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THE REAL PLACE OF MUSIC IN EDUCATION

What is the real place of music in education? If we consider that music is only a refined, pleasing diversion, or an elegant accomplishment, its place in education can at best be only a very subordinate one. But if we take the view that art is the expression of what we may call the inner nature, that nature which as aspirations and ideals, reaches out to something beyond the material needs of this world, we must claim for our art of music a

very high position in the scheme of education. For true education is the drawing out of all that is good in the child, the cultivation of all parts of his nature. And if we confine our work to one side of nature only, and not to the whole, we run the risk of starving what may after all be the most important part. For it is the feeling side of our nature that in the main supplies the motive power for action.

We often use our reason to provide arguments for what we wish while we try to persuade ourselves that we are moved solely by unprejudiced reason. And it is the feeling side of our nature that causes all our noblest, most self-sacrificing deeds. Pure reason could never dictate an act of self-abnegation.

If music is, as we believe it to be, the art which more than any other gives expression to the feelings side of our nature, it follows that it is of the highest importance to use it as a means of education. Great works of music must be ennobling to those who can assimilate their meaning. And the study of music when properly conducted, gives the student the power to enter into and appreciate the meaning of what the great composers have written. But this power of appreciation can only be gained by the development of the natural instinct. As a musician

has said in dealing with the question of style in musical art: "It is not attained by scientific methods but by the development of a favourable artistic instinct."

General McLean Says He Was Misquoted

What General H. H. McLean, M. P. for Royal, N. B., said at the sitting of the parliamentary committee on pensions is causing a great deal of controversy in Ottawa. A further protest was made by the veterans women's league against the alleged remarks of the general.

General McLean has also issued a statement as to the exact words he used and denying he said that most private soldiers married servant girls. Mr. C. Grant McNeil, Dominion secretary of the G. W. V. A., who was present when General McLean made his statement, is prepared to sign an affidavit that General McLean said: "It is not a fact, anyway, that the majority of private soldiers' widows are from the servant class."

To the best of my recollection, those are the exact words he used, said Mr. McNeil. "I remember them distinctly because when they were uttered I asked him if that was a fair thing to say, and subsequently expressed a protest against the apparent meaning of the statement."

"No explanation was given at the time, and I see no necessity of any deletion or correction of the records. Mr. McNeil is also supported by Mr. F. A. Walpole, of the staff of the G. W. V. A. Dominion command, who was present."

General H. H. McLean, M. P., is to be invited to meet the veterans women's Association of Ottawa, and to repeat the alleged remarks he made at a recent meeting of the special parliamentary committee on pensions regarding the wives of private soldiers being mostly of the servant class before marriage, who should not be encouraged in idleness, but to work where possible.

This decision was reached at a large meeting of the Veterans Women's Association held in the G. W. V. A. Club annex.

School Standing Harkin's Academy

The Harkin's Academy school standing for the month of April is as follows:

Grade 8—Miss Benson; 1, Margaret McCurdy; 2, William Campbell; 3, Constance Hayward.

Grade 7—Miss Campbell; 1, Anna Palmer; 2, Katie Mutch; 3, Olive London and Delbert White.

Grade 6—Miss McCoombs; 1, Margaret Stables; 2, Irene Hill; 3, Margaret Clarke and Elizabeth Hill.

Grade 5—Miss Dunnett; 1, Donald Putnam; 2, Geraldine McMichael; 3, Nina White.

Grade 4—Miss Urquhart; 1, Willie Maltby; 2, Clare Corbett; 3, Jack Allan and Jessie Masson.

Grade 3—1, Frank Park; 2, Grace Johnston; 3, Henry Donovan. Miss McMaster.

Grade 2—1, Byron Petrie and Everett Russell; 2, Louise Allison, Margaret Jeffrey and Huntly Ferguson; 3, Mary Crocker.

Grade 1—1, Mark Lanry and Lloyd Russell; 2, Marion Corbett; 3, Dorothy H. Russell and Marjorie Ferguson.

Miss Lawlor
Grade 2—1, Bernice Price and Brian Dunn; 2, Robert Reil and Jack Stothart; 3, Ben Forrest.

Miss Baldwin
Grade 2—1, Jack Fenech; 2, Helen Ferguson; 3, Billy Dunn, Earl Martineau and Bliss Amos.

Grade 1—1, Allan Hall; 2, Dorothy Bowser; 3, Isabel Stables and Jim Cassidy.

Miss Craig
Grade 2—1, Ambury Jarvis; 2, Bertram White; 3, Dorothy Stothart.

Grade 1—1, Margaret Kethro; 2, Tom Troy; 3, Edwin Russell.

Miss Hill
Grade 2—1, Helen Woods; 2, Sadie Whitney; 3, Vincent Daughay.

Grade 1—1, Mary Gigham, Muriel Maltby and Lillian Murray; 2, Isabel Miller and Audrey Fogan; 3, Margaret Bjurstrom and Ethel Arlansky.

To Acquire Dominion Pulp Co

It is reported here on good authority that the Fraser Companies Limited will shortly acquire the Dominion Pulp Company, Limited of Chatham. Negotiations between the parties which have been going on for some time will practically close this week and the transfer of the property will take place at once.

Centrifugal in England
The Dominion Pulp Company is now composed of English capital. Their property consists of a modern pulp mill and daily capacity of fifty tons and three hundred square miles of timberlands, partly leasehold.

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and the purchase of the Dominion Pulp Company's property will give them a second pulp mill. —Mail
REDUCTION IN S.E. THIS YEAR
A considerable reduction in the acreage of seeded land in New Brunswick this year was forecasted by Hon. J. F. Wooddale, minister of agriculture.
The scarcity and high prices asked for seed potatoes and seed oats as well as the scarcity of fertilizers would result in the acreage planted in potatoes and oats being materially reduced and although other crops would probably be about the same the result would be a considerable reduction in the total acreage under crops this year in the province.
Seeding has already commenced on some of the well drained hill-sides, but it will probably be two weeks before seeding operations are being generally carried on.
The headstones on the graves of all war veterans from general to private will be absolutely uniform in recognition of fact that death makes no distinctions and that Charon makes no distinctions among their needs and wishes. —Mail

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