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At the usual weekly luncheon the St. John's Rotary Club held on Thursday, at Sterling's Restaurant, F. J. King, F.R.C.O., treated the gathering to a most interesting address on Music as an Art, as a Pastime, and as a Business." Chairman, Rotarian "Frank" Bradshaw introduced the talented lecturer, who in his own inimitable style revealed to his audience the beauty and sublimity of the soul of music.

Music, like other arts, owes its origin to nature. The wind howling through a cleft in the rock, a hole in the cabin, blowing upon a reed, or the trickling of water-all such sounds formed something for the human voice to imitate. The sounds were imitated by artificial instruments that increased in accuracy and were imitated by the voice. The power of expression of the voice was imitated by instruments, until, finally, vocal and instrumental music were blended to aid each other.

Concerted instrumental music dates back to the time of Moses-probably earlier. In the British Museum is a painting on plaster, taken from a tomb at Thebes, depicting a party of comely Egyptian women enjoying music of instruments; three were playing a kind of guitar or lute, a fourth a double tibia, whilst a fifth kept time by clapping her hands. Community singing was evidently known by the Greeks. In Gordon Holmes' book "Vocal Physiology and John's encourage it in every pos-Hygiene," he quotes Plutarch as having admonished his disciples against who can sing or play, possesses a key too violent vociferation for fear of that will open social barriers that such calamitous consequences as ruptures and convulsions.

In the fourth century, Church music was purified and put into form by St. Ambrose, and later by St. perfect control. What two better bas-Gregory, and, down to the present es for character building than purity time, music owes much to both and control? While precision runs a of Tarvia. clerical and lay church music ans. close third in importance. Correct The Rotary idea existed in music as breathing, a most important factor for far back as the early part of the the singer, is none the less important thirteenth century, when the first for the health of the bady, and if peo-"round" or "rota," was written. This ple pad more attention to the develop-"round" was sung by six people (or ment of correct breathing the pervoices), four of whom sang the centage of lung ailments would show "round," whilst the other two sus- a considerable decrease, tained a pedal bass. Might there be a As a business, success in the Art significance in the fact that the tune of Music, as in other Arts, cannot be was an old ecclesiastical litany chant, judged by it monetary returns. There and the words were: "Summer is are, of course outstanding figures who 4-cumen in?" The "rota" or "round" happened on the tide of opportunity produces a natural harmony; the and attained wealth; other and great-Many suggests submission to Divin- er musicians of genius have and are ity; and, summer is generally the rewarded by penury. Many are "Born ! Blind but doing incalculable good in giving grand combination! "Three Mice," familiar to everyone, is a the large masses of the people a protypical example of the "round." | per understanding of the beauties of

power of invention, even in its most we find so much voluntary work per- healthy city.—mar25,w,tf ginal form, has a tendency to run formed than in Music. The musician's in certain recognized channels, the talent is unceasingly in demand for study of which, enables the technical voluntary efforts He is expected to Baggage to Tax Cruiser historian to group such in schools, give his time and talent gratis. There taught the rest of Europe how to of asking these professionals for free lem, the Daily Mail says. compose. From that school emanated = the germ that developed into the great Art of modern music. When one considers Bach's "B minor Mass." "Wagner's "Parsifal" or "Flying Dutchman," Puccini's "Madame Butterfly," Gilbert and Sullivan's 'Mikado' -what is there that music cannot express? They are but a branch of the Art. The purely instrumental side. has an equally big apread; while the small twigs are too numerous to mention. As an example of the musical art to illustrate ideas on emetion, perhaps I could not do better than play for you, and analyze a few extracts from the "Prologue" to "Pagilacci" by Leoncavallo. The "Dead March" and "Hallelujah" Chorus, are marvels of expression. When one hears such masterpieces. is it any wonder that we prefer them to the old "Adam and Eve" duet?-

"Eve, we have-no bananas!" (Coaxing reply)

"Well-just try the apple to-day." As a pastime, music is little known in Newfoundland, in its educative gense. Apart from our dances where Jazz reigns supreme, and an occasional private sing-song, there is nothing. In the smallest towns of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, the musical competitions and festivals are part of the people's education and enjoyment. In Chesterfield, a town of about 15,000 population, the entries for the January 29th, 1925. Festival, numbered 2,500. In Kendal (14,700 population), the bismaial testival lasts five days, and they engage the Queen's H. Orchestra, Sir H. J. Wood, Conductor and leading soloists to assist the local chorus of five hundred voices drawn from the town and adjacent villages. The entrants are always willing to pay a fee to enter these competitions. In St. John's, with its population of 30:000 odd, we cannot get enough enthusiasm to support a choral operatic, or orchestral society. The orchestra is unknown in St. John's, not because we have not the nucleus of one, but be cause those who can play even the simplest music, will not amalgamate for the common good. They allow personal and sectarian differences to prejudice them; but indifference is the worst barrier to progress, The work of the Mercy Convent Nane, in starting a string orchestra of girl pupils, should be one of the most pot-

service The professional's time and talent are his means of livelihood, and his services, when required should

Brotherhood in Music is exemplified by Paderewski's recitals for the Ear Haig Fund, Paderewski is making a tour of all the principal towns for this purpose and the attendance at the Albert Hall recital numbered about twelve thousand.

The short time at my disposal does not permit me to deal with the many other phases of the Art of Music, but you Rotarians, moving in the business and professional circles of the City, can do much to foster that which would be of incalculable benefit to this City, just as it is to hundreds of towns and villages in other lands. Do not suffer musical slush and disease to permeate the life of St. John's rather than help to begin a purging

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I merely mention that the first Flem- seems to be a lack of appreciation of LONDON, March 9.—(Associated ish School of composition was from the fact that the musician has to Press.)-The fitting of the battle 1370 to 1430; and if the Netherland- undergo years of study and training cruiser Repulse for the Prince of Plain and Fancy Work, Candy, J. Ryan, past President of the Ameriers were not the earliest composers, just as the doctor, the lawyer or the Wales' trip to South Africa and South Home Cookery and something can Institute of Electrical Engineers, they were the first musicians who sculptor, and yet we would not think America, is proving a difficult prob- for all .- april,4i

In addition to the usual complement of 1,250 men, room has to be found for the Prince's staff and servants, numbering more than 90, and the fact that so many occasions, climates and con- containing 2 pounds, also in packages the so-called chain connection, and ditions must be provided for neces- containing 5 pounds. Each package will be mounted in two groups of sitates space for an immense amount is guaranteed full weight of purest, three each. Distance from ground is of luggage, totalling about 200 trunks, sweetest, cleanest sugar. 200 chests and other cases.

stock of laundered things must be is recommended. taken, as none can be freshened until Cape Town is reached.

Some of the preparations have to do your table, unsoiled by contact with former and the ground With six eminent biochemist and physiologist. Haldane produces figures, which with the entertainments at which the anything unclean. Prince will be host aboard ship, upon his arrival at various ports. Twentyone cooks, stewards and waiters will dust, and from flies which are inaccompany the party, and sufficient variably disease carriers. tableware will be taken to serve 900

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God could have given Him a crown to wear, could have spared Him with virtue be endowed although they hunger and thirst and pain, But God was shaping a soul in Him.

Life is not as the rich believe. Life is learned by the poor and meek. here is more to see than the pleasant vales ,and the road is long to the mountain peak, and had God sent Him to luxury, had He made Him a prince as He could

ruined Him and seared the sou of His only Son.

fancy God purposely made Him poor and purposely sent Him to learn a trade, Sent Him to live as the many live, for out of struggle the man is made: And He read men's hearts and He

read their mirds and He dwelt with them and His spirit grew But wealth would have stifled the soul of Him, as Herod himself once tried to do. So I write these lines for my boy to

with the poor on earth. would rather you go to your task by day and learn by test what your Work with the humble, the good, the Stanford Junior University, Palo Alto,

read: I would rather you walk

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any time while there are men with whiskered jowls intent on standard brands of crime." Yet there are men with flowing beards who walk the paths of righteousness, like gentlemen they dree their weirds, and crime to them gives deep distress. One gent who wears a stovepipe hat and priceless diamonds on his wig, sells us a costly Maltese cat that proves to be a Berkshire pig. We see that we are stung again, and pillaged are our treasure chests, and thoughts of peace, good will to men, are banished from our aching breasts. We cry, our belfries full of bats, "These stovepipe lids betoken guile; all delegates who wear such hats should rot in prison for a while." Yet good men wear upon their dome the sort of bonnets we detest: their hearts are instead of filling His purse with pure, their lives are pomes, they always strive to do their best. It is stead of a prince of the royal not safe to judge a crowd by what some erring wight may do: men may neither smoke nor chew. It is not safe, because some skate has trimand a soul must suffer the crown | med us in a deal in wheat, to say that men are never great who wear red neckties on the street.

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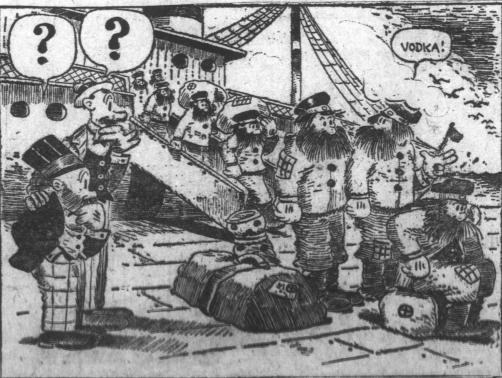
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