

## THE TORONTO CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC.

The periodical concerts of the Conservatory are now looked for not only with pleasant anticipations by the pupils, but raise the expectations of the public, and it is rare not to find the seats filled at the first number.

These concerts, which might be termed classical, deserve more than a passing notice, for they are not merely opportunities to mark the progress of the students, but they are making their impress upon the public, and tend to the diffusion of musical knowledge, changing—insensibly thought it may be—the popular taste to a correct view of what constitutes that which is worthy in musical art. The faculty of imitation is strong in us all, and none are insensible to surroundings, the mind surely becoming imbued with what it receives through the eye and ear. It is important, therefore, that what we often see and hear should tend to elevate, especially so in youth, that most receptive time. That the curriculum of the Conservatory of Music must exercise such salutary influence, no one attending the concerts can fail to see, for the performances of the students are but results from long and arduous practice in a school where praise is dealt with sparingly, and strict discipline exacts faithful and hard work.

Founded some years ago—its President, the Hon. G. W. Allan, and numbering among its Directors some of the leading men of Toronto, the Conservatory has grown steadily, increasing in importance every year, and no pains have been spared to make it what it is; an institution endowed with everything necessary to a complete musical education.

Referring to the Conservatory calendar we find among the incentives to ambition and laudable emulation, the scholarships, open to any student, and assisting them to defray the expenses of their education.

The free classes in the Theory of Music and Violin, open for a term to any beginner, in addition to his ordinary course.

The Conservatory organ, one of the largest and finest in this country, is in constant use by students fitting themselves as professional players or teachers, and added to these advantages, an excellent library is provided for the students, containing rare and valuable works, and augmented constantly by new books on music by recognized authorities.

Special normal courses are arranged for those desiring to take a Teachers Diploma, which ranks in merit the same as the artists course, and opportunity is given these students for imparting practical instruction to classes of children.

The Musical Director, Mr. Edward Fisher, is well known as one whose natural gifts perfected in continental schools place him in the first rank among musicians. Enthusiastic in his profession, exacting in the standard of excellence he sets up, he brings to his work a steady purpose which has made him eminently successful as an educator and an ardour his pupils seldom fail to catch, the result being that many of them occupy to-day prominent and lucrative positions.

On the large teaching staff are found such men as Sig. d' Auria and Sig. Dinelli, well-known musicians and eminent in their profession. The former, distinguished for his success as an instructor in vocal music and the author of more than one standard work, is about to bring out his new cantata "Gulnare," which will be presented to the public through the Toronto Choral Society on January 21. The latter, a gifted artist, whether as solo cellist, solo pianist or violinist, is an associate of the London Academy of Music, and has had large experience in concerts directly under the patronage of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

Summing up briefly this sketch of the Conservatory of Music, the conviction may be expressed that its establishment has proved a boon, and we predict for it even greater success than it has had in the past five years.

### SCIENTIFIC AND SANITARY.

THE Clyde Trustees have determined to deepen the Clyde still further at various points, and have resolved to contract for the construction of another dredger. The object of the Trust is to equalize the depth of the river. The Trustees have also decided to employ barges of 1200 to 1500 tons, instead of those of 400 tons now in use, for the transport of the dredgings from the river to the Firth.

THE latest application of the well-known distance recorder is to cabs, the apparatus faithfully registering the actual distance travelled, and the proper amount the cabman should charge. The mechanism consists of two small boxes, one of which contains the transmitting apparatus and the other the recording device, the two being connected by a flexible shaft. The transmitter is fixed on one of the axles of the cab, and a spindle, actuated by a cam, operates a ratchet wheel which causes the flexible shaft to revolve. This records the distance on the dial in the interior of the cab in plain view of the passenger. The recorder, besides indicating the exact amount of fare due, also keeps a record on a cardboard disc at the back of the machine of the work done and the money taken in during the day. A cord attached to the disc of the recorder enables the cabman to place the fixed pointer at zero before commencing a journey.

THE cultural aspects of civilization are due to geologic structure, but in how many of our institutions are students taught to appreciate the topography or configuration of the earth's surface and its relation to structure, or to observe with enquiring eye the forms and contours of the landscape? The student usually learns the chemistry of certain nicely-arranged hand specimens of hard rocks, and memorizes the names of leading fossils or the crystallography of minerals under the guise of economic geology. As a result, the study is supposed to be merely the study of hard rocks and curious fossils. Although the student knows these by sight, he can not trace a rock-sheet above the ground or below it, or see the great soft terrene void of fossils and rocks which make up the larger area of our country, and can not appreciate the broader relations of structure to agriculture, hygiene, climate, and civilization. Hence the great unfossiliferous terrene are unknown; for example, the non mountainous regions of the West and South, over which in places one may travel from the Rocky Mountains to the Gulf of Mexico without finding a fossil, a crystal, or a building-stone.—Robert T. Hill, in *The Popular Science Monthly* for November.

THE bindings may be preserved from mildew by brushing them over with spirits of wine. A few drops of any perfumed oil will secure libraries from the consuming effects of mould and damp. Russia leather, which is perfumed with the tar of the birch tree, never moulds or sustains injury from damp. The Romans used oil of cedar to preserve valuable manuscripts. Russia-leather covered books, placed in a stationer's window, will destroy flies and other insects.

ONE of the most singular-looking creatures that ever walked the earth or "swam the waters under the earth" is the world-famous man-faced crab of Japan. Its body is hardly an inch in length, yet the head is fitted with a face which is the perfect counterpart of that of a Chinese Coolie; a veritable missing link, with eyes, nose and mouth all clearly defined. The curious and uncanny creature, besides the great likeness it bears to a human being in the matter of facial features, is provided with two legs which seem to grow from the top of its head and hang down over the sides of its face. Besides these legs two "feelers," each about an inch in length, grow from the "chin" of the animal, looking for all the world like a colonel's forked beard. These man-faced crabs fairly swarm in the inland seas of Japan.—*St. Louis Republic*.

SOME time ago the Field Naturalists' Club of Victoria organized an excursion to the Kent group of islands, the object being to collect specimens, and to determine whether the group is most nearly related with Victoria, to which it is closest geographically, or with Tasmania. At the annual *conversazione* of the club, held recently, as we learn from *Nature*, Mr. C. A. Topp, the retiring president, referred to the results of the expedition. The bulk of the fauna and flora were found to be common to Victoria and Tasmania, but there were six or seven varieties of birds peculiar to Tasmania to two peculiar to Victoria. The conclusion was that the islands had been separated from Tasmania after that island was disjoined from the mainland. Among the plants, several forms were found varying somewhat from the typical forms of the same species on the mainland; while it was interesting to find that the arboreal short-eared opossum had changed his habits so far as to feed on the leaves of the eucalypt, and to keep to the ground.—*Science*.

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THE Electrical Exhibition, to be opened at the Crystal Palace, London, on January 1, promises to be of great interest and importance. The requests for space—which already exceed a total of 200—include electric lighting plants for country and town houses, for mines, for steamships, for railway trains, and even for private carriages. Several of the more important exhibits at the Frankfort Exhibition will be transferred to the Crystal Palace.

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IN the current issue of the *Deutsche Medicinische Wochenschrift* Prof. Koch makes a "further communication" upon tuberculin. Koch's main object has been to determine the possibility of obtaining a purified form of tuberculin, which should be free from producing the deleterious effects sometimes observed with the substance as originally prepared. Such a preparation he claims to have obtained by means of the admixture of alcohol with tuberculin; but it is noteworthy, says the London *Lancet*, that his experiments upon healthy subjects and on those affected with tuberculosis showed no essential difference in the reactions obtained between the two varieties. The article also deals in great detail with the nature, methods of preparation and the prescription of the remedy.

## Out of Sorts

Describes a feeling peculiar to persons of dyspeptic tendency, or caused by change of climate, season or life. The stomach is out of order, the head aches or does not feel right,

### The Nerves

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