

Here's a song of praise for the ones so true,  
 And the kindly deeds they have done for you;  
 For the great earth's heart, when it's understood,  
 Is struggling still toward the pure and good;  
 Here's a song of praise for a beautiful world.

Here's a song of praise for the One who guides,  
 For He holds the ships and He holds the tides,  
 And underneath and around and above  
 The world is lapped in the light of His love;  
 Here's a song of praise for a beautiful world.

W. L. Childress.

## School News

### Saskatchewan Provincial Musical Association.

In spite of the financial stringency and the general depression, of which we have been hearing so much, the Sixth Annual Festival of the Saskatchewan Provincial Musical Association was the largest and most successful in its history. The entries in 1913 numbered two hundred and thirty-five, while this year they reached a total of two hundred and thirty-five. They would in all probability have been much larger than this except that a large number of the selections chosen by the syllabus committee were of great difficulty. One of the difficulties which the Association has to contend with is the fact that many of its best singers are highly trained persons holding diplomas either from Eastern Canada or the Old Country, who are really capable of handling almost any selection written, and there is a tendency, in order to give the best of these something to do, to choose work which is somewhat beyond the ordinary run of performers. In spite of this, however, the increase in entries occurred, and the difficult works were handled very satisfactorily. The adjudicators, Dr. A. S. Vogt, of the Mendelssohn Choir of Toronto, Mr. H. W. Hewlett, of the Conservatory of Music, Hamilton, and Mr. Rhys Thomas, of Winnipeg, expressed themselves as highly pleased and also surprised at the

wealth of talent which is to be found on the prairies, and in the prairie towns, and also they were not slow in expressing astonishment at the immensity of the Festival and the excellent business arrangements which characterized every department.

An interesting and important feature this year was the development of the work among children's choirs, no fewer than six hundred children taking part, of whom three hundred travelled a distance of from one hundred to two hundred and fifty miles. When it is remembered that one hundred and fifty children from Moose Jaw started at 11 p.m. on Sunday night, travelled all night and sang on Monday and started home again at 11.50 on Monday night to reach Moose Jaw at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning, the magnitude of the task will be readily understood. Prince Albert also sent one hundred and twenty-five children besides a strong choral society, and a church choir of several soloists. Regina sent four church choirs, a male chorus, numerous quartettes and soloists. Yorkton, Indian Head, Weyburn, Humboldt and many other points were represented and the Festival is attaining more than ever a cosmopolitan character. The Choral Society Shield and the Grand Challenge Shield, which have both remained in Moose Jaw for two years, were this year captured by the Orpheus Choral Society