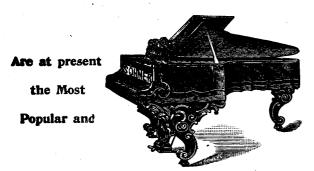


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**♦**HE NEXT STAGE IN MUSICAL EVOLUTION. In forecasting the character and direction of the "music of the future," leading critics and conductors admit that the persistent influence of Wagner will for some time prevent the development of a new form or tendency, but take for granted that some change is highly probable. Wagner's triumph all along the line has lasted since the late seventies, and the world is believed to be ready for another great stride in advance. But what elements will the new school bring to the art of musical expression? Mr. Emil Paur, the eminent New York conductor, believes that the Russian composers will hold the stage in the early years of this century, displacing the Germans just as the latter had displaced the Italians. But the Russian writers on music do not seem to have formed similar expectations. They claim power and originality and expressiveness for their composers, but nothing is said about the prospects of a new world-school being started by them. In point of fact, one of the best equipped critics, M. Ivanov, in reviewing the musical progress of the nineteenth century and comparing it with the history of music in the preceding century, formulates a theory of "cyclical" change and predicts a reversion to simplicity, "pure music" and melody. He begins by thus describing the past century's predominant note in opera:

"It may be affirmed that the fundamental idea in the musical art of the nineteenth century was realism, or, more correctly, 'veritism,' the aim to be truthful and sincere in sound. From Weber, the follower and successor of Mozart and Beethoven, through

Meyerbeer, Wagner, Glinka, Rubinstein, etc., we hear constantly the appeal to 'truth' in music. Of course, each had a somewhat distinct conception of truth, dependent upon his individual artistic nature; but the demand for it was all-important. Wagner and his adherents consured Meyerbeer for alleged concessions to the mob, but the latter's greater works, in their time, in the thirties, fully expressed that truth which the most intelligent section of European society was capable of receiving."

"Les Huguenots" and other historicosocial operas enjoyed a universal and genuine success because of their true dramatic situations, their significance, and relative depth. They were original, progressive for their time; but Meyerbeer degenerated under Parisian influances and lapsed from truth. The scepter then passed to Wagner, who once more raised the standard "veritism" and sincerity. But already there are critics even in Germany who charge him with inconsistencies, with compromise, and who believe that the principle of truth demands less "romanticism" and lyricism than Wagner put into his music dramas. In Russia certain veritists who out-Wagnered Wagner appeared, but they had a brief vogue and are already forgotten. M. Ivanov continues.

'Side by side with the school of veritism and the music drama throughout the whole century there has existed another school which has cared very little for truth and put external beauty above all else. This school, Italian, had at the beginning of the century Rossini for its chief exponent or exemplar. So powerful and numerous was it at one time that its supremacy seemed assured. But it has not held its own, and its last giant, Verdi, deserted its principles and late in life wrote operas radically different from his earlier ones. Now the Italian composers have wholly walked over into the opposite camp of the veritists and, for the sake of truth, are ready to prepetrate all sorts of folly."

This struggle was not the first of its kind in the history of music. It had its exact counterpart in the struggle in the eighteenth century between the realists and the romanticists or worshipers of beauty. Gluck, when fifty-four years of age, assumed the role of reformer and declared war on the Italian school of melodies and tuneful opera. At the head of the latter was Piccini, and he had many gifted followers and coworkers who wrote melody for melody's sake.

HORAL SOCIETY.

SIX SUBSCRIPTION AND TEN PUBLIC CONCERTS PLANNED FOR NEXT SEASON.

At a meeting of the Board of Management of the Choral - Symphony Society at the Odeon, Mrs. John T. Davis was elected chairman, and plans outlined for the coming year.

Seven committees were named to have charge of the various departments of the work, which it is said will be pushed with vigor. The chairmen of these committees, when elected, will constitute the Executive Committee of the society. Mr. Isaac T. Hedges, it is understood, has been asked to serve as chairman of the Executive Committee, and has signified his willingness to do so.

More than one-half of the members of the board were in attendance, making a total of about twenty-five present. George D. Markham, retiring chairman of the board, presided over the meeting. It was said by several members of the society, subsequent to the meeting, that the organization was now on a sound financial footing and able to confidently face the future. The membership of the committees as named includes many of the former supporters of the society with an infusion of much new interest.

The various committees are that on Soloists, the Hall Committee, the Press and Publicity Committee, the Orchestra Committee, the Chorus Committees, the Programme Book Committee and the Finance Committee. Each committee has six members.

It is intended to give next season six subscription concerts, and ten public concerts. At the latter local soloists will be the feature, and at the subscription concerts it is promised to have the best musical attractions from every part of the country. It is planned to secure Mme. Nordica for one of these concerts, and it is decided that all the artists shall be of a like high standard.

Do not waste too much time on finger exercises. In the long run they will impair the musical nature of the student. You can employ your time much better by selecting technically difficult passages from good compositions and by practicing them like etudes, at the same time studying another new piece. The metronome should only be used from time to time to ascertain one's ability to keep strict time in playing, but not to practice with.

London and scored a tremendous success. He was re-engaged with the Philharmonic is another pianist who has recently made a there and was engaged at once for a large great success there. Risler is an Alsacian number of recitals in London.

IT is stated that Edward A. McDowell will not be at his post in the Columbia College next season as it is his intention to make a concert tour as far as the west. He should be a drawing card.

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FRITZ KREISLER played with Nikisch in Risler and Sigimund Stojowski. Both have recently been playing in Paris. Francis Plante and Stojowski a countryman and pupil of Paderewski

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He knows nothing of the desires or longings that others feel.

He cares not for squalid money, nor for position, nor for unfriendly criticism, nor for a high position in life.

If critics condemn him, it matters not when

his own heart and conscience tell him that he has been true to his ideals.

If he ever falls through the temptation of caring more for money than for his art, to think more of his individual wants, to lower himself or give up his independence to cater to bad public tastes, his punishment will swiftly follow, for the goddess of art is very exacting and wants all or nothing, and dissatisfaction, self-despise and regret will torture him.

I do not pretend to say that he does not feel gratified if he is appreciated and understood. He would not be human if he did not; but he must first of all satisfy the high standard of his own criticism, more severe than all others.

USIC AT THE CORONATION. According to the present plans of Sir Frederick Bridge, organist of Westminster Abbey and director of the music at the coronation of King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra, there are to be nearly four hundred singers in the choir at the coronation ceremonies and between seventy and eighty instrumentalists. The nucleus of the choir will naturally be the Westminster Abbey singers, who will be reinforced by the choirs of St. Paul's Cathedral, the Chapel Royal, St. George's Chapel (Windsor), and drafts from the choirs of the Temple Church, Rochester Cathedral and other sources. It is likely that Ben Davies and Andrew Black, who are just returned home from their American engagements, will lend their services as members of the choir,

which will be accommodated in galleries flanking the organ. The orchestra will be made up of musicians from the King's Private Band, the orchestra of the Royal Choral Society and the Kneller Hall School of Military Music. There will be a larger choir and a smaller band than at Queen Victoria's coronation, when the instrumentalists numbered 117 and the singers 288.

MANY engagements have been made for the American concert season of 1903. Henry Wolfsohn, who is now in London, has arranged with, among others, Anton Van Rooy, now at Covent Garden; the English contralto, Mme. Kirkby Lunn, also at same place; Maud MacCarthy, the Irish violinist; Elsa Berger, the Cellist, and Josef Hofmann, the pianist, who will go on a short tour Jan. 1.

Aunt-Tommy, why do you keep bothering little Mabel when I play the piano? She always screams so that that I have to stop.

Tommy-Yes, I know. Pa gives me a nickel to bring her.

It is announced that the "House of Rest for Musicians" at Milan, which is to perpetuate the memory of Verdi, is approaching completion. The structure is finished, and the work of decorating and furnishing has now been taken in hand. The Crypt where the remains of the master will lie, is to be richly adorned with mosaics. These are being designed by the Italian artist, Lodovico Pogliaghi. It is expected that the memorial will be completed before the end of the present

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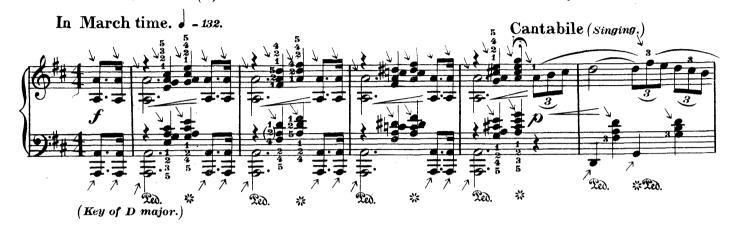


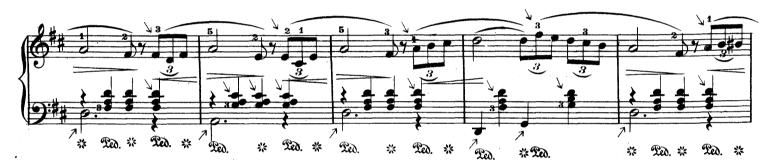
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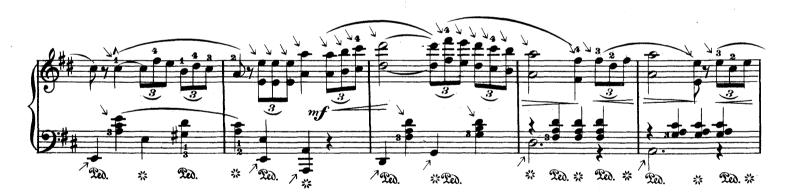
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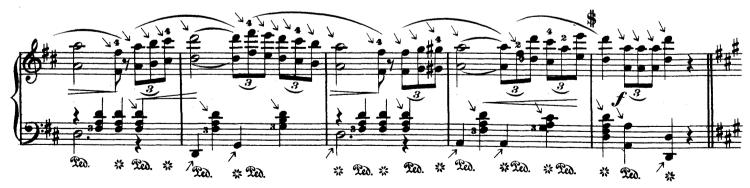
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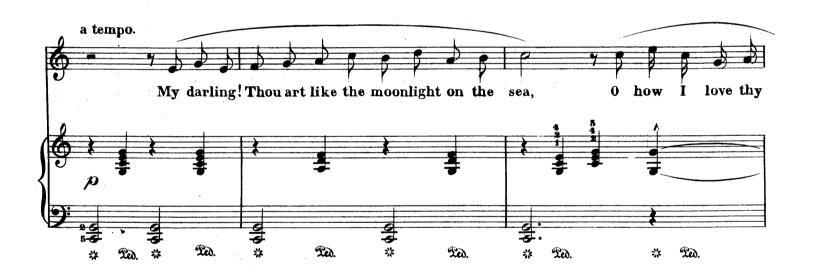


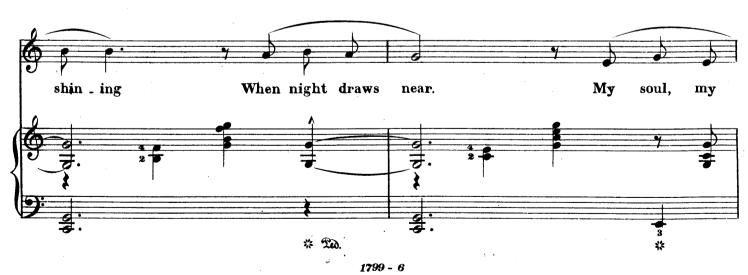


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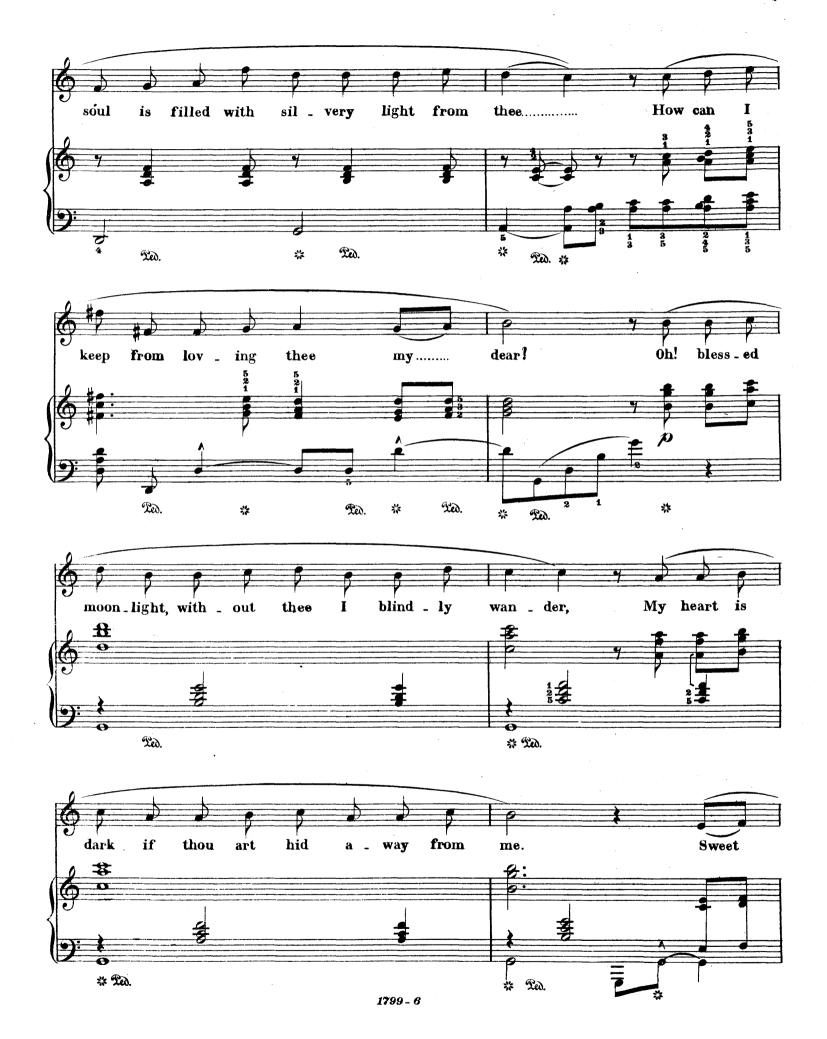
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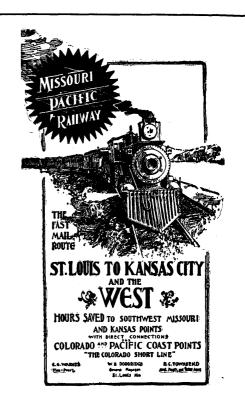
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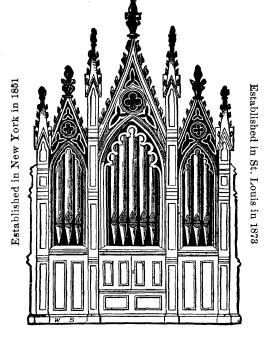
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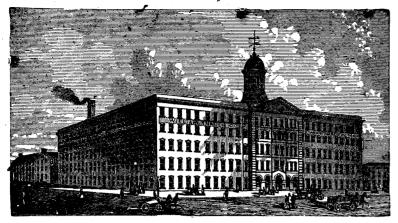
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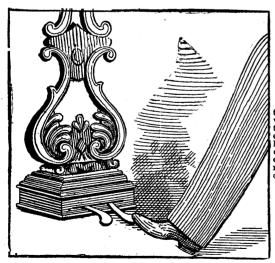
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