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SUMMARY OF MUSICAL NEWS.

CRAWFORD, the sculptor of the Beethoven Statue in the Boston Music Hall, sends a card to Dwight's Journal of Music in which, with that modesty which is often characteristic of the true artist, he disclaims all credit for his share in the presentation of his great work to the Music Hall. He prefers that all the thanks of the public should be given to Mr. C. C. Perkins, who so generously bore the expense of the bronze casting. This arrangement will not do, however ; while the public will not cease to be grateful to Mr. Perkins, they will hardly consent to ignore entirely the artist who has so liberally contributed of the work of his genius for the ennobling of their Music Hall. Mr. Perkins has already had his ovation; when is Mr. Crawford to have his?-----Carl Mozart, a son of the great composer, is not poor, as some of the German

journals have said, but nevertheless has no objection to receive any amount that can be spared, for the benefit of the Mozarteum of Salzburg. -BORDOGNI, the great teacher of singing, and rival of Garcia in Paris, the instructor of Cinti-Damoreau, Sontag, Falcon, ctc., has at last retired, after thirty-two years of service in the artistic world, leaving his place to be filled by Panofka, another teacher, and author of an Art de Chanter.--In Germany, a certain Dr. Trummer has published a pamphlet with the title: The Music of the Past and the Present, of This and the Next World. With the multitude of epistles which have lately appeared upon this subject, the Germans must be quite at home in matters pertaining to the future. With all this, the past is not wholly forgotten, as preparations are being made for the celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the birth-day of Handel, April 13th, 1859, by some of his admirers. It is true this event most evidently yet belongs to the future, which may account for the interest felt in it .--Germany is at last to have its own edition of Handel's music, and Halle, the birthplace of the master, is to be adorned by a statue of the great man .-Speaking of the non-admirers of Beethoven's grand sonata, Op. 106, the London Musical World says: "These men of little apprchension, to whom the ideal world was a delusion, would fain have dragged down the mighty genius to their own level of commonplace." More appropriate language could not be found to characterize our contemporary's criticism of certain modern music-music which has its source in this very B flat sonata, and other similar works. But the Musical World seems further to imply, that this very curious and truly great pianoforte composition is only known to its editor and Miss Arabella Goddard. We have heard it many times, many years since, from different pianists; amongst others from Mortier de Fontaine, who, even in Liszt's estimation, played it very finely. Nor is it unknown on this side of the Atlantic. The truth is, there are some things which London is very long in learning any thing about.

Concert tours by foreign artists during the present season have all turned out failures, with one exception. Strakosch always succeeds: he understands the tastes and desires of our public so well, that even a third-rate prima donna under his direction will reap more laurels and dollars than De Lagrange herself. The latter artist has just returned from an unsuccessful tour with Gottschalk through Canada and New-York. Miss Adelaide Phillips' western tour was abandoned almost as soon as commenced; Ole Bull has laid aside his violin and taken the stump for Fremont; and so with all the rest except Strakosch, who, with Parodi, etc., has brought back a well-filled purse. —— ADOLPH SCHLÖS-SER of Darmstadt (son of the well-known composer and director of that city, and a fellow-pupil in Germany of Wm. Mason) has debuted in London on the piano-forte with great success. His Hanover Square -The New-York Concerts have been well patronized by the nobility.----Dispatch, in its entertaining columns of musical gossip, has a word or two on the musical authority of the London Musical World. In answer to the stealings of a critic in regard to Schumann's Paradise and Peri, the editor of the Dispatch exposed the critic's ignorance by a refer-

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ence to the successful performance of this cantata in New-York some eight or nine years since. The cornered critic then acknowledged the source of his article as the London Musical World, "a journal of undoubted authority." The Dispatch thus replies : "Without any pretense whatever, on our part, to judgment or authority, we do most decidedly take exception to being badgered by the mention of such impure and marketable authority as Mr. Davison of the London Musical World. Ten years ago, at the time of the New-York Philharmonic Festival, the character of that paper was sufficiently known and exposed by the then existing N. Y. Musical Times. * * * We should be sorry to put our young Spruce-street cotemporary on a level with a professedly art-devoted paper, whose favorable criticisms are more purchasable than a Parisian feuilletonist's or a wanton's smiles. Thank Heaven, even amidst the multitude of American papers, we know of none of any influence that has yet sunk quite so low."-----The Dispatch notices the fact that Signora Eufrasina Parepa (the Italian name by marriage of a niece of Mrs. Seguin of New-York) is the prima donna of one of the theaters in Florence, where Mad. Biscaccianti, (born Ostinelli,) the American prima donna, is also engaged.

Will. ill.

The "Caliope" (steam whistle or steam organ as they call it) has made its appearance in New York. On Tuesday evening last, the ears of the dwellers on Brooklyn Heights were saluted by strains of music, so wild and unearthly, that although the earthly strains of Pop goes the Weasel were quite recognizable, their origin was a matter of great doubt. The sound pervaded all space ; people looked up the street, down the street, and to the stars above, thinking perhaps that for the first time they listened to the "music of the spheres;" but in vain, its whereabouts could not be discovered. The next day the problem was solved when it was announced that the steam organ of the Worcester inventor had been attached to the steamboat Union, used for excursions on the East river. This will prove a useful as well as novel affair, when a code of musical signals shall be invented, as may easily be -The members of the Teutonia and Liederkranz Musical Sodone.---cieties of New-York, have made a pleasure-trip to Niagara, which passed off with great satisfaction to all concerned. The party, all Germans, numbered 160 persons, and left the city on Saturday week, reaching the Falls Sunday noon. Arrangements had been made for a concert on the Canada side on the following evening, but as the company stopped on the American side, they were anxious to return after the performance. The Captain of the little steamer Maid of the Mist, which runs up to the Horse-Shoe Fall and back daily, declined to cross the river after nightfall, but finally consented, and the Germans built bonfires on both sides of the river as guides and signals. It was probably the first time so large a company has crossed the Niagara River in the night. An afternoon concert was given by the societies, at which there was an immense attendance of German farmers, who came in by an excursion train to hear the music of Fatherland. In the evening, the company gave another musical entertainment at the Clifton House, at which Dodworth's famous Band assisted. Among the pieces performed, which elicited marked applause, were SPOHR'S Warrior's Hymn, the Pilgrim's Chorus, from TANHAUSER, the Soldier's Farewell, a solo by Mr. J. B. BEUTLER, and a solo cornet-a-piston by Mr. BEHREN. The concert over, the musicians started for the dock, where the fires were blazing. Those who witnessed the scene say the effect of the flames was very curious and fantastic; one of the number says the rugged rocks, the red glare, and the falling water, made up a view like that of the Wolf's Glen as it should be seen in Der Freyschutz, only infinitely better than any stagescenery can hope to be. The musical people climbed up the bank on the American side and went to bed, and next day proceeded to Buffalo, where their German brethren received them into their houses, got up a pic-nic, and entertained them sumptuously. The whole party returned home in the best of health and spirits.

A Director of one of the Garden Concerts in Berlin, rendered desperate by the bad weather that ensued upon each of his announcements, spoiling his most ingenious plans to draw money from the pockets of he people, at last decided upon the following programme, which he announced: "Berlin, July 2d. GRAND FETE OF RAIN: Programme of the

concert : Overture, The Tempest, cavatina, The Snow, finale from The Lightning, contridanse, Thunder, galope, an Avalanche, Mazurka, The Hail, etc., etc." At the bottom of the poster might be read in large capitals: "The honorable public are requested to provide themselves with umbrellas, overshoes, great coats, and mufflers." The crowd and the heavens did not belie the programme; it rained as hard as it could, and the director's garden was filled with paying visitors.-----It is said that ADOLPHE ADAM, the French composer, recently deceased, has left for publication his memoirs, containing curious details of his experiences behind the scenes of the stage and in politics. They will be eagerly read. _____At JENNY LIND's farewell concert in London, for squares around the hall ragged boys and girls distributed small vellow-covered pamphlets with the following title-page: "Presented gratis. Programme of Mad. Goldschmidt's Farewell Concert (sacred and miscellaneous) Exeter Hall, June 30th." Whatever may be the case with the voice of the celebrated singer, no one will maintain that her talent has deteriorated, or that she failed to profit by the lessons of Barnum. It really looks as though the Swedish nightingale were preparing for another tour through America. Boston will welcome her.-LEOPOLD DE MEYER the pianist, has been at Constantinople playing to the Sultan and (concealed behind screens, of course) some forty women of his seraglio. The Sultan gave him a decoration of some kind, and, what the eccentric pianist liked better, a golden snuff-box valued at about \$1500. At last accounts De Meyer was preparing to go to Alexandria for the fêtes of the viceroy, in expectation of another snuff-box.

Serenades are becoming very popular just now in various parts of the country. A short time ago the residents of certain houses in Green street, Lynn, Mass., were treated "to one of the richest and sweetest screnades that ever floated on the midnight air." The editor of the Expositor, Springfield, Ohio, is indeed to be envied. He was a short time ago treated with a serenade by ladies; and the poor fellow seems hardly to have recovered from the effects of their music. Hear him: "who that hath a living soul within him, but what at times feels the cheering influence of gentle music? On a calm and beautiful moonlight eve, 'when all around is still and hushed to sleep,' and wearied nature is about to refresh herself in the embrace of Morpheus (!) that there comes fleating on the air soft and gentle strains, that animate the soul until it is almost lost to the cares and turmoils of life-(admirable rhetoric ! sublime sentiments !) Such it was ours to realize on Monday evening, while kind but unknown lady friends were serenading at our doors. We can testify that 'music hath charms,' which can only be realized and enjoyed on such occasions as these."----Ole Bull and troupe gave a concert at St. Paul's, Min. Ter., on the evening of the 21st ult .-The Lucca Family gave a concert in Columbus, Ohio, on the 23d ult. -Chandler Robbins, assisted by 300 young ladies, gave a concert in Dubuque, Iowa, on the 15th ult.----Mr. Henry Erben, of New-York, has constructed an organ for Grace Church, Chicago. It has four stops, and cost five hundred dollars.-----We are pained to record the demise of "The Organ," a musical paper lately published in Hamilton, Ga. We esteemed it one of the most amusing journals among our exchanges, and shall miss it sadly.

Messrs. Coppock, Andrews, Cottier, and Schmitz, assisted by Mrs. Denton and Miss Matthews, gave a concert in Buffalo, N. Y., on the 21st ult., for the benefit of John D. Hayes, a blind boy of that city .-The Fourth Annual Session of the "Cheshire County Musical Institute," will be held in Keene, N. H., commencing on Monday, August 18th, and continuing five days, under the direction of Mr. O. Collester, of Worcester .----- A correspondent writing from Morven, Va., says: "Music is quite as flourishing around here as usual. At the opening of a dancing school near this place, last week, the master whistled, while his scholars danced. Of course he had to procure the services of a "caller." The harvest-songs of the negroes are quite worth listening to .----- Mr. Root's cantata, "The Flower Queen," was performed, on the 18th ult, at Appleton, Wis., by the young ladies of the Lawrence University, for the benefit of Miss Crandall, their instructor .------Mr. WM. TILLINGHAST, formerly of Rochester, N. Y., has removed for a time to Central Michigan, and will attend Musical Conventions in that neighborhood. We recommend him to the music lovers of that region. He is an enthousiast in his art, and a teacher of many years' experience.

THE BOSTON MUSIC HALL ORGAN.

THE controversy between a few of the Boston organ-builders and the Boston public, as to whether the great organ for the Musie Hall shall be made at home or abroad, seems to be at rest. The organ is to come from Germany. It was quite natural that the enterprising Boston organbuilders should wish to get so fine a job as this twenty-five thousand dollar organ will be. On the other hand, it was quite as natural that the Bostonians should want the best organ they could get, and as the preponderance of intelligent testimony seems to be that the "universal Yankee nation" can not yet "beat all creation" in the matter of organs, it is necessary that it be procured abroad. This is all very well, and is as it should be. Now, let the gentlemen who have the matter in charge be very careful that they get a really superior instrument, or they may be assured they will never hear the last of it from their friends, the Boston organ-builders. Nor is this task a very easy one. In fact, though we hope the contrary, we half expect the great Boston organ will be a failure. It must be remembered that Boston and Germany are two different places, and two different climates. An organ which might suit very well German ideas and a German elimate, might not suit so well Boston notions and Boston east winds. A German organ in the land of lager-beer and Rhine-wine may prove a very different affair from the same organ in the eity of ginger-pop and spruce-beer. Every preeaution must be taken to seeure an instrument which will please the people and stand the elimate. We suggest, therefore, that some practical organ builder, some one who understands all about American organs, should be sent out to superintend the getting up of this organ. He would know what would do here and what would not, and under such an arrangement we might look forward with confidence to the result. Perhaps some enterprising builder would be found who would undertake this business without any compensation beyond his expenses, other than the admirable opportunity which would be afforded him to perfect himself in his art. It will not do to send some mere organist, however, who only knows how to rattle over the keys, and has, perhaps, been inside of an organ once or twice; he must be a thorough practical man. We commend this plan to the Boston Organ Committee. Let us have an organ which will give satisfaction in all respects, and which will be a model for the Yankee organists to study and improve upon.

----FREDERICH WILHELM MARPURG.

WE give our readers, in this number, a motet which has cost us much more than is usually expended in this department. It is a motet, with a most effective and beautiful fugue, by the great contrapuntist whose name stands at the head of this notice. Marpurg was one of the master spirits of his day, no musician in Germany being more highly esteemed. He was born in Sechausen, in Prussia, in 1718. In the early part of his life, he spent some time in Paris, but lived mostly in his native country. His works on the theory of music are very voluminous; they are still highly valued, and made text-books of study by those who aim at a liberal musical education. They have now become very rare, and it is not often that even an odd volume can be found. Mr. Thayer, of Boston, now residing in Germany, for the purpose of collecting materials for the life of Becthoven, has recently succeeded in procuring copies of most of his works, which have been sent home, and are now in the library of Dr. Lowell Mason. Rink's library, which was purchased a few years since in Darmstadt, by Dr. Mason, contains quite a number of his productions. From one of these, his "Fugen Sammlung," this motet has been selected. It is originally set to the first verses of the 46th psalm, and it has been adapted to the English text with no other changes than occasionally dividing a note for more syllables, or tying two or more notes for a single syllable.

Of course, it can not be expected that such a piece will be extensively popular; yet we are happy to believe that amongst our subscribers there

are many who will appreciate and take great delight in a piece of music so excellent. Others will value it highly as a study in fugue, and we trust not a few will be trained by it, in part, to the appreciation of a higher style of music than much of that which is now prevalent through ont the land. We commend this fague to choirs. To bring it out fully there should be a chorns of voices on each part, say six, or twenty-four in all. These should be somewhat equal, and well trained. Although there are no very great difficulties in the piece, yet its intonation in some passages will require attention. It will, in many places, be difficult to find an accompanyist; but it will furnish a most excellent study for the young organist; let him learn to play it exactly as it is written, that is, the four parts. It will do him more good than all the modern operatic airs, variations, etc., which are to be found in the shops. It will not only strengthen the fingers, but it will also strengthen the mind, and especially it will fire the imagination. We have seen the time, when, for a copy of this piece of music, we would willingly have given ten times the price of a yearly subscription to THE JOURNAL. Try it; let it be oft repeated until its strains shall fill the soul with the fullness of musical enjoyment. ---

PIANO-FORTE TEACHING.

BEAVER, PA., July 9, 1856.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE JOURNAL: IN a late number of THE JOURNAL, in replying to the correspondence of W. T. N., you confer the character of a poor teacher on every one, who commences his instruction by teaching the keys of the plane. I come under the head of teachers committing this blunder, and yet you must allow me to have a pretty good opinion of my tuition. You may be right in the whole, but I think you are hardly justified in condemning a teacher on account of this single circumstance. I agree with you, that a pupil should learn the use of the fingers a little, before being troubled with many other things, but, does the teaching of the key-board exclude immediato introduction of practical exercises. With a little method, you may easily manage to teach the names of the keys to your pupil in five minutes; and that leaves you more than sufficient time for exercises. The knowledge thus acquired will be no burden to the learner; on the contrary, it will give the exercises color, shape, and meaning. If you were blindfoided and placed on some animal for the pnrpose of riding, would you not like to know whether it he a horse, or a mnle, or a donkey, or some other quadruped? and would not this knowledge assist you in the management of your heast?

In your further replies to the same correspondent, you do not say whether you go so far as to postpone the learning of the names of the keys to those of the notes; but 1 can hardly think you do, for you must necessarily agree with me in the assertion, that it is more natural and in agreement to development to proceed from the tangible to the mental, than vice versa. If you will permit me to say a few more words, I should like to state the way I always pursue. First, I teach the keys of the board, and then impress upon the pupil's mind the fact that three notes can he written from one line to another, (excluding of conrso, all sharps and flats.) I then make him commit to memory the name of one line, or rather the name of the note helonging to it, say G, for example. The pupil is now able to find the names and places of all other notes, simply by a continual progression of three keys on the key-hoard. I have always succeeded so well in thus making my pupils learn the notes easily and rapidly, that I thought it would not he superfluons or presumptious to ask from yon the publication of these lines, though, or rather hecause, I differ a little in view from you. I am, yours respectfully,

R. L.

We think our correspondent makes us to say a little more than can be legitimately drawn from the language we used. An indication of a poor teacher does not prove one to be so; we certainly think that it would indicate a poor teacher of the piano-forte to require a pupil, as a first lesson, to name all the keys of the instrument. But yet it is possible for one to do this, and yet be in many respects a good teacher. By naming the keys we understand the ealling of them by the letters appropriated to them. We did not condemn a teacher in the whole who makes this mistake, as we conceive it to be, but only said that "it indicates a poor teacher"-so we think still. No principle in teaching (we speak of teaching in general and not of musie-teaching exclusively) is better established than this: the thing should come before its sign, the reality should be taught before its name or definition. Now, what is the reality in this case? Certainly it is playing, that is, such an application of the fingers to the instrument as will produce the desired effect, or the right succession of tones, and in elose connection with this, through feelings of pleasure, should be awakened in the mind a true perception of the beautiful in music. This is the reality, this is the teacher's first work; first in the order of nature, and first (though names may quickly succeed) in the order of time. "The teaching of the key-board," if by that is meant the names (letters) of the keys, can not properly come first; the applieation of the fingers to the instrument, including proper position, proper muscular action, etc., and the actual production of the tones, should

be (we repeat it) the *first* thing. And not only so, but simultaneously with this, an idea of tones or of the relative pitch, or length, or power of tones should be communicated, or an appreciation of them in some degree be drawn out, and this must be done through the tones themselves. The same principle applies also in other departments of the teacher's work. Not only in musie should tones come before or lead to notes, but in arithmetic an idea of number should come before figures, and in speech the sound of the language should come before letters. Names, symbols, definitions, etc., will certainly help to give "color, shape, and meaning" when they follow that to which they refer, but going before, they can do no such thing; not the slightest idea of sound or of the scale, or of time can be communicated by the keys of the piano-forte, by whatever name they may be called. It is only after they become associated with certain sounds, or successions of sounds, that they can be suggestive of musical thought or effects.

Again, it is another well-known principle in teaching that the memory of a child should not be taxed with that which is of no immediate use, or with any thing which is not at present needed; now, the lettered names of the keys can be of no use until after considerable progress has been made, and they are needed as names of the pitch of tones; but tones themselves, produced on the instrument, on the contrary, are useful from the very beginning, for the moment the pupil produces the very first sound from the strings, she begins to realize her hopes of playing, and immediately derives pleasure from the pursuit; but the letteral names of the keys can produce no musical pleasure, nor awaken any feeling of delight. The learning of these names, or committing them to memory, whether it occupies five minutes or five days, is for the time being a mere drudgery, wearisome and devoid of interest; yet not so the touch of the key, in this there is immediate reward. The figure of the "horse," "mule," or "donkey" does not seem appropriate to the musiclesson, for there are in these animals characteristic qualities by which each is adapted to give a peculiar kind of satisfaction in its use. But there is no such peculiarity in the letters. The application of the letteral names to designate the pitch of tones is merely arbitrary; or, it is conventional, a mere matter of agreement. It would give no more pleasure to the pupil to be told that a certain tone or key is named C, than to be told that the same tone is named Z, or any other letter.

We do not regard it as of great importance whether letteral *names* or note-*signs* come first. If by proceeding "from the tangible to the mental" our correspondent means that the teacher should proceed from *notes seen* to *tones heard*, or that notes (characters) should be taught before tones, we disagree with him entirely, as is sufficiently evident by what we have said already. We repeat it, so as to be certain that we may be understood: in all music-teaching, vocal or instrumental, music itself (that is, music heard) is first to be presented; the intuitive musical powers are first to be awakened or brought out, and not until after this is done are names, or notes, or characters, to be described or made known. Keys are mere pieces of ivory or ebony, always to be regarded as secondary to the tones which are produced by the strings which they put in motion.

If we understand our correspondent in his description of his own method of procedure in the work of teaching, we should be obliged to differ from him. We should not at first "teach the keys of the board," nor should we then, secondly, attempt to "impress upon the pupil's mind the fact that three notes can be written," etc., (although we are not sure that we know what is meant by this expression,) nor should we then "make him to commit to memory the name of one line" or the name of any line, or the name of any thing ; nor should we endeavor to make him able "to find the names and places of all other (or of any) notes." Again we must repeat it, that it is not notes, nor names, nor characters, nor the places of characters, with which we wish to have any thing to do in teaching, until after the pupil begins to play; that is, can sit at the piano-forte properly, and play some little appropriate exercises, airs, or melodies, and thus by first awakening the musical intuitive powers, and gratifying the natural musical desires, be pleased and encouraged to the task of names, notes, keys, characters, etc. It is only when names, notes, etc., become necessary or convenient to further progress that we would have them brought in. When they are thus brought in, the

pupil will not have to commit them to memory, that is, to tax her memory with them; they will be a part of knowledge, and will of course almost without effort lodge in the memory, nor be in danger of being forgotten.

We thank our correspondent for his communication; the very fact that he takes up the subject and writes intelligently, as he does, is an indication that he is himself a good teacher, and in the way of constant improvement; but in his particular case we happen to have other evidences of excellence which are highly satisfactory. Let him carefully follow out the one principle upon which we have dwelt above—the reality before names or symbols, and we are sure he will find that it has its foundation in truth, and is indeed, a part of the science of teaching.

A book of instructions for the piano-forte has not, to our knowledge, ever been published either in this country or in Europe well adapted to inductive teaching, or to such a *natural* method as we would advocate. He who will prepare such a work for children will confer a great benefit upon the cause of music in general, and of the piano-forte in particular. It should commence with such pleasing musical phrases, sentences, tunes, or pieces as, being not only within the capacity of the pupil, but at the same time *in good taste and pleasing*, are therefore adapted to awaken and develope the intuitional musical faculties, for this is the teacher's first work. Simultaneously with this, the mere external should receive careful attention, such as position of hands, arms, muscular movements, and general bodily carriage. Soon would come notes, as representing sounds or tones, their names relatively and absolutely considered, together with the technical knowledge of the instrument.

Nothing would require an abstract committing to memory—the thing in its doing would produce so much pleasure in the mind of the pupil, that she could never forget the conditions, circumstances, or means. The mere mechanical labor of committing to memory would be mostly done away, and the pupil, delighted with the music-hour, would not have to be driven to the instrument to "practice her lesson." That instruction may be made thus pleasant we have not a doubt, but in order that it may be so, it must proceed in accordance with the natural increase and development of the powers of the child generally, or in accordance with the true nature of human progress—not in forced, but in natural, yet constantly watched and properly cultivated growth.

JOHN JONES'S MUSICAL ADVENTURES.

No 7.

My friend Mr. Ralph was not at home, but there was something at the top of the stairs which took his place in the coolest and most selfpossessed way. I took it at first for a cloud, then for one of those immense birds with feather-crowned head, and at last for Miss Blanche herself. This was the right presumption. It was she, ONE of the first *danseuses* of the Opera—never mind, whether the fifteenth or the fifth; it was the lovely virgin Blanche, covered up in a mass of gauze; in fact, she was nothing but gauze.

"You wish to see Mr. Ralph?" whispered a voice from within the pack.

"Impossible," cried the old Mamma, whose head was always covered with that indispensable night-ornament, a turban. (Some people say it was the custom of the French of winding their handkerchiefs around their heads into a turban, which caused their late sympathy for the Turks.)

"Monsieur Ralph has left for America," cried the boy down stairs, with a meaning laugh.

"August !" exclaimed mother and daughter together.

" Is it possible?" said I.

"Oh! mother, that boy !" cried Berthe, sinking her head, if possible, a little lower into her gauze garments.

"Berthe, don't be ridiculous; you know very well he is in fun !" was the mother's sharp reply.

"A funny little fellow he is," groaned the father, trying for the twentieth time to find still some crumbs of the pastry which formed the most essential part of the dinner. "Monsieur," said at last Madamo Blanche, "Monsieur Ralph has gone out, but, I dare say, will be back very soon."

" Certainly," echoed the daughter.

"Please tako a seat," added somebody.

Now this was really difficult, but after some oxtraordinary efforts, I succeeded at last in obtaining a kind of doubtful equilibrium on the railings of the stairs.

"Havo you been long in Paris ?" began Madamo Blanche.

"What a question " observed the hopeful August. "It is evident that Monsieur is quite fresh from his native country."

"August !" thundered tho mother.

"August !" echoed the daughter.

"August, hi, hi, ho !" laughed the father.

"I wish," remarked the wife of the latter, in the most dignified manner, "I had not to behold that awful spectacle, of a father encouraging the impudence of his son, by laughing at it."

"Hi, hi, ho! we are in *Porte St. Martin*,"* continued Monsieur Blanche, as if nothing could disturb him.

"Monsieur!" cried Madame, half rising, and evidently enraged.

"Madame !" replied her husband, also rising and presenting to her view the empty dish. "Nothing left, as you see."

While this scene of matrimonial happiness was going on, Berthe tried to divert my attention by some of those questions which reveal all the unsophisticated innocence of the Europeans with regard to our country.

"Oh! sir, I like America," she said at last, "it is so extremely mystie." But seeing that the matrimonial excitement had not yet come to an end, she added: "However, I shall soon judge for myself."

"Oh! do you intend a professional tour ?" I asked, not being able to suppress a smile.

"A professional tour !" she replied, with a sigh. "Ah! if they could only appreciate our art!" she exclaimed.

"Well," I replied, "Mllc. Fanny Ellsler thought we did."

"Fanny Ellsler!" said Berthe, with a contemptuous smile. "That is a by-gone art, my good sir. Fanny Elsler! bah! she danced with her muscles, while we do it with--"

"Cotton," whispered the promising August, whose smiling face was to be seen through the railings.

"Ah! c'en est trop !" cried Berthe, starting up, turning round, falling back, and fainting.

"My child !" cried Madame Blanche, kneeling down at the side of her daughter. "My beloved child ! Monster !" ("monster" referred, of course, to August.)

"It is nothing, Ma," the boy replied. "The usual one, you know." "Ah !" breathed Berthe.

"Hi, hi, hi !" remarked the father.

"Monsieur !" cried the mother, starting up, taking a pose, and faeing her husband, "you exhaust my patience. If you do not leave the seene immediately there will be a scene.

"Nothing new under the sun," remarked the boy.

"Wretch!" eried the exasperated mother, jumping at her talented son, and trying to get hold of him.

The boy screamed; the father laughed; the daughter sighed : it was a scene. But when, amidst the confusion of high words and blows, laughter and tears, my friend Ralph appeared at the staircase, it was again a scene, but less burlesque, especially for my friend, who, seeing me calmly looking at this grand spectacle, felt certainly ashamed of his position.

"I am sorry I have kept you waiting," he said, confusedly.

"Don't mention it," I replied, "the time has passed quickly away.

Mr. Ralph colored, but much more when his darling Berthe exclaimed, with a somewhat broken voice: "Ah, Alfred, when will you take me away from all this?"

"Never, never!" cried a voice which resembled much that of a parrot, which was, however, only August's.

Mr. Alfred looked at me as if expecting some help. I was just going to say something, when another voice was heard :

* Forte St. Martin, a large theatre, where dramas and high phrases are the order of the day.

"Berthe, ma chère Berthe, me voila!" (Berthe, my dear Berthe, hore I am.)

These words were much more snng than spoken, and with a kind of tenor voice, belonging to a small individual with immensely large trowsers and a very promising moustache.

"Mon Dioul" exclaimed Mlle. Blanche, turning suddenly very pale.

"O Monsieur Armand I" cried the boy.

"Monsieur Armand Norisl" repeated the father.

There ensued suddenly another scene of confusion upon the appearance of this new comer. Mother and daughter were evidently taken by surprise, and not at all at their ease.

"Ah, dear nephew, have you come back at last?" began now the old inistress of the wardrobe.

"I am very glad, cousin!" added Berthe.

"Cousin !" repeated the young fellow, running up tho whole compass of voice, which, by the bye, did not take him more than a second. Then looking round and fixing his eyes upon Ralph, he began to ask with a melancholy B flat, "Rival ?"

"Rival!" he repeated with an extraordinary effort to reach the C major. "Ahl Otello!"

With this ho folded his arms and looked with a terrible grimace at the trembling Berthe, and continued: "And therefore was I told to stay in Bordeaux? and therefore the delight in my triumphs—far off? Ah I traitress, think of Desdemona! You must die!" This last sentence he uttered in the recitative style, going downwards; but most probably remembering that his voice failed him entirely in the lower octave, he repeated the words, going upwards: "You must die! That's it!" ho interrupted. "Oh, yes, you must die!"

If there had never been screaming and confusion before, it happened now. Berthe tried to faint for a second time, and the old mamma heaped a whole lexicon of theatrical cursing phrases upon the unfortunate Senor from Bordeaux.

My friend Alfred had his eyes cast to the ground. I took him softly by the hand, led him down the stairs into the open street air, and asked him:

"Well, friend ?"

"I take the next boat to America 1" he replied hastily, taking leave of me.

And I went home quite contented.

Our Musical Correspondence.

PITTSFIELD, MASS.

Aug. 6.—It may not be uninteresting to your readers to know something of the MENDELSSOHN MUSICAL INSTITUTE, recently established here. Its purpose is to make of its pupils thorough students in the art and science of music, so far as each one may be able to proceed. It is also the object of our principal, Prof. Edward B. Oliver, to clevate the character of the music performed by young ladies generally, and to lead them to aim at something higher than the mere drumming of a few polkas, trifling dance music, and the like. The number of pupils admitted into the family of the principal is limited to a very few, and we can not too highly appreciate the privileges we enjoy here. Our lessons and practice are so divided and arranged as to be each in its turn attractive, and even the time for practice of scales, broken chords, and other exercises, passes away before we are aware. The hour for "theory lecture" is spent together in class, and each pupil vies with tho other in endeavoring to gain from our teacher quickest insight into the formation of the harmony that so delights the cultivated ear, even before its principles are understood—how much more when the science hidden in its depths, is unfolded to our wondering perceptions I Though sometimes it is discouraging to know and feel our own dullness compared with the familiarity and accuracy shown by our teacher, both at fingers' and tongue's end, in all these intricacies, it is truly comforting to realize in the clearness of his explanations to us, that we have one to lead us in the up-hill path of science, who not only understands well himself the mysteries by tho way-side, but who is capable of making them plain to us by illustration and well-chosen language.

We also give daily attention to the cultivation of our voices, not for the purpose of imitating opera singers in their trills and fioriture, as we know that too much time is necessary to do that well; but we hope to attain such purity and equality of tone, such accuracy of intonation, and to be able to give such pleasing variety of expression to a more simple class of songs like those of Mendelssohn, Schubert, Kücken, and others, that the performance of them may please even cultivated musicians, as being something not beyond our attainments.

In pursuing the study of music with so much earnestness, for a length of time,

the mind and attention must become weary unless relieved by variety of occupation. To obtain that end, we give an hour each day to the study of the French language, for which we have an accurate and thoroughly educated pation. teacher. By this means, I hope in time, not only to be able to pronounce cor-rectly the many music titles in that language which now appear, and also to translate them, but to sing and enjoy in their original language the many beau-tiful songs written in it. Should I be able to remain here more than one year, it is my intention to take up the study of German, and perhaps afterwards Italian, which are both taught here.

Another hour each day is devoted to drawing or painting in their various styles, under the tuition of an accomplished artist, with whom we have already, with pencil and sketch-book in hand, enjoyed many a ramble among these de hightful hills, bringing home with us satisfactory copies of some of nature's most beautiful scenes. This mountain air is so pure and bracing that I find myself daily improving in health and vigor; and, in the enjoyment of every privilege, in the unrestrained freedom of a home, I can not but feel that I am made grate-ful and happy in this life by sharing such advantages, and that by cultivating and refining my musical taste. I am increasing my powers and capacity of enjoying the music of angels and ministering spirits in heaven.

NORTH-READING, MASS.

ELLEN M. W

AUGUST 1ST, 1856 .- Four weeks more for us to remain in North-Reading. How the time flies, especially when one finds every moment occupied. At the commencement of the last half term we had a large accession to our numbers, larger indeed than was anticipated, and it was with some difficulty that all were accommodated with comfortable boarding-places, and the instruction they desired. However, that is settled and all goes pleasantly now. We are reviewing the ground we have passed over in elementary principles and the manner of teaching, and as they are presented in new ways, the interest in them manner of teaching, and as they are presented in new ways, the interest in them is greatly increased. It is, however, a matter of some uncertainty when we shall be able to "breathe," "take the tone," and "deliver the voice," as our teachers would have us. The pupils in our common singing-schools would be somewhat astonished and a little impatient, I imagine, to find themselves unable to sing the simple element ah, and be obliged to spend considerable time every day for three months in its careful practice, and yet we see the necessity of doing so, and the great advantage we have already gained by the course here pursued. If some of our voices are recognized when their owners take them home L am much mistaken for in many cases the change for the better is very home, I am much mistaken, for in many cases the change for the better is very great. In matters of taste it is equally hard to reach the standard set up for great. In matters of taste it is equally hard to reach the standard set up for us here; in proof of this, it may be mentioned that we have been practicing several weeks on a simple motet, without being able wholly to free it from the defects pointed out by our teachers. The private instruction, as given by Mr. Kreissman, is deservedly very popular. He is certainly an excellent teacher, skillful, prompt, and kind. Mr. Russell, the elocutionist, visited us again on Saturday, and gave us the benefit of his incomparable instructions and recita-tions. He was accompanied by a Mr. Epstein, a Russian Jew, who had been a reader in the synagogue, and who interested us much by specimens of Hebrew chanting and cantilating. He gave us also some characteristic Russian, Polish, and German songs. We are anticipating much pleasure in going *en masse* to Andover next Thursday, where we expect to sing some of the choruses from the "Messiah" at the commencement of the Theological Seminary. I can not omit to mention the pleasure we receive in listening from time to time to one omit to mention the pleasure we receive in listening from time to time to one of Mason & Hamlin's organ-harmoniums as played by one of the members of our class, Mr. Wm. R. Babcock, the excellent organist of Central Church, Boston. VIOLA.

ORIENT, L. I.

AUG. 1 .- The Suffolk Co. Harmonic Society has had another good time, and ACG. 1.—The Sunok Co. Harmonic Society has had another good time, and not only a good time, but a double good time, for we had as leaders Messrs. WM. B. BRADBURY and C. M. CADY, of your city; the exercises commencing Tuesday evening, closed Thursday evening with a public concert, which, by the way, was a very public affair, for the church was crowded to overflowing. There were about 100 performers present, the exercises of the evening consist-ing of sacred music and glees, choruses, among which were Rossini's grand chorus, *The God of Israel*, and Righini's chorus, *Blessed is the People*, solos, ducto this guarding construction of the sacred music and glees. duets, trios, quartets, etc.

An interesting circumstance happened. In the course of the exercises Mr. B. renewed the acquaintance of two or three young ladies who, some ten years since, were among his most prominent juvenile music pupils in the city of New-York. One of them was the first to sing Mr. B.'s first popular juvenile song, "Try, try again." W.

WAVERLY, PA.

JULY 15, 1856.—In THE JOUENAL of June 18, 1856, there appears under the head of "Musical Gossip" a notice of the failure of the "Abington Musical Association," and any one would suppose, from the nature of the communication, that the thing had died a natural death; but such is not the case. It is not dead, but has been quietly sleeping, to await the return of our Teacher, Mr. Gatchell, who has been absent from home nearly all of the time since the date of the obituary notice above mentioned, and also the return of the season of the year more congenial to evening rehearsals.

Gents, I am a member of that Association, and you can not imagine the p Gents, I am a memoer of that Association, and you can not imagine the pe-culiar sensations that I experienced while reading that communication. All the miraculous stories of burials before death that I had heard since my earli-est recollection. came fresh to my memory, and I confess that my equilibrium was somewhat disturbed. Just notice the language; your cerrespondent says: "We mourn the loss of the departed." Now, I have not the slightest intima-iton as to the name of the person, or whether he or she (as the case may be)

is a member with us, but I will venture a remark, that the "Abington Musical Association" will never mourn the loss of such a member. Again it is said : "Yet we hope to raise up another body which will survive the current of opposition." we hope to raise up another body which will survive the current of opposition." To this I have to say, that if I had not seen this statement, I should have never known that there existed a particle of opposition to our society, (so much for being a subscriber for THE JOURNAL.) I should like to know some-thing of the plan that is to be adopted by your correspondent "to raise up another body." I suppose, however, it will be perpetuated like the fabulous bird, (the Phœnix:) another will come up from the ashes of the departed. We are happy to state, that a meeting of the "Association" has been notified to be held on the 9th of August next, and we hope soon to see oursociety flourishing in spite of the efforts of your correspondent to bury it alive. We do not claim in spite of the efforts of your correspondent to bury it alive. We do not claim that it is perfect in all its operations, but experience will aid us in improvement. TUTTI.

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.... TO CORRESPONDENTS.

B .- "Messrs. Editors, you lately referred to the impropriety of base voices singing an octave below the pitch ; are the consecutive octaves produced by doubling the base on the melodeon also objectionable ?" We think that a uniform doubling of the base on a melodeon will be monotonous and tiresome, and yet it may be often done to advantage. It seems impossible to give a direction or rule in this case; yet when one hears the constant dou-bling or playing in octaves, he wishes for relief. It is always safe to ploy the four parts as they are written, and good taste must decide when and how to add more. "I use a doublereed model melodeon; one set of reeds being an octave higher than the other, when both are played should the real pitch always be given in the lower one?" Does our correspondent mean to ask whether the instrument be always so played as that the voice should be in unison with the lower stop? If so, we answer, Yes. "Is there any objection to the transposition of a tune to any key in which it could be correctly sung, regard being had to the character of the hymn, as bold and animated, or otherwise? Example, Dundee, with pensive words in the key of D; or The Old Hundredth in B flat, for such poetry as 'Stand up, my soul, shake off thy fears.'" No; there is no objection to transposition in such cases, provided it be not carried too fur. "In the Normal Singer, song Terms of Admission, is the harmony right in the first measure?" There is an error in the base, the sharp should not be before the E; the tone intended is E, and not E sharp.

J. B. C .- "Will you put this piece of music in the next number of THE JOTENAL, if you have room for it? I know it is not worthy of a place there, yet I ask it as a great favor. Please oblige your unworthy friend." Now, dear J. B. C., you can not be an attentive reader of our paper, or you would not make such a request. We have said over and over again that all music sent us must take the regular course; it is submitted to the examination of the editors having charge of that department, and is inspected by them as soon as possible: if rejected, it goes into the basket at once; if approved, it is sent to the stereotypers, and will appear some time, we can not say when, as our music-pages have to be prepared some weeks in advance. Will all our friends please take notice of this, and not oblige us to repeat it again for the present. As to its insertion, whether "worthy or unworthy," recollect that we have no right to oblige you in such a matter. We must use our judgment for the benefit of ALL our subscribers, and endeavor to give only music which is worthy a place in our columns. We should be pleased if we could oblige not only you but 115

each one of vur subscribers in all their requests; but there are some cases where to oblige one would be to disublige many.

11. T .- "Is that a good choir in which a particular voice is heard above every other ?" No; a voice heard above others is always injurious to a proper choir or chorus effect, which requires such a blending, union, amalgamation, codlescence of votces, as to prevent the predominance of any one voice, however excellent. If any one voice is heard, the choir effect is for the time being injured, and if any one voice is constantly heard in a choir, the effect is most painful to those who have become acquiinted with the beauty of a choral performance. Yet there are many choirs, so called, where all the others listen to the voice of one called the leader, and follow on after as well as they are able. Such a company, however, is not a choir in any proper sense of the word.

A. H., Tenn .- "Can we avoid faults in time, intonation, or general style until we know what they are ?" Can a pilot avoid the hidden rocks unless he knows where they lie? No; we must know our faults before we can tearn to break them off or avoid them. They who think they are whole need not a physician, but they who know that they are sick. He who has been made sensible of his faults is in a fair way of improvement. Many regard themselves as almost perfect merely because they have not made so much progress as to see their faults.

S. L. C., Wailaka, Hawallan Islands .- "Can you inform me which is the best work on vocal training I" Garcla's Complete School of Singing, recently published by Oliver Ditson, Boston; price, \$2.50. "What is the best book in thorough-base ?" By "thorough-base" we presume you mean "harmony;" if so, Marx's Musical Composition, edited by Saroni, with Qurac's Appendix, published by Mason Brothers, New-York ; price, \$3. The New-York Glee and Chorus-Book has been forwarded to you.

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C. M. D., Wisconsin. - "Whose is the best self-instruction-book for the violin !" U. C. Itill's Method; price, \$2. "Whose for the accordeon ?" Robbins', perhaps, is as good as any; price, \$1. "Where can lkey be obtained, and at what price?" We will mail them to you on receipt of the price.

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V. S., O-o.-"How far is the use of sacred words in singing for recreation justifiable, as, for example, in family singing, as it is often conducted on a Sunday evening ?" See Exodus 20: 7.

M. R. T., Milroy, Pa .- We do not think the words to which you refer are copyright. They were written for a Sabbath-school celebration in Boston, by whom we do not know. We think there can be no objection to your making use of them.

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The object of this notice is to request other correspondents, in the Western States especially who are expecting me, to " hurry up" their applications, before my time is entirely engaged, I shall hold Conventions of three days each, (In some cases, two days,) and must arrange I shall not conventions of three days carry (in some place to place, thom so as to spend the least time possible in travelling from place to place.

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C. M. CADY takes this opportunity to inform his friends, that he has terminated ail engagements in New-York, that prevent his attending Musical Conventions. He requests, therefore, all who desire his services the coming Autumn to apply as soon as possible, that he may arrange his routes to the best advantage. 115

PHILADELPHIA MUSICAL ITEMS.

The long-continued spell of exceeding warm weather has caused concertgivers, and, indeed, concert-goers, (as many as can find it possible,) to desert our eity, and wander among the sequestered groves and mountain wilds, or speed away to the sca-shore, where the constant music of the waves and grandeur of the scene inspires them to say with Byron, "roll on, thou deep and dark blue ocean, roll;" whilst the tastes of others doubtless prefer the fashionable society and medicinal waters, so plentifully gushing forth from the laboratories of nature, as found at Saratoga, Bedford, Virginia Springs, etc.

So completely eut off are wo at present from musical feasts, that not a single announcement of a concert has appeared for some time past; and yet, we are not without music. Day and night, our cars aro frequently greeted with the sound of numerous street organs and harmoniums, conveying the latest popular mclodies, often sounding so terribly out of tune, as to cause no wonder that dogs should bark and howl, and our peaceablo society of Friends, renewedly to deprecate music. And yet, our street organ professors, how faithfully they play! True, all their genius consists in turning the handle evenly, and catching the pennies aptly; and the latter important part of the performance is often suddenly interrupted, (thereby causing sad groans of harmony,) since our municipal government officers have forbid all musical monkeys to accompany these wayfaring artists.

But besides, we have other travelling musicians, who daily go to and fro, singing aloud their commodities to a particular metre, in the way of charcoal, kindling-wood, and the numerous vegetable productions. Now to the observing ear, not only familiar melodies and local airs may be discerned, but likewise, all varieties and character of voice; from the delicato juvenilo alto, down to the baritono, or deep and hoarse grown base. Prominent among this dcscription of musical novelties, is the song of hot corn; the genuine Jersey hot corn! Hero and there, in almost every busy thoroughfare, is heard the old stercotyped song of the Quaker City, "hot corn," in all koys, vociferously pealed forth in the inimitable strains of innumerable "black swans;" the articlo smoking in a tub, carefully fixed upon tho top of an iron-bound cranium, such as Ethiopians only can boast of; and furnished to purchasers, with salt and fixins accordingly.

The long-looked-for rain has come at last, and will have a tendency to refresh the parched corn-fields and hay-colored meadows. A question arises: does the extreme heat of the weather affect singers unfavorably? We believe thus, far that they partake of the general lassitude and langour incident to public speakers and others; but last Sabbath, wo heard a leader of a congregation, in singing about six verses of Marlow, and the same of Ballerma, sink in pitch from the commencement to the ending of the hymn, certainly to exceed a full tone. But to change the question a little, does extreme heat affect the voico thus? We think not; but are disposed to charge the failing, either to a want of a correct knowledge of the intervals of the scale, or a careless, lazy inattention to the duty-perhaps both combined.

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(For THE MUSICAL REVIEW.)

THE NECESSITY FOR EDUCATED MUSIC-TEACHERS.

BY A MEMBER OF THE NORMAL MUSICAL INSTITUTE, NORTH-READING, MASS.

THE pursuit of all science has a two-fold object, the acquisition of technical knowledge, and the development of the mental and moral nature. We are not constituted with a single order of faculties, and he who marks out for himself an exclusive province in the intellectual or aesthetic world loses that enlargement of soul which must result from a study of the varied and complex relations existing throughout the universe of God. Nature is everywhere developed symmetrically, and the mind which limits itself to one circle of ideas violates a universal law. It is true that diversity of taste naturally leads to widely different pursuits, and it is right as well as necessary, that particular talents should receive especial cultivation. But this is perfectly consistent with the principle that would unite in the most perfect harmony all the various gifts which God has bestowed, for it is symmetry of development that we need, not equality.

The office of the teacher is not simply to educate the mind or the taste, but to educate human beings. Hence the necessity for a more comprehensive knowledge of the laws which govern the mental and moral constitution. We should be very unwilling to intrust our lives to the care of a physician who had devoted a life-time to abstract medical science, if unacquainted with the buman physiology. Yet how much greater the responsibility of those who develop *mind*; for every impression is stamped for eternity, and every influence goes out in constantly-widening circles, that ripple for ever over the infinite and unsearchable sea of life. "But music" it is said, "is simply an ornamental accomplishment, and enervating to the mind and character of those who pursue it as a profession." This

"But music" it is said, "is simply an ornamental accomplishment, and enervating to the mind and character of those who pursue it as a profession." This ean not be a *necessary* result, for all are familiar with the names of those who have devoted a life to musical pursuits, yet, in strength of intellect, in expanded benevolence, in moral power, in all the qualities that constitute an exalted character, stand among the brightest lights of the age. Still the tendency of *exclusive* devotion to objects of taste, without the basis of a well-disciplined mind and character, is enervating, and it is deeply to be regretted that those engaged in artistic pursuits have to so great an extent yielded their entire natures to the enchanting dreams of the imagination. Like a graceful siren, she lures the spirit onward until reason, folded in the delicious sleep of the senses, loses the power to guide, and it floats on down the tide of time, the sport of caprice, a prey to the idle visions of an unreal life. But one who has acquired the discipline of thought, who takes a comprehensive view of the great aim of existence, while he may be equally susceptible to all the influences that act upon a finely-strung æsthetic nature, does not forget the claims of actual life. With a soul expanded by its knowledge of the boundless range of human thought, he listens to a voice infinitely higher than that which addresses itself to the senses, a voice that breathes its mysterious influence through the soul, inspiring it with loftier purpose with more glorious imaginings.

to the senses, a voice that breakes us hysterious influence through the soli, inspiring it with lofter purpose with more glorious imaginings. There is probably no science that exercises so direct and universal an influence over the heart, as music. It sounds first in the ear of helpless infancy, and conveys the first lessons to the heart of prattling childhood. It gushes in silvery tones from the sunny spirit of youth, and breathes its first sigh over the stern, sad lessons of life. It speaks to us in the solemn praises of the sanctuary, and lingers in the tones of low-voiced love around the fireside of home. Everywhere its power is felt, and it is the teacher's mission to direct that power into the channel of high-toned feeling and refined taste. In order to do this successfully, the character must posses those elements that sccure confidence in its own truthfulness of purpose. Not by the outward expression of ideas or principles is this confidence secured, but by the existence of the reality within, a reality which is felt in the nameless influence that radiates from each individual character, in the unconscious tuition which is a part of ourselves, the spirit breathing through the atmosphere around us.

Two teachers may possess equal musical qualifications, yet while one has thrown his entire energies into a single channel, the other has also studied the great principles of human progress and human development. The one may indeed impart musical instruction, but adds no strength to the mind, no elevation to the character, while the other, if true to his own capability, will not only develope in a much higher degree the musical talent, but strength in the perceptions, elevate the tone of moral feeling, and illustrate the true dignity of the science in its relations to intellectual, emotional, and practical life.

better the science in its relations to intellectual, emotional, and practical life. Not until music-teachers aim at a higher standard of general cultivation and character, and music occupies a place with other sciences in all our systems of education will its true mission be accomplished. Then only shall the false ideas, that have so long retarded the progress of an enlightened taste, vanish among the shadows of a by-gone age.

Years are spent by students in acquiring an education that is to fit them for active life, and much time is devoted to the pursuit of details of no practical utility, beyond the discipline afforded to the mind. But that science which is connected with every step of human development, with every phase of human emotion, which exercises the reason in the comprehension of mathematical relations, which calls out the imagination to grasp the grand and glorious in art, is considered unworthy of more than superficial attention. The people of our utilitarian age may persist in the exclusive cultivation of what are termed the useful, rather than the fine arts, but that is certainly a very narrow view which limits the term useful to pursuits directly connected with material life; for infinitely higher than all earthly life is the spirit that dwells in the inner temple, and which must in its very nature go forth with intense longings towards the true, the beautiful, and good.

A few active spirits have indeed thrown the weight of a powerful influence

into the great work of elevating the popular taste, and enlightening public opinion on this subject. That influence is already felt, and we trust will still move onward in an ever-swelling tide that shall never rest until it bas swept away the errors of a false public sentiment—until the simple song tbat rises from every hill-side cottage shall breathe the spirit of a purified taste, and make the heart better—until the music of the sanctuary shall rise in manyvoiced harmony to mingle with the song of the great choir that worships around the throne of God. AMIE.

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MUSICAL CRITICS.

OUR present object is to attempt to delineate the conduct and spirit of these redoubtable appendages to genteel society, who are most generally found to infest large cities, because there a wider field is had for the gratification of their captious and refined tastes. Has the reader ever seen a musical critic? If not, though he may have seen the Elephant, a stranger compound still he has thus far lost sight of. Our effort is to be faithful, and although no artist, we shall attempt to portray, or rather draw pictures, not upon canvas, yet we have the vanity to think, that some will be ready to acknowledge the shadings and tints are so natural and true, as, at least, to bear some analogy to the scenes of real life. Aiming, therefore, to hold an honest pen, and guided by a candid and unprejudiced mind, we are led to classify these creatures into three warieties, and briefly allude to them in turn:

FIRST, THE PRESUMPTUOUS CRITIC .- This personage, as may readily be supposed, is filled with vanity, and teeming with conceit. If he approaches you, the air of some familiar opera melody falls with graceful effect from his rich, musical voice, and even the thread of conversation is often suddenly interrupted by the careless humming of some Italian love song. Has he attended any concert of note a short time previous, he is sure to acquaint all with whom he meets, of the pleasing yet extremely high, bird-like notes of the prima donna, and the effective delivery of those rich low tones, by the lady contralto. Nevertheless, he always perceives some defect; particularly, if any humble amateur, or even artist of the land of Washington, has taken part in the performances. According to his taste, the language of the song is not favorable to music. He has an utter aversion to the English, as spoken by Ameri-cans; but the Italian, (of which he is entirely ignorant,) that, he avers, is precisely adapted to the beautiful expression of feeling and sentiment, such as a profound critic, like himself, can inwardly appreciate. His calibre is so enlarged with ideas of the foreign and deviced that he calibre is so enlarged with ideas of the foreign and classical, that he can drink fondly and deeply from the melodious beauties of a Cavatina by Donizetti, a Bolero by Dessani, or a scena and aria from the Donna del lago.

Indvertently, perhaps, this individual wanders into a church upon Inadvertently, perhaps, this individual wanders into a church upon the Sabbath. Here, the acts of devotion, and all the witnesses are so contrary to his natural avocation, that he feels somewhat like a pirate in a chapel; but he is on duty. He is there with an opera-music countenance and demeanor, and, perchance, has incased within a fashionably-clad tabernacle, a theatrical heart, and, we may safely conclude, without any idea of the true nature of devotional exercises; but he is there, notwithstanding, to criticise the church music. The organist, as he combines the diapason and principal, has no thought that a savan is below who can teach him how to arrange the registers so as to produce wonderful musical effects, and how to use the swell, a la crescendo and style cathedral; so the player proceeds with simple harmony and easy strains to accompany the hymns of praise, whilst the presumptuous critic, seated prominently, exhibits all the grotesque and pantomime contortions of countenance; now placing his finger to his ear, again twisting his head, then rolling his eyes, knitting his eye-brows, frowning with apparent displeasure, all plainly indicative, as condemnatory of the organist, voices, and entire musical performances. Now the reader must be apprised, that this musical critic in his own imagination fancies that he has attained the pinnacle of perfection, and without any possibility of his judging incorrectly, or liability to error of any sort, knows what he is doing; but withal, the sensible portion of the community, *know* him to be both presumptuous and audacious; and if it were only worth the pains to examine his cranium phrenologically, or scan his musical ability by a careful analysis, the upper story would prove to be found sadly wanting in correct musical ideas, with many intervals totally unoccupied, and an undefined vacuum, a treasury of vaporish rubbish, from whence, (the evidence is conclusivc,) that conceited opinions wo

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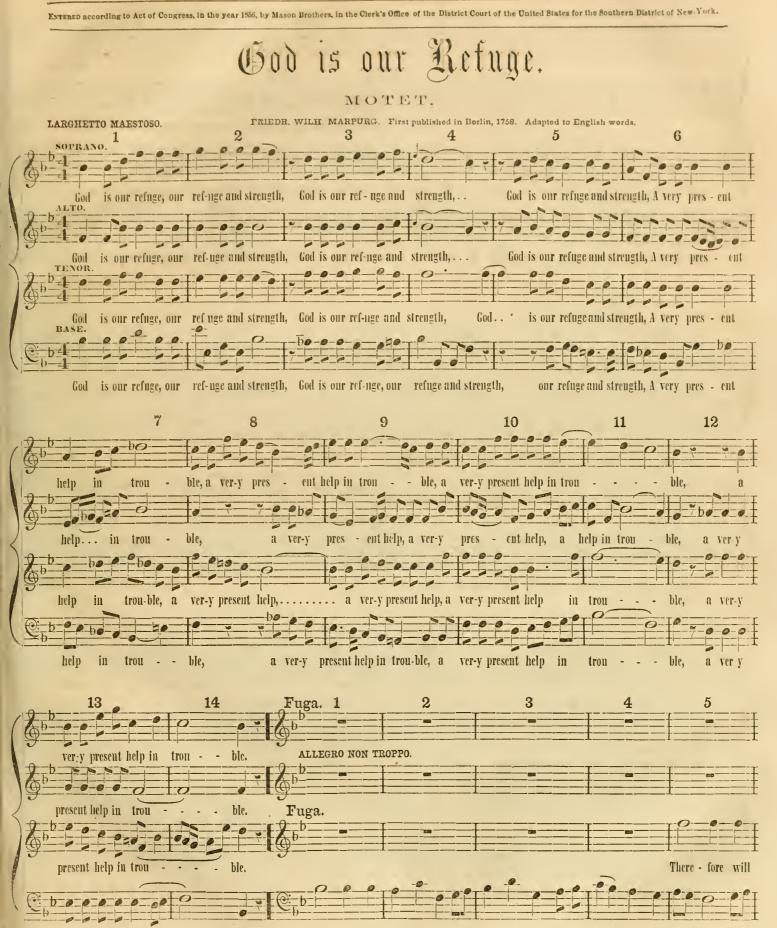
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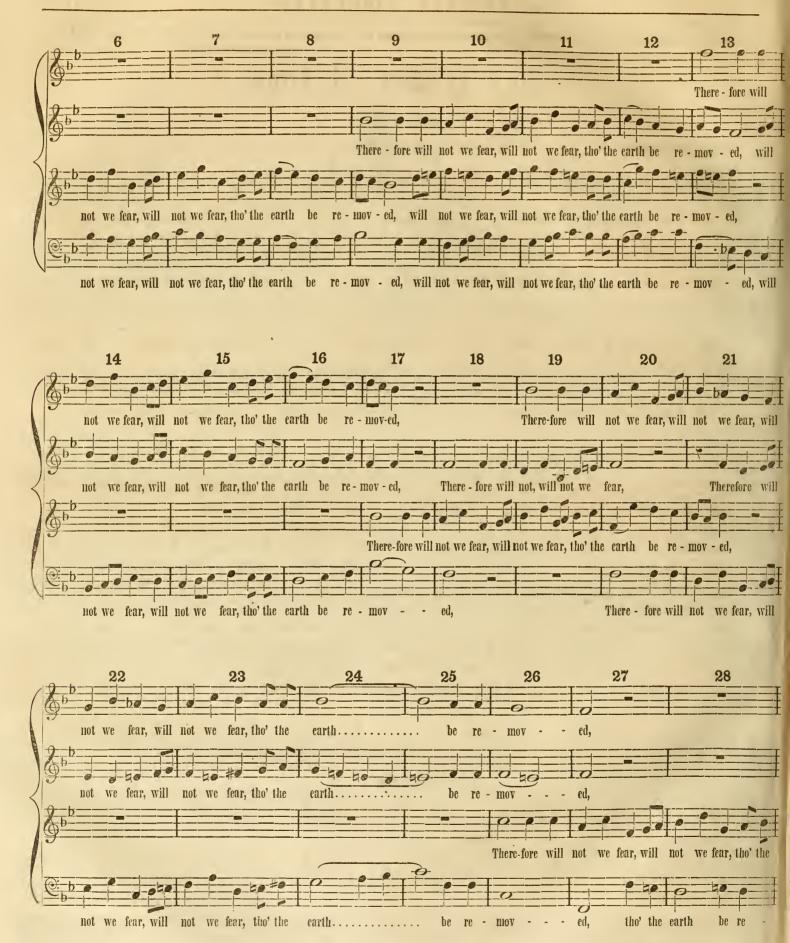
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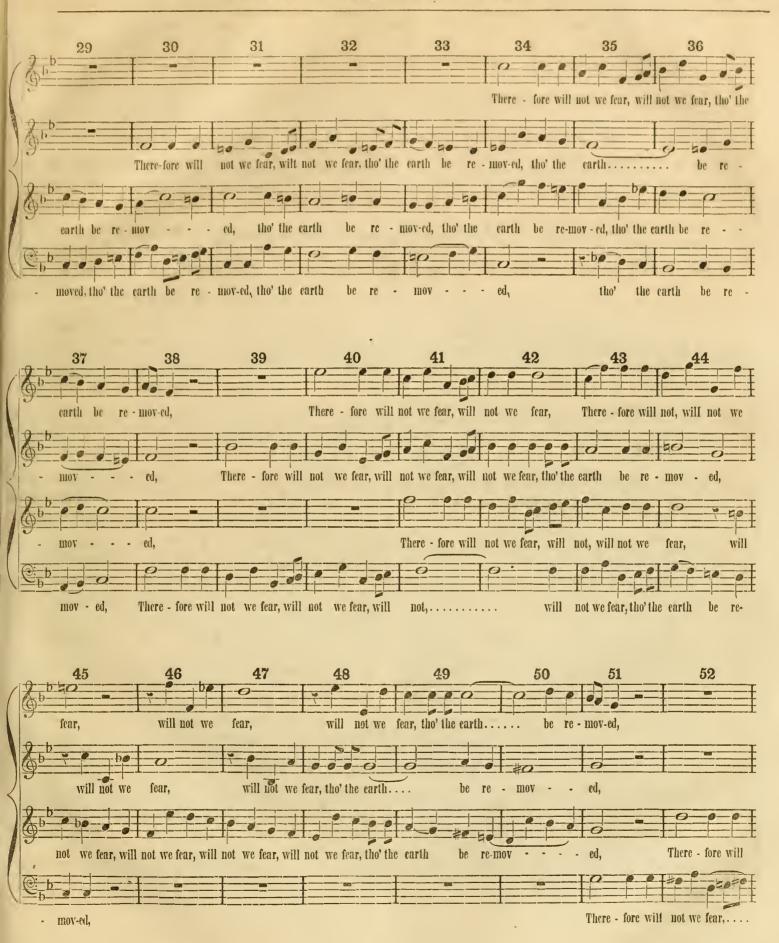
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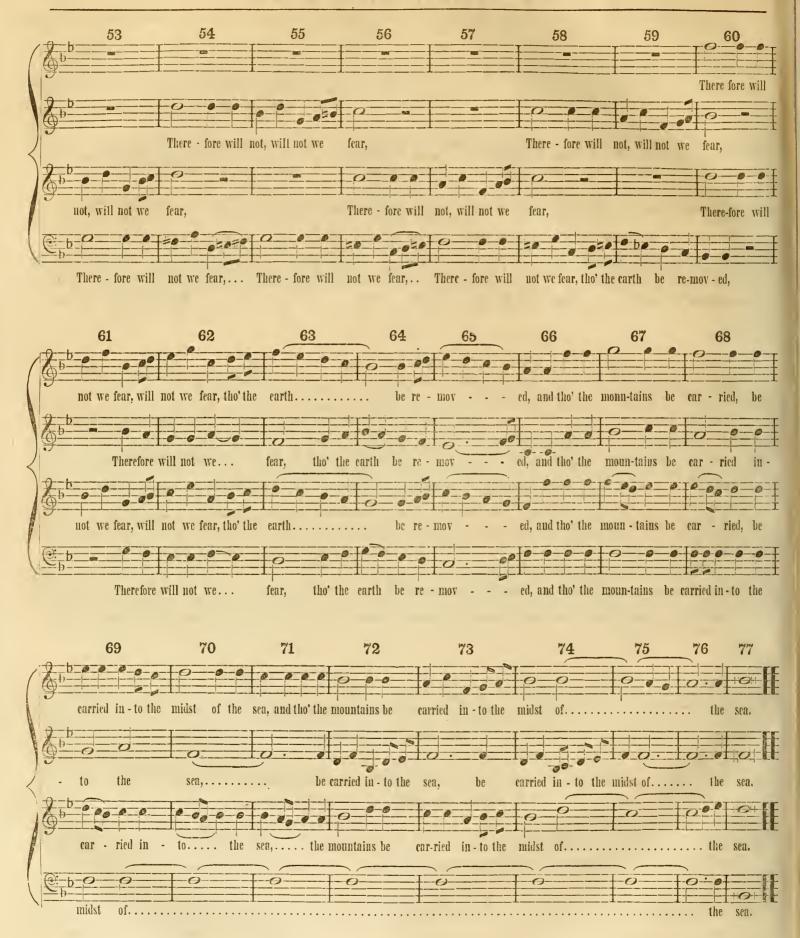
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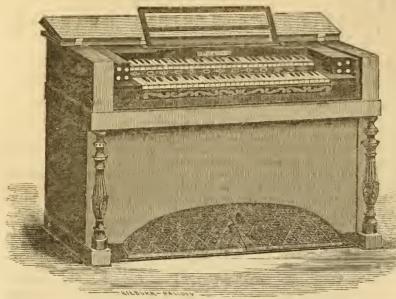
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