

SHEFFIELD CHOIR AT MASSEY HALL

Yorkshire Singers Make a Profound Impression.

IS A SPLENDID ORGANIZATION

Received With Acclamation by an Immense Audience in Toronto This Week.

The Toronto Globe of Friday had the following to say of the Sheffield Choir:

The first scene in the climax of the Canadian tour of the Sheffield Musical Union Choir was enacted at Massey Hall last night before a record audience that filled every seat in the auditorium and took up much of the avail-

with the contemplation of the wonder, and this was accomplished by a slight broadening of the music on the word "wonderful," supplemented by a subtle variation of the tone quality. And the climax came without any loss of intensity; on the contrary, the reading seemed to add to its overwhelming grandeur. The exacting chorus, "His yoke is easy," was a great technical achievement, and its close was specially finished. Still another profoundly impressive number was the chorus "Surely, He hath borne our griefs," with its new illuminative effect in the stress and slight prolongation on the word "surely." The "He trusted in God" was so realistically sung that it became repellent in its derisiveness, and finally in the colossal "Hallelujah" chorus, Dr. Coward piled climax upon climax without apparently exhausting the reserve power of his singers. As already stated, the choir is well balanced. The sopranos are brilliant and true, including several voices with exceptionally penetrating force, which for special effects seemed to be hurled at one with the directness of a bullet from a rifle. The altos, with their mellow, velvety quality of tone, the basses, with a nobility of volume free from any trace of

despised, and in the second part of the programme she also was given an enthusiastic recall and had to give an extra number. It seemed to be tacitly understood that encores would be out of place in the sacred selections, and the audience took compensation in the miscellaneous part of the programme. Mr. Henry Brearley, the tenor, revealed a fervid style and a really fine voice of that good English quality that is free from nasality or throatiness. Mr. Robert Charlesworth, the possessor of a fine bass, had caught cold in the arctic region of Ottawa, and not feeling equal to the task of singing the robust aria, "Why Do the Nations," ceded his place to Mr. William Peacock, who gave the number a careful rendering and executed the florid divisions with good definition.

Moonlight a Picture in Sound.
The great achievements of the choir in the second part of the concert were Eaton Fanning's part song, "Moonlight," a charming illustration of varied tone painting and gradations of light and shade, and Bach's great "Sanctus" from his B minor Mass. Dr. Coward gave additional dignity to the "Sanctus" by taking it at a moderate pace. This was a wonderfully sustained effort on the part of the choir



PRINCIPALS IN THE SHEFFIELD CHOIR.

able standing room. Dr. Henry Coward's two hundred full-throated singers had a complete, an incontestable triumph—one that was of special significance when won from a representative Toronto audience, who for well-known reasons are perhaps the most critical auditors in America of choral music. It may clear away many misconceptions to state that the visiting choir is not the Sheffield Festival Chorus, which is an annual organization, selected for special occasions, but a perennial society, that is to say, mainly a permanent chorus. Summing up the grand merits of the visiting choir, one may note its vital sonority, fullness and power, its just balance of the different sections, its significant oratorical delivery, and dramatic declamation, its contrasted dynamic effects and its unique command of the development of climax. Beyond this there is the dominant reading of the music through the interpretation of Dr. Coward—an in- and expressive, and which, while comprehending a wide emotional range, never descends into ext-avagance or triviality.

In Oratorio.

The first part of the programme was devoted to excerpts from Handel's "Messiah" and it was in these that the greatness of the chorus was most convincing to the audience, the majority of whom were familiar with the music. Nearly every concert-goer knows the chorus, "For Unto Us a Child is Born," and yet Dr. Coward and his choir gave it a new impressiveness and majesty. Without weakening its climax on the words "Wonderful Counselor," the mighty God," Dr. Coward by his treatment forcibly suggested that the singers were awestruck

coarseness, and the tenors, who showed distinction, made an ensemble that blended perfectly in the mass. Dr. Coward informed the writer that these Yorkshire choristers of his are only ordinary singers animated with enthusiasm and earnestness. One can only wonder what kind of a chorus he would get from the extraordinary or exceptional singers of his country.

One may note here that Dr. Coward has a special faculty of bringing out the prominence of significant phrases on even single notes in the inner parts. Thus, he throws new light on passages in the "Messiah" which would receive attention from many conductors merely from the point of view of technique.

Fine Solo Vocalists.

The quartette of soloists gave the audience an agreeable surprise, although Toronto music lovers are accustomed to hear the very best of solo vocalists. One can but praise the appropriate spirit of the interpretation of the solos last night. Miss Emily Brearley, who is practically but a young debutante, made a complete conquest of the audience by her very artistic rendering of "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," as well as by virtue of a voice of engaging quality, at once clear, true and even. She showed the result, too, of careful and judicious training. The final section of the aria was beautifully rendered with true devotional instinct. The florid music of "Rejoice Greatly" was a good example of her clean-cut execution. In the second part of the programme, Miss Brearley, in two lighter numbers, was compelled to yield to the insistent demands for an encore. Miss Gertrude Lonsdale, who has a very sympathetic mezzo-contralto voice, sang with touching expression "He Was

In power and technical exactitude. Dr. Ham's "Coronation Ode," conducted by the composer, was also performed by the chorus and the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, and as rendered was grandiose and imposing.

Our young organization, the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, won critical commendation by the careful, judicious manner in which the accompaniments to the "Messiah" numbers were played. The orchestra is gaining in distinction of tone, and in the accompaniments to the solo singers they showed to special advantage. As their own special number they played Mendelssohn's overture to "Ruy Blas," under their own conductor, Mr. Frank Welsman, and gave it so brilliant a rendering that they were given a spontaneous demonstration of applause.

As may be gathered from this notice, several of the most popular numbers of "The Messiah" were omitted last night, but this was rendered necessary in order to shorten the programme and in doing so to preserve a logical sequence to the excerpts. Thus it seemed quite appropriate that the Messiah section should close with the "Hallelujah" following "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth."

This evening's sacred portion of the concert will be devoted to a digest of Mendelssohn's "Elijah."

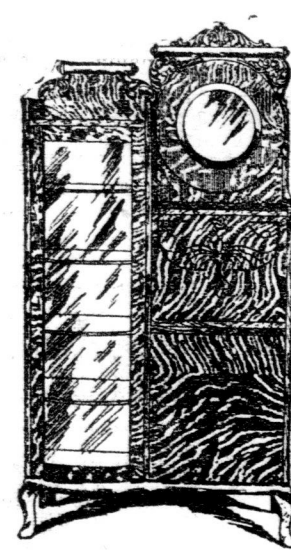
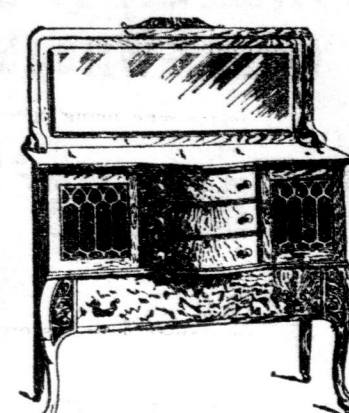
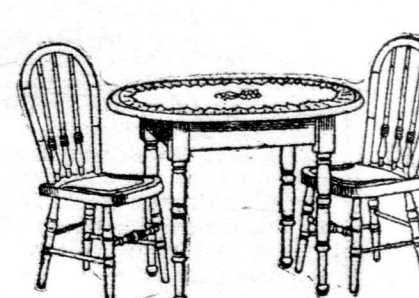
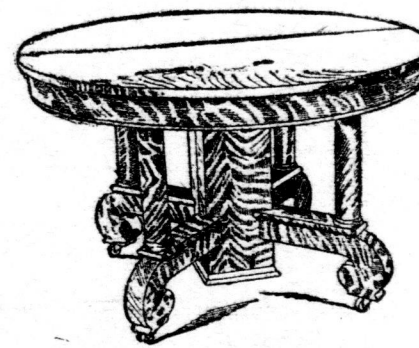
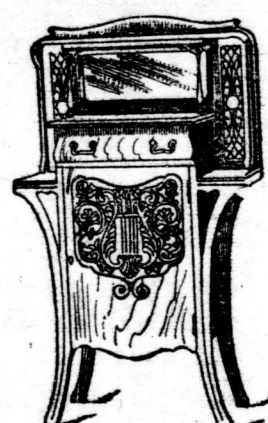
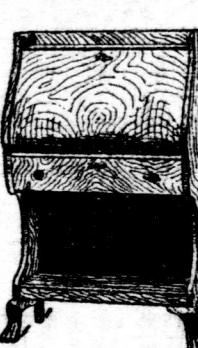
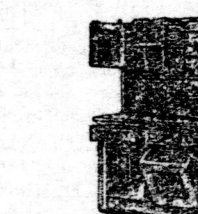
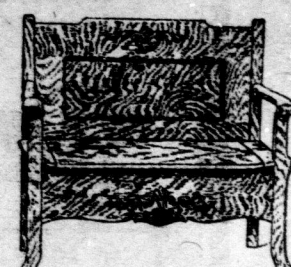
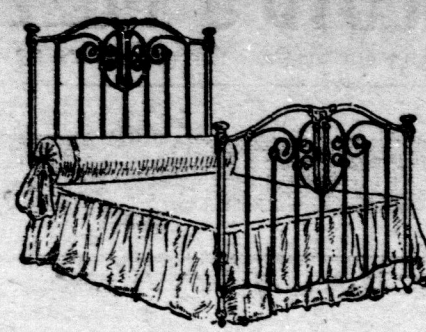
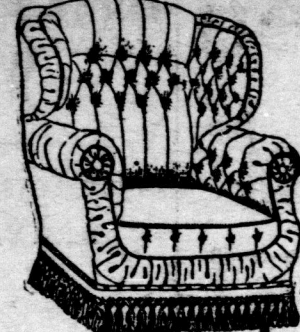
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A CAR SHORTAGE.
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On the Danish Island of Sjælland there is an electric lighting system which is driven by a windmill. The wheel is 46 feet in diameter, and is supported by a tower 43 feet high. The area of the blades exposed to the wind is 340 square feet, and with a wind blowing at the rate of 23 feet a second the mill will give 8.5-horsepower. It is said that a Pittsburgh man recently committed suicide because he thought that he had too much power.



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ROOSEVELT FOR HARVARD

What Some Americans Think of the Proposition.

Syracuse, N. Y., Nov. 6. — The Syracuse Herald asked prominent editors of the country for their opinion regarding the selection of President Roosevelt as the successor of President Eliot of Harvard.

Clark Howell, Atlanta Constitution, wired that Roosevelt would make an ideal president.

The editor of the News and Courier, Charleston, S. C., said that the southern people would advise against such a move.

Lafayette Young, Des Moines Capital, favored the proposition.

Joseph Daniels, News and Observer, Raleigh, N. C., wired: "By all means Roosevelt should be elected; Rockefeller, bursar, and Root, professor of political economy, if Harvard is to teach absolutism, greed and usurpation."

The Chicago Tribune preferred that Roosevelt stay in politics.

The Salt Lake Tribune thought the President would strengthen Harvard with the Mormon.

The Leader, Guthrie, Okla., said public sentiment suggested Bryan.

A dispatch from Minneapolis says that Rome G. Brown, president of the Harvard Club of America, 1907-08, said that Mr. Roosevelt is not conservative enough for the Harvard University presidency, and could not get one vote of the Harvard board of overseers.

THREE ASPHYXIATED.

Washington, Nov. 6. — Overcome by the fumes of a gas of unknown origin, three persons of the family of Clarence L. Bremerman, a stenographer in the library of Congress, were asphyxiated in their first street home, northwest, this city, today. The dead are: Mrs. Heba Cutts Bremerman, 34 years old; Cutts Bremerman, 18 months old, her son; Mrs. Helen Catherine Bremerman, 58 years old, her mother-in-law. When Bremerman returned home this evening he noticed his infant son apparently asleep in a crib in the dining-room. He called to his wife that the baby was asleep. Receiving no reply he went into the kitchen, where he found his wife and mother lying dead on the floor.

While ten of the 48 States have forest reserves, only three States, New York, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, have over 50,000 acres in State forest lands.

TAFT WILL HAVE A STRONG CONGRESS

New York, Nov. 6. — William McKinley, chairman and H. C. Loudenslager, secretary, of the Republican congressional committee, tonight made public the membership-elect of the 61st Congress, as tabulated for the committee. According to this list the National House of Representatives will be comprised of 218 Republicans and 173 Democrats.

ROOSEVELT AS EDITOR
Will Join the Staff of the Outlook as a Special Writer.

New York, Nov. 5. — The Outlook, of which Rev. Lyman Abbott is the editor, announced last night the plan that President Roosevelt will have in the conduct of the newspaper after he retires from the presidency. This is the statement in part:

"On and after March 5, 1909, Theodore Roosevelt will be associated with the Outlook's editorial staff as special contributing editor."

"As the beginning of the nineteenth century was characterized by the movement toward political democracy, so the beginning of the twentieth century has been characterized by a movement toward industrial democracy. In this world-movement Theodore Roosevelt has been recognized as a world leader."

"No one who knows him has believed that his leadership would cease with his retirement from the presidency. We congratulate ourselves and our readers that this leadership, exercised for the past seven years in the presidential messages, will be exercised in the future through the columns of the Outlook, which will be the exclusive channel for the expression of his views on political, industrial and social topics."

"Mr. Roosevelt will be more than a mere contributor. His headquarters will be at the Outlook's office, and he will be in frequent and we hope in constant consultation with its staff. His position will thus be somewhat analogous to that of a consulting engineer, who is called in to give the benefit of his expert co-operation to the staff of engineers in charge of a great undertaking."

"But the editorial control of the Outlook will remain unchanged. Mr. Roosevelt's contributions, though editorial in nature, will be signed by his name, and will be the absolutely free and unmodified expression of his personal convictions."

"As already announced in these columns, Mr. Roosevelt, after retiring from the presidency, will sail for Africa, and the reports of his scientific hunting expedition will be published exclusively in Scribner's Magazine."

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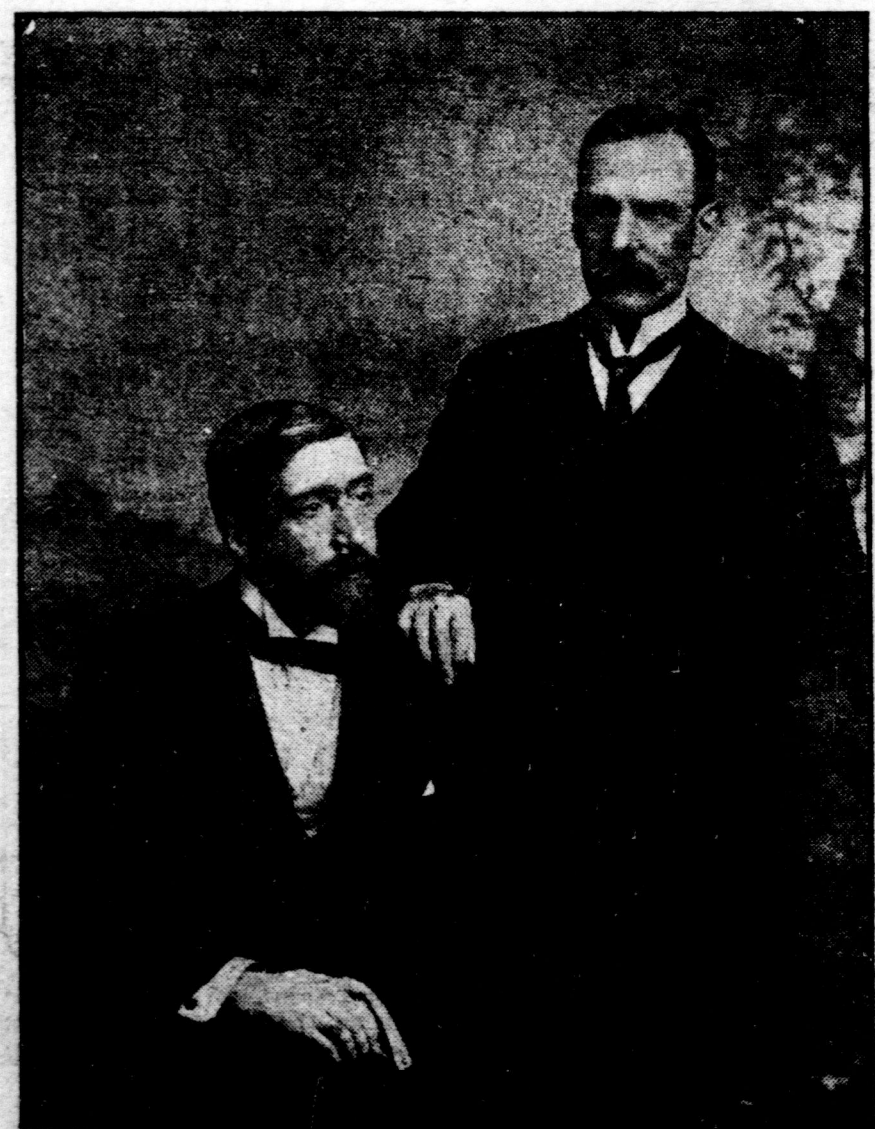
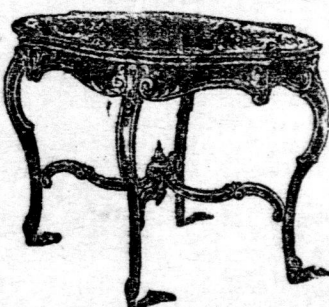
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