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MDLE. ARTURI will be the soloist at the coming concert of the Vocal Society.

"We have received the Toronto *Musical Journal*, a new publication, which shows skill and taste. We wish it well and hope it may live and do much good."
—*Brainard's Musical World*.

TICKET speculators made a good thing out of the Patti concert, as good seats sold readily at from fifteen to twenty dollars each. We met one who said he purchased ten tickets at five dollars each, and sold them for \$180.00!!

THE Monument to Mozart in the suburban cemetery of St. Marx, Vienna, is to be transferred to the new municipal graveyard known as the Central Friedhof, and will be placed next to the tombs of Schubert and Beethoven. The cost is estimated at one thousand florins. The exact spot where Mozart's remains were deposited is not known. His funeral was attended by a single friend, and his grave was forgotten almost as soon as it closed on his coffin.

THE *Musical Herald* says—"A mistaken idea extensively prevails that cheap and inferior teachers are good enough for young pupils who require elementary instruction. As a matter of fact, however, at no time during their musical studies are the services of a thoroughly efficient master more urgently necessary than at their initiatory stage. Errors acquired during this 'budding' period are as difficult to eradicate as birth-marks." This is truth itself. The fact is, in all the arts, the student who has the good fortune to commence his studies under a competent instructor, and so begins well, has won half the battle.

THE Philadelphia *Record* says: "The Catholic clergy of this diocese have received orders from Archbishop Ryan to instruct the choirs of their respective churches that no music not especially written for the Church shall be sung at any church service. All operatic music, and many popular compositions whose scores have been adapted to the words of the

service, are included, and will be banished. A decision in this matter has been expected from the Archbishop for several weeks past, and musical circles have been on tiptoe for the final word. The decision will materially affect the services of a great number of churches. All the brilliant overtures, sweet interludes, and grand choruses that have become a part and parcel of the church service will have to be dropped; and the splendidly-trained choirs that for years have filled the sacred edifices with the lovely melodies and grand harmonies of the masters will devote their art to the interpretation of plainer and more sacred subjects that please the simple-minded and devout."

We are glad to be able to say that at last a determined effort is being made to establish a band, which shall be worthy of, and in every way a credit to musical Toronto, the city destined to become the Leipzig of North America. A committee appointed to enquire into the best means of effecting this object has, after a careful consideration of several schemes proposed, reported that the most practical and least expensive one will be to secure the services of the members of one of the military bands, and add thereto ten or twelve professional musicians. In such a manner a musical organization can be formed that will be unequalled in Canada, and will compare favorably with the most popular in the United States. Once its reputation is established it will become self-sustaining. The committee having charge of this laudable undertaking is composed of the following representative gentlemen:—Geo. Gooderham, Geo. R. Cockburn, M.P., John Small, M.P., Goldwin Smith, W. Houston, Lt.-Col. Miller, R. Y. Ellis, James George, Wm. Fahey, Henry Vandersmissen, M.A., Alex. Manning, Mayor Howland, Alfred Baker, M.A., David Blain, LL.D., Henry Cawthra, George Suckling, P. H. Jacobi, James B. Boustead, F. H. Torrington, Ed. Fisher, Mark H. Irish, Auguste Bolte, D. R. Wilkie, Walter S. Lee, A. M. Cosby, J. L. Bolster, R. H. Bowes, John A. Paterson, Col. Gilmour, F. E. Dixon, T. G. Mason (of Mason and Risch), John W. Young, T. C. Patterson, D. C. Ridout, John J. Withrow, Hon. G. W. Allan, Wellington Francis, G. B. Smith, M.P.P., W. A. Murray, W. A. Medland, W. R. Har-