

## ASSOCIATED MUSICIANS OF ONTARIO.

### THE NEW ORGANIZATION FORMED.

The following from the *Toronto Mail and Empire*, April 4th, 1899, will suffice to demonstrate the determination of musicians of the Province to regulate and conduct their own musical affairs.

"A meeting of the Association of Musicians of Ontario was held last night in St. George's hall. About one hundred musicians from all over the province were present. The object of the association is to conduct musical examinations in the province under the direction of the University of Toronto.

The first general council was elected last night, and consists of the following:—Messrs. A. S. Vogt, F. H. Torrington, Ed. Fisher, Mus. Doc.; E. R. Doward, C. L. M. Harris, Mus. Doc., Hamilton; S. T. Church, Albert Ham, Mus. Doc., Oxon., F.R.C.O.; J. W. F. Harrison, E. W. Schuch, W. H. Hewlett, W. Caven Barron, of London; R. Tandy, T. C. Jeffers, Mus. Bac.; J. E. P. Aldous, of Hamilton; W. E. Fairclough, F.R.C.O.; J. Humfrey Anger, Mus. Bac., Oxon., F.R.C.O., and F. W. Welsman.

Four section committees were appointed to perfect the organization in their respective sections. The London section consists of W. Caven Barron, W. H. Hewlett, St. John Hyttenrauch, J. W. Featherston, and Thos. Martin. Hamilton—Dr. Harris, J. E. P. Aldous, A. G. Alexander, J. M. Boyes, and W. N. Andrews. Ottawa—J. E. Birch, E. Puddicombe, J. W. S. Jenkins, Dr. C. E. Saunders, and Albert Tassé. Toronto—A. S. Vogt, W. E. Fairclough, F. W. Welsman, E. R. Doward, and J. W. McNally.

Mr. S. T. Church was elected general secretary of the association.

The plan set forth and the spirit manifested has inspired the greatest confidence on the part of the musicians throughout the province. The association is starting out under many favourable auspices.

Three grades of examinations will be held, consisting of primary, junior and senior tests."

### MR. AITKEN'S CONTINUED ONSLAUGHT.

Embittered, chagrined, disappointed and chafing under the prospect of ignominious defeat in an endeavor to whip "into line the last great colony;" annoyed and discomfited at the ridicule showered upon him by the press of England, and aggravated at the dignified manner in which the profession in Canada have met his unwarrantable attacks, Mr. Aitken has once again given vent to his pent up wrath and indignation, this time in the form of a pamphlet, entitled, "The Case of the Associated Board."

In this publication Mr. Aitken continues the fusillade of abuse which he inaugurated on his recent arrival in Canada. In the compilation of his pamphlet Mr. Aitken has evidently had in view the necessity of preparing in advance of his return to England the mind of the Associated Board with the idea that he had "fought the good fight," had "kept the faith," being