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### Sonnet.

BY R. F. GRANT

DY R. F. GRANT
Wilt thou one tender, trustful the cght incline
Unto my memory whan I am st, est,
Under the dark closk of the earth's broad breast,
Dead to the glow of day and pure starshine?
Ah, if thou will, then surely some sweet sign,
Piercing the stient grave as love's schest.
Will thrill its derkness with the tilings blest,
And I shall feel the influence divine.
Then from my dust a flower of hope shall bloom,
And grow in splender, upward to the light.
Showing that even from the derksome comb
Can spring an essence brantiful and bright,
And that e'en in our ashes there is room
For something of love's majesty and might.

### Items of Interest.

- -Lucca is in Paris.
- Vanest is at Warsaw.
- Nienasu is again at Berlin.
- -Litta is going to London next April.
- -Albani sings in Chicago, January 15th.
- PAPPENHEIM is still singing at Buenos Ayres.
- -TERESA SINGER will sing at Naples this season.
- -ME. Sol. Smith Russell is having a good season.
- ...THE Jersey Lily is still drawing in New York city.
- Sig. Severo Striki has sailed from Boston for Europe.
- -Rubinstrin's "Maccabaer" will soon be givou at Dresden.
- -MISS MART NELLINI is singing with the Temple Ouartette.
- -GERSTER is making a concert tour, and will soon be at Berlin.
- -Mr. Cornelius Chenert is going abroad to study with Lamperti.
- MR. EDWARD KENDALL has joined the Corinne Opera Company.
- Miss Lotta Belton has rejoined Willie Edouin's Sparks Company.
- THE Boston "Ideal" Opera Company will appear in Boston, March 18th.
- -Mr. S. Willard Ring, tenor, has joined the Parini Chamber Opera Company.
- -MER GALASSI has made quite a success as Leo-nora in "Favorita," in New York.
- A very successful engagement is being filled by blizs Jennie Sargeant at Perugia, Italy.
- -Exxa Nevada will begin a three weeks' engagement at Berlin, on the 25th of this month.

- -Carrie Howard, serio-comic singer, is lying very ill in New York.
- -Tuz Philadelphia Church Choir Company is touring Indiana with fair success.
- -Tuz last new tenor from Milan is blessed with the exasperating name of Giorgio Gigli.
- -THE Chicago Musical College will give ten entertainments this winter, in Apollo Hall.
- -MKE, ALBANI, the prima donna, is coming to this country on a professional tour in January.
- -ME. AND MES. BRONSON HOWARD have gone to London, where they will reside permanently.
- -CARL PORMES has arrived in New York, from San Francisco, and is expected to visit Boston soon.
- -Madame Nilsson travels in state in a private car, provided with a waiter, a porter and a French cook.
- -VILLABET, the famous tenor, after twenty years' service, has bidden "good bye" to the Paris Opera.
- -Wootson Mobsk's "Cinderella at School" will be produced at the Philadelphia Lyccum during February
- -MAURICE GRAU and his double opera company are making their way to Mexico, Havana and South America.
- -MILE. HEILDRON'S recent return to the operatic stage, at the can Carlo Theatre, Naples, was quite successful.
- -Tux Cecilian Society of Philadelphia sing "The Messiah" on the 14th, with Mrs. Belle Cole as the principal soloist.
- -MME SELIKA has already gained much admiration for her singing in London Sae is learning Aida with Sig. Mazzoni.
- -Tuz Philadelphia Musical Association are to hold a Festival in April next, and have already secured funds to the amount of \$3000.
- The Chicago Morart Society give a concert on the 18th, when Miss Hattie Louise Simms and Mr. Myron W. Whitney will be the soloists.
- -Forn's Opera House, Washington, was sold re-cently for the sum of \$55,100. This sale does not affect Mr. Ford's lease of the building. This sale does not
- -Tur "Vicar of Bray" was a dismal failure io Baltimore the good people of the Monumental City not liking the clerical and religious allusions.
- Miss Panny Kellogo, who was born at Kalama-200, Mich., received quite an ovation upon her first appearance there as a singer, a few evenings ago.
- -MADAME FARSCH-MADI, who sang, for the last two sessions, dramatic soprano roles at the Covent Garden Opera House, is coming to join Mapleson's troupe.

- -ALEXANDER SALVINI is no longer playing Romeo to the Juliet of Miss Mather. Walter Eytinge is entrusted with the part. Salvini has lost the sight of one of his eyes.
- -Ms. John McCaull has virtually become the lessee of the New York Casino, having arranged with Mr. Rudolf Aronson to produce comic opera there for a period of three years.
- —Clampi-Cellas, baritors, who was in this country with Mile. Carlotta Patti in her concert tour of 1879-80, is to join Manager Maplesen's Opera Company in New York. He sailed from Liverpool Esst Saturday.
- Paevost, the tenor, whom Campanini seduced into excess of lager, has regained his ut de poitrine, and has made his debut at the Costanzi of Rome with warm demonstrations of applause on the part of the public.
- --Tur charming Madame Albami-Gye, whose levely voice and perfect style have been heard at all the recent English music festivals, has finally arranged to appear here with Her Majesty's Opera Company shortly after New Year's Day.
- -Ar the first and second concerts of the New York Chorns Society, Gounod's new oratorio, "The Redemption," will be sung, with Mrs. Osgood, Idiss De Lussan, Mics Winant, and Mesers. G. Simpson, Winch, Remmertz, Fritsch and Steins as soloists.
- -ANTHON DVORAE, the famous Slav composer, has written a new opera, called "Dimitri," which was recently produced at Prague. A Symphony, by the same composer, is to be given this season by the New York Philharmonic Society.
- Tue contract between Emma Abbett and Nixor and Zimmerman for the former's appearance in English opera at the Chestnut Street Opera House, Philadelphis, during the week commencing March 20, 1883, has been dissolved by mutual consent.
- -Turns is a rumor current that an effort is to be made to close an arrangement for Sig. Salvini and Mmc. Modjeska to appear together in a Shakspoarran play during their present visit to this country. The place is not stated, but it is supposed that New York would be selected.
- CATHARINE LEWIS has been engaged by Manager McCault to sing in "The Queen's Lace flandkerchief," the negotiations between her and flavorie for his "Merry War company having fallen through. She will appear in Philadelphia shortly in "Olivette" and "The Snake Charmer."
- -Mrs. Oscoop is at present traveling through Ohio with the Weber Quartot Club and has everywhere met with the greatest success. She reappears in New York on the 6th, on the occasion of the first produc-tion in this country of Gound's "Redemption," under the direction of Mr. Theodore Thomas.

### OUR LATEST CATALOGUE,

Just issued, is a handsomely bound book of 180 pages; it is of convenient size, and will prove a valuable guide in the selection of musical publications. Its contents, comprising nearly 5000 pieces and over 80 books, is divided into four parts, and includes the best productions of the most celebrated writers of Europe and America. Part 1, is devoted to sheet-music publications. viz.: Voice and pano, waltzes, galops, polkan, mazurkas, schottisches, redowas, quicksteps, quadrilles, four-hand arrangements, piano solos, cabinet organ music. collections of teaching pieces, violin and piano arrangements and exercises. With each title is given the key. compass, degree of difficulty, name of author and price. Part 2, a description of popular and standard book publications. Part 3, a convenient and comprehensive classification of the vocal and instrumental music of the best-known writers, arranged under proper heads. Part 4, a thematic catalogue of popular vocal and instrumental music, which will be found particularly valuable in assisting the purchaser to make proper selections. Part 5, contains "odds and ends" not to be found in the parts above-mentioned. Mailed free to any saddress.

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### Criticism of To-day.

It is a remarkable fact that the best actors and actresses are always dead or retired from the stage. Old play-goers tell us that it has been so from the beginning. There never was a time when the reality of the present was not insignificant compared with the recollection of the past. Even Mrs. Drew we only entirely admire in the paris that she has ceased to play. When she played them, people were wont to say that the palmy days of genteel comedy were past. It is but a very few years since reminiscences of Helea. Faucit and Ellen Tree were thrown in the face of every young woman who essayed one of Shakespeare's younger heroines, and Adelaide Neilson was a rulgar upstart. Since Adelaide Neilson is dead it is discovered that she was the only genuine interpreter of Shakespearean comedy and all others are counterfeits. For anybody else to attempt Rosalind is an outrage. We won't have it. Fifteen years hence we shall be saying to young play-goers, "Ah, but you should have seen Modjeska play Rosalind!" This we call criticism—Philadelphia Times.

### Kellogg's Favorite Song.

The song "Good Bye," by Tosti, which Miss Kellogg has sung with so much success during the past year, has a sad story connected with it, writes "Brunswick" to the Gazette. The words were written by the dashing and romantic Whyte Mellville. One day he mounted his coal black steed—Katerfello, in all probability-and set out for a hard ride, for he was a good horseman, and the harder he rode the more he enjoyed it. The worst accidents seem to happen to the best horsemen. He was thrown and killed, and his dead body was brought back to the room he had so recently left in such high health and fine spirits. table lay his pens and paper just as he had left them.

There was one sheet of paper with the writing on it scarcely dry, and the words "Good Byr," as he had just composed them. Paola Tosti set them to music and he seems to have been inspired by the incident, for he never wrote anything more beautiful. I think Miss Kellogg must have caught some of the inspiration of both words and music, for she sings that song with a passion that has surprised a great many people. She knows the words and outsic perfectly, but she never goes on the stage without the sheets of the music in her hand. She has carried the same copy for over a year, and it is torn and battered so that I doubt if she could read it if she tried. I said to her the other day, "Why do you carry that old piece? let me send you a new one." She looked quite hurt as she replied, you a new one." She looked quite nurt as she replied, "Please don't. I would rather not have a new one. I carry this for association's sake, and could not sing unless I held it in my hand.

—In the cross suits between the manager and actor for breach of contract, both parties were non-suited, but Mayer and to pay the costs. Coquello appeared as his own a two te, and created great amusement in the crowded court.

### The Frightened Diva.

How an Unknown Enemy or "Crank" Scared Patti.

Among the numerous letters from unknown persons which Ame. Patti every day receives, there was one on the 18th which caused considerable excitement among the members of the Mapleson Opera Company, now in New York. It was written in French, in a woman's hand, and, translated, read as follows:—

MADAME PATTI:—If you sing this evening then you are lost. Take my good advice.

Your Friend, \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

Madame Patti herself was frightened at the letter, and her Secretary, Mr Franchi, was sent to the 18th Precinct Police Station to invoke the aid of Captain Clinchy. The Captain immediately went to see the prima doma, and assured her that he would take every precaution for her safety. And he did. A detective was stationed behind the scenes at the Academy of Music, and the watchman at the stage door was instructed to let in, on no pretext whatever, no one not employed there regularly or belonging to the opera company. The opera for that evening was "Faust," and as the audience began to gather there came in with them a number of detectives in citizens' clothes, and a number of policemen in uniform. These officials stationed themselves in different parts of the auditorium, and closely watched the faces and movements of the people in the audience If any one had put his suspicious movement, he would have been pounced upon by the officers in a twinkling. No one did anything of the kind, however, or if he did he was not caught at it and the ordinactions. caught at it, and the audience listened to the opera in blissful i norance of the sensations that may have been hovering over them. When Madame Patti came on the stage, she naturally did so with considerable trepi-Colonel Mapleson assured a Tribune reporter detion dation. Colonel Mapleson assured a *iritume* reporter that "her hands were as cold as ice, she was so frightened." She sang through her part, however, and no pistol shot interrupted her. If fear made her voice trembles little, the audience to be the tremblings as extra trills, and were delighted. When the opera was finally ended, it was much to the relief of Madame Patti and all who knew about the threatening letter. Colonel Mapleson says that he is unable to account for the letter unless it came from a "crank," or some disappointed singer. Captain Clinchy says that he believes that it was from some crank, though possibly it was merely intended as a joke. The letter was mailed at Station D on Sunday, the 12th.

### Correct Instruction for the Reed Organ.

To those persons who are familiar with the works of Mr. W. F. Sudds, it would be unnecessary to say anything in praise of his latest production, "NaTIONAL GUIDE TO RELD ORGAN PLAYING": but as the work will doubtless be inspected by many who are unacquainted with his famous book, "National School for the Piano-Forte," we desire to say that National Guide to Reed Organ Playing stands without a rival; it contains everything necessary for teacher and pupil, and it is so plainly and progressively compiled that it may truthfully be called a self-instructor. The book is divided into two parts, as follows: Part I leads the pupil very gradually, by means of easy, melodious and technical exercises, through all the keys. Part II introduces music of a more decided organ character, giving simple and comprehensive instruction in part playing, choir accompaniment, etc., and finally initiates the student into fugue playing. The book is also replete with choice organ music selected from the best productions of popular and standard authors. To all who desire a correct and practical organ instructor, we unhesitatingly recommend "National Guide to Reed Organ Playing."

—MADAME ALEANI will be with us early next year. Mr. Ernest Gyo telegraphed to Mr. Mapleson that he had completed all arrangements for her appearance here. She is expected in the second week in January, and will appear in "Sonnambula." She will probably app-ar in "Puritani," "Sonnambula." The Flying Dutchman, "Le Nozze," and "Mephistofele," and take par. in the Gincinnati Operatic Festival. The festival commences on Monday, January 29th, and continues throughout the week. There will be eight operatic performance, as follows: On Monday, "Traviata," with Mme. Patti; Tuesdny, "L Africaine;" Wednesday midinee, "Sonnambula," with Mme. Albani; Weduesday night, "William Tell;" Thursday, "Nemiramite," with Patti; Friday. "The Flying Dutchman," with Mme. Albani; Saturday mattnee, "Don Giovanni," with Mme. Patti, and the final performance, "Lehongrin," with Mme. Patti, and the final performance, "Lehongrin," with Mme. Albani, Mmc. Scalchi, Mierzwinski and Galassi.

### Tributes of Worth,

TO A BOOK OF WORTH, BY MEN OF WORTH.

If there lingered in the mind of any one a single doubt regarding the merit, the efficacy or completeness of "National School for the Piano-Forte," the opinions of three of the greatest of American musical authorities should at once dispel any such misgivings. Below are given verbatim the unsolicited criticisms of the gentlemen alluded to:

From DR. Louis Maas of Boston, Mass.

"After a careful survey of 'National School,' I am glad to tell you that I think it one of the very best books of that description that has been brought under my notice. It is simple, comprehensive and yet exhaustive—containing everything that can be sought for in anything of its kind. I shall be glad to economic menud and use it as far as it is in my power."

And in the same earnest tone comes the approval from Dubley Buck, Esc., of Brooklyn, N. Y.

"I have examined 'National School,' and am glad to say that I think you have compiled a good work, covering all essential points of piano playing and which, properly made use of, cannot fail to produce good players. I trust that you will be rewarded for the labor and pains you have evidently taken."

While Mr. W. S. B. MATHEWS, Chicago, Ill., says:

"I have examined your 'National School for the Piane-Forte' with care, and regard it as by far the most comprehensive work of the kind yet issued. It cannot but do good wher ver adopted. Hoping it also meet the success it deserves,

I am yours, truly,
W. S B. MATHEWS.

Besides these distinguished endorsements, the publishers of "National School" have received commandations from both press and profession throughout the United States and Canada. In a word, it surpasses any other pane instructor in existence, and assuch we recommend it to the trade, the teacher/and the pupil.

—A BALTIMORE author is at work on a musical comedy for Alecia slobson, in which the lady will star next season. A well-known Baltimore hotel man, it is rumored, has taken quive an interest in the lady, and rumor has it that he is soon to lead her to the altar. Her father, Stuart Robson, has recently purchased a handsome New York residence, which will be deeded to the daughter on her wedding day.

—MINNIE HAUK, who is so well known in opers, made her first appearance in concert in Philadelphis on the 20th, in Mr. Pugh's Star Course. She sang "Angels are bright and fair," Eckert's echo song and the Habanero from "Carmen," and, with Mile. Lauri, of the Mapleson opers troupe, the sererade duo from "Mefistofele." Beside Mile. Lauri, the contralto, who is an excellent artist, Signor Claudio, tenor, and M. Durat, bass, and Mr. Sternberg, pianist, took part in the concert.

—Says the London World: "That the audience signify their delight to hear a great artist again, is flattering for the artist; but to insist with such obstinacy as a right on making him repeat is discourteous and unfair. If they go to a restaurant and find a dish splendidly cooked, would they get an 'encore' for nothing? They pay to hear a programme which is laid before them and conscientiously given. Why should singers be forced, whether it try their organs or not, to do what they never bargained for?"

—The multiplicity of his engagements in New York has hitherto prevented Dr. Damrosch from seceding to the many requests received from various parts of the country to give a series of concerts with his orchestra. This season, however, he has arranged to do so, and opens the campaign at Cincinnati on the 21st inst., from whence he proceeds to Louisville (2 concerts), Indianapolis, St. Louis (3 concerts and a matineo), Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Hamilton and Toronto, returning to New York again on December 3.

—A STRANGE STORY regarding Brignoli comes from Fort Wayne. He was to appear the other night with Miss Faunio Kellogs, in Italian opera. During the first act the audience discovered that he was intoxicated. At the close he staggored back, leaving the audience in the greatest state of uncertainty as to whether the performance would go on. Miss Kellogs was beside herself with indignation. Finally she appeared before the curtain and denounced Brignoli. Manager Bachert rushed out and offered ten dollars to any one who would give the tenor a sound thumping. Brignoli sub-equently denied that he was intoxicated, but said he rejused to sing because Miss Kellogs and company were incompetent to support him in 11 Trovatore.

### A Letter from W. F. Sudds.

GOUVERNEUR, N. Y., October 5, 1882

Dear Sir:—Were it not that I am a firm believer in the old saying that "figures cannot lie," and especially yours I could hardly credit your statement of the sales of the "National School for Piano-Forte," for the past two months. What, then, may we not expect when the editions in foreign fingering, and the abridged edition, are also in the field? You see by the enclosed that heartiest endorsoments from our most prominent musicians continue to pour in.

Very truly, etc.,

W. F. Suppg.

NOTE.—Both of the editions mentioned above (Complete copy in foreign fingering and the Abridged Edition) are ready, and now that we are enabled to supply the demand for this valuable work in so many different forms, we confidently anticipate a large increase of orders. Complete, \$3.25; Abridged, \$2.00.

—The Publishers.

- -Corinne is in the Northwest.
- -Miss Julia F. May is in Milwaukee.
- -THE Acme Opera Company is in Texas.
- -OSCAB RAIF, pianist, of Berlin, is to visit us.
- -Tub Wilbur Opera Company is in Washington.
- -Ir is feared that Mary Beebe will never be able to sing again.
- -Miss Louise Marker has joined the Jolly Bachelors' Opera Company.
- -THE prospects of the Heimendahl Symphony, Chicago, are encouraging.
- -MLLE. PAOLO-MARIE has been ill with typhoid fever, but is now convalescent.
- -Manager John McCaull has accepted Ben Woolf's new comic opera, " Pounce & Co."
- -Miss Josie Barchelden has joined Lawrence Barrett's company, playing soubrette parts
- -Nilsson's stage jewels were not destroyed by the Park Theatre fire in New York, as had been feared
- -MR. MAX VOGRICH, formerly plants of the Wilhelm concerts, has married and settled in Australia.
- —It is also thought probable that Mme. Nilsson's services may be secured for the Cincinnati Opera Festival.
- -ME GEORGE WEERS and Miss Julia H. Carnest, of the Emma Abbott Company, were married recently in Cincinnati.
- -CLEVELAND, Ohio, gave the Boston Ideals very large patronage The advance sale was the largest of any company ever visiting that city.
- -MILE. BIANCA LABLACHE (Miss Blanche Day apport) has made quite a success in opera at Boulogne, if eighteen calls before the curtain be any oriterion!
- —Atkinson's "Jollities," No. 2, comprising Misses Florence and Lillie Bate, Messrs. Harry Haskell, James Dyer and Joseph Byrne, will go on a tour of New England.
- -The New York College of Music has issued a circular in which it states that it has onlarged its building in East Seventeenth Street, and also that it now numbers 4500 students.
- -Ar the third concert of the New York Chorus Society, on February 17th. Bach's Cantain, "My Spirit Was in Heaven," and scenes from Wagner's "Parsifal" will be given.
- —Franz Wetter, of Courtright and Hawlins' Minstrels, has received an offer from Luma Abbott's manager to sing in opera, at \$80 per week. Mr. Wetter refused, as he has not yet fully completed his musical education.
- -VILLARET, the popular French tenor, who has just retired, forever, he says, from the opera riage, has been a public singer pearly twenty years, but has never sung elsewhere than in Paris. He was formerly a foreman in a brewery.

### American Music.

American compositions are fast growing into favor; in fact it is becoming fashionable to sing and play the works of good native writers. This is right, and speaks well for the good sense of our countrymen. There is no reason why we should not produce as good music as any other nation. We have competed with the Old World successfully in everything else, and why not music? Surely we possess sufficient intelligence.

### Evening Pleasures.

Tableaux and musical performances and games are in order during the long winter evenings that are upon us; and as many folks tire of too frequent repetitions, something new in the way of a means of amusement would ne doubt be acceptable. As a means of innocent social pleasure, we suggest "The Secret," a cantata, that can easily be performed in a parlor or drawing-room. It is very beautiful, and the music is decidedly sweet, but not too hard for amateur voices. It is called a "cantata," but it might be called an "operetta" with equal propriety, for it is full of action. Sent 'o any address for 25 cts.

- -THE Boston Glee Club announces that its first concert of the season will be given in Horticultural Hall on the evening of January 17.
- —DR. DANEOSCH, since his production of "Parsifal" in the New York Academy of Music, has determined to make a tour of the principal cities of the West, and will take with him his orchestra, numbering some sixty pieces. His vocalist will be Isidora Martinez, a soprano.
- -Miss Carrie E. Daniels, who went abroad with the "Fun on the Bristol" Company, has been very ill for seven weeks in London. At one time her friends feared she would die. She has, however, recovered, and will soon rejoin the company, which is now on a provincial tour.
- —It is stated that at the termination of her concert tour Mme. Christine Nilsson will appear in the leading role of "Zenobia," to be produced in one of the "stern cities during the month of May. S. G. Pratt, the composer, is arranging the whole score of the operator her voice.
- —MR. Mapleson's new tenor is of Polish extraction and was educated at the Milan Conservatoire. He has sung in the chief opera houses of Europe, including the Paris Opera House and Covent Garden. He has a phenomenal tenor voice, a prepossessing stage appearance and full knowledge of the art of acting and singing. He is the first tenor who has sung here the heavy part of Arnoldo in "William Tell" without alteration or transposition.
- —A very interesting and delightful concert was given at Decatur, Ga., recently, by Miss Archan Tillitt, a young lady of sixteen years, assisted by Master Amadeo you dor Hoya Schultz, a young violinist, eight years of age, and of most astonishing ability. Without giving a critical analysis of the programme, the rendering of Mendelssohn's Allegro Giojoso, by Miss Tillitt, and selections from Tannhauser, by Master Schultz displayed artistic skill beyond their years, and gave assurances of future celebrity. These young performers are pupils of the Southern Conservatory, Atlanta.
- —In speaking of her diamonds, Patti says: "The impression that most of them were given me by the Czar of Russia or other soverwigns is quite wrong. The late Czar gave me a decoration, and when he came to hear me he would make me a present of a parare or something else. But generally speaking they are souvenirs contributed anonymously by my admirers before I left their town. Some one sets the ball rolling and gives so or so much, and others imitate the example till the souvenir can be purchased. Of course, in all these cases. I never know their names—if they sent their cards with the presents I should refuse them."
- The Philadelphia Germania Orchestra, conducted by W. M. Stoll, Jr., began a series of six symphony concerts at the Academy recently. This was the programme: Symphony, op. 90. A major ("Itatian"), Mendelasohn; air, "Und ob die Wolke" (Freischütz), Weber, Mrs. Georg Henschel, plano concerto op. 54, A minor, R. Schumann, Mr. Charles H. Jarvis and orchestra; overture, "Leonore" No. 3; Beethoven; air from the opera "Actéon," Auber, Mrs. Georg Henschel; piano concorto for two pianos, op. 83, E flat, Mozari, (cadenza by Moscholes), Messrs. R. Zeckwer, Charles H. Jarvis and orchestra, March Hongroise, "Damnation of Faust," Berlioz.

### William T. Meyer.

Whose compositions, both vocal and instrumental, are so much admired in this country, is a comparatively young man. He was horn September 20th, 1853, at Pleasant Hill Farm, near Aaronsburgh, Centre County, Pennsylvania, the residence of his father. who, at that time, was a prosperous farmer Mr. Myers' ancestors were Germans, and for generations back have been musically inclined -in fact, his greatgreat-grandfather was a noted singer, and later his grandfather and father gained considerable note as teachers of vocal music. Thus it appears that the subject of these remarks was a natural musician, by inheritance, before receiving any tuition. His first instructions in music were received from his father, and at the age of eighteen he was placed with Professor T. M. Carter, an efficient teacher, residing in Aarons-burgh. After studying with the latter gentleman, he took lessons from Mr. W. S. B. Mathews, of Chicago, and finished his musical education under Dr. William Mason of New York.

Some of Mr. Meyers' vocal compositions were written when he was but ten years old, and were published in a collection of church music. At eighteen he wrote several pieces, which became very popular. His latest and most successful compositions are "Moonlight in the Forest," nocturne, "Heavenly Musings," sacred reverie. "Laughing Brooklet Schottische," "Lantana Reverie," and others, which are contained in our catalogue.

-An effort is being made to induce Mme. Nilsson

to sing in Italian opera next spring, and to get her to give colat to the opening of the Metropolitan Opera House, New York. The effort is, however, not likely to be successful.

—JOHANN STRAUSS, the composer, is reported to have made his will, whereby he bequeathes the bulk of his property for the foundation of a college of music. He has no children. His estate is said to be worth about \$100,000.

- —MLLE. RHEA has been offered the part of Desdemona to John McCullough's Othello, Lawrence Barrett's Iago, and Mary Anderson's Emelia, at the grand Dramatic Frestival to be given at Cincinnati the week beginning April 23d next.
- -Miss Margerie Bonne has been a member of Mile. Rhea's company for the last two or three months. She now proposes to star w h a new combination. She is good-looking, taleated and persevering, and her prospects may be considered good.
- —St. Louis—as well as Boston—is to have a Mendelssohn Quintet Club. Messrs. George Heerich, Val. Schopp, Isaac Schoen, Carl Froeblich and A G Robyn are the projectors. Their name will lead 'o confusion with that of the Boston organization, should they conclude to travel.
- —"The Secret," a centata, by Vickers and Geibel was sung in Philadelphia, recently, at a musical entertainment. The chorus of fifty voices did finely, and the composition was pronounced a decided success. Miss Minnie E. Vickers, soprano, as Minne Myrtle, was repeatedly encored.
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Dominion, son Honneur M. le Juge Loranger.

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On vient de commander chez M. D'ry, facteur l'orgues, de Québec, pour la nouvelle édites et-Jean de cette ville, un magnifique orgue qui coûtera de set benucoup mieux soignée que celle de la presente ville, un magnifique orgue qui coûtera de mière, se vend néanmoins au nième prix que celle de la presente ou ville qui la sura trois claviers, avec pedactes et environ 42 jeux.

— "L'Harmonie de Montr'al," "M. Edmond Hardy, conducteur, aunonce un grand concert qui aurait lieu, an Queen's Hall, marbi, le 12 decembre. A part les musiciens de l'Harmonie, l'excel· Circoncision, l'Epiphane, le Saint Nom de Jesus, l'ent cheur du G'su et M. François B sucher, artiste etc.

— Nous retrouvons les noms de Mdins Poel un de MM. Oscar Mariel.

—None retrouvous les noms de Mdins Pockwood, remarquable. Le cheur nombreux a executé, avec de MM. Oscar Martel, J. A. Fowler et Pelaliunt de meilleur effet, la belle messe de Fancomer, Por de MM. Oscar Martel, J. A. Fowler et Delatumi de meilleur effet, la belle messe de Fancomer, l'or ur le programme de l'intéressante source musa aic chestre des symplomistes, au grand complet, prétainnée, à la salle Nordheimer, le 18 novembre, tant son concours effectif. Les solos, combes à MM. Ou le patronage de la société de Temp rame et la stant son concours effectif. Les solos, combes à MM. Deautre Le Rével M. Monk a pronoucé un matries sont discours à cette séance.

— L'excellent "Cheur Mendelssohn" de Monte d'al, habilement dirigé par M. Joseph Gom l. a de cidé de portor, de 30 à 50, le nombre de ses menteurs de l'excellent de son mente d'amateurs désireux de s'adjoind à d'ette des mieux dirigées de ce continent.

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— L'excellent grand des plus florissantes et des mieux dirigées de ce continent.

— L'enique édition de la remarquable "Messe de Noël," de fou M. l'abbé Perrault, dite Die Injunti, Quelles une nouvelle messe, compesée et or less s'épuiso rapidement; à peine en resto-t-il une

trée par M. Napoléon Crépault, organiste de cette vingtaine d'exemplaires entre les mans de M. A. église. Cest, croyons-nous, le premier essai du J. Boucher, 280, rue Notre-Dame. Une fois ces genre fait à Québec, par un canadien. Les appréciations que nous avons lues de cette nouvelle sible de se procurer cette œuvre si intéressaute, pour accun prix, attendu que les planches ent concert de la saison, à Québec, dans sa salle, rue réimpression en de iont, par conséquent, impossible des de la saison, à Québec, dans sa salle, rue réimpression en de iont, par conséquent, impossible des de la société québecquiex y saistait. Telle qui n'auraint par genera cette que run intereste de la société québecquiex y saistait. lettanti et de la société québecqueise y assistait, pelle qui n'auraient pas encore cette œuvre, inté-A part les membres du Septuer, Miles Lemelin et ressante à tant de utres, lans leur répertoire, à se Paré et M. P. Jobin prenaient part à cette char-later d'en faire l'acquisition. Le prix actuel de ce mante soirée, qui sera bientôt suivie de plusieurs travail volumineux n'est que de \$2.00 net l'exemplaire

autres.

A part un intéressant concert donné, au cabinet de lecture paroissial, par le chœur de Notrobinet de lecture paroissial, par le chœur de la Morcredi, fête de la mous ne sachons pas que la fête de Ste-Cécile ait congrégation N. D., rue Goucestal, par la politesse été au rement colébrée à Montréal. Un feit mieux de la F. Boucher, de Mdine Lajurre et de Milo les choses à Québec, Ottawa, et en brauconp d'autawa, du 24 novembre dernier. "Morcredi, fête de louis de la Congrégation N. D., rue Goucestal, par la politesse été au rement colébrée à Montréal. Un feit mieux de la "Vierge de l'harmonie," pour récréer adminaux en rapportor aux intéressants comptus-rendus de la "Vierge de l'harmonie," pour récréer adminaux en rapportor du ces endroits.

—On dit que le chœur de Ste-Patricé prépare acqu'un petit nombre d'amnes de la maison. Pendant tuellement sous la déliceuse métallodie de son violou, tint l'arsistance dan le plus Les accompagnements our le plane par Mdr. e La-plerre révèlent un talent tout à fait mattre de son lestremant. Mile Aumend chants, avec une gr

of upe culture raises, un soles fregue et une magni-ficae ballado anylaise" "M. Boucher est un violoniste d'une grande force—son sejour en Europe avant été exclusive-ment consacré à ses études musicales. Il interprete les grands maîtres avec la plus grande précision et clarte; et sa complaisance à en faire pronter les élèves du couvent a été plemement appréciée. Une des jeunes demoissiles s'est faite l'interpréte de la reconnaissance doses compagues et l'a remercié et félicité sur les succès qu'il a déjà remportés, tout en lui sonhaitant tout ce qu'il merite dans la car-tière artistique qu'il a embrassée."

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