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IT is no hyperbole to say that musicians throughout the country will have their eyes and ears turned towards Toronto next week on the occasion of that cycle of concerts forming what is properly called "Mendelssohn week." February 4th, 5th, 6th and 9th are the dates chosen for events which have no equal in the musical life of the country. On Monday evening, February 11th, the Mendelssohn Choir will appear in Buffalo and on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in Carnegie Hall, New York City. The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, under Mr. Emil Paur will, of course, be associated with the Choir, the musical partnership between these two organisations having become a matter of course. The expedition to New York is the most ambitious enterprise ever undertaken by a Canadian chorus, but there is every warrant for believing that this organisation, the product of the Director's infinite capacity for taking pains, will gratify not only Canadian New Yorkers but the genuine Gothamites, whose critical spirit will have no qualifying patriotic feeling.

This week at Ottawa is gay indeed, the many social events planned by the local committee relaxing the strain felt by those taking part in the Governor-General's Musical and Dramatic Competition. The Hotel Victoria at Aylmer, Que., is affording accommodation for the two hundred and fifty competing guests and the reception committee has proved itself nobly equal to the task of greeting the various "companies." The Church Lads' Band of St. John's, Nfld., and the Winnipeg Dramatic Club were the first to reach Ottawa, a rather significant simultaneous arrival from East and West. Aside from the stimulating effect which this competition must have on amateur musical and dramatic circles, its social benefit in creating friendships among representatives from the widely-scattered territory of British North America is readily manifest. The Dramatic Club of the Margaret Eaton School of Literature and Expression gave an interesting local performance, under Mrs. Scott Raff's direction, last Friday night, when "She Stoops to Conquer" was played before His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario and several hundred guests.

"The Little Michus," Messenger's musical comedy, proved far ahead of most productions of that class in its melodious merits. The "fun" as provided by Mr. Graves was of the excruciating sort and sent the audience away in a highly satisfactory state of good humour.

It is almost to be regretted that Miss Viola Allen and her company will present "Cymbeline" during the week of the four great concerts; but, in spite of the counter musical attractions, the theatre will probably be well-filled for Miss Allen's performances. Her last appearance in "The



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