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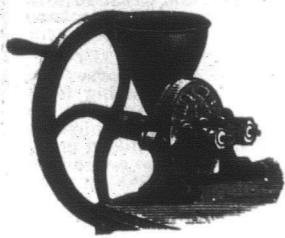
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Filling your heart with light;
Whatever you meet to-day, John,
Go cheerily home to-night.

For though you are worn and weary,
You needn't be cross or curt;
There are words like darts to gentle hearts;
There are words that wound and hurt.
With the key in the latch at home, John,
Drop troubles out of sight;
To the dear little wife who is waiting
Go cheerily home to-night.

You know she will come to meet you,
A smile on her sunny face;
And your wee little girl, as pure as a pearl,
Will be there in her childish grace;
And the boy, his father's pride, John,
With eyes so brave and bright;
From the strife and the din to the peace,
John,
Go cheerily home to-night.

What though the temper try you,
Though the shafts of adverse fate,
May bustle near, and the sky be drear,
And the laggard fortune wait,
You are passing rich already;
Let the haunting fears take flight;
With the faith that wins success, John,
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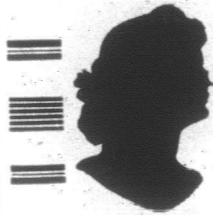
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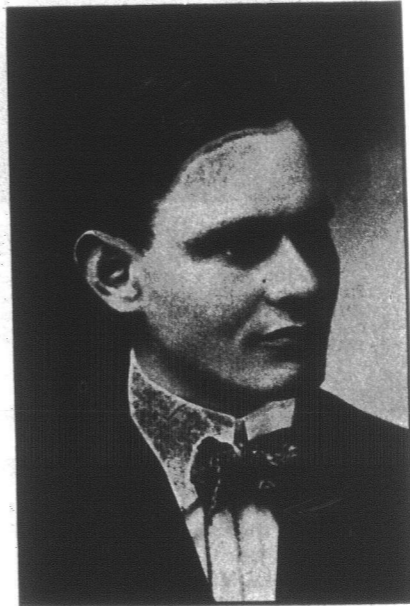
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MUSIC AND DRAMA

John Philip Sousa was conducting a concert at the Exposition Hall, Pittsburgh. The famous bandmaster was engrossed in extracting from his organization the sweet, soft harmonies of an oriental love song. A loud and prolonged blast was tooted by a steamboat plying the Allegheny River. Instantly the director's baton was directed towards the disturbing whistle, as though he would have a more dulcet tone from the offending captain. Immediately he received a most deafening response from the huge steam whistle. The disgusted director now turned toward his musicians, and with a violent waving of his arms brought forth such a roar from the drums and brasses that if there was any further demonstration on the part of the steamboat it was not heard in the music hall.



E. H. Baly.

Mr. E. Hugh Baly, whose photo we present in this issue, is the violinist who has made such a good impression in the musical world of the Canadian West. Mr. Baly is a young Englishman, who was so fortunate as to be born in a musical environment, and his entire life has been spent among musicians and artistic people. His father was a pianist and his mother a singer. His sister is the well-known concert violinist, Dorothy Baly, of London, England, where Mr. Baly was born and received his education. He studied for eight years with Dr. Elliot, of the Guildhall School of Music, and has played with success in England and elsewhere. Mr. Baly has a decided artistic temperament, is an excellent performer on the cello, a brilliant player, combining marvelous technique with perfect interpretation. Miss Marie Rheo White, the versatile dramatic reader, has been busy

filling engagements throughout the country. This young lady can give a complete entertainment, and never fails to please her audience.

Mr. Harold Nelson and his company of players, which are well known throughout the West, will present his new play, Paul Kaurir, in the Winnipeg theatre. The play is intensely dramatic, being founded on some of the most stirring incidents of the Reign of Terror during the French revolution. Mr. Nelson's new role is peculiarly suited to his earnest temperament.

The Winnipeg College of Music is doing excellent work, having a good supply of pupils from the province and Northwest. Mr. Hotchkiss Osborne, the managing director, is a thorough musician, and takes a personal interest in all of the students.

S. L. Barrowclough's Orchestra is one of the busiest organizations in the West, which supplies music for concerts, balls and receptions, sending orchestras throughout Manitoba. Mr. Barrowclough has under his control some fifty musicians.

Mr. Wrigley, the organist and choir-master of Portage la Prairie, intends putting on The May Queen, which he has at present under rehearsal. It is rumored that Mrs. T. H. Verner is to take the title role.

On February 7th, Miss Mary L. Robertson, the talented pianist and teacher, will give a recital, assisted by Miss Edna Sutherland, Miss Ethel Lawson and Mr. E. H. Baly.

Miss Isabelle Chevrier and Miss Dolly Chevrier, two young ladies well known in musical circles, left for Paris on Thursday, the 13th of January, where they will pursue their musical studies.

Mr. Jas. Tees is preparing his male choir for a series of concerts to be given during the season.

Mr. Chas. Ward, the talented singer and violinist, who recently returned from his studies in London, England, has decided to take up his residence in Brandon and has already a large class of pupils. Mr. Ward will prove a splendid acquisition to Brandon musical circles.

It is not generally known that one of the best church choirs in Manitoba is in the Methodist Church of Brandon, conducted by Mr. Openshaw. This talented musician is an excellent organist and choir leader, having had seventeen years experience of this work in England.

The Winnipeg Ladies' Quartette is a splendid acquisition to Manitoba, consisting of Miss Moir, Miss McKenzie, Miss Maloney and Miss Fortin. They have been practising earnestly and have already given several concerts, and are prepared to accept engagements throughout Manitoba and the Northwest.

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