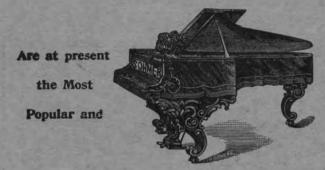


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USIC AND ITS MISSION. "Music, in its very nature, is the heritage of all humanity, and in some form, lower or higher, we find it in the social activities of all people, even the most savage. It is in its essence an abstract art compared with the tangible surroundings of man. Unlike all other manifestations of art, it is not a symbol or a representation of material things, which in the loftiest moments can only suggest the abstract; nor is it an expression of concrete ideas in the sense of poetry's expression. It is a positive, self-existing agency of the spirit, representing material ideas only in a reflective, abstract way, or indirectly by the aid of association with other matter," said Prof. Arthur Louis Russell in a recent lecture.

As a concrete expression, music is capable of only one quality, intensity, and through this element it finds its great emotional character. In this abstract quality of music it finds its greatest force as a sociological factor, for society is held together in sympathy more by abstract ideas than by concrete details. Men live for the love within the principle rather than for the principle.

Perhaps it is because music does not dogmatize that it is so universally loved. A pictured saint may offend the sensibility of a critical observer, because of its concrete expression, in which he find no correspondence with his own ideal, and at its best a sculptured Orpheus will not arouse much emotion; but we are melted by a melody which breathes a prayer before the saintly face, or which reflects the anguish of the mythical singer upon the loss of his Eurydice. Crowds will gather and remain where the strains of music may reach them, and a public

concert will attract thousands where the display of sculpture or painting will draw but few.

Music is the most sociological of the arts, because it lends itself so readily to our spirits in any mood.

Every general knows how inspiring is music to his marching army. Luther realized the drawing force of music in which all could join, and he with his stately chorals, sang the Reformation into the hearts of all Germany. The schools drill the scholars in gymnastics and marching, alongside rhthymic strains. The churches all call in the aid of music not only to attract the congregation, but as a real service glorifying the Creator. Which other of the arts has grown to be so active in society?

I submit to you this thought: Music as it is at present considered in society is in no adequate sense fulfilling its purpose in the world. For you and me there comes a question of deep import: Is music receiving proper consideration as a sociological force? Are we awake to an appreciation of the utility of the beautiful as shown in this art? Look at the practical side of it; consider the amount of money spent annually for this, shall I say amusement? Do we seek this art rightly? Are we receiving its full benediction? These questions appear to me pertinent.

I believe that the great mass of cultured men look upon music as a toy, or at least a mere source of amusement. If this be all one can find in music, it is a costly thing, not in any sense paying for the investment. The business man pays large sums for pianos and piano instruction in his household, but he seldom realizes the benefit he should, because he asks for cheap results instead of the best possible. The demand in the home today is not for the best in music, but I regret to say, the worst, the so-called popular song.

In our public schools there is constantly going on a contest, incited by the book publishers, as to the best method of teaching do-re-mi, and while this is going on, the school children are losing their sweetest privilege, the refining influences of music as a beautiful thing, to be expressed in a beautiful way. If we taught the children melodies associated th the text of the purest theme and expression we would be doing a lasting beneficence in the community. This offers less chance for the politician but it will make far better citizens in the coming years. Teachers should have musical voices, and children should be taught to speak musically.

"When business men call upon music to aid them in their efforts to amuse the poor during the nights of the heated term, they usually miss the best of the opportunity, for, instead of music, beautiful and elevating, the programs are made up of the most vulgar of tunes, and, as if to flaunt the inappropriateness more boldly, the newspapers or enterprising advertisers print the programs with the subjects of horrible songs to be played. The excuse for this is that the people want the popular things. If these popular concerts for the poor are to be a benefit to the listener, those in charge should see to it that good music, cleansed from vulgar associations, be played, so that it shall become popular.

Look at the churches which spend so much for music. In the Catholic church, that sublime recital of faith and of the life and death of Jesus is often set to tones only fit for the dance room. In the Protestant church the Sunday-schools, which should train their scholars in dignified song, with religious spirit, feeds the youthful mind with sentimental lyrics set to trashy, musical commonplaces; polkas and waltzes in disguise. The revival services call for the cheapest

"Look at the public schools. Ask your child at home to sing you a song. Will she sing you a fragrant flower of music, such as should have been learned in school? No! she will pick up a coon song from the piano, the only thing she knows in song. And, gentlemen, I believe you are pleased with it. Is not this a shame?

'If music be but a toy, cast it out of the church and the school. Put it in the nursery, the dance hall, or on the park platforms alongside Punch and Judy shows. But if this sublime heritage of man be what so many of us think of it, let us see to it that, though we find it a thing of play in certain moments, we recognize, in so great a thing, something to be held in deep reverence, as we search for its full meaning.'

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NTERVIEWS generally take a long time. I had only fifteen minutes. The time was 4 p.m., and the place Manchester, says C. Fred Kenyon in an exchange. My train to Derbyshire went at 4:20, so when Miss Powell met me at the foot of the stairs of the Oueen's Hotel, there was really no time to be polite. Besides, she didn't expect it.

"I know you're in a hurry," she said, "so don't bother to talk about the weather. Come to the corner here-there's everything you want: pen, ink and paper. You don't take notes? What a relief! You don't know the hot feeling that comes over me when a man plumps himself down in a chair, pulls out a notebook and pencil, and asks you when you were born. It's the most dreadful thing in the world that can possibly happen to anyone. But interviewers are privileged beings. They are allowed to say anything, and we, their poor unprotected victims, have to submit with a smile.

"Yes-I myself should like to say something about music; it's a matter I feel very strongly about. The certainty of achieving fame which most musical students possess is not only pitiable, it is pitiful. When I see a young girl striding along with a violin-case in one hand and a roll of music in the other, my heart aches for the sorrow and disappointment she will have to go through. Concert playing is no career for anyone, unless he have powers absolutely above the average. And even then, it is one of the most disheartening professions a girl can possibly enter. A man like Kubelik can get as many engagements as he wants, but Kubelik is a technical giant, and I am not speaking of giants. I am speaking

about the ordinary run of violinists, pianists and vocalists, of whom there are scores. An artist has to seek engagements; they rarely come to him. He has to obtain letters of introduction to managers, he has to introduce himself sometimes, and if he gets terribly snubbed, well, it's all in the day's work, and he has to put up with it. People say 'there's always room at the top.' So there is, but how many strugglers ever get there? Not one out of every five hundred. A man or woman may become fashionable, but who understands fashion and who is able to fathom its strange eccentricities? I know very well that it is extremely unpopular for a successful artist to talk in this way; he is generally accused of being anxious to avoid future competition by discouraging young aspirants; but, believe me, I speak right from my heart when I give Punch's advice to those about to marry-'Don't!' it doesn't pay; and not only that, it is the most heart-rending profession in the world. Take my own case, for instance, I am no longer in the first flush of youth-in fact, I've been before the public a fair number of years, but I haven't saved a cent! I simply can't. Artists are supposed to dress well, both on and off the concert platform; they are supposed to stay at the best hotels when traveling; and they are supposed to keep up appearances in a thousand and one little ways which I needn't trouble to explain. Added to all this, an artist is really only a child-he doesn't understand the value of money be-. cause he receives it in fairly large sums after half-an-hour's work, and he spends it as quickly as he gets it. Not one artist out of twenty is a good business man; it isn't natural that he should be. The artistic temperament is all against it. The artist's life is a

hand-to-mouth existence; anything between 200 and 20,000 pounds a year may be made from it, but the prizes are few and far between. And of late years another difficulty has sprung up. It is not only extremely hard to obtain engagements, but at certain concerts one is expected to pay for one's appearance, and (mirabile dictu!) there are actually a large number of men and women who are willing to do this. The ambitious sons of wealthy bankers gain an entrance to certain concerts merely by the length of their purse. Of talent they have little, of money they have a great deal-so that is how the trick is done. They put a premium on mediocrity, and concert managers begin to expect really able artists to sacrifice sums of money just for the sake of appearing once or twice at their concerts. I am glad to say I have never paid a cent for any one of my appearances; I would rather starve than encourage a system which is ruining the prospects of so many talented men and women.'

Here Miss Powell would have sighed if she had been that kind of person; but instead of sighing she spoke in a high passionate voice, and looked as if she would like to emphasize her remarks by vigorous thumps on the table. . . We both looked at the clock simultaneously; there were three minutes

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History shows that just as new communities gradually take their social tone from older, wealthier and more cultured centers of population, so, too, popular music ever tends to assimilate elements from those types of music which in the evolution of art have become established as highest and best.

For these, and other reasons, it appears that while the distinction between popular and classic music will always continue to exist as long as differences in point of individual and local culture remain, nevertheless the relations between the two types of music will necessarily be closer in the twentieth century than ever before.

Both "popular" and "classic" music, so called, may be either good or bad. Confining our attention to what is good, we may understand by popular music that which is simpler, both in form and contents, and hence less artistic; while by classic music we may understand all music of subtler meaning and more developed form, and therefore more artistic in construction.

The material at the disposal of the composer of music is melody, harmony, rhythm, and tone-color, or the different quality which given tone receives when produced by the different species of the human voice, or by different kinds of musical instruments.

A simple melody, air or tune, with a very limited harmonic vocabulary and still further fewer rhythms, may suffice to constitute a good piece of popular music. The master-pieces of the greatest musical composers, from Bach to Wagner, are full of such short pieces

of popular music. As in poetry, so in musicthere is no such thing as a long poem or a long piece of music. All large poems or musical works are composite. That is to say, their component parts consist of a number of short poems or "pieces," each of which is separately "posed" so as to produce the desired effect, and all "composed" or strung together, on the thread of a story, a plot or a scheme of form and development. The popular composer in music is content with posing single tones in relation to a background of simple harmony, all of which he composes to the form of a more or less simple melody. The composer of classic music repeats the same process with each melody or shorter theme, but furthermore proceeds to compose a number of such isolated melodies into co-ordinate groups, known as larger musical forms, supplying such connecting links as may be required to bring the separate melodies into some sort of coherent and intelligent succession. Thus, in the aria of the Italian opera, there is always a melody which may be designated A, followed by another melody B, after which, with a more or less literal repetition of melody A, the form is complete. In the rondo form the first melody, A, may recur any number of times from five to the limit of human endurance, with different contrasting melodies between its repetition-thus, A, B, A, C, A. D., etc.

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After this brief survey of the outlines of musical construction, the relations of popular music to classic, and of both kinds of music to listeners in general, become obvious.

A concert is like an exhibition of cut flowers, in which the only relations between what is presented are those of more or less judicious and effective contrast. An Italian opera, or a light operetta, is a sort of concert, in which the semblance is introduced by the element of dramatic continuity. In a symphony, a sonata, a fugue and a Wagner music drama, the separate melodies are interrelated like flowers in a horticultural garden, where all are rooted in a common soil, and where every flower appears as a part of a plant of which it is the most beautiful and important part, the flowers of a plant being at once the culmination of its vital forces and the source of further growths.

To persons at a certain stage of musical culture and receptivity, the musical cut flowers of the concert, the "opera," the "operetta," and the popular air, yield more pleasure than the development music of Bach, Beethoven or Wagner; just as to many lovers of poetry Dodd's "Beauties of Shakespeare" afford more pleasure than the plays whence they are taken.

All knowledge, however—musical knowledge not excepted—is a knowledge of relations, simply because the universe itself is a complexity of inter-related co-exigencies. In the absence of the requisite amount of musical culture, the mental effort involved in grasping the relations of the different parts of a work of musical art is so great as to be destructive to all direct and immediate pleasure in the music itself. Hence, to the musically uncultured all artistic music is artificial in the bad sense of the word. Thus the relations between popular and classic music depend largely upon popular musical culture.

Finally, two facts stand out with great clearness before the minds of all who are conversant with what is going on in American musical life: First, Americans are a highly musical people, and, second, as in respect to other factors of civilization, so in regard to music. Americans will never be satisfied with less than the best that the world affords, and nothing will divert them from the search for and the assiduous cultivation of the best.

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