MISS STRONG'S PUPILS CONCERT.

The pupils concert given annually by Miss Strong at Memorial Hall took place May 26th, and preserved its usual character for excellence. The programme, which was intended to represent the great periods of planoforte composition consisted of Works by Bach, Scarlatti, Mozart, Beethoven. Schubert, Mendlessohn, Chopin. Schumann, Rubinstein and Glichrist. The Bach concerts for three planos and five string instruments played by Miss Florence Hammon, Mrs. R. Atkinson, Miss Strong and Messrs. Schoen. Gecks, Mayer, Anton and Mayer, jr. was one of the finest numbers, and the Gilchrist chorus, Sea Fairies, for female voices, is a charming composition. Misses May, Anderson, Foote, Phelps and Case did good work, while Misses Platt and Kniffin in their Mozart Concerto for two planos and Master Richard Platt in his Schubert duo for piano and violin with Mr. Schoen's able assistance, distinguished themselves in a marked degree. Miss Lois Page played a brilliant Rondo with string accompaniment in excellent taste. Miss Marion Ralston in the Schumann Fantasiestucke proved herself rarely gifted, mastering the technical difficulties, with ease and giving an artistic intrepretation which won her a great success. The Chopin Concerto in F minor found a worthy interpreter in Miss Florence Bangh, who fully sustained the enviable reputation she has already made for herself. The planissimo runs were beautifully light and clear, while she entered thoroughly into the poetry, grace and spirited rhythm of the composition. Miss Anna Vicths in spite of former successes surprised all her friends by her rendition of Rubinstein's D minor Concerto. Its difficulties are well known, but she mastered them thoroughly and displayed a finish of technique, accuracy of memory, beauty of tone and style, which fully entitled her to the certificate, which Miss Strong presented her in token of the completion of her musical course. Her harmony work was represented by a Sonatina written by her for this occasion and played by her papil, Miss Day. It showed taste

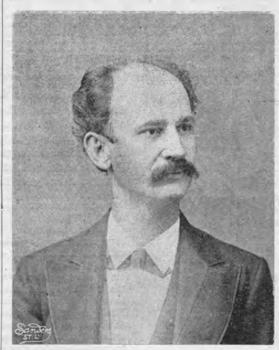
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Verdi and Von Bulow Reconciled.—A reconciliation is said to have taken place between Maestro Verdi and Haus von Bullow, the German pianist. For years the two men have declined to come together, and have said hard things of one another. A better spirit, however, seems to have overcome Von Bülow while in Florence recently. At any rate, he wrote a long letter to Verdi, expressing his sorrow for the unkind things he had said about him, and hoping that they might pass the rest of their lives in peace. Verdi answered the letter at once, thanking his Northern colleague for his kind words and expressing unbounded admiration for his talents and accomplishments. Bülow will remain in Italy, it is said, for some time,

FRED. SCHILLINGER.

Fred Schillinger, the well known teacher of piano and violin was born in St. Louis, June 18th, 1856. He is a son of Charles Schillinger, the eminent flutist and pianist who has long been identified with the progress of music in St. Louis. Mr. Schillinger's early training in piano and violin was under the direction of his father who developed the young student's taient in a remarkable manner. After furthering his studies in violin under the guidance of E. Spiering and A. Waldauer



with whom he spent about three years, he proceeded in 1874 to Vienna where he pursued a two years course in violin under Jos. Hellmesberger and two years in piano under Prof. Schenner, studying harmony at the same time under Fuchs. Mr. Shillinger's progress there was rapid and a source of pride to his masters. He availed himself of the opportunity of hearing the best performers and played in the Geschellschaft and Opera House orchestras.

Since his return to St. Louis, Mr. Schillinger has been teaching piano and violin with great success. Many of his scholars

are now prominent players, some doing splendid work in orchestras. He is conductor of two of the principal societies in North St. Louis, the Apollo Gesang Verein, Freier Maennerchor, and Damenchor. For the past six years he has been connected with the Olympic and Grand Opera House orchestras.

Mr. Schillinger is a splendid accompanist for concert work and a composer or marked ability. Among his published works are piano compositions and male and female choruses. His latest composition is a mazurka for piano, entitled "Recollections of Vienna."

Mr. Schillinger is a young, energetic and popular musician and worthy the prosperity that has attended him.

THE WAY AND THE WORK.

There are too many young people in the world who complain of their unfavorable circumstances. They say that everything and everybody is against them. They think that if they only have friends to help them, or if opportunities were more propitious, they could succeed in doing something wonderful. There never was a greater mistake. To be born in easy circumstances is oftener a detriment than an advantage. Adverse circumstances really make a man.

Too many people are on the look-out for easy positions in life. Such people never will amount to much. It is the hard knocks that toughen the sinews and give strength and endurance.

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Do not choose any course in life because you think it will be an easy and quick way of making fame and fortune. Every line of work has its difficulties and ob-tacles. When you see an obstacle in your pathway, no matter if it does seem to tower mountain high, don't become faint-hearted and despondent and turn back.

Perhaps when you get on the other side of that mountain of difficulty, you find that the object you desired is still farther on, and a river may obstruct your way. Don't sit down and cry in despair, or "shiver on the brink," for fear the water may be cold, or the current too rapid. Plunge boldly in, and with manly stroke make for the other shore.

This is the spirit that will carry one successfully through life. Almost every one would like to turn the world upside down, but if they are told that the way to do it is by taking a spade and beginning to turn up a little of the earth's sod or gravel, they draw back in despair or disgust.

The music life is no exception to the general rule. Difficulties beset it on every hand. To become a pianist, a violinist, a vocalist, or a composer, one must overcome many difficulties and obstacles that often seem to tower mountain high before the student. Without the pluck to boldly attack any and all such difficulties as may present themselves, one would better never begin. And when one has progressed to the point where he thinks he is ready to make music teaching his life-work, he will still find many difficulties before him, but it is to be hoped that by this time he has learned the secret of overcoming them, which is that indomitable courage called pluck,—Ex.

One of the numerous romances of real life in connection with music is the following:—Signora Runa Roscica was a few years since, a noted singer in Naples. In the year 1880, while staying at a hotel in Casamicciola, the wall of the building gave way during the night time, burying many of the inmates beneath the ruins. The Signora escaped unhurt, and was so affected by the calamity from which she had been exempted, as to there and then register a vow to become a nun. Returning to Naples she immediately carried this determination into effect, was assigned to the order of St. Anna, at Naples, of which cloister she is now the head.

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The Graduate's Recital of Miss Martha Kendrick, assisted by W. D. Armstrong, organist, and P. G. Anton, jr., violincellist, was held at Shurtleff College on the 1st ult. A very good programme was excellently rendered. Mr. Anton's violincello numbers made quiet a hit and proved that artist's popularity, Miss Kendrick and Mr. Armstrong were received with the greatest favor.

The Death of Capt. J. Fitz Herbert Ruxton, manager of the Chickering & Sons piano house is announced with the deepest sorrow. Capt. Ruxton's tragic death was the result of injuries received in throwing his horse to avoid the necessity of tramp-

ling upon his friend, in a race of the Country Club, Brookline, Mass., on May 26. Capt Ruxton was making an enviable record in his position; young and active he gave promise of great things. The warmest sympathy is expressed for his

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PIANO POUNDING.

An American lady on being asked what was the prevailing impression produced upon her mind by the performance of an eminent planist of the modern type, replied, "Oh I kept on feeling so thankful that he "was not playing on my planoforte." Truly, says the Musical News, a not unnatural remark when it is remembered that a disciple of Liszt is said to have smashed three instruments during a single season. When one hears too that a popular performer pounds away at the planoforte until his fingers bleed, it is surely time to enter a protest against the undue striving after force which seems to characterize so many planists of the present. A German lady stated to the writer quite recently that it was not at all an uncommon thing in her country for students to have to give uppianoforte playing on account of injuries done to their hands, through excessive technical work, and it is said that one of quiet the best pupils of the Royal College of Music has had a most promising career suddenly arrested (let us hope not destroyed) by the vehemence of her performances. All this is very said, and seems to point to "something wrong somewhere."

Nature is very yielding; she may be coaxed and persuaded to almost any extent, but attempt to force her and she will be revenged. To go on playing when the tired muscles are clamoring for rest is the very acme of folly, and yet how many students will persist in playing when their arms feel fit to brevk, under the influence of a mistaken feeling that some wonderful benefit will accrue to them by keeping on practising when in this state of tension! A few moments rest should be given at the smallest indication of fatigue; but as strength is gained these moments of relaxation will become less and less necessary, until at length the student will be able to play for a considerable time without feeling tired.

Of course, technical development is absolutely necessary for every performer, and not a word should be uttered against it, so long as it is kept within bounds and attained by legitimate mea

MRS. REGINA M. CARLIN.

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Mrs. Regina M. Carlin, supervisor of music in the public schools is a daughter of the Hon. John Mullery, one of our oldest and best esteemed citizens. She was born in St. Louis and evidenced musical talent at a very early age, composing and playing by ear in a surprising manner when only five years old. At the age of seven she was sent to the Academy of the Ursulines at Alton, Ill., where under the direction of one of the most popular and successful teachers of the faculty, she made rapid progress as a pianist and vocalist. When ten years old she could extemporize on any given air in a remarkable manner. On her graduation at the age of eighteen, she was awarded a testimonial in the form of a solid gold lyre to be worn as an amulet.

Mrs. Carlin is also a pupil of Signor Tamburello in vocalization and of Alfred G. Robyn in harmony. She has a mezzosoprano voice of good compass, well schooled, pure and sympathetic. Her first service was at the old Cathedral whence some of our best local singers have emanated. She has been organist at the Cathedral, Annunciation, St. Johns, 16th and Chestnut, and the Immaculate Conception, and has been frequently sought by other churches to play on extraordinary occasions. She has a special talent for organ accompanying.



Mrs Carlin has appeared in opera, having taken the title role in Gilbert & Sullivan's opera, 'Palience," given at the Pickwick; her work combined with a splendid stage presence, was highly commended. She had many offers for operatic work which were refused.

Mrs. Carlin is one of the two lady supervisors of music in the public schools. The appointing of ladies for this work was owing to the success attained by Mrs. Carlin at the Blair school where she taught in 1890.

Among her successful compositions are "Marche au Revoir" and "Veni Creator," the latter dedicated to Rev. D. S. Phelan on the occasion of his silver jubilee.

Mrs. Carlin is a lady of high culture and unusual scholastic attainments, possessing besides a refined musical nature, special talents for poetry and painting in which she is quite proficient. Her steadfastness of character is well-known. So great was her love and loyalty to her aged father that she has been surnamed the Cordelia of the modern version of Shakespeare's "King Lear." She is enthusiastic in her work and highly esteemed by all her pupils and friends.

There is trouble in the sacred fanes devoted to classical music! Boston is perturbed! The serenity of the Back Bay is rudely broken! Sacrilegious voices have dared to give utterance to protests against Nikisch as a conductor, and it may now be expected that somebody will arise and protest against the Bunker Hill monument. The critics are arrayed against each other, and when Boston critics declare war, carnage direful and gory must ensue. Bacon and Apthorpe are on record as eulogists and defenders or Mr. Nikisch, but against him are arrayed Hale, Elson, Woolf and Tieknor. Such divergence of opinion is something awful to think of, but the most suddening aspect of the case is the rude awakening of the Bostonese from their long dream of peace. Everybody thought that Nikisch was a permanent and unchallenged idol, and how the calm worship is rudely disturbed for impious hands are raised against the Nikisch cult! And we live to see such troublous days!

school that a protest becomes necessary. Piano pounding is not only injurious to artists, but is also detrimental to art, for there would be little advantage in being able to perform wonderful feats of strength, unless opportunities were afforded for their exhibition, and so those pieces get selected which are best calculated to allow the performer to show off his vigorous manipulation. Thus, among the followers of this school, Liszt is taking the place of Beethoven, while as for Mozart and Mendelssohn, they are much too mild and forceless for the piano pounders; indeed, the suggestion of their names is quite sufficient to hazard one's reputation with, and to call forth a pitying smile from the partisian of violence. With this type of performer, the celebrated aphorism about the musicians needing "hands, head and heart," seems in danger of being ignored little head and less heart characterising the playing of some of these sledge-hammer planists. Unfortunately the plano pounder is at present worshipped by a certain section of society, but that is possibly because he affords the greatest opportunities for conversation.

It is to be hoped that piano pounding may prove to be only a passing fashion, which ere long will give place to some more worthy treatment of the instrument. Hapily, we have amongst us teachers who by precept and example are earnestly endeavoring to instil into the minds of their pupils the importance of developing, along with technical skill, an intelligent appreciation of the masterpieces of genius, a correct knowledge of the various art-forms in which musical thoughts are clothed, and, still further, the power to express these thoughts with a true perception of their real beauty and meaning.

CITY NOTES.

J. M. North goes to the fishing regions above Minneapolis.

Miss Agnes Gray will spend the summer at Lebanon Springs

Miss Adelaide Kalkman has gone to Europe for profession-

Charles Humphreys is in New York studying under Charles Adams.

E. R. Kroeger will play his Trio at the N. M. T. A. Convention in Cleveland.

Wm. Maddern is giving a series of twenty-five concerts at lower Grove and other parks.

Mrs. Lucy B. Raiston and her talented daughter Marie, will spend the summer at Bar Harbor, Mich.

Ang. Wm. Hoffman was one of the judges at the \$1,000 piano.contest held at Hardin College, Mexico, Mo.

. Miss Eugenia Williamson, the talented elocutionist is at Eureka Springs where she has a regularly organized class of young ladies in elocution.

Mrs. Strong, of Garrison avenue, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Nellie Strong, will spend a couple of months at the sea shore. They will go first to Rye Beach.

A Piano Recital was given by the pupils of Miss Cora Fish, assisted by Mrs. Schaeffer, and the Misses Hudson, vocalists, on the 24th ult. A varied programme was excellently rendered.

Miss Carrie Price, the esteemed organist and teacher, has located at San Antonio, Tex., where she will continue her teaching Miss Price is well equipped for splendid work, having had thorough training in her musical studies.

Next season, Mr. Kroeger proposes to add to his recitals at the Forest Park University, several evenings devoted to special composers. The educational value of these recitals is very high and the pupils invariably await them with the ut-most eagerness.

Loreto Acad'y at Florissant, Mo., gave its commencing ex-ercises on the 21st ult. Among the principal plane numbers rendered were "Vive la Republique" by Kunkel played by Misses Donovan and Ghio and "Rhapsodie d' Auvergne" by C. Saint-Saens, Kunkel's Royal Edition, played by Miss Donovan.

E. A. Schubert, the pianist and composer, of St. Charles, Mo, has dedicated his "Bolero," which appears in this number, to Mr. E. R. Kroeger, of St. Lonis, with whom he has passed several years of very successful study Mr. Schubert is a musician of great ability. He is not satisfied with his excellent work, but is still aiming at something greater. We wish our young friend success in every way.

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The Artists Recital given by the faculty of the College of Music at the Forest Park University was a notable occasion. Prof. Kroeger played several solos, including his brilliant "Fantasia Polonaise"; Prof. W. D. Armstrong played two selections; Mrs. Worthington and Prof. Kroeger played Milnotte's effective arrangement of the "Poet and Peasant Overture," and Madame Runge-Jancke sang several numbers. Miss Powel, the instructor in elecution, gave three recitations and proved herself to be in every way a thorough artist in her line of work. Refreshments were afterward served to the guests, Mrs. Cairns, the principal, being the hostess of the occasion.

casion.

The commencement exercises of the Forest Park University took place at the Memorial Hall on June 2d. Four graduates were presented, and one young lady received a diploma certifying that she had completed the Fifth Grade in her musical studies. The essays were without exception, far above those usually heard at such exercises. The plano solos were truly artistic and the performers certainly deserved the warm applause necorded them by the audience. The vocal numbers were also well received, and Madame Runge-Jancke, the vocal instructor, was good enough to favor the audience with two songs by the talented composer, E. R. Kroeger, who is the director of the College of Music at this instintion. The principal, Mrs. Anna Sneed Cairns, can certainly be congratulated upon the success of these exercises.

MAJOR AND MINOR.

Verdi, the Nestor of Italian composers, has consented to compose a cantata or symphony in honor of the Columbus celebration at Genoa, this autumn, and Baron Franchetti will write a Columbus festiyal opera for the same event. It is thought more than probable that both productions will be rendered also at the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, supplementary to the original musical compositions of the highest order, it is hoped, which are being prepared for that occasion.

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Paderewski, the pianist, will revisit America, and will commence a tour at San Francisco on November 8. He will give 60 concerts, and play 100 compositions which American have not yet heard. He says that Boston is his favorite American city, from its musical point of view, and that its superiority in his mind is greatly due to the excellence of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

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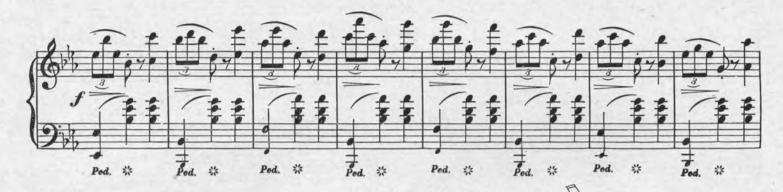


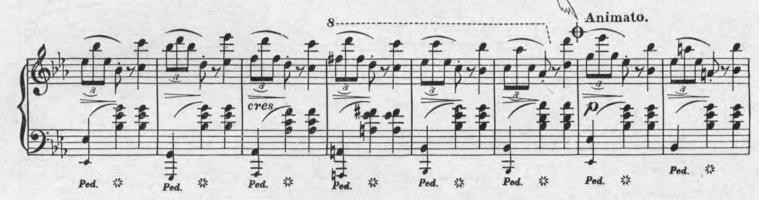














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- (A) The mechanical aim of this study is similar to that of studies VI and VII, in Book I, to which we refer, as all remarks expressed there, as to steady hand, loose wrist, and smooth legato, will be found applicable here.
- (B) The appogiatura must be struck precisely with the first note of note of the right hand, and its value is, therefore, to be deducted from the following C.



(C) Strike C vigorously from the wrist with the first figger after which silently substitute the fifth.



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- (A) The object of this study is nimbleness of the thumb, and a smooth legato of the fingers of the left hand.
- (B) In passing the thumb an undisturbed flow and connection of tones must be preserved even in the widest extensions; by stretching the fingers (1-2) and turning the wrist pliantly it can be effected.
- (C) See remark (D) No. VIII treating similar passage.



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(A) An important exercise for the study of thirds, sixths, &c. Do not yield to the inclination to break the double notes, but raise both fingers to an equal height, and strike the keys simultaneously, observing a scrupulous legato throughout.

The interweaving and alternating of hands must not interfere with an even succession of tones and the perfect smoothness of the movement.







(A) This study is of approved utility for acquiring skillfulness and rapidity in running arpeggios. The passing under of the first finger (thumb) and crossing over of the fingers must be smoothly executed; they must strike their keys in exact time, the arm is to be held a little from the body, avoiding the twisting of the elbows which can be easily done with a little practice.

The study will be rendered very attractive, when the proper attention will have been paid to the marks of expression, crecendo in ascending and diminuendo in descending passages.

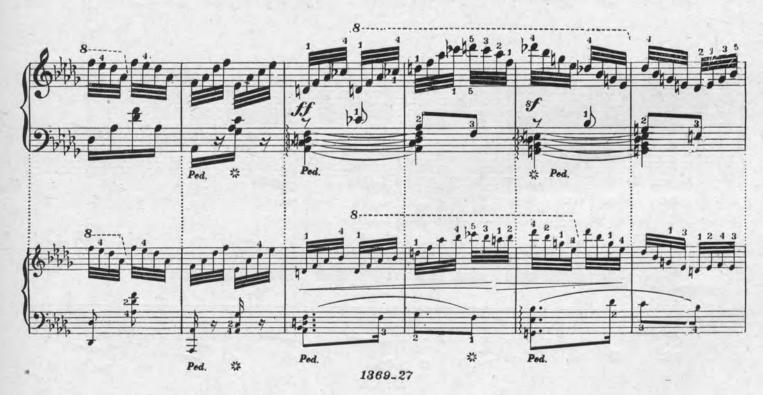
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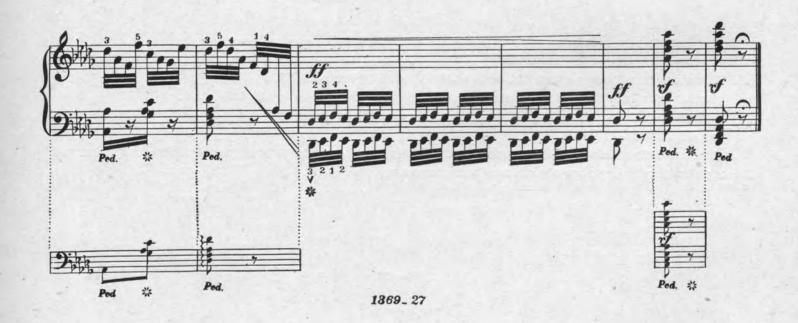
















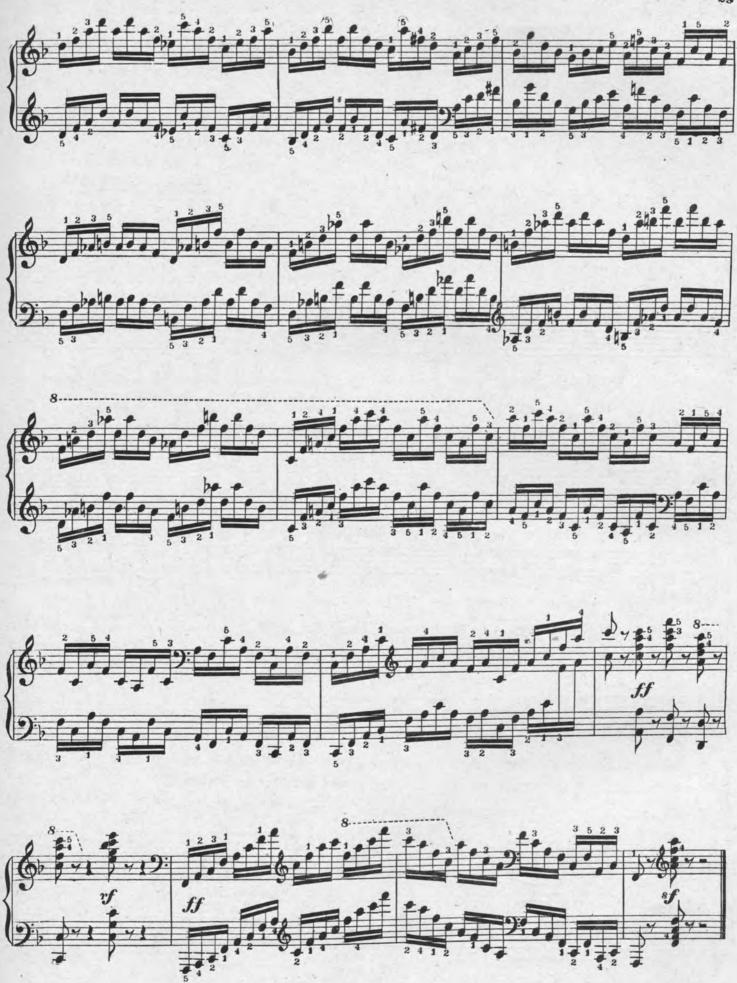


(A) This study has the same techical ends as the preceding one, No. XI.

Both hands must practice separately paying especial attention to the left hand.

When each hand has acquired equality and certainty of execution practice both hands together, slowly at first.

The rapidity with which this study should finally be played, must be unconstrained, and must not be acquired at the expense of accuracy and clearness.



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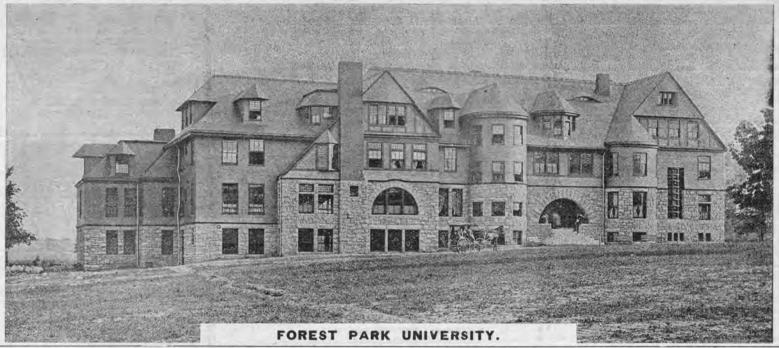
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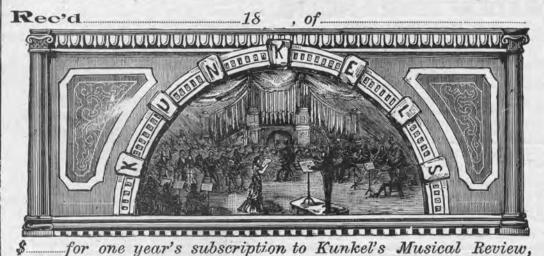
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