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I hear the old song with its tender refrain,
What passion lies hid in those honey-voiced numbers,
What perfume of youth in each exquisite strain!
HOLMES.

An old lady in Vienna ordained in her last will and testament that a Strauss waltz should be played at her funeral, for which each member of the orchestra was to receive a ducat. The heirs objected at first, on religious grounds, but the provisions of the will were distinct, and could not be violated

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A testimonial concert was given at Memorial Hall to Mrs. Kate J. Brainard, by the K. J. B. Ladles' Quartette, of which Mrs. Douglas Phillips is First Soprano, Miss Julia B. Kroeger, First Allo, Miss Minnette Slayback, Second Soprano, and Mrs. Laura Anderson. Second Alto. The quartette was assisted by Mrs. G. L. Cunningham, Soprano, Mrs. Mattie I. Hardy, Alto, Miss Alice Pettengill, Accompanist, Messrs. Chas. Kunkel and Ernest R. Kroeger, Planists, and Signor Guido Parisl, Violinist. The following programme was presented:

PART I.—1. Quartette, "Ave Maria." Abt. K. J. B. Ladles' Quartette; 2. Duo (For Two Pianos), Fantasie, "Norma," Thalberg, Messrs. Kunkel and Kroeger; 3. Soprano Solo, "Eriking." F. Schubert. Mrs. Georgia Lee Cunningham; 4 Quartette. (a) "Water Sprites," Schumann, (b)-"Barcarole," Brahms, K. J. B. Ladles' Quartette,

Part II.—1. Plano Solo Larghette from "F. Minor Concerto," Henselt, Mr. E. R. Kroeger; 2. Alto Solo, "Ah! "Tis a Dream," Hawley, Mrs. Mattie I. Hardy; 3. Violin Solo, (a) "Romanza Andaluza," (b) "Gavotte de Mignon," P. Sarasate. Signor Guido Paris!; 4. Quartette, "Old Folks at Home," Art. by Root, K. J. B. Ladlese Quartette.

Mrs. Kate J. Brainard is the director of the K. J. B. Ladles' Quartette, and the audience that greeted her, as well as the magnificent programme that honored her, are evidences of the high estimation in which Mrs. Brainard is held. All the participants in the programme were received with great warmth, and did exceptionally good work in honor of the occasion. Mrs. Brainard was the recipient of large floral offerings and bouquets. The presentation address was made by Mr. Bernie J. Smith.

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The dedication of the Upchurch Monument took place at Grand Music Hall on the 11th ult.

The following programme was rendered: 1. Invocation, Rev. John Snyder. 2. Piano Solo, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," Rive-King, Grand Paraphrase de Concert, Mr. Charles Kunkel. 3. Address of Welcome, W. H. Miller, Grand Master Workman. 4. Bass Solo, "O. Lord God," "Tito Mattet, Mr. W. H. Porteous. 5. Address—Dedication, Rev. J. A. Brooks, Past Supreme Master Workman. 6. Soprano Solo, "Faith, Hope and Love," Mrs. Mayo-Rhodes, words by I. D. Foulon, music by Charles Kunkel. (Especially composed for this occasion, and dedicated to the memory of Father Upchurch.) 7. Violin Solo, (a) Larghetto, Nardini; (b) Cradle Song, Hauser, Miss Agnes Gray. 8. Address, W. R. Graham, Supreme Master Workman. 9. Grand Duo, Mrs. Mayo-Rhodes and W. M. Porteons. 10. Address, W. H. Barnes, Past Grand Master Workman. 11. Soprano Solo, "Come Unto Me," Goenen, Mrs. Mayo-Rhodes. 12. Benediction, Rev. Henry Tudor. The beautiful arrangement of "Nearer, my God, to Thee," by Rive-King, was most suitable for the occasion, and proved a most effective composition.

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ORCHESTRAS.

The Germans have carefully studied the matter of the size of orchestras, and have settled this fact definitely—an orchestra should consist of from 90 to 120 men, and should be heard in a small hall. Wagner with his orchestra of 16 (average) in the small auditorium of the Bayreuth Theatre, the Gewandhaus Orchestra of about a hundred, in a medium-sized concert room, have proved this incontestibly. Unfortunately, there are many in America who do not understand this mat-

ter. The larger the band, the better the music, is a firmly rooted conviction with many. If Theodore Thomas were to give two concerts, one with the best orchestra of 80, the other with a monster (how well the name fits!) orchestra of 800, the people would reason that 800 is ten times 80, and would imagine that the second concert would therefore be ten times better. There are more important details of orchestral work than mere volume of tone; shading, unity, ensemble, these make the work, and the larger the orchestra the less are these attained. In scriptural times, they had enormous concourses of musicians in the Temple of Jerusalem, but at that time they were bidden to "play skillfully and with a loud noise." The moderns have not all passed beyond being delighted with "a loud noise!"

CITY NOTES.

Lottie Gerak is married.

The Epstein Brothers will take in Detroit.

C. H. Galloway will take a trip to New York.

R. Poppen's Opera will be presented at Uhrig's Cave.

Paul Mori and family will spend the summer in Kentucky.

M. I. Epstein is one of the Vice-Presidents of the M. T. N. A.

 $\mathbf{Miss}\ \mathbf{L}.\ \mathbf{F}.\ \mathbf{Miner}$ will spend a few months at Manitou Springs, Col.

E. R. Kroeger's Quintette in F Sharp Minor is on the programme for Detroit.

August Meyer, the teacher of zither, has removed from 1220 Park Ave. to 1014 Morrison Ave.

Wm. Armstrong, of Alton, takes his annual run to see the sights and hear American compositions.

The dedication of the Upchurch Monument took place at Grand Music Hall, Exposition Building, on the 11th ult.

C. I Wynne, of C. I. Wynne & Co., has lost his most es-eemed mother, who died in the East at an advanced age.

August Halter has charge of the Second Baptist Church choir during the absence of Mr. Porteous. Mr. Porteous left for Europe.

C. H. Johnson, organist of the Pilgrim Church, is one of the best paid organists in the city. He has been very success-ful as organist and teacher.

J. Moerschel, a very promising pupil of George Enzinger, played the "Moonlight Sonata." Beethoven, at the graduating exercises of the St. Louis High School.

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C. Philip Boeshenz, of 1100 N. Leonard Ave., will give a summer course of organ and plano instruction on very rea-sonable terms. Mr. Borshenz has a double banked pedal or-gan at Mahler's Hall, 3445 Olive Street, for the advantage of his pupils.

Geo. Jarvis, organist of St. Peter's Church, has written a very fine anthem, "The Fount of Life Eternal," It contains solos and duet for soprano and alto, or tenor and bass with chorus. Mr. Jarvis has written some very commendable works. His "Fount of Life Eternal" promises a wide sale. It is published by C. I. Wynne & Co.

Mrs. F. W. Humphrey gave a musicale, in honor of Mr. Humphrey's father and mother, who are here on a visit from Boston. The residence and gardens were beautifully illuminated for the occasion. Among those who made the evening a pleasant one, were Mrs. Mayo-Rhodes, Mrs. Hardey, the Epstein Brothers, Messrs. McCreery, Aliman, Walker and Groffman, of the Hatton Glee Club, O. Bollman, Mrs. G. Wiseman, Chas. Humphrey, Misses Laura and Aggie Cowen, Mrs. E. Karst and Mr. Porteous. The hospitality of Mrs Humphrey left nothing wanting for the enjoyment of the numerous guests.

guests.

The following programme was given at the reopening of Salem M. E. Church, on the 22nd ult., under direction of Geo. Enzinger: Morning Service—1. Prelude Canzonetta di Salvator Rosa, Liszt. 2. Magnificat in G. Gilchrist. 3. I waited for the Lord, from Hymn of Praise, Mendelssohn. 4. Rock of Ages, Quartette, Dudley Buck. 5. Praised be Jehovah, Dudley Buck. 6. Postiude, Hallelujah Chorns, Handel. Evening Service—1. Prelude, Allegretto Gayoso, Tours. 2. Like as a Father, Hatton. 3. Just as I am, Trio, Leslie. 4. Nearer, my God, to Thee, Soprano Solo, Holden. 5. Lead, Kindly Night, Male Quartette Dudley Buck. 6. Postude, Festival March, Ashmall. The regular choir was assisted by the Olympia Male Quartette, consisting of Messrs. C. A. Metcalf, G. H. Bahrenburg, G. A. Kissel and H. F. Niedringhaus.

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litical and social, there were hundreds. Most of the boxes were occupied by society people, and all the well-known menabout-town were to be seen on the floor. Mr. Strauss made a favorable impression upon the New Yorkers.

Rubinstein's dramatic Oratorio, or "Geistliche Oper,"
"Paradise Lost," was performed last month by the Oratorio
Society of Munich, but failed to meet with the appreciation of
the audience.

The ceremony of unveiling the statue erected to Carl Maria von Weber, at his native town of Eutin, is took place on July 1. It included the performance of some of the more important choral compositions of the master, and a large concourse of artists and amateurs visited the picturesque little town of Holstein on the occasion.

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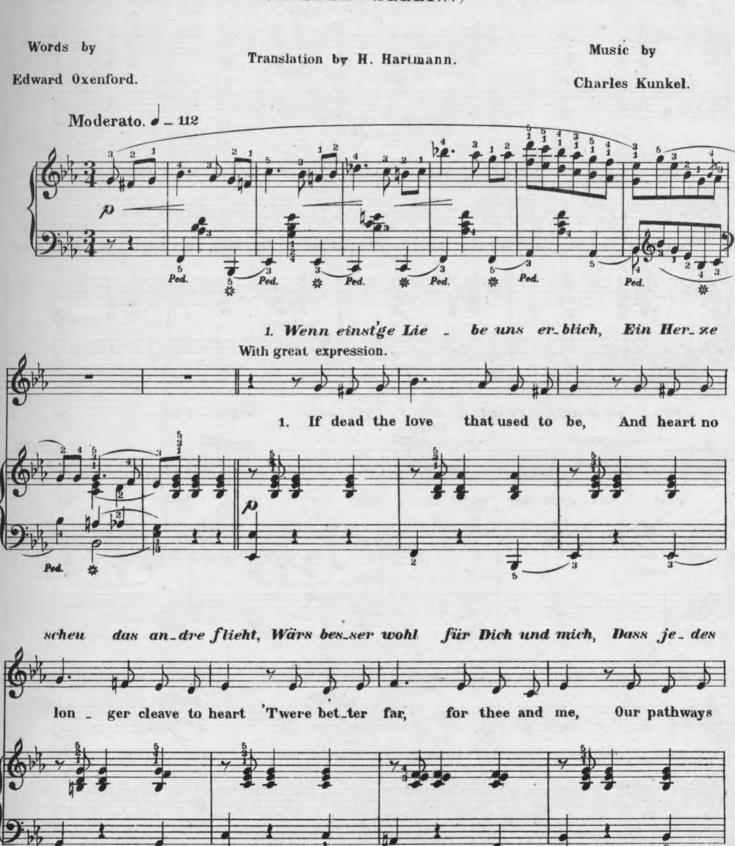






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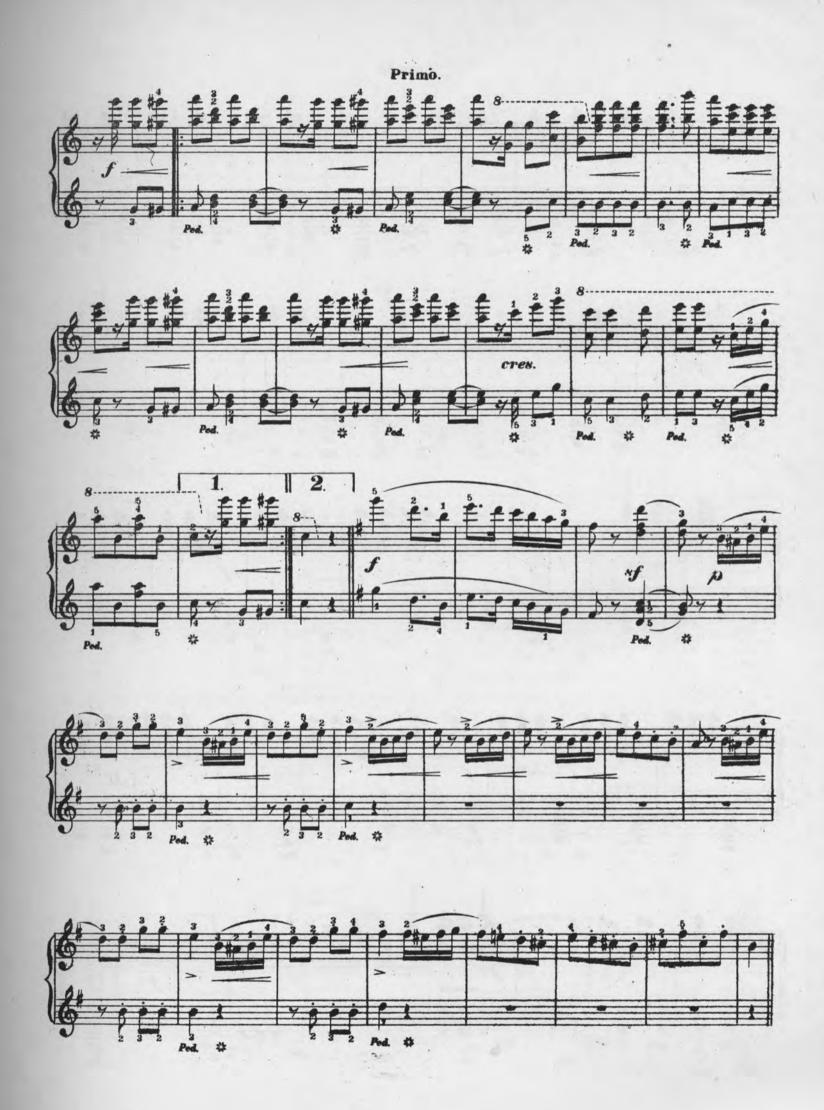
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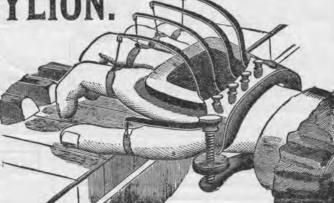
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