

MUSIC AND MUSICIANS

SYMPHONY AFTERNOON A CHARMING SUCCESS.

VALUABLE improvements are to be made in the tabernacle organ. One of special importance will be the replacement of the present blowing apparatus by the kinetic electric blower, whose advantages Prof. McClellan noticed particularly in the Austin organ at the Jane Street exposition, and in other great instruments of the latest build and pattern. The present bellows and motor connections have done far more than was even anticipated; but the noted instrument in the tabernacle is much more than most organs, and the bellows plant has been put to a protracted and exacting strain. As mechanisms will wear out, and must be replaced, so this action is necessary in the present case.

The tabernacle organist is working to make the desired change, which will cost, he thinks, about \$1,000. The Klipschus plant furnishes air through the medium of a great fan which takes the air from under the organ and forces it up through a main into the pipe. It is absolutely noiseless, and the air of the unvarying temperature. The old time blowing apparatus always makes more or less noise and the closer it gets, the more is it heard through loss of motion caused by wear and tear.

The music being furnished the Catholic Mass at the All Hallows' concert hall and orchestra shows commendable progress being made by the young organists. Petersen has them in charge, which is a guarantee that the instruction is thorough. The boys give promise of high attainment by the time another commencement comes round.

The band of the High school cadets is practicing several times a week under the direction of L. P. Christensen, with gratifying progress. They expect to make a specially fine appearance and performance next Decoration day when the entire cadet corps turns out. It will be "tip and tuck" between this band and the All Hallows' band, as to which shall do the best on that occasion, as both will be in parade.

Prof. W. C. Oliver has returned from Logan and is established once more in the Templeton building.

President Earl Pardoe of the Ogden High School Alumni association is passing the preparation of the operetta of "Priscilla," which is to be given under the auspices of the association the latter part of January. He has engaged Mrs. Anna Lee, Anna and Bert McLean, and Fred Graham will take prominent parts. This pretty little work was given in this city in last, by a company under the direction of H. S. Krouse.

At the First Methodist church tomorrow the quartet will sing in the morning. Shelly's "God of Love," with baritone solo by Mr. Dougall. In the evening the quartet will sing, "Lord We Pray Thee," by William Reed, with alto solo by Miss Holt.

"Dream Visions," words by Miss Anne Pike, and accompaniment by Prof. J. M. McClellan, is a love song for voice and piano, published by the John Church Music Company. The sentiment and style of the song are of the church's best efforts, and the score not merely fits with the words, but is of highly dramatic order, and of the best style of harmonic composition and originality in expression. "Dream Visions" can be rendered with marked effect by a capable singer.

St. Mark's choir is planning an elaborate musical service for the Sunday night following Christmas. The program has not yet been definitely arranged, but will include the best of Christmas music with the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah," a ladies' quartet with obligato solo, by Anna Morris, solo by Amy Osborne, Edna Bailey, H. L. Bowles, and others to be decided upon. The organ accompaniment will be augmented by cellos and violin. The music for Christmas morning will include the Haynes' communion service, a revival of the old-fashioned Jackson TeDeum, the "Hallelujah Chorus," and a special solo not arranged for.

There will be singing by a ladies' double quartet tomorrow afternoon, at the Y. M. C. A. with solos from Miss Adelia Ferguson and Miss Eleanor Trout.

The Symphony for organ and full orchestra to be given at the April appearance of the Salt Lake Festival chorus, is considered the greatest of Giulini's compositions, and was first performed in Brussels by King Leopold II by the Royal Orchestra of that country, and the composer himself. The days of Giulini's fame in the tabernacle next spring will attract a good deal of attention. The orchestral score will be given by the Chicago Symphony orchestra of 65 men, and the organ part by Prof. McClellan.

SHARPS and FLATS

A new orchestral association has been formed in Vienna. It consists of 10 players, who intend to give each season 10 concerts with popular programs. The cost of a season ticket is to be only \$2.

Musagni finds that it pays to receive operas that have failed. His "Maschi" was a failure in Milan, Geneva, Venice, Pologna, and Turin seven years ago. He has now improved the opera, and in the new version the opera has proved a decided success.

Some of the English critics appear to have escaped the "curious fever" that seems to have seized the public, as the London Times remarks regarding the Tezzarini furore. It refers to the "pitch comparisons" of this singer with such artists as Patti and Melba, and goes on to say: "Compared unfairly without reference to the public excitement, it must be admitted, uses a beautiful and well-produced voice with rare skill. Her execution of scales and ornaments is almost comparable to that of Mme. Melba, and she has the power of putting a great deal of warmth into her voice. She has all the advantages of long stage experience."

George Careless, a very capable actress. Only in one respect is there a conspicuous defect in her singing, and that is that she does not hesitate to break any phrase in order to breathe quite naturally.

B. M. YOUNG, JR.

Instructor of violin, who recently returned from his studies at Bernsteins, a number of promising pupils having. Mr. Young took private instruction under Prof. Bauck and Schmidauer, also studied in Cesare Thomson's class at the Royal Conservatory of Music. He also studied the violin and did some orchestral work with that instrument as well as playing second violin in the Hayes Symphony Orchestra, and first violin in the Grand Harmony Orchestra. Mr. Young studies some time at the Isidor School of Music, and often assists his teacher with the beginning class.

GEORGE CARELESS.

George Careless, dean of our music world, is one of our best known musicians in the west, having been in Utah since 1884. For four years he was a student at the Royal Academy of Music in London, making a speciality of violin, piano, counterpoint, voice culture, choir and orchestral conducting, besides following other essential lines of training. He was also pupil of a famous German violinist, and

spent a throughout the afternoon. A special feature of interest was the singing of Miss Mattie Taylor—late Marion Abbott—and her rendition of the difficult air from "La Traviata," while she was a little nervous, she sang with a beauty of tone, style and expression that immensely pleased the house, and she received a vigorous encore rendering in charming style, that told she was very much more at home. Musetta's beautiful love song from "La Boheme" was well sung. Walter O. Tait's harp was made a charming feature, especially in the light intermission.

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