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MUSIC IN The PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY PROF. EVAN STEPHENS.

AKE it a welcome study, not an intruder; make it a useful study, not a figurehead; make it a real study, not a play thing; make it a pleasant study, not a bore. These suggestions, if carried into effect, will make it a successful study, not a failure."

These remarks constituted the prelude to a lecture delivered by Prof. Evan Stephens, before the convention of Weber county teachers, Friday, Sept.

11, on the subject "Music in Public Schools." Prof. Stephens said in part: "You may feel that you have too many studies now, and you may be right; but remember that you have none with more characteristic effect upon the student than music. Most of

upon the student than music. Most of your studies deal with hard-shelled facts—realities, not idealities. As change of occupation is rest, you need rest studies, intermingled with labor studies. So welcome this child of fan-cy, this trainer and builder of the emo-tional side of character, the one study that anneals to the heart and soul of that appeals to the heart and soul of the child as well as to his mentality. Welcome it, if only as a relief to dry, though important, mathematics and

geography. "Do not "Do not sit idly by, nor leave the room, during the singing lesson. When room, during the singing lesson. When the supervisor is present, be a good student, if nothing more; see that or-der and attention prevail. Many a good music leader and teacher is not a suc-cessful disciplinarian. Though he is present, the school is yours, and it be-hooves the teacher to see to it that order, attention and interest are maintained. Treat the music teacher as a guest in your student family not as an interactor Treat the music leacner as a guest in your student family, not as an intruder. Welcome what he brings as a blessing, and he will reward, you by lighting not weighting your daily tasks. Try to find out the possibilities of the study of music as to usefulness to yourself, to the student and to the school. Do to the student and to the school. Do not permit it to be a mere factor in using up the time assigned for class work. To get into a "rut" is the chief

cause of retarding progress in any-thing, Take up the nusic lesson daily-if it is daily, and it ought to be-with the idea of learning something the idea of learning something new or of advancing something met be-fore. Do not permit the lesson to be in the smallest degree almless or use-less. Shape the studies that while the student is mastering the elementary work, he is becoming of use to the school, uplifting it to the ideal.

MUSIC'S MISSION.

"Music, properly used, may be made a most important factor in the develop-ment of a series of attributes, without which no school is what it should be which no school is what it should be-order, interest, gentleness of behavior, refinement, love. The heart touched with the emotions that beautiful music inspires, is tender and easily moulded into obedience. Cheerful music will arouse the whole school to attention, when the brain has become drowsy and inactive from too little fresh air or the effects of too much steam heat is the

when the brain has become drowsy and inactive from too little fresh air or the effects of too much steam heat in the schoolroom. Thus the music lesson may be a medicine, a stimulus, a heart and soul tonic, a refiner. But, mark now what I say, do all this, but fail not to keep it first of all an educational fac-tor, a true sister study to all other branches of study. The chief fault, shall I say curse? retarding progress in music today is the neglect in Keeping the study in its place as a systematic study, but rather using it as a show or exhibition feature. The mere performance by students of something musical in connection with the school is thought to be a great part of school musical work. This is wrong and misleading in the main Usually the presentation of a comic opera and other musical features at the end of the school year, means the entire misapplication of musical studies in the school room. When training for the opera begins, all real progressive study ends. The previous attempts at progress in a systematic way, learning to read and to express correctly what

was read, is all upset and reversed. Music is pounded into the ears from a planoforte or scraped from a violin, blown from a cornet, or, worse than all, shouted and screamed from a worn-out voice; not a tone evolved or made from within the tone-thinking mind. The talented, intelligent student, who was beginning to think music as a hu-man should, is treated as a parrot or a magpic, and made to imitate simply, in order to learn his exhibition piece.

EXHIBITION WORK.

"Let your exhibition work be the le-"Let your exhibition work be the le-gltimate result of your regular daily work, the first fruit of your yearly la-bor in the field of musical caucation. Let it be fine, artistic, pretentious, if you will, but never deviate from a well laid plan of progress in the sys-tematic course you have laid out for the study of music. The study of a beautiful cantata is educational work proper when students are sufficiently proper, when students are sufficiently advanced to base their study of it from the book; to read it as they would from the book; to read it as they would if studying a play or a poem, but not before that. Let the students be made to understand that if there is anything to be learned or enjoyed from the printed page in music, as in litera-ture, they must attain it through abil-ity to read, and not by having it read to them. Reading should be the basis of study after that all good things of study, after that all good things may be added, but not separated from it. To call anything short of this the study of music in the school is a farce, nay, worse, a comic opera--a perverse rehearsal of all things true in music

and action. "Music is expected to advertise the school, as are football and baseball; very well. Only let it be an exhibi-tion of the progress made in the school by the students, and not a mere display of the natural, uncultured talents

they possessed, independent of the school work. "Make music a pleasant study, not by making it no study at all, in order to please the careless and indifferent student, nor by reversing its regular natural course of development, picking the fruit, instead of planting the seed. To make the music lesson pleasant and interesting, it must be to the point and not too long. It must me progresand not too long. It must me progress sive and plain, avoiding the treadmill impression of always walking but never advancing. Around the elementary center or pedestal must be judiciously wreathed the side studies. The simwreathed the side studies. The sim-plest reading lesson must include a certain amount of expression and feel-ing, to make what is read mean some-thing. The tone quality used must be looked after—the soft tone always, un-less a demand for the loud, hursher tone, for the sake of monetary special expression, occurs. The rhythm, or ac-centuation, must be of equal import-ance, with care of pitch and tone. In short, make the study of music pleas-ant, rather than the mere music itself. Your duty is to teach in the school, not to merely please; but you should ac-complish the latter by doing the former. "If have my own convictions as to

"I have my own convictions as to methods, and they do not always agree with the modes in which our musical textbooks present them, as several of

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TRACY Y. CANNON.

Pupil of Alex, Guilmant, Paris, and Alberto Jonas, Berlin, Mr. Cannon announces that he will re-turn from Europe in December and ac-cept pupils of plano, organ and composi-tion after January 1st, 1909.

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A. Wetzell who escorted him around among the city schools to showing him what was being done here. The visitor expressed himself as much pleased with the used being done here. The visitor expressed nimself as much pleased with the work being accomplished, and says that if the teachers will only give Prof. Weizell the proper support, the results will be of the highest advantage to the schools . . .

Miss Agatha Berkhoel will sing next Thursday evening, at the regular week-ly musical social of the L. D. S. uni-. . .

Miss Nora Ellason of Logan will ac-company the Schettler party on their concert tour of the state late during the coming month.

Charles F. Stayner, the pianist and composer, is completing the orchestrai scores to his romantic music drama of "Columbus," the libretto of which was fluished last summer in California.

Salt Lake loses temporarily three ex-Salt Lake loses temporarily three ex-cellent musicians in the departure for Germany of Miss Sybella Clayton, Miss Marion Cannon and Miss Emma Lucy Gates. Miss Clayton will resume under Senor Jonas, the piano work she was engaged in when taken sick a year ago. She has now fully recovered her strength, and is ready to appear on the Berlin concert stage with the Phil-harmonic orchestra. Miss Clayton has memorized six heavy concertos.

Mrs. Clara Jacobs Bond of Chicago, the song writer, has sent to both Prof. McClellan and Mrs. Martha Royle King, copies of 100 of her songs, and writes of the good time she anticipates next January when she will visit Sait Lake in recital under Mrs. King's di-rection. Mrs. Bond also speaks of hav-ing met Willard Weihe in Yellowstone park, where she heard him play, and states she never heard a more superb tone from a violin. She congratulates (Sait Lake on having so fine an artist.

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teacher.

At last evening's musicale in the First Presbyterian church, accompany-ing the reception of the Ladles' Aid so-clety, Miss Helen Hartley and Prof. Skelton gave violin solos, and then played together. The effect was very played together. according to an agreement of long standing, it will have its first produc-tion anywhere in Boston by the Bos-ton Symphony orchestra, pleasing.

Tield's band will leave tomorrow evening, for Albuquerque, N. M., where it will furnish the general music for the Irrigation congress, and ac-company the Utah delegation. If there is no special train, the band will oc-cupy a special car on the regular No. 4 castbound train over the Rio Crunde

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Curtis will sing in duet, at tomorrow's 11 o'clock ser-vice in the Catholic cathedral, Gounod's "Divine Redeemer" arranged for duet.

an anthem.

Paderewski will arrive in this coun-try in January next and will make all told about 30 appearances, about half of which will be with orchestras. He will play also with the Chicago, Min-neapolis, and St. Paul orchestras, and probably with others. He will give not more than one recital in each of the cities he visits, and his tour will be confined to the larger cities east of the Mississippi. He will bring with him his symphony, of which so much is expected. It was promised for two years ago, but was not finished. The last work has been done upon it and, according to an agreement of long The two famous Italians who have

eastbound train over the Rio Grande. A trunk full of musical scores will be taken along. That the Salt Lake musi-clans will give a good account of themselves goes without saying.

Carl Sobeski, the Boston lyric bari-tone, has decided to remain in Salt Lake during the winter, and will open a studio in the Templeton building.

Dugdale, who crossed the tracks ahcad of his wife, heard her shriek. He turned quickly. A passenger train had rounded the sharp curve, and was A GREAT SMOKER, A Pittsburg millionaire said at a

fession. The experiment of changing from two recitals a week, to a daily program, proved saccessful, and will probably be the order for ensuing sea-sons. Holding the recitals at noon, in-stead of at 5 o'clock, is much more convenient for travelers, as so many of them are obliged to take the afternoon trains out of town dinner dinner: "I lunched with Sir Thomas Lipton at the Ghezireh palace in Cairo just be-fore he set out for his tea plantation in Ceylon, where the ex-Empress Eu-The Orpheus club is planning to bring out in this city. Oct. 19, four grand opera approaching the unhappy woman at full speed. "She sto genie was to visit him. "When the coffee and Tarragone came on, I opened my gold case and offered Sir Thomas a beautiful aromatic cigarette fresh from the factory down the street. "'No, thank you,' said he. 'I am, with one possible exception, the biggest smoker in the world, but I never smoke cigars nor cigarettes." "What do you smoke?' said I, "'Bacon,' he answered."

There will be no soloists at tomor-row morning's services in St. Mark's cathedral; the choir instead will sing . . .

SHARPS and FLATS Gertrude Rennyson, the American soprano, formerly with the Savage English Opera company, who was en-gaged by Felix Weingartner for the Vienna Court opera, has withdrawn from her contract on the ground that "the singers intrigue too much against an American to make suc-

cess possible.

First Congressional church is now in Berlin studying under Alexander Hein-mann who will shortly visit America. Prof. Heinmann was Hugh Dougall's

Paderewski will arrive in this coun-

Ernestine Schumann-Heink will begin her European tournee with a con-cert in Hamburg on Oct. 23. Among the cities in which she will appear, in either opera or concert, are Ber-lin, Vienna, Budapest, Paris, London, Madrid and probably St. Petersburg

and Moscow.

Mr. Dippel has, after all, succeed-Mr. Dippel has, after all, succeed-ed in securing the famous Vlennese tenor Schmedes for the Metropolitan Opera house, where he will sing dur-ing one-half of the coming seasor. One of his famous roles is Siegfried. In that he will appear in Vlenna soon in the new scenic presentation of that opera prepared by Weingartner.

Good manners are strictly enforced in the opera houses of Germany. Not only is no talking or whispering al-lowed, but late-comers must wait till the first act is over before they are permitted to take their seats, though the act may last an hour. "Rhein-

be initial to take their seals, though the act may last an hour, "Rhein-gold" lasts two hours and a half without an intermission, and if any one comes after the orchestra has be-gun, he misses the whole performance.

George Rogers, formerly tenor in the

been secured as general manager and conductor of our Metroolltan Opera house-Gatti-Casazza and Toscanini, both of them ardent admirers of both of them ardent admirers of Wagner---endeavored, and with con-siderable success, to impress on the Milanese public the German respect-ful attitude toward good operas and consideration for other people's rights. And now an effort is being made in Paris in behalf of the music lovers as against those who go to the opera merely to ogle and chatter. The doors are to be closed and no one is to be permitted to enter the auditor-ium of the Grand opera while the orchestra plays. To be sure, this is to be done only in the case of one opera for the present--Wagner's

"Gotterdammerung"—but it is the entering wedge.



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stars from the Metropolitan opera com-pany, viz., Richard Martin, tenor; Mrs. Josephine Jacoby, contralito; Marie Rappold, soprano, and Joseph Campa-nari, baritone, with Arthur Rosenstein as musical conductor. These are all well known operatic singers and their appearance here will be an event to be remembered in the local musical world. The concerted numbers will be the particular feature of the program, Ancluding great quartets, trios, and duos fom the grand operas. The Or-pheus club will also appea on the pro-gram. gram.

EXT Wednesday evening at the Salt Lake theater, the Denver

Eisteddfod chorus will give a

grand concert, aided by soloists

from several Denver church choirs. The

choir numbers 125 voices. A special

feature of the concert will be the bari-

tone solo by Mr. David Evans, who has

been brought all the way from Wales

to be the soloist during the Eisteddfod.

gram will be given under the direction

of Prof. Henry Housley, a leader well

known to Salt Lake musicians. The

program includes two numbers by Mr.

Housley, including his famous "Hark, Hark, My Soul" and the song, "Mine

Solo, Miss Berlin,

Mr. J. E. Thompkins. Part song, "Sweet and Low"...Barnby (Denver competitive chorus). Bass solo, "I Fear No Foe"....Pinsuti Mr. George L. Bradbury. Conraito solo, "My Heart at Thy Dear Voice".....Saint Saens Mrs. Bessie Dade Hughes. Sang "Mine Abward", Heart Houseley

Song, "Mine Always", Henry Houseley Mr. Charles W. Brown. National melody, "Old Black Joe"

'Today's tabernacle organ recital clos-ed the season of 1908, the recitals not to be resumed until April of next year.

The season has been a highly success-ful one, as the steady and large attend-ance and the many compliments from tourists have proved. As usual, all but

tourists have proved. As usual, all but a very few recitals were given by the organist of the Church, Prof. J. J. Mc-Clellan, the other officiating organists being E. P. Kimball and W. J. Poul-ton, Jr. People from all over the world were among the audiences, who do not hesitate to class the Salt Lake instru-ment as among the scatt organs of the

ment as among the great organs of the world, and Organist McClellan as among the first executants in the pro-

fession.

trains out of town.

The experiment of changing

(Denver competitive chorus, Arr. by the director).

Solo and chorus, "Inflammatus".

Part song, "The Sea Hath Its

'Always:"

The following very attractive pro-

Bran.
Betts the winner of the property of the series will be announcement was made that Sait Lake would at last have a grand course of distinguished musical artists, many inquisies have been received by Manager Fred Graham. It has been definitely decided that these musical events will take place in the Sait Lake theater and the First Methodist church, De Gogorza, the eminent baritone being the first of the four attractions, his concert to take Mothod y evening. Oct. 12. The second of the series will be Arthur Hartmann, the popular violinist, occurring on Nov 21, next comes Mme. Johanna Gadski, one of the greatest sopranes, who appeared in the tabernacle Jast season, she will appear probably in the Sait Lake Theater. Her date will be somet will be Laevinne the Russian planist will be Laevinne the Russian planist will be be been of March.
The following order of musical service will be observed in the First Methodist church, for the direction of Mrs. V. A. Wetzell who has returned from her summer vacation on the Pacific Construction of the Server of the Server of March.

MORNING.

Organ preludeC. O. Blakeslee Anthem, "Lovely Appear".....Gounod Baritone solo, "Rock of Ages"...Johnson A. K. Houghton.

EVENING.

Organ prelude.....C. O. Blakeslee Anthem, "As the Hart Panteth"...Giffe Solo, "My God, My Father, While I Magazan ... Marston Stray"

A. K. Houghton. Mrs. William A. Wetzell, choir direc-tor; Edward Elmball, organist.

Miss Mary Okve Gray is back from a summer's visit with her father's family at Montrose. Colo., and is again engaged in musical instruction.

engaged in musical instruction. An instance of how hard some mu-sicians have been worked this week, is noted in Mr. A. H. Peabody. During the day, his duties as assistant cashier of the Commercial National bank keep him steadily busy up to dinner time. On Thursday last, he worked at the bank up to 5:35 p. m. then hastily buying a ham sandwich, munched it as he ran to St. Mark's cathedral where, at 6 o'clock he was on the organ seat playing for a wedding. At 7 o'clock he was conducting a rehearsal of the Orpheus club until late in the evening. Yet, Mr. Peabody says he enjoyed a refreshing night's rest. A musical visitor this week was Prof.

A musical visitor this week was Prof. George P. Hicks, supervisor of music in the Vancouver, B. C., public schoots. He has been in England and traveling through the United States studying special features of his work likely to be of advantage to him in teaching. Prof. Hicks was the guest of Prof. W.

A NOISY OPERATION.

Mrs. Boorman Wells, at the noted English Suffragist, was describing, at a dinner in New York, a very disorderly suffragette meeting.

suffragette meeting. "The noise," she said, "can only be likened to the hub-bub that I once heard coming from the nursery of a friend with whom I was taking tea. "Terrified by this infernal turmoll, my friend and I burst into the nur-sery breathless. The children, in a close group by the window, the baby in the middle looked up calmy. "What on earth are you doing?" the

" 'What on earth are you doing?' the mother demanded. "'We've found,' said the oldest boy, 'poor grandma's teeth, and we're filing them down and fitting them on the baby,'"

A PATRIOTIC SWINDLE.

baby.

A PATRIOTIC SWINDLE. "It is not often," said Gen. F. D. Grant, at a dinner in New York," that a man can perform at the same time a swindle and an act of patriotism. Yet this happened during the war. A New York sharper then canducted a swindle at which even Washington would have smiled approvingly. "It was at the time when we stood in the greatest need of soldiers. This man inserted in the papers everywhere an advertisement that read as follows: "Notice—For \$1 I will give any per-son positive information whereby he may avoid the conscription." "Replies came fast. They came at the rate of 600 a day, and dollars ac-companied them. Then an enraged dupe, beside himself at having lost a dollar, took the advertiser to court, where the entire transaction was pat-riotically declared to be quite legal. "The answer that had been sent out by the sharper was: " "Emlist."

TOO LATE.

Elmer M. Thayer, a rich resident of North Dana, Mass., became imbued with the revolutionary ideas about marriage that have recently been cur-rent, decided that he would enter into a trial marriage, and died of worry over the notoriety his action brought upon him. A North Dana man said to a report-er:

"It is no wonder Thayer wanted to have a trial marriage, for he always regarded marriage for life as a dan-gerous contract. He always said that it took a brave man to enter into

it. Thayer stoutly held that only one marriage in a hundred was happy. He used to say that if husbands and wives spoke their minds frankly, they would all agree heartily with Rudolph Dugdale of North Adams. "Dugdale took his wife to Boston on a business trip. One fine day his wife made an excursion lint the country. Leaving the trolley car at a quaint village, they persued their way on foot. Soon they drew near a grade crossing. There was no flagman-only a sign- 'Lookont for the loco-motive.'

stood still, beside herself with The train was almost upon "She stood still, beside herself with terror. The train was almost upon her. Surely she was lost! "But no. Just in time, with one des-perate leap, the woman saved herself. Then, in dead faint, she fell prostrate in the dusty road. "These railroad trains! Always be-hind time! said Dugdale bitterly. "And he seated himself on the grass to wait for his wife to come to."

JUST LIKE A MAN.

The late Mrs. Clara Dewey How, of Philadelphia, whose philanthropic work among immigrants made her well known, had a trenchant wit, and one afternoon in Philadelphia, discuss-ing the woman suffrage movement with a clergyman, she said: "You men are all alike. You all resemble the orphan that Mrs. Stanton and her friends brought up. Mrs.

"You men are all alike. You all resemble the orphan that Mrs. Stanton and her friends brought up. Mrs. Stanton and a body of ladies from her church, all interested in woman suff-rage, once took a little newsboy from the gutter and educated him superbly. They sent him through school and college, and fnally made a minister of him. "This young minister, the work of their hands, preached his first sermon in their church. That was a proud Sunday morning for the good ladies. They thought they had at last firmly planted among the male sex a strong and splendid supporte. "So, in their best bonnets, they filled the church that Sunday morning. They were on tiptoe with expectation. Who could tell but their young charge might preach in their honor a woman-suffrage sermon? "Imagine their emotions when the youth arose in the pulpit, looked calm-ly and even sternly over the congre-gation, and announced that his text would be from St. paul: ""Let the women keep silent in the church."

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