combined to make it an occasion to be long remembered. The make it an occasion to be long remembered. The "Battle of Castelejos," which they played, was inspiring, and the effect was heightened by the repetition of the trumpet-calls by soldiers who were stationed at intervals far off upon the plains, while the guns on the city walls added a touch of reality.

During the height of the rainy season, from about the middle of June to the middle of September, all

outdoor pursuits are suspended.

A Monument to Johannes Brahms is to be erect ed in Vienna; where the composer's active years were spent, and where he now lies buried between the graves of Beethoven and Schubert. The origithe graves of Beethoven and Schubert. The original promoters of the enterprise found ready sympathizers outside of Austria. An appeal for subscriptions which had just been issued in England bears the signatures of Lord Herschell, Mr. A. J. Balfour, Sir Henry Iving, Sir Walter Parratt, Sir C. H. Parry, Sir Edward Poynter, Sir George Grove, Mr. Alma Tadema, Dr. Stanford, Mr. Henschel, Canon Wilberforce and others.

ANGLO-SAXON MUSIC.

For the laity the crowth, harp and pipe were the worite musical instruments. The tabor was used favorite musical instruments. The tabor was used at Anglo-saxon entertainments, but it was not so at Anglo-saxon entertainments, but it was not so popular as these three. Drums were occasionally used to heighten the effect, but they, also, do not seem to have been in high favor. While the pipe was a favorite instrument among the lower classes, such as bear dancers and exhibitors of daucing dogs, the harp, on the other hand, was the instrument of the nobility; all noble children were taught to play on the harp. Thus the King of Westnesse commends the harp for the education of his son: "Teach him of the harp and of song; teach him to tug of the harp with his nails sharp." Most famous knights of King Arthur were taught "harping." And we know that Alfred the Great put his knowledge of the harp to other than musical purposes. It is also worth noting that St. Aldehelm and St. Dunstan were renowned as harpers. In fact, a gentleman of Anglo-Saxon days was supposed to be able to play the harp as a matter of course, just as able to play the harp as a matter of course, just as an American or English girl is supposed to play the

A few specimens of very early Anglo-Saxon music remain, says an Exahange; as, for example, the music to the "Praise of Virginity," and to other poems by St. Aldehelm; but we cannot interpret their peculiar notation—it is decidedly imperfect and misleading. F was represented by a red line their peculiar notation—it is decidedly imperfect and misleading. F was represented by a red line and C by a yellow line, and singing marks or names were written between these lines, but the time is quite indefinite. As to harmony, considerable progress must have been made, since the nation used the harp and organ, and this implies some knowledge of concordant sounds.

It is claimed that the Anglo-Saxons' secular music was plaintive. Doubtless this was the case, for melancholy played a considerable part in their moods. The philosophy of Schopenhauer has a natural basis in the Teutonic nature; and among other rich deposits this possesses a strong vein of pessimism. It must have found expression in Sax-

pessimism. It must have found expression in Sax-

on poetry.

AN AMERICAN MUSICIAN.

The popularity of Sousa and his standing as a composer is a constant theme of comment in musical and literary circles. His evolution, so to speak from an orchestra player at \$15 a week to bandmas ter of the Marine Band at \$1800 a year, and from that to his present position as composer and band-master, with an income of over \$50,000 a year, is certainly a remarkable achievement, and is not based upon "accident," as a writer put it some time ago.

There is nothing "accidental" leading up to success in all of Sousa's career. By hard and incessant study, by cultivating and expanding his talents and natural gifts, and through devotion to a purpose, determination and undeviating application of energies, Sousa has carved out for himself the most brilliant career of any young man of his years in America, unaided and alone. His music is more often played, is more universally known, and more

often played, is more universally known, and more demanded by the peoples of the two hemispheres than that of any composer, living or dead. There is no "accident" in these achievements.

Sousa is not by any means a "one-sided" man, which is the "weakness" of many musicians. Ask him about the literature of the day, the last and the best books, he'll tell you readily about them. Ask him about the music of the hour, or past days, or past decades. Suggest the national crises of the times, you'll find him ready enough. Call up the poets, you'll find him familiar with them also. And poets, you'll find him familiar with them also. And if not satisfied then, go into history. If there is any little thing you omit, he will prompt you. If you should still be curious, ask him if he has ever indulged in belies lettres. He might turn to the magazines and show you some rare articles over the sig-nature of John Philip Sousa.

SILENT MUSIC.

There is one species of music which ought not to be forgotten. It is perhaps the most extraordinary kind of music in the world. I refer to the silent concerts of the Japanese. These performances are given during certain Shinto festivals. It is thought that were the sound to fall on unworthy ears the sanctity of the occasion would be profaned. Although, therefore, both stringed and wind instruments are used, and all the motions of playing are executed, no strains are emitted. This is done by no means as a joke. It may be regarded as an instance executed, no strains are emitted. This is done by the means as a joke. It may be regarded as an instance of the esoterical secrecy in which the hereditary musicians of Japan endeavor to shroud from imitators their knowledge of a divine art. Viewed in tors their knowledge of a divine art. Viewed in this light, the idea is poetical. Longfellow must have been imbued with a similar feeling when he wrote: "Peace seemed to reign upon earth; and the restless heart of the ocean was for a moment consoled. All sounds were in Harmony blended."

TRUE EXPRESSION.

Expression develops with experience in life. Speexpression develops with experience in life. Specifically, in playing or in singing, expression "must be the result of right feeling, noble and elevating thoughts, intelligent conceptions of what the music means—all this crowned with a becoming humility. In other words, true expression can come only from within." This dictum is by no means new, but the London Nonconformist Journal for June presents some helpful thoughts in connection with it. To quote:

"Nothing can be so conducive to a cultivation of the higher emotions as the contemplation and study of beauty in all its forms. Chief of all agents for cultivating and developing taste is music. If or-chestral and choral concerts are within reach, students must on no account miss hearing them. In remote country places, where recitals cannot be hak, the teacher must play and play often the most expressive music he can—music suggesting nobility, sweetness, contentment, happiness, grief, joy, etc. Symphonies and large orchestral works may be studied as piano duets, and the pupil must notice symphotoles and large orchestral works may be studied as piano duets, and the pupil must notice the entry of the different instruments. The full score must be used in such practice, however. Besides this, the teacher must again set the pupils' powers of imagination to work by describing other sublime forms of music; for instance, that of the massive cathedral with its wonderful pillars and arches and 'dim, religious light,'and so-describe it that the pupil may in his heart hear the 'organ blow to the sweet-toned choir below,' not forgetting to mention the many historical and musical associations of the grand cathedrals. The music of a military band is often charming under certain circumstances; for instance, if it can be heard as one floats down a stream with the high-wooded banks topped with a castle, or cathedral, or palace. The music of a full chime of bells at evening has a peculiar charm of its own. Many other things will naturally suggest themselves to the progressive and educated teacher. In fact, nothing must be left undone to stimulate the imagination and stir the emotional nature of those studying with any sincerity of aim; and as they grow gradually to see beauty. tional nature of those studying with any sincerity of aim; and as they grow gradually to see beauty in everything, in art and in nature, their whole being will glow with genuine lofty feeling, high aspirations, ambition and noble resolve. Until this condition is reached, expressive (and, incidentally, impressive) playing need not be expected."

WHEN ONLY MEN PLAYED.

"Two hundred years ago no one thought of a girl

"I We hundred years ago no one thought of a girl playing the piano. Only men played."

Of course, strictly speaking, two hundred years ago neither girls nor men played the piano as we today understand it, says an exchange, for the instrument had not yet completed its evolution from the virginal and elavichord to the creation of Cristofori.

Nor, had the piano arrived at anything like its Nor had the piano arrived at anything like its present-day dignity and splendor one hundred years ago. It is within a month that America's oldest piano industry celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary, and back of its beginning there had been lit-tle pianoforte progress even in the old world. So that it is not strange that the girls of two cen-turies back did not play the piano. It was all that

turies back did not play the piano. It was all that the men could do, and not very well, either. But if the men began it, the facility with which the girls have of late years fallen into the habit more than makes up for their early day lack of enthusiasm. Besides, two hundred years ago the ladies did not take part in any of life's activities as they do today. Even the stage had not long been graced by the presence of the ladies in prominent dramatic parts, and the men monopolized every opportunity of promotion and public popularity.

But music largely belongs to the girls, and they were not long in taking possession of the piano when it reached the point of practicability, and permitted of sentiment, delicacy and feeling, rather than an exposition of strength and muscular agility. Even to day we have with us some of the prejudice which surrounded the ladies in public life in the

long ago.

To return again to the item about the piano play-To return again to the item about the piano players of two hundred years ago, we will wager that there was not so much good music then—we mean in proportion to population or number of players—as there is now. We mean by this that when all pi ano players were men there was a very poor average of piano music. For, as a rule, the girls play the best. The men who dazzle the world are phenomenal. They have generally the feminine sentiment and fineness of feeling, backed and made vigorous by the masculine strength and will. But, among the average piano players, the girls are the among the average piano players, the girls are the best interpreters of the popular music.

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Madam Cosima Wagner, on leaving London, went on a visit to Humperdinck, at Boppard, on the

Lady Halle, better known under the former name of Norman Neruda, the well-known English violinist, is coming to the United States next autumn on a professional tournee.

Signor Mancinelli has contributed to the "Æo-lian Quarterly," an article descriptive of his opera "Ero et Leandro." He entirely disclaims the sug-gestion that he had been influenced at all by Wag-ner, and he declares—"In composing the music I determined to follow the lines laid down by Verdi, especially in his last two operas, 'Otello' and 'Fal-stoff' and I believe that all my countrymen will staff, and I believe that all my countrymen will benefit and advance national art by following in

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Mme. Teresina Tua is on her homeward journey to Italy from an extensive concert tour which has covered Siberia and nearly all the cities of Northern and Central Russia. Her husband, who is quite a pianist, was a member of the concert party which popularized in that part of the world the modern Italian composers.

The London County Council is considering a petition in favor of a municipal opera-house, to be supported by local taxation. The object is to establish a permanent opera house where music will be taught to the masses and encouragement offered to young artists whose ambition tends in the direction of grand opera. The petition is signed by the Duke of Westminster, Earl Spencer, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Asquith, Mr. John Morley, Sir. John Gorst, Lord Charles Beresford, Lord Justice Chitty, and the Attorney-General. The petition is also signed by Sir Henry Irving, Mme. Mary Anderson de Navarro, Sir Arthur Sullivan, Sir John Stainer, Sir Squire Bancroft, Mr. Pinero, Mr. Burnand, Sir W. B. Richmond, Mr. Sargent, Mr. Watts, Mr. Onslow Ford, Sir Walter Besant, Mr. J. M. Barrie, Sir Martin Conway, Mr. George Meredith, Dr. Conan Doyle, and Mr. Frederic Harrison. The matter is being taken seriously by the London Council, and the press has also given the movement the and the press has also given the movement the benefit of its influence.

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Life were intolerable now to most under the conditions existent in the period within the memory of our grandfathers, and to go back to the conditions of two thousand years ago were death itself to many. True, there was luxury in those days—luxury in many places to which the indulgences of the most luxury-loving of modern Sybarites would seem but the plebeian necessities of life; beds of rose leaves, in literal fact, may have been the lot of a Roman emperor; his progress may have caused a Roman emperor; his progress may have caused the awe of thousands in its magnificence and splenthe awe of thousands in its magnificence and splendor, but he couldn't travel across the continent with the tireless servant, Steam, and there are numerous other things he couldn't do.

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Miss Sybil Sanderson, who recently married Antonio Terry, and was reported last March as having developed an insidious form of paralysis of the lower limbs, and who it was feared at the time would never be able to appear on the stage again, is back in Paris now in so much better health that it is likely she will have entirely recovered by next year.

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