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284th Kunkel Concert (Eighteenth Concert of the season), Wednesday Evening, April 3rd, 1901.1. Sonate for Piano and Violin (Kreutzer), Op. 47, Beethoven; a. Andante con Variazoni; b. Finale Presto. Signor Guido Parisi and Mr. Charles Kunkel. 2. Song-Indian Bell Song from Lakme, Delibes. Miss Mae Estelle Acton. 3. Piano Duetsa. Trust in God (Religious Meditation), Melnotte; b. Philomel Polka, Kunkel. Messrs. Charles Kunkel and Charles Jacob Kunkel. 4. Violin SoloRhapsodie Hongroise, Hauser. Signor Guido Parisi. 5. Piano Solos-a. La Fileuse (Spinning Song), Raff; b. Old Folks at Home-Concert Paraphrase, Kunkel. Mr. Charles J. Kunkel. 6. Violin Solo-Mignon Fantasie de Concert, Thomas-Sarasate. Signor Guido Parisi. 7. Song-Solo and Duet from II Trovatore, Verdi. Miss Mae Estelle Acton and Dr. Wallace Harker. 8. Grand Duet for Piano and Violin-2nd Rhapsodie Hongroise, Liszt. Signor Guido Parisi and Mr. Charles Kunkel.
285th Kunkel Concert (Nineteenth Concert of the season), Wednesday Evening, April 10th, 1901.1. Piano Solos-a. Andante con Variazoni in $\mathbf{F}$ minor, Haydn; b. Abegg-Variations, Schumann. Mr. Charles Kunkel. 2. Violin Solos-a. Serenade, Schubert; b. Mazurka de Concert, Musin. Mr.

Jacob Blumberg, pupil of Mr. Victor Lichtenstein. 3. Song-Nymphs et Fauns (Concert Waltz), Bemberg. Miss Mary E. Dierkes, pupil of Mr. Harry I. Fellows. 4. Piano Solos-a. Spring Waltz-Op. 70, No. 1; b. Nocturne in F Minor-Op. 55, No. 1; c. Summer Waltz-Op. 70, No. 2; d. NocturneUnder Thy Window-Op. 9, No. 2; e. Autumn Waltz, Chopin. Mr. Charles Kunkel. 5. Violin Solo-Hungarian Rhapsody, Hauser. Mr. Jacob Blumberg. 6. Songs-a. Who'll buy my Lavender, German; b. Harvest Slumber Songs, Needham; c. A Madrigal, Harris. Miss Mary E. Dierkes. 7. Piano Duet-H. M. S. Pinafore, Fantasia, Sulli-van-Paul. Messrs. Charles Kunkel and Charles Jacob Kunkel.
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Sir John Stainer, Vice-President of the Royal College of Organists, formerly professor of music at Oxford University, organist at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and the author of numerous publications on church music, died at Verona, Italy. He was born in 1840. Stainer was the composer of "The Crucifixion' and of other church music. He also published a number of educational works on harmony, composition, organ playing and similar subjects.

Paderewski has suffered the loss of his only son, who was an invalid from birth. The great Polish pianist mourns his loss bitterly, and will go into retirement for a year.

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## HE GREATEST LIVING.

We are brought face to face with the fact that the day of the greatest living artist has passed away and it causes us to wonder whether this really is the condition or whether the past was no more fortunate than the present, and that all we have to judge from are the criticisms, the on dits, the traditions of this one or that one, passed down to the present generation. When it is all said and done, writes the Music Trade Review, what is history except the record of people who may have been actuated by prejudices, financial considerations, disappointments, bitterness, and the same qualities or faults which are those of the critics of the dav.
History of the past can not be very different from criticism of the present which resolves itself into the fact that it is only a matter of opinion, and what we see as fact is simply fact because there is no one to deny it. The massive works left behind prove the musicianship of their creators, but what the virtuosity of those writers may have been we have no way of knowing any more than the reader of to-day could tell if he were not capable of judging for himself what is the true condition of things. More is exacted of an artist to-day than formerly. This is due, no doubt, to the wider education of the people, or rather to a more disseminated appreciation of music.
It must not be believed, however, that this appreciation is the appreciation of thorough musicians who understand what to expect and how to hear. It is altogether the contrary, for the expression of opinions proves in most cases the shallowness of the hearers. But it is a fact that more people are interested in music than formerly, because music has become a part of the most ordinary education, and it is appreciated much in the same way as is literature which has a thousand admirers of Marie Corelli to one of Homer or Shakespeare.
In order to fill the requirements demanded by the public at present, an artist must be a fad or he must be super-human. If he have a most colossal technic then will he be abused because he has too much technic and no soul, delicacy and poetry. If he has enormous intellectuality, he will be dubbed dry and pedagogic. If New York critics agree in his praise (which could not occur, as no two criticisms ever show that they were written at the same occasion), then Boston hastes to denounce him; if Boston calls him an artist,

New York immediately represents he is an impostor.

In the face of such conditions who is there to-day whose word could go down as history? Who could rely upon anything? No one, for there is nothing upon which to rely. On the one side there are nauseating praises, praises which could not be realized and which everybody knows on the face of them represent money or personal interest; on the other hand there is such abuse that any one with sane judgment knows that if an artist were really so deficient he would never attempt to appear nor could a manager attempt to exploit him.
If history which is being created to-day is so absolutely unreliable and untruthful, why
should we believe that the same conditions did not exist in the past? Therefore down with history; there is none. There is nothing but the expression of this one or that one's opinion and no one's opinion is to be relied upon, for there is no telling upon what it is based and may be the result of anything from a champagne supper to a disordered liver.
In all lines of business there is protection, but not for the artist; he is the football of whoever is able to secure a pen and a piece of paper. His reputation is his stock in trade, not his actual worth, unfortunately, and that reputation is up to receive mud from any one who wishes to sling it. There is no more unfortunate calling than that of the artist. He lives to endure the slurs of all who wish M any a woman is so exquisitely organized that the strains of music cause her to forget to eat or drink until reminded of the necessity by physical exhaustion, but the Nineteenth Century Woman never forgets to be daintily clothed, and she knows too that the place of all others to buy exactly what she wants at just the price she can afford to pay, is

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Edward McDowell is the only American composer whose works have received general recognition in Germany, says the New York Post. England, too, is now paying attention
to his compositions. He has been invited to play a concerto and conduct an orchestral work of his own at a Philharmonic concert in London. He has also been asked if he would be willing to write a choral work for one of the English festivals, to fill up half a programme.

Rubinstein claimed that Mozart's orchestration of his concertos indicated that he played on an instrument similar to our modern piano, and not a harpsichord. A Viennese antiquary who has had access to old papers says that in the list of things left by Mozart at his death there is a "fortepiano."

Franz Ondricek, the Austrian violinist, who made a tour in America, appeared in concert in Brussels with Van Dooren. Ondricek, who is violinist to the King of Austria, had an ovation.

The municipal authorities of Berlin have decided to contribute $\$ 3000$ toward the $\$ 20$,000 required for the erection of the triple monument to Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven in the Thiergarten.

Victor Maurel has made his debut as an actor in Paris at the Theatre des Capucines in a three-act comedy by Francois de Croisset.

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