

Among the more modern composers may be mentioned Liszt, Haussig, the most brilliant of Liszt's pupils, Hummel, considered a rival of Beethoven's, but his works are rapidly passing into oblivion, Czerny, Cramer, Field, inventor of the Nocturne Moschelis, Heuselt, Heller, Raff, Rubinstein, who has recently died, Beethoven, Tollschatz, Brahms, Moszkowski, Joseffy, and Rosenthal, considered by many to be the best living pianist, i. e., as far as technical concerns.

Is there a class of music called polonaise, and if so what is it like? The name polonaise was given to a particular kind of composition. One can tell from the word that it differs something Polish. It is really a Polish dance. Chopin's polonaise in A flat would be an example of this.

What is considered to be Beethoven's best composition? This is an exceedingly hard question to answer. However, his Sonata Appassionata is thought by some to be his best piano forte composition, and is considered one of the noblest human utterances. The Eroica symphony and the ninth symphony are among the finest of his orchestral compositions.

What caused Beethoven's blindness? We have yet to know that Beethoven ever was blind. Twelve years prior to his death he was unable to hear even the loudest notes of the orchestra, and all communication with him had to be in writing.

Who are the principal Oratorio writers? Give works of each. Haendel is supposed to be the greatest. His works are The Messiah, Samson, Saul, Judas, Maccabucus and Belshazzar in Egypt. Mendelssohn wrote two great oratorios, St. Paul and Elijah. Beethoven wrote one known as the Mount of Olives, and Haydn two, The Creation and the Seasons.

Who is considered to be the best musical composer? Beethoven is the greatest composer.

In violin music who does the term Consordini mean? The term means playing with unites.

What is the meaning of the Italian word Slossand? In a sliding or gliding motion.

LOCAL EVENTS.

Miss Janie Harris was made glad by a short visit from her mother and sister, November 5th.

Miss Georgie Cole is enjoying a visit from her aunt, Miss E. Ewen.

Rev. J. J. Teasdale paid a flying visit to Sackville during the fair.

We regret to record the death of a former graduate of Mt. Allison, Miss Ethel Smith, who died early Wednesday morning, after a lingering illness of about thirteen weeks. She will be sadly missed by many of her friends.

The final pupil's concert for the term will be held on Friday evening 6th inst., in Bethoven Hall.

During the Christmas vacation, Miss Carrie L. Jordan, head librarian of the Portland Library, will be married to Mr. Stewart of Mt. Allison University.

We are very sorry to hear of the sickness of one of our own, Miss Ethel Fuller. We hope that she will soon be well again.

A Grand Fair was held by the Alumnae of Mt. Allison on November 5th and 6th, in the Museum of Fine Arts. The different booths arranged in very attractive colours presented a pretty appearance. In an inner department, two fair ladies prettily attired, were disposing of a choice assortment of home-made candy. A high supper was served

from five to eight, and ice-cream and oysters were to be had in abundance during the evening. Prof. Hammond had an elegant picture for sale in his own studio. As far as we know, the success financially was great.

An interesting and instructive meeting of the Eclectic Society was held in Beethoven Hall, Saturday evening, Dec. 7th. It was an unusually good meeting. The programme was as follows:—Violin solo, Miss Phoebe Lage; piano solo, Miss Nellie Weldon; debate, Perseverance *versus* Genius—Miss Bessie McLeod, Miss May Jost, Miss Kate Weldon, Miss Lena Rowe. Decided in favour of "Genius." Reading, Miss Eames. Three minute speeches. Critic's remarks. Election of officers for next term, which were as follows:—Miss Bessie McLeod, President; Miss Kate Weldon, Vice President; Miss Nellie Weldon, Secretary; Miss Alice Burbank, Pianist; Miss Annie Maxwell, Miss Laura Mitchener, Librarians. "MUSIC."

FOREIGN EVENTS.

London, Nov. 25.—The fact is regretfully admitted by those close to the Queen that Her Majesty must remain almost a cripple the rest of her days. It was hoped for weeks that she would recover the use of her limbs, after her severe attack of rheumatism in August, but her disability became chronic, and it is believed that she never again will be able to walk more than a few steps at a time. It is impossible for her to step up and down, even in and out of her carriage, and an inclined gangway is now provided for the latter purpose. A specially designed chair has been provided for carrying Her Majesty up and down stairs.

Commandant Booth, chief of the Salvation Army forces in the United States, is critically ill at Chicago, with a combination of nervous prostration and typhoid fever.

Miss Florence Nightingale, at the age of 74, is enjoying excellent health. She is a rich woman, having, besides some private means, the \$250,000 publicly subscribed for her by the English people at the close of the Crimean war. Quite recently she confided to a friend her intention to settle the money as a trust and the interest to be devoted to nursing wounded soldiers, should her country ever again be engaged in a war with a European power.

Auguste Andre, the well-known ship broker of Antwerp, died at that place on the 18th of November, aged 70 years.

A Kakala Kanaka uprising is reported in progress in the islands in the vicinity of New Guinea. Scores of Europeans are said to have been murdered, and most of the trading posts are said to have been burned. A steamship brings news that the captain found fresh traces of cannibalism. He believes every white person in New Ireland has been killed.

New York. A despatch from Guadalajara, Mexico, November 30th, says, another terrific eruption of Colima volcano occurred on Wednesday night. No definite reports have been received from the immediate sections surrounding the volcano, but it is feared there was severe loss of property, and probably life.

Buda, Pesth.—News was received here to-day of the almost total annihilation by wolves of a party of wedding guests who were returning to their homes from the village of Hidas. The route of the party lay through a dense forest. The party was soon overtaken by wolves and thirteen of their number were dragged down and devoured. Few of those who succeeded in escaping were not without injuries of a more or less serious nature. The survivors made their way to the nearest village, and a relief party was at once organized, which proceeded immediately to the scene of slaughter where they found scattered about fragments of flesh, bone, and clothing.

"The Realm," of which Lady Colin Campbell is the editress, appeared November 16th, in London, and was favourably received.