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INTERESTING NOTES FOR TEACHER AND PUPIL.

Music.—The Royal Conservatory at Dresden, Germany, has over 1200 pupils and 112 teachers. News comes from Madison, Wis., that one of the university professors has succeeded in making pho-tographs of waves of sound in air.

Art.—Sarah Bernhardt, in order that the greater public of the middle classes might profit by her art, has leased from the Government the *Theatre du Nations*, Paris, for at least a dozen years. The present low prices are to be maintained.

Literature.-M. Brunetiere has made the following general characterizations of the chief literatures of Europe: The essential character of Italian lit-

M. Falquire to make a statue of Balzac, to take the

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place of the rejected model by Rodin. It is hoped that the statue will be ready for the one-hundredth anniversary of Balzac's birth, in May, 1899.

Medicine.—"As a medical student, in 1865, I remember hearing Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes say to his class at Harvard: "When you begin practice, you will have twenty remedies for one disease; but after twenty years, you will have twenty diseases for one remedy." This prediction is fulfilled in Antikamnia. which meets so many indications," writes Dr. W. E. Anthony, the great authority on medicine. Every year of its history Antikamnia has, while contirming its remedial qualities, continually exalted its value as a pain conqueror. In fact, the medical profession has now accepted it as the most satisfactory remedy in all cases where relief from pain, or rest in nervous disorders, is lief from pain, or rest in nervous disorders, is sought. To receive a call for a dozen Antikamnia sought. To receive a call for a dozen Antikamnia tablets (five grains each, with monogram K), is now of Europe: The essential character of Italian literature, he says, is artistic; of Spanish, chivalrous; of German, philosophic; of French, social; of English, individualistic.

Money has been contributed for a life-size statue of Thomas Hughes, the author of "Tom Brown's School Days," to be erected at Rugby.

The French Society of Authors has commissioned M. Enlarging to make a statue of Balzac, to take the wine to follow, never disappoints.

Science.—More than 12,000,000 acres of the Sahara desert have been made useful for raising crops with the aid of artesian wells.

The Russian meteorologist, Professor Woetkof, calls attention to the almost uninterrupted sunshine that prevails in winter in the Irkutsk region of Siberia. He thinks it would be an ideal place for consumptives and for raising plants under glass

It is computed that when at rest we consume 500 cubic inches of air a minute, says Professor Hunterwell. If we walk at the rate of one mile an hour we use 800; two miles, 1,000; three miles, 1,600; four miles, 2,300. If we start out and run six miles an hour we consume 3,000 cubic inches of air during every minute of the time. during every minute of the time.

The truth of the adage about constant dripping wearing away a stone is strikingly illustrated in the fact that the Niagara River has in 36,000 years cut a channel 200 feet deep, 2,000 feet wide and 7 miles long through solid rock.

In certain conditions of the atmosphere electricity is so abundant on the top of the volcano, Mauna Lod, in Hawaii, that an English geologist found that he could trace electric letters with his fingers

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THE NATURE OF MELODY.

Melody, compared with harmony, has had but a meagre literary tribute paid to it in the form of treatises on its origin, growth, and up-building. Perhaps the reason is similar to that which provides the every-day person with copious printed matter concerning his body, his food, his clothes, and his dwellings, and leaves his real man but a scanty few pages, comparatively. We know (or think we know, which has the same effect), a great deal about our bodies and their external trappings, so our talk on these matters is as the sound of many waters, and of the making of books on these sub-jects there is no end. We admit, on the other hand, that we know but little of the soul, whence and how it came; we cannot examine it as we do a garment; consequently, only the rare philosopher writes of the soul, and even he simply observes, never dictates nor makes laws for its being and governance. Melody is the soul of music: "the essential characteristic of every musical work is melody; without this no musical creation is conceivable," writes Professor Jadassohn. But though melody is thus all-pervading, it is of that subtle es-sence which defies analysis; and while we acknowl-edge the absolute necessity of creating melody before a work of the tone-art is possible, we are compelled to stand aside and confess that we may learn or teach the laws of harmony and the other externals of music, but are powerless to impart the gift of melodic-creation to one who has it not, or to acquire it ourselves if similarly deprived.

If melody be thus intangible, impalpable, inac-

cessible to mere cleverness or industry, it avails nought to write books upon its nature, its essence and functions; that were the veriest Tantaluseffort of man's mind—to strive with no hope of ateffort of man's mind—to strive with no hope of attaining. But stay, the soul itself shows its presence to the senses by external manifestations. While we are unable to define what soul is, we can see in the body which it governs what like it is. There is the merry soul in the smiling face, the serious soul behind the grave features, the active soul in the brisk-moving limbs. Melody, likewise, has its outlines which can be examined, its features which can be catalogued, its quick movement which indicates the joy of spring when all things are young again, its solemnity like that of the man of thought to whom life is a problem of weighty kind. These to whom life is a problem of weighty kind. These externals of melody can be analyzed and classified as much as those farther-out externals of harmony which correspond to the clothing of the man.

which correspond to the clothing of the man.

Such an analysis and classification is attempted by Professor Jodassohn in Das Wesen der Melodie in der Tonkunst. He writes of the "Invisible Melody" of Bach's First Prelude, of Chopin's Etude, Op. 25, No. 1; of the "Scale Melody," as in the Scherzo of Schumann's Eflat Quintet, Op. 44, where the utmost of galety, combined with easy grace, is conveyed by the quickly flowing stream of sound, innocent of concealed boulders or falls; other scale-melodies concealed boulders or falls; other scale-melodies linger upon or repeat some of their degrees, as in the Scherzo of Beethoven's Op. 97. Then we have the "Accordlich gebildete Melodie." or the melody founded upon harmony, such as the first principal theme of Beethoven's Fourth Symphony. The chief subject of the First Movement in the Choral Symphony, on the other hand, is half built on chords and half on the scale.

All interval skips have their characteristic effects, and their inversions provide another source of variety, the inverting of intervals which are nearest to the octave (7th, 6th), producing more change than that of the 5th and 4th. An example of a scale-melody, in which an entrancing result is the outcome of a simple inversion, is in the slow movement of Mendelssohn's Scotch Symphony: Play

ment of Mendelssohn's Scotch Symphony: Play this straight down the scale instead of skipping up from A to G, and the enchantment is gone.

Successions of similar intervals, to be pleasing, must be limited in number. Six chromatic scale degrees are used in succession in Wagner's "O Star of Eve"; more than this number would produce a bizarre effect. Diatonic scale-degrees must be mixed (tones and semitones): more than three whole tones are rarely good; an exception is found in the ascending minor (melodic) scale, where four whole-tones follow one another above the mediant Major thirds are harsh in succession. Two perfect fourths are pleasing, notwithstanding their prohibition by the ancients; a good example is in the "Lohengrin" Bridal Chorus (bar 5).

"Lohengrin" Bridal Chorus (bar 5).

Rhythm is as important and recognisable as the melodic outline in giving character. While monotony of interval is displeasing, monotony of rhythm is equally so, for a different reason. Two major thirds in succession produce the harsh augmented 5th Three whole-tones make a tritone, more than three usually carry the melody out of mented 5th Three whole-tones make a tritone, more than three usually carry the melody out of the diatonic genus. But in rhythm the poor effect of repetition is due simply to the lack of variety. In the building of a melody the intervals are, as it were, the forms of the stones, the rhythm is their measure of size. Monotony, especially in size, produces in music a dreary effect similar to that of a huge blank brick-wall upon the eye.

Hitherto, we have spoken of melody in the ab-Professor Jadassohn has also some valuable practical chapters upon what we may term "Ap practical chapters upon what we may term "Applied Melody," i. e., melody adapted to its means of production. Thus, vocal phrases are more restricted in compass than instrumental melody. Among different kinds of vocal melody, choral writing need not be so carefully kept within narrow limits as solo-portions, unless the latter are intended for exceptional voices, because, in a large body of voices of the same class, some are naturally more litted for producing high notes with effect, and others for low notes, and so on, each supplying more fitted for producing high notes with effect, and others for low notes, and so on, each supplying another's deficiencies. Music intended to be sung softly should, as a rule, be written for the medium part of the voice; in this case, dynamic expression dictates the outline, or at least the pitch. In instrumental melody, the peculiarities of the producing-medium should be studied. When instruments of the pianoforte class had little sustaining power, their melodies were full of shakes and turns. power, their melodies were full of shakes and turns, to disguise the weakness. As the instruments im-proved, the decoration of melody became less prominent. In like manner, every other instruprominent. In like manner, every other instru-ment has its own idioms. Small composers ignore or abuse these; great musicians turn them to the highest ends.

LORENZO PEROSI.

The rise and fall of the oratorio priest-composer, corenzo Perosi, forms an interesting chapter in the history of contemporary music. Few composers history of contemporary music. Few composers have ever been brought to public notice so effec-tively, every device known in the art of modern reclame being employed, and for the first time the influence of the church was brought to bear toward accentuating the fame of this composer and his music. As one of our leading writers well says, his praise was sung in the most extravagant terms, discretion was thrown to the winds, and he was pro-claimed to be the peer of men who may be said to have created the music of civilization.

Every medium of publicity was employed-even the pulpit. Papal decrees encouraged his patronage. Extreme honors were paid to him. A mere youth, he was called to the highest post in the

musical service of his creed. Patriotism played its part. Perosi was not only hailed as the successor of Palestrina and Bach; he was proclaimed to be the re-creator of pure ecclesiastical song, the redeemer of music from its mate rialistic degradation, the Messiah of a new school, Italian in its fundamental principles, but destined to be universal in its truth, purity and beauty.

All this caused surprise, but it was accepted as current. It did not seem possible that there could

be anything false in this matter. Lorenzo Perosi must certainly be a genius, a God-gifted being,

called to a noble mission

This belief lasted until unprepared and unprejudiced opinion had its opportunity. In Paris, where the peculiar influences at work were still operative in a degree at least, dissenting voices were heard They were not numerous, but they spoke with authority. Then in turn, Amsterdam, Vienna, Berlin sat in judgment, and the truth began to filter out. Perosi's fame tottered. It remained for New York to give the coup de grace to his undeserved reputation. The deed was done, brutally perhaps, but the provocation was a great one.

Many theories have been advanced to explain this extraordinay "booming" of Perosi. None is concincing. The one that seems most plausible sugvincing. The one that seems most plausible suggests a veritable conspiracy—a worthy one, perhaps, when its purpose is considered—but, nevertheless, one open to the same objections that attach to all applications of the maxim, "the end justifies

the means.'

The theory advanced is that it was deemed necessary by the spiritual menters of the Italians to counteract in some way the materialistic tendencies of the contemporary composers of Italy. The young men, born and bred under radical and revolutionary influences, were writing music of passion and sensuality. They found inspiration only in tales sensuality. of dramatic purport—protests against established forms, codes and conventions. Their music stimulated human yearnings for freedom in every direc tion. They were becoming dangerous, and a coun termine was laid.

It was an ingenious plan, for it appealed to the musical instincts, the patriotism and the religion of a people. It had other aims, too, less special-the restoration of music to its original and higher purpose, the service of religion.

Had Perosi really been a genius, there would have een a revolution. Unfortunately he is not such, been a revolution. and the bubble is burst.

It is the intention to erect at a certain place in the Thiergarten, the park just outside of the Bran-denburg gate of Berlin, statues to Bach, Handel, Mozart, Haydn and other German musicians, beginning with Wagner.

SCHOOL MUSIC IN CHARACTER MAKING.

In an address at the convention of the National Educational Association, Albert E. Winship said: "Music rises through rhythm and melody to har-mony and symphony. School music brings the pop-

ulace up to the enjoyment of all the comfort, peace and joy of music, in so far as music has a common interest for mankind. It also brings music as an art into the every-day life of the world by making it the habitual companion in their impressionable years of those who are to be the Americans of the future

"At large expense we are beginning to beautify school-rooms with reproductions of works of art, reprints of the master-pieces. Too much cannot be said of the benefit to be derived from placing these where children can see them day by day, but even this is hardly to be compared with the influence of the daily singing of historic songs, the weaving of selections from master-pieces into the heart and the voice of children, to be taken by them into

after life.

"The problems are how to get the most of music into school, and the most out of the music of the school. Let us have music in every school in America. It is almost as absurd to have a school America. It is almost as absurd to have a school without music as to have a school-room without sunlight. When music is in the school, it should be so taught as to be a factor in character making. Sunlight in the school room will not insure health without proper ventilation and appropriate exercise; indeed, it can ruin the eyes if it is directly food. So music will not make character simply by admitting it to the school-room.

"Music is of service to a greater number of persons than any other art. More appreciate it and execute it, more are influenced by it and use it for the pleasure and good of others. The poorest get from it comfort and enjoyment, and the rich joy and peace. The laborer at his toil, the millionaire at his dinner, the servant and the servantless house-

wife in the kitchen, and the society queen in the drawing room, all find music their tonic.

"Music rests the body, balances the mind, and pacifies the soul. It is said that one cannot be hypnotized when he is singing. The violently insane do not sing. An angry man cools off if to sing. There are no angles in a song, dency of music is to make one beautiful. An angry man cools off if he begins The ten-

dency of music is to make one beautiful. If there are discords in the life of musical people, it is not because of the music, but in spite of it.

"Music may be taught in school so as to be a mere glossing of the life, or it may reach to the fountains of character. No art can be spread out so thin, as none can run so deep.

"A bird that is ill will not sing. Music represents health of body and of mind, of disposition and spirit. It represents also, faith and love, joy and

spirit. It represents, also, faith and love, joy and

peace.

"The common school is especially a place for teaching singing, for giving the child the power to get the most out of music, that he may give the world the most thorough music. It is something to sing, but singing of itself is not enough. One must know how to sing well. When Melba, the queen of entertainers, with a voice of culture as well as of sweetness and force, began her training with Mor. sweetness and force, began her training with Mar-chesi, she would spend twenty-three hours and fortyfive minutes of exquisite care of body, mind and spirit in order that she might be in the best possible condition for a lesson of fifteen minutes. If a woman of her genius and power needed the most skilful training at the hands of one of the world's most gifted teachers, what shall be said of those who think that it is all-sufficient to have a school sing one hymn or song each morning

The school is no more expected to make soloists than to make horse-shoers or milliners, but as the school gives the training and education so that one can prepare advantageously for any life work, so it must give that preparation for specializing which shall discover to the child his talent for music. It ought to be expected of every graduate of a public school that he shall be able to do as well with the talent he has in music as he does with that which

the has for letter-writing.
"There is a tradition that most musicians have but three or four pet songs or 'pieces of music' that they can render at any time, and that they can only play or sing when they are in practice. This may be the professional's standard, but it is not the standard of the people in other things. What would be thought of a school that trained the pupils to perform but three sample examples, and these only when they were in practice, or to read a selection of descriptive, didactic, oratorical and poetic character. The comparison is not adequate, but it is suggestive. The public school ought to do away with much that seems to the people non-sensical in the limited power of trained musicians.

"While children should be trained to get out of some master-pieces all that is in it, they should also be taught to get out of every master-piece in music somewhat of its power as readily as they do out of 'Paradise Lost' or 'The Merchant of Venice.'"



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CHARLES SCHILLINGER. V

Charles Schillinger, the well-known musician, died on the 1st ult., after a lingering illuess, at his late residence, 1413 North Thirteenth street. Mr. Schillinger was in his sixty-fifth year, and had long been identified with musical affairs in St. Louis. He was universally esteemed for his ripe musicianship and genial character, and his death is deeply deplored by a host of friends. The Review extends its sympathy to his bereaved wife and son.

MUSICAL SOCIETIES.

Both the American Federation of Musicians and the National League of Musicians adjourned sine die after electing officers. Action looking toward the consolidation with the American Federation was taken by the National League. Reso-lutions were adopted giving the Executive Board power to divide all moneys in the treasury pro rata among the locals, after which the league will be amalgamated with the American Federation of

The American Federation elected the following

omeers:
President, Owen Miller, St. Louis. District Executive Officers—First, G. J. Vandenberg, Newark, N. J; second, George Nachmann, Baltimore; third, H. S. Beissenherz, Indianapolis; fourth, Will S. Rose, Kansas City; fifth, Frank Spiegel, Denver; Secretary, J. J. Schmalz, Cincinnati; Treasurer, Otto Ostendorf, St. Louis.

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These officers were elected by the National

President, George Nachmann, Baltimore; Secre tary, H. S. Beissenherz, Indianapolis; Treasurer, Charles Melber, Cincinnati.

Philadelphia was selected as the next place of meeting by the American Federation.

SIEGFRIED WAGNER'S FIRST "MUSIC DRAMA."

Since the death of Richard Wagner, the musical iconcelast and revolutionist, Germany, it is admitted, has produced no first-rate musician. The master's mantle has descended to no one, and in the master's mantle has descended to no one, and in the world of music there has been stagnation, if not retrogression. But just at present critics and musicians are wondering and debating whether Wagner's only son, Siegfried, is not destined to continue the work of the creator of "Tristan" and "Parsifal" and the "Nibelung" tetralogy. Siegfried has written a music drama along the distinctive Wagnerian lines, and it has already been given with considerable success in Munich and Leipsig. It is recognized ble success in Munich and Leipsic. It is recognized that at his age he has done more than the father achieved at the corresponding period of his life, but will time and growth develop in young Siegfried genius equal to that of his father?

genius equal to that of his father?

Until Siegfried reached his twentieth year he had given absolutely no signs of musical talent. His father had long since given up the idea of making a musician of him, and his education was intended to lit him for engineering. But six years ago Siegfried abandoned that career and devoted himself to music. He soon became a conductor and gave concerts and directed the "cycle" at Baircuth. The critics differed about his qualities as interpreter, and some actually advised him to resume his technical engineering studies. About two years ago. nical engineering studies. About two years ago, however, he produced a symphonic poem entitled "Longing," which elicited no little praise, and now he has written an opera or music drama. An account of the production at Leipsic was sent to the St. Petersburg Novoye Vremya, a Wagner propagandist in Russia, and the Literary Digest extracted

from it the following sketch of the plot:

"The opera is called 'Der Bärenhäuter' ('The Man with a Bear's Skin'). The scenes are laid in Germany, at the end of the Thirty Years' War. A young villager who has returned from the war poor and homeless sells his soul to the devil for money, and agrees to spend some years in the lower regions in the capacity of a stoker or oven-heater. While thus serving his master the young warrior takes pity on a poor, suffering sinner condemned to fire, pity on a poor, suffering sinner condemned to fire, and emancipates him from hell. For this offense the devil expels him and punishes him by giving him a bear's skin, but without otherwise changing his human figure. In this odious and fearful form he is doomed to wander over the earth, shunned and dreaded by all men, until an innocent maiden should fall in love with him and pass three years with him in marital happiness. At the end of that period he is to be tran formed back into human shape. But one concession the devil grants him period he is to be tran formed back into human shape. But one concession the devil grants him—the possession of a sack of gold which can never be exhausted. The appearance of Bärenhäuter on earth creates a panic, but his gold opens for him nearly every door, and not only is he welcomed after his treasure is discovered, but he soon finds a girl who, from compassion rather than greed, consents to become his wife. The requisite three years pass, the condition is fulfilled, and the happy young husband is freed from the devil's curse and changed into a man."

into a man."

Like his father, Siegfried based his fanciful story on a legend found in Grimm's tales. He wrote his own libretto, in this respect also emulating his father. In the music the method of leading themes and "continuous melody" is adopted, but according to the paper we quote from, the composer is not a slavish imitator of his illustrious sire. His music is original, melodious, rich, and of characteristic color. He employs the orchestra to elucidate and color. He employs the orchestra to elucidate and explain the course of the opera, and his orchestration shows skill, familiarity with the various instruments, the capacities of the human voice, and the effective and harmonious blending of scenes, words

This view is not shared by all who have reviewed this opera. Some declare that the clever and sonor ous orchestration hides a poverty of musical ideas and of invention, but even these do not deny all merit and beauty to the music of the opera.

MAJOR AND MINOR.

A number of Brooklyn citizens have formed a company with \$1,000,000 capital to build a fine music hall for that city.

The composer Puccini has been made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor. This is owing to the success in Paris of "La Boheme."

In China there is no copyright law. An author's eward consists in the thought that he has expressed is idea and thereby benefitted mankind.

A Russian society sends out experts to all parts of the empire to collect old popular songs. The authorities are doing much to develop a national school of music.

The house in which Haydn was born, at Robrau, Austria, was recently destroyed by fire. A book of autographs and the memorial tablet which marked the old building were the only thirgs that were

An Eisteddfod will be held at New Castle, Pa., July 31st. Liberal prizes are offered to contesting choral organizations, the principal one being \$500 for mixed chorus.

The Government of Sweden and Norway has made a liberal grant to the composer Elbing to help him in his travels undertaken to collect the ancient Folk-Songs of those countries.

Mr. Clarence Eddy has received the appointment of official organist for the United States at the Paris Exposition of 1900. Mr. Eddy goes to Paris this month, but will return in the fall for a concert tour of the United States.

The various concert agencies of Leipsic, Germany, and the management of the Gewandhaus orchestra, have refused to issue tickets to the English and American press representatives. Chinese wall policy in music has already cost her nearly all her former prestige.

Cornell University has set a noble pattern in that custom of providing informal organ recitals at evening time for all who care to drop in at the chapel. It is a practice which chapels and churches everywhere might follow with great profit. Beautiful music is essential to the higher evangelization and civilization of humanity

Mr. Moody says it is worth going a thousand miles to get a good thought. Recently he offered a prize of \$5.00 to the young man who would send him the best thought that he had obtained during the month. The following was adjudged the prize: "Men grumble because God puts thorns on roses. Would not it be better to thank God that he puts roses on thorns ?

The Henry Wolsohn Musical Bureau announces for next season a piano tour of Vladimir de Pach-mann, who will come in October or November. It is several years since De Pachmann played here, and his return will be awaited with interest.

Jean de Reszke, more fortunate in all things than most men, will go to live in a new house in Paris, which his mother-in-law is building for her daughter. This is to be in the Bois de Boulogne, and will be especially rich and luxurious. Mme. de Reszke's mother is a woman of wealth, and this present to her daughter is made with the object of keeping her husband more in Paris and less in Poland during his vacations. Poland during his vacations.

The officers of the great national Saengerfest, which is to be held in Cincinnati in June, have engaged the following artists, all of American birth: Mrs. Corinne Moore-Lawson, soprano; Miss Josephine Jacoby, contralto; Oscar Ehrgott, bass; Evan Williams and George Hamlin, tenors. Here is a German organization engaging American singers. Generally it is the other way: American festival associations engage German singers.

The Perry School of Oratory and Dramatic Art held two graduating recitals at its hall in Y. M. C. A. building, one given by Miss Addie Tuttle Abrams on the 11th ult., and the other given by Miss Grace Dey on the 15th ult. The young ladies proved themselves worthy of the highest commendation and a credit to their teacher. Mr. Edward P. Perry, of the Perry School of Oratory and Dramatic Art, is doing great work in St. Louis, and his school deserves the high rank it has taken among the institutions of the country.

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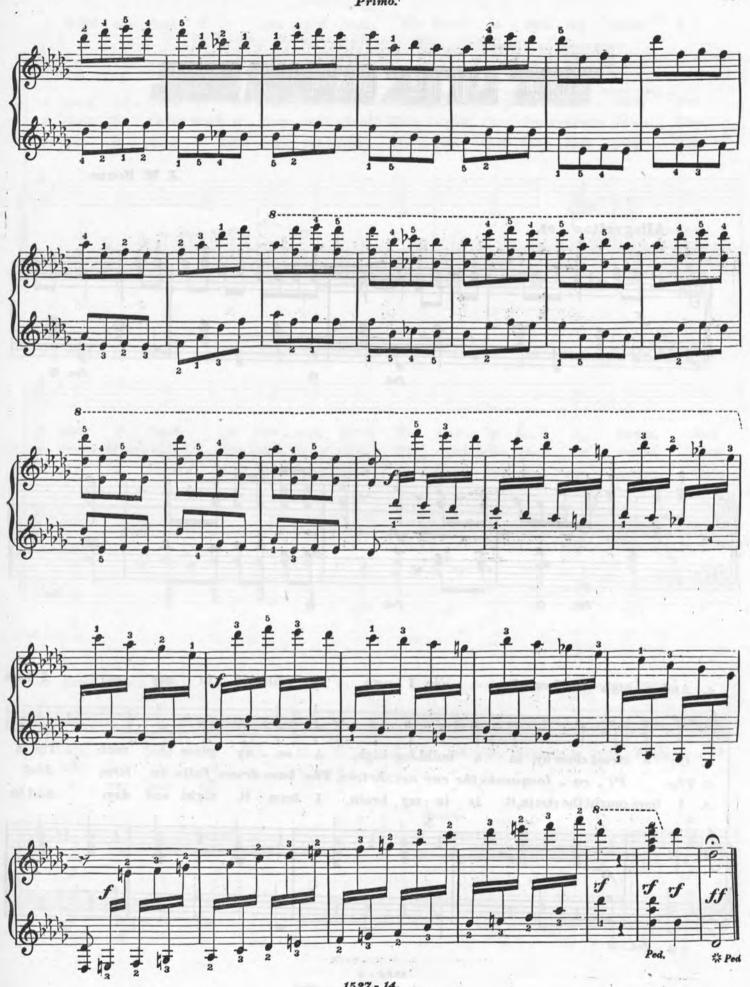












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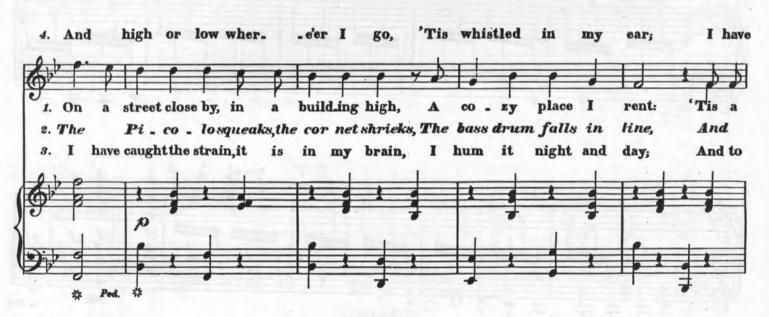
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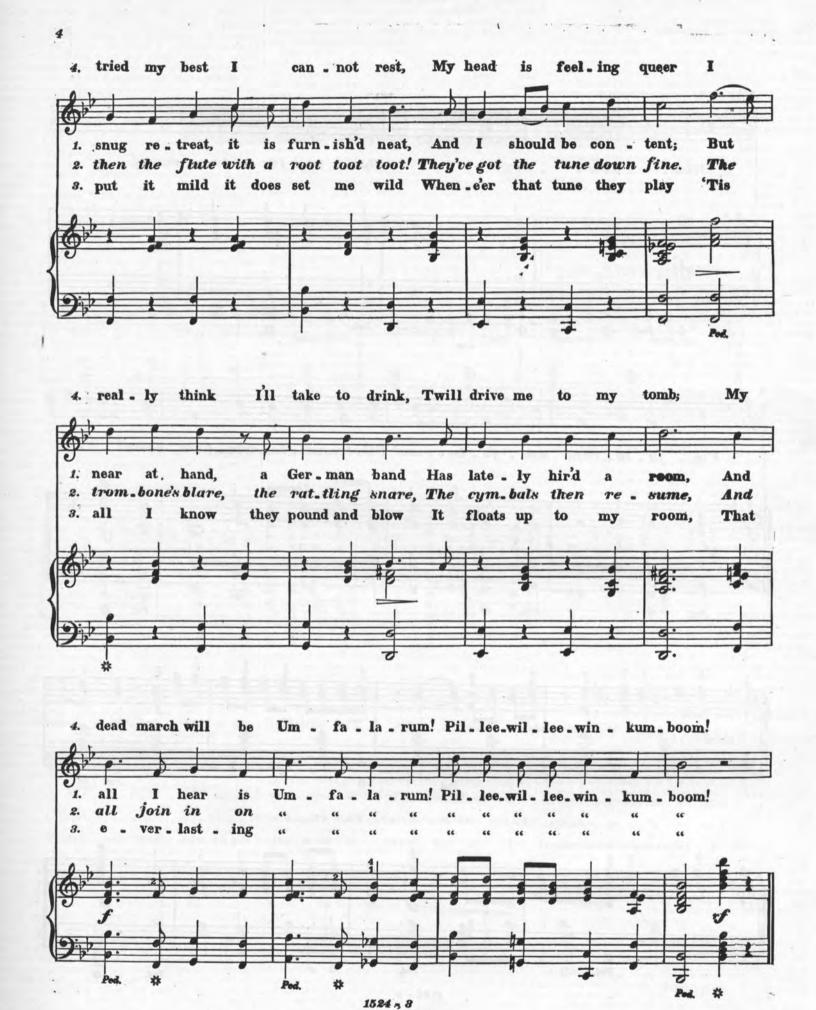
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NATIONAL OPERA IN RUSSIA.

Many Russian composers—we may instance Glinka, Seroff, Borodine, Dargomijsky, Rimsky-Korsakoff, Moussorgsky, and Tschaikowsky, among the writers of opera—received a training in early youth which fitted them for other careers beside that of music, enabling them to enjoy the advantage which a wider culture confers on those whose objective from the first is not exclusively professional musicianship. With literature, and especially with their own national poets and romancists, says Musical News, these men seem to have been in intense sympathy, and consequently moved to dedicate their best energies to the composition of opera, an art-form in which music is not alone concerned. But, although we in England take just now considerable interest in Russian compositions, thanks to the "Pathetic" Symphony of Tschaikowsky, most of us know little or nothing about national opera in Russia. It is not surprising; impresarios are very unlikely to court financial disaster by giving any operas but those which draw the public. Conservative, Chauvinistic Paris, where not even the Franco-Russian Alliance has elicited the production of Glinka's "La vie pour le Czar," that quintessence of musical patriotism, holds out no better prospect, but musical historians and students cannot afford to ignore such important and original contributions to the Art.

The names of Russian musicians of the 18th century are obscure and all but forgotten. They were eclipsed by the Italian and French musicians who invaded St. Petersburg at the time, and it was not until the appearance of Michael Ivanowitch Glinka that Russia could claim any individuality in the world of music. What a name is Glinka's to con-jure with in the Czar's dominions! Imagine a composer in England to whom was at once attributed "God Save the Queen," "Rule Britannia," "Home Sweet Home," and "Auld Lang Syne," and the niche such a man would hold in the affections of the people. Add the equipment of a good of the people. Add the equipment of a good musician, and you would perhaps be able to realise what the name of the composer of "La vie pour le Czar" means to a Russian. As in the songs mentioned, the music is not "the thing in itself" of the German philosopher; it is the sentiment expressed and raised to heightened intensity by music which has gained the popular affection. The sentiment most prevalent in Russia among high and low (there is virtually no middle class), is that of patriotism and in the plot of this opera both classes there is virtually no middle class, is that of patriotism, and in the plot of this opera both classes see themselves represented in a way gratifying to their amour propre. Briefly, it may be described as an episode in the war with Poland, early in the 17th century. The Poles, by a ruse, seek to make the Czar a prisoner, and command a peasant, one Ivan Sousanine, to conduct them into his presence. Ivan "smells a rat," and sends his son to warn the Emperor, whilst he himself leads them into the depths of a forest, where they lose their way. They perceive they have been misled, and kill the heroic peasant, who has thus given his "life for the Czar." Upon this apotheosis of a peasant follows the apotheosis of the Czar, who, in the last act, makes his triumphant entry into Moscow. All sections of the public were pleased with the opera from its first representation in 1836, and it has been performed pretty constantly ever since on Sundays and fete days in the chief Russian cities. Jubilee performances were given in 1886, and the occasion celebrated with much pomp and circumstance, both in St. Petersburg and Moscow. As to the popularity of the music, it is easily accounted for. Glinka was the first to have recourse to the poignant rhythm of Slavic folk-music, which, curiously enough, up to that time had only made its influence felt on the music of culture through the services of the Greek orthodox church, though, of course, to a very limited extent. The people were brought face to face with that "hardiesse souveraine," and "fol abandon de soi meme," which Dostoiewsky notes as residing in Slavic popular melodies, and which re-sides in all the latter day Russian composers ex-cepting two, to-wit, the brilliant virtuoso, Rubin-stein, a composer of Hebrew extraction, who was no more Russian than was Meyerbeer French, and

Tschaikowsky, the eclectic, who takes an undisputed position among world musicians, and of whom Sir Alexander has spoken so eloquently.

It is very flattering to our national pride to know that John Field, a man of British birth, to whom Chopin undoubtedly owed the initial insuiration which led to the composition of his lovely nocturnes, was also the instructor of Glinka, who became, under his tuition, a quite remarkable pianist. We have touched already upon the general culture so remarkable in the average Russian composer, and Glinka was no exception to the rule. He made serious literary studies, and at his college was a prize winner in many other branches of learning. To the choice of his operatic subjects he was drawn by historical studies, and so owed his extraordinary success, like Wagner, to the development of general faculties and not to the musical faculty alone.

Arrived at the position of chief of a school of music, Glinka set to work on a new opera, "Rousslan and Ludmila," working very slowly, and not completing his work until 1842. It is a greater work from a musician's point of view, though it did not

achieve immediate popularity.

Leaving this great symbolical figure behind, we will now very briefly touch upon the works of a few other less famous writers of opera. A Dane named Dutch occupied a prominent position in St. Petersburg in the fifties, and composed an opera, "La Croate," which had small success, but his contem-porary, Seroff, composed a number of operas which enjoyed considerable vogue at the time. He is noteworthy as having been the only Russian composer who did not escape the Wagnerian influence, and is best known by a posthumous work, "Le force majeure." A composer of greater value is Dargomijsky, who set Victor Hugo's play, "Notre Dame de Paris," to music without much success, but whose "La Roussalka" and "Le Convive de pierre" are characteristic of the dramatic turn of mind of Russian composers in general, and of the immense importance they attach to the subject of an opera. The subjects of both are taken from a cycle of poems by that powerful writer, Pouchkine, and we should like, were it not outside the province of a musical journal, to describe the plots which are so admirably suited to a composer of music drama. Dargomijsky took his art very seriously, excelled in lyric declamation, but had not much gift of melody. Mr. Rimsky-Korsakoff, whose or-chestral works are not unfamiliar to London chestral works are not unfamiliar to hondon concert-goers, has written several operas, and of one, "La fille de neige," a French critic speaks as a marvel of freshness and purity, Moussorgsky has written a powerful opera, "Boris Goudonoff," written a powerful opera, "Boris Goudonoff," which owes much of its effect to its libretto by Pouchkine, but also much to the vigorous tempera-ment of the composer. One of the scenes is on the field of battle, and a strange effect is produced by a pedal B flat which is heard throughout the scene. the consequent dissonance being probably intended to depict the horrors of war. He has done with to depict the horrors of war. He has done with music what Verestschagin, the Russian painter whose works are now on yiew in London, has done with the brush. Passing Balakireff, who concerned with the brush. Fassing Balakiren, who concerned himself with abstract music only, we come to Borodine, a composer who died young, after writing one opera at least which showed great promise. "Prince Igor" was left in an unfinished state, and was completed by Rimsky-Korsakoff and Glazounoff. Borodine's string quartets have been much appreciated of late in chamber music circles. A distinguished name in connection with Russian music is that of Cesar Cui. In considering his work, of which we hope much remains to be done, one feels the force of Sir Alexander's remarks. done, one feels the force of Sir Alexander's remarks. There must be a 'strain of amateurism' in the work of a man who is a professor of fortification at the Military Academy of St. Petersburg and a prolific writer on musical subjects as well as a composer. But his setting of Heine's 'William Ratcliff' contains some pages of which critics have written with much enthusiasm.

Until lately, Russian music has been deemed too exotic for general musical taste, but its frequent inclusion in the brilliant series of orchestral concerts which London has enjoyed during the last five years or so, has "changed all that," and the subject of this article may be not uninteresting to our readers.

JOSEPH JOACHIM'S SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED IN BERLIN.

A grand concert was given in Berlin, April 22d, at the Philharmonic, in honor of the sixtieth anniversary of the debut of the violinist Joseph Joachim, who with 164 of his former and present pupils took part in the entertainment. A sensation was created by an unrehearsed episode. Conductor Fritsteinbach raised his baton and the orchestra began the opening of a Beethoven concerto which was not included in the numbers of the programme. Herr Joakim sat motionless. Marie Soldat, Gabrielle Wietrowetz and Emily Skinner took the violin and bow to the master, who at first refused to play, but finally mounted the platform, and after a few words of apology, began the concerto. An ovation beyond description was given the violinist, and the whole concert was an unparalleled tribute to his popularity. Nearly every capital in Europe sent some of his old pupils to take part. A banquet was given at the close of the musical jubilee.

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Some instances of the nervousness of famous singers can scarcely be understood, so entirely without reason do they seem to persons in private life. Why M. Jean de Reszke, for instance, should be nervous about singing a familiar part before a New York audience is impossible to explain, but it is a fact, says Musical America, that he is one of the greatest sufferers from nervousness in the entire company. Mme. Sembrich is thrown into almost unendurable nervousness at the thought of appearing even at a Sunday night concert, and in an operatic performance suffers even more.

Mme. Lehman undertook her present severe method of life with the hope of finding some relief from the dreadful nervousness that afflicted her, and has been in a large measure relieved. Mile. Calve was such a sufferer from nervousness during her last year in this country that she refused all invitations that required her to be seated at table longer than a few moments. This put dinners out of the question, and she expressly explained that she would not accept, under any circumstances, invitations to dinner, as the ordeal of sitting still so long was too much for her nerves.

Even Edouard de Reszke, who is apparently the most stolid and substantial person in the world,

Even Edouard de Keszke, who is apparently the most stolid and substantial person in the world, suffers as much as a debutante from nervousness at some time. Most of the artists say that there is no explanation for the irregularity with which their nervousness attacks them. Sometimes in the presence of very serious artistic problems they are perfectly calm and collected, while at other times, when they have only to do what they have frequently done before, their sufferings may be more than at any other time.

Albert Saleza can always look forward to going without sleep eight nights a month. He is required to sing that number of nights a month by the terms of his contract, and on the night he sings he never sleeps. This is due to his preparation, which is the only thing that will overcome his nervousness sufficiently to enable him to sing. He drinks black coffee abundantly on the days he appears, and gets through the performance in this way, although he is as nervous as most of the others, even after this precaution. Sometimes it is plain to the audience that he is nervous.

Another contrary course of treatment has been adopted by Mme. Nordica, who finds that a pint of champagne taken during the performance helps to quiet her nerves and enables her to get through the performance without the nervous moments which used to trouble her seriously. Even Mile. Bauermeister, who is not generally the central figure of the operas in which she appears, has her nervous spells, and suffers along with the sopranos and tenors.

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"Don't believe any artist who tells you he is never nervous," said one of the singers at the Metropolitan, "or else decide that he is not an artist. I never knew one worth the name who could be self-possessed and unmoved at beginning a performance."

PRACTICE AND CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT.

A writer in the "Non-Conformist," an English musical journal, asks the question: "Has it everoccurred to you that musical practice has the power to form and perfect the character of a faithful student?" No doubt this has come up in the minds of many teachers, and those whose experience has extended over some time will have no hesitancy in giving an affimative answer. Anything which is systematic, as all practice should be, tends to strengthen and develop character. Routine hardens the one who follows it; he gains the power to move along in certain lines without any great demand on mental force. Practice, even of such "dry" things as technical exercise, unfolds new ideas, new values every day, and thus the student learns that faith in persistent work which is a most necessary stimulus to faithful, continuous labor. He knows that success is sure.

This unfolding teaches the lesson that in other things, besides music, patience and persistence must bring their reward, thus developing character in a most important manner. No vocation is a worthy one that does not develop and strengthen the individual, and prepare him for the many emergencies that must be met in daily life.

Teachers should pay attention to this—that a pupil learns to work in such a way as to strengthen the character along those lines which make strong men and women, for music can do this, although careless, indifferent study will not. It takes earnestness of purpose, as in all other things.

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Should universities teach music? We think, as Should universities teach music? We think, as does W. J. Henderson, that they should. The university is laboring all the time to produce lovers of art, of literature, of philosophic thought. It never conceives it to be quite as much a part of its business to teach the young to comprehend and enjoy the works of Mozart or Beethoven as to revel in the luxurious English of Coleridge or the more luxurious forms of Gothic architecture. Horace and Virgil and Theocritus and Homer must be on the list of acquaintances of the university man, but he need never have heard of Lotti, or Cherubini, or Spohr.

In the Seidl memorial book, recently published by Scribner & Sons, to which noted artists have conby Scribner & Sons, to which noted artists have contributed many interesting anecdotes and tributes of affection, we find the following from Marianne Brandt, who writes: "I became better acquainted with Seidl in the summer of 1881. Wagner had sent for me, and asked me to sing Kundry. At that time Wagner was going over the 'Parsifal' score with Seidl, who was the favorite of the whole family. With Seidl I studied Kundry's narrative at Wahnfried, and he played the accompaniment when I sang before Wagner. It was the first time that Wagner heard this part sung by a female voice; his eyes were full of tears. He ran out of the room and called, 'Cosima, Cosima, come quickly; you must

wagner heard this part sting by a female voice; his eyes were full of tears. He ran out of the room and called, 'Cosima, Cosima, come quickly; you must hear it!' I had to sing the part again for Mrs. Wagner, and when I had finished, Wagner said: 'What I have done there is not so bad after all.' 'Wagner was at that time in very good humor, and we often made music after supper. One evening, while Seidl played the piano, Wagner ran suddenly into his library and brought a big book, which he opened and placed on the piano. What was it? Rossini's 'Othello.' Wagner turned the leaves for a while, told Seidl to play this or that air, softly humming the tune. When he found a trio for soprano, tenor and bass, he cried: "We must sing this!' and we started at once. Wagner sang bass, Seidl the tenor part, and I (Desdemona) soprano. It was a very florid air, where one after the other sings his passages, until all three voices are joined together, and we let them roll out just as they came, of course, almost bursting with laughter. they came, of course, almost bursting with laughter. I never saw Wagner and Seidl so merry as they were that evening.'

As one might expect from a man of such a highly sensitive and refined temperament as Emil Sauer, he is an enthusiastic lover of art in all forms. In the Independent, writing on "The Color Value of Music," this eminent pianist makes the following acknowledgment of the debt he owes the sister art of painting: "I may truly say that I have found an inspiration in art that has greatly aided my music, and that there is not an art gallery in all Europe that I have not seen and that I do not love. I believe that I have learned more from painting and the study of it that is of benefit to me than I derived even from Nicolai Rubinstein, great as is my debt to him. There seems to me ever to be a harmony between art and music, and I worship at the shrine of Velasquez, who appeals to me as the the shrine of Velasquez, who appeals to me as the greatest of painters, especially in the matter of color; and the two that come after him in the order of merit are Titian and Rembrandt. Valesquez teaches me much. When I look at one of his pictures, as I have done in Madrid, and see there ten thousand shades of black and gray, he shows me, as no one else can, the possibilities of color significant of the shows me, as no one else can, the possibilities of color significant of the shows me specific and it thus becomes possible. cance and gradation, and it thus becomes possible for me to apply something of the same color grades to music, and in the interpretation of it to give music a color value that it were impossible to ob-tain otherwise."

The Emperor William has offered a site for the monument to Wagner to be erected in Berlin. There will be no open competition for its execution; There will be no open competition for its execution; the committee will select seven sculptors of renown, who will submit model sketches, one of which will be chosen. Speaking of Wagner, there seems to be diversity of opinion as to his place even among his countrymen. "Richard Wagner is the greatest German dramatic poet after Schiller," says Ernst Von Wildenbrach. "If a pupil in the third class had written the poems of Wagner, he would have had his ears boxed with them," says Wilhelm Jensen.

Weingartner, the eminent German conductor, has been giving his opinions of composers to readers of the "Fortnightly Review." Here is what he says of Brahms and Schubert: "How far Brahms belongs to the immortals it is impossible to say as yet; we are still in the period of the funeral orations in his honor. There is no doubt that many who are not blind adorers of his would feel more sympathy with Brahms' works if he had not been put forward as a counterweight against Wagner—and, again, if he had not been placed on a level with Bach and Beethoven. This last conceit originated in the well-known witticism of Bulow about the three B's. which, after all, arose from a merely personal motive. Bulow would never have dreamt of becoming a champion of Brahms, but for his own painful breach with Wagner. I can not conceive how it is that there are still people so ill-humored as painful breach with Wagner. I can not conceive how it is that there are still people so ill-humored as to think Schubert's C major symphony too long; nay, even to ask for cuts to be made in it. I am not of their opinion, and I own that whenever I hear this work well conducted, or when I conduct it myself, I always experience the most happy sensations, and am absolutely intoxicated with music. It produces on me the effect as of flight through a bright ether."

Josef Joachim, who celebrated his diamond jubilee, was born in 1831, studied under Hellmes-berger and Boehm, in Vienna, and afterward at Leipsic, where he enjoyed Mendelssohn's interest and friendship. He is considered to have been the violinist represented by the hero of the celebrated musical novel, "Charles Anchester."

Columbia University has a Philharmonic Society, the members, 175 in number, being from all departments of the University. The Society supports an orchestra of thirty-five, under the directorship of Gustav Hinrichs.

Miss Nellie Miles, of Lynn, Mass., a cousin of Gen. Miles, is to make a tour of the country as leader of a military band of thirty men. Miss Miles comes of a musical family and is probably the only woman band leader in the country. She is, however, no novice, having toured in both Germany and America.

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