MUSICAL INTERVALS.

An interesting investigation might be made of the various musical accents which answer to different conditions of feeling. To ascertain this correctly would require a long and minute course of experiments. It is curious to observe, however, that Gluck, Mozart, Berlioz, Meyerbeer and Wagner, when they have the same situation to depict, whether in recitative or melody, use the same musical intonations. It thus appears that the major third is generally employed in interrogations and appeals; and that the appellative character of that interval becomes more marked and impressive in the fourth descending, while fourth ascending denotes affirmation, decision, and command. The minor and major fifths express the feelings from prayer to violent desire and menace. The sixth is the interval opassion; it is the symbol of a very accentuated emotion and is inevitably met where love is declined. A semitone higher conveys the idea of something painful, which is resolved into a real expression of grief in the cry of the seventh, the symbol of an excess of suffering. There are, in effect, no two ways of saying the same thing in music, and it is only in the way the phraze is introduced and sustained by the harmony that authors vary. We are speaking, of course, only of those passages of the songs in which the emotions are exploded, for it is these only that the author, not caring to expend his force over the whole phrase, aims to bring out his full meaning. From these comparisons of emotions and intonations we are able to discover the physiological reason of the correspondence between the note and expression. The similar intervals are congenial with indifference, monotony, doubt, melaucholy and sadness; the group of moderate intervals affirms occupation, pleasure and desire, which grows more arpent as we approach the extreme intervals, and in these we look for the most intense feeling. Melancholy sentiments involving diminished vitality, we might naturally conceive them to be expressed musically by diminished intervals, the compass

SCHUBERT AND CHOPIN.

Schubert, the prince of lyrists—Chopin, the most roman tic of pinaforte writers: Schubert, rich with an inexhaust able fancy—Chopin perfect with an exquisite finish; each reaching a supreme excellence in his own department, while one narrowly escaped being greatest in all; both occupied intensely with their own meditations, and admitting into them but little of the outside world; both too indifferent to the public taste to become immediately popular, but too remarkable to remain long unknown; both exhibiting in their lives and in their music striking resemblances and still more forciable contrasts; both now so widely admired and beloved, so advanced and novel, that though they have been in their graves, Schubert since 1828, and Chopin since 1749, yet to us they seem to have died but yesterday. These men, partners in the common sufferings of genius, and together crowned with immortality in death, may well claim from us again and again the tribute of memory in their lives and of homage to their inspiration.—Haweis.

PAUL MORI.

Paul Mori, whose "Menuet" appeared in the Review, was born at Berne, Switzerland, July 26, 1862. The rudiments of music were taught him by his father at quite an early age. He pursued his studies in violin and piano playing under good teachers, besides finishing the classical course at the high school there.

He came to America when 18 years old, and located at Washington, Mo. After remaining there a short while, he moved to Quincy, Ill., where he taught music and other branches. In 1883, he came to St. Louis and taught school for four years and a-half He then began to devote his time exclusively to music, and studied harmony and counterpoint under Ernest R. Kroeger. Among his published works are a "Menuet" for piano, and a "Christmas Anthem," which was sung at St. John's



Episcopal Church. In mss. are a "Mazurka," "Waltz," "Sonatina," galop for four hands, a Christmas Cantata, for male chorus with piano and organ accompaniment; Polonaise C\$\footnote{x}\text{ minor}, 2nd Mazurka E\$\footnote{x}\text{ Andante con Variazioni, Easter Cantata (German) for mixed choir and tenor solo; Fantasie on Tyrolese and his Child, for violin and piano; and many other miscellaneous works.

Mr. Mori filled the position of organist at Eden Methodist Church one year with great satisfaction. He is now organist and musical director at St. John's Episcopal Church, and is doing very good work. He dedicated several new organs in churches here, and has played in many miscellaneous concerts with undoubted success. He is a planist of good ability and an excellent teacher.

Mr. Mori is of a retiring nature and affable manners, and is well liked by his many friends and pupils.

MUSICAL SCIENCE.

Every one who knows anything of music must realize that there are certain natural yet mysterious principles which underlie the mere practical art. These theoretical principles must some day be formed into a complete musical science. The importance of understanding this science is not fully realized; yet no one could write a poem. or even a letter without being educated; and it is just as necessary for a musician to be educated in the science of music. It is necessary not only to the composer and the professor, but to the performer, the singer the critic. With a corret knowlege of music we are enabled to paint the views of the imagination, and to portray the cmotions of both mind and heart in a language even more expressive than that of the poet.

But in order to properly express our thoughts and emotions, or understand those of others, we must first acquire a knowledge of the rules which govern and the principles which constitute the art of music. It is not sufficient to know merely the rules, we must know whence they are derived, what is their nature, how and where they are to be applied. Yet, to the present day, they remain unqualified and unexplained. From the effects and results of the innate art a deductive science has been discovered and a theory of composition promulgated. In examining this theory let us not forget its only origin. It must be traced to the cause, which is composition; and the application must be made practical. Musical science is a modern discovery; and it is very natural that some time should be required to determine and perfect it. It must wait on the inductive art; and so long as musical effects remain inexhaustible, just so long must theory play a secondary part.—Goodrich.

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MAJOR AND MINOR.

The Mendelssohn Club, of Alton, gave a concert on the 5th ult. The principal numbers were; "The Bell," sung by Mrs. Georgia Lee Cunningham, and Forest Scenes—(a) In the Forest, (b) Hunting Song, for piano—played by the composer, Mr. W. D. Armstrong.

Mr. E. B. Kreeger has recently devoted his spare time to orchestral composition. A "Suite Characteristique" and an overture to Byron's "Sardanapalus," are the two latest works from his pen. He is now hard at work upon a Concerto for piano and orchestra.

The Liebling Amateurs, of Chicago, gave their sixty eighth recital, at Mr. Liebling's studio, on the 16th ult. Among the principal numbers were: Polonaise, E major—Liszt; Alpine Storm—Kunkel; Scherzo, op. 31—Chopin; and Theme and Variations—Paderewski.

The charming and gifted pianist, Teresa Carreno, has made her third experiment in matrimony by marrying Eugene D'-Albert, the pianist. Her two previous husbands—Sauret, violinist, and Tagliapietra, bartione—are still living. She is divorced from them. Her new husband is several years her junior. As pianists, they each stand high, and it is announced that they will appear together in public. D'Albert had a wife, from whom he, too, is divorced.

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The well-known teacher and composer, was born in Mannheim, Germany, July 26, 1866. He began his studies in music at the age of five years, and displayed remarkable talent, especially in the instantaneous recognition of heard tones and in a fertile memory. At the age of seven, he took up the violin, and two years later was playing that instrument in public, having already made his appearance in piano concerts.

The interest developed by the young student in music was not in accordance with the views of his father, who was, and still is, a professor of repute in the high school there. But no persuasion could turn the youth aside from his purpose; he pushed steadily forward, and placed himself under one of the most prominent pupils of Chopin. Later on, he studied piano under Vinz. Lachner, at Karlsruhe, with whom he remained for three years, and from whom he received unstinted praise for his excellent work. He next went to the Royal Conservatory, at Stuttgart under Lebert and Stark where he displayed the same talent and progress, teaching there a year and a-half during his three years' course, which he finished at the age of sixteen. Returning home, he resumed the study of piano under Withelm Kalliwods, and distinguished himself in concerts given before the nobility.



The military laws of the country would have made a brave soldier of the young pianist at this time, if he had not acted upon his father's advice. So, in 1833, he came to America, bearing letters of introduction to Mr. Steinway of the most flattering nature. The latter was highly pleased with his playing, and advised him to go to Cleveland, where he had relatives. There he taught and played in concerts with unvarying success for two years, when he was offered a first-class position as Music Director at the Arkansas Femnle College, Little Rock, which he accepted. He spent three years there, when he was engaged by the Beethoven Conservatory of this city. After two years work there, he opened a studio of his own at the Emilie Building, Olive and 9th Streets, where he is now located.

In the midst of his labors, Mr. Hoffmann did not lose sight of composition, for his works—instrumental and vocal—are quite numerous and of a high character. His "Melody" "Aloner" "and "Witches Story" for plano are splendid examples of his happiest efforts. His "Pearl Gavotte" and "Valse D'Amour" have been played by Gilmore with the greatest success. Of his songs, "Your Pretty Eyes are Pictures on My Heart" and "Lullaby" (Cradle Song), "All for You" and "Ave Maria" are very popular. "Ave Maria," sung lately in Chicago, drew from Clarence Eddy, the organist, very decided praise.

Mr. Hoffmann is now giving most of his attention to teaching, in which he has proved himself eminently successful. He has a large class in piano, harmony and composition. He is a young man endowed with talent, energy and ambition, and proud of the endorsements of his eminent teachers, that his life has always been blameless and his character honorable.

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Technique should not seek to shine by itself, and least of all give the impression of being the performers strongest point. It is not so much a question of playing a great many notes with great velocity in a given degree of strength, as to play every note clearly and in the spirit of the composition. Technique, being mechanical rather than artistic, does not of itself make the artist, and giving evidence of perserving labor rather than of talent, ranks, mathetically speaking, lowest among pianistic attainments, although it is really the most brilliant of them and absolutely indispensable. But when technique, already faultless, is qualified by refinement and poetry in touch and taste, it ceases to be simply mechanical and becomes artistic.—Christiani.

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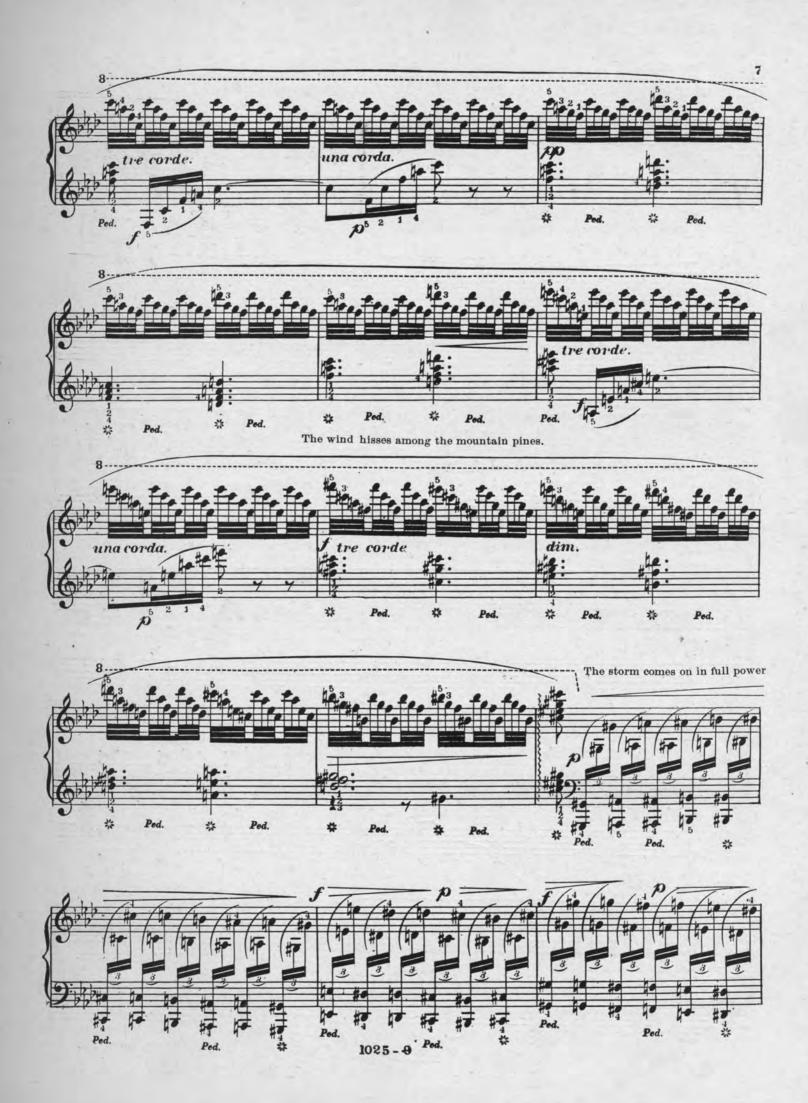
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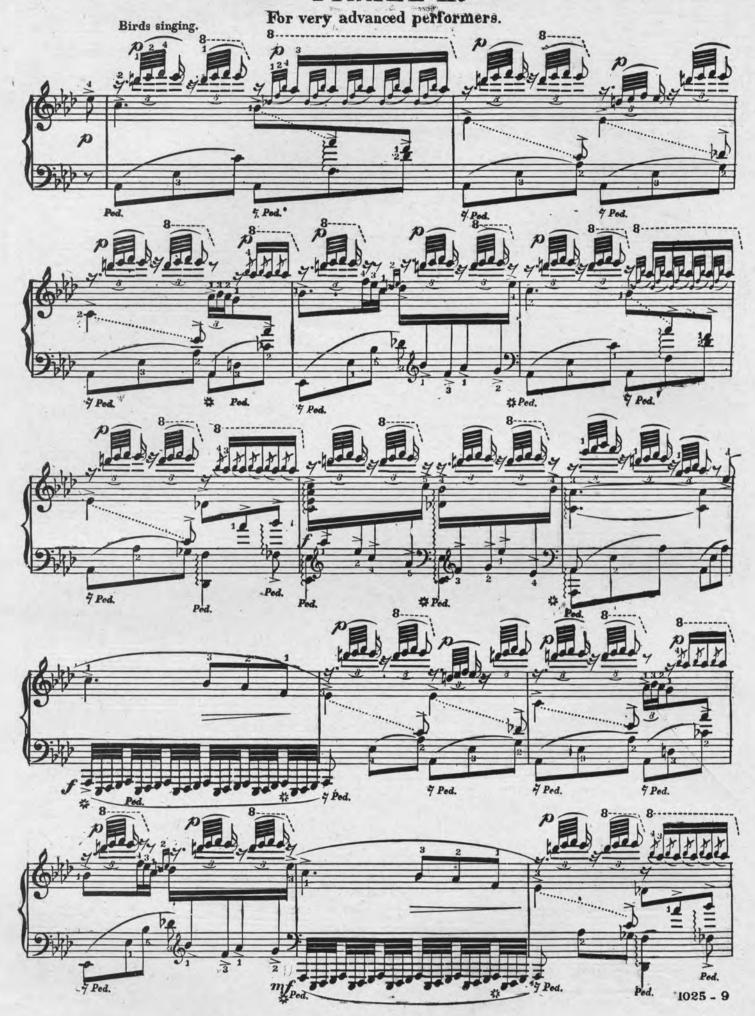




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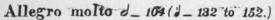
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(A) Equalization and strengthening of the fingers is the object of this excellent study. The rapidity to be acquired, must be natural and unconstrained. Slow practice at first is, therefore, indispensable: Practice with a loose wrist and raise the fingers freely from the knuckle joints.



- (B) Play these two measures with a steady, unwavering hand; in a like manner from to the end. The various tone groups must be rendered in an easy, flowing manner. This even flow of tones must be preserved also where the intervals demand an extension of the fingers or hand.
- (C) In connecting the F and the chord E and C following, be careful not to break the chord (as in arpeggio playing), but strike the notes together; this offers considerable difficulty, especially for small hands, and should not be passed over until overcome.



(A) This study for the left hand has the same aim as the preceding study for the right hand. The rules for the foregoing study are applicable to this.



(B) Be careful to give these half notes their full value: do not permit the key to rise while playing the next seven sixteenth notes.



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(A) These passages must be played uninterruptedly, and equality of touch strictly observed. Practice very slowly at first. When the study can be played perfectly in slow time, gradually increase the speed until a high degree of rapidity is attained. In practicing, never force a tone nor blurr the passages.



- (B) Evenness and equality of tone are facilitated by a correct and easy carriage of the hand.
- (C) See letter H_r page 5, treating a similar passage.



(D) Considerable difficulty arises in playing these two measures fluently and in time. Special care must be given to a smooth connection of the interval of the ninth, as indicated by these lines. The hand should be extended as shown at E. page 6, treating a parallel case.

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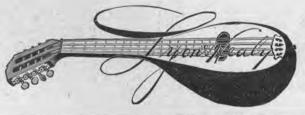
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