



A Matter of Choice. The dancing season never stops; Some of us dance through all. The frog prefers a summer hop. The moth a camphor ball. —Sam S. Stinson, in Woman's Home Companion for June.

The Hufstader-Lester Recital. In this section of the country, and to anyone who knows Keokuk at all, the unflinching allegiance and staunch loyalty of her people to each other is a by word among men.

One of the finest expositions of this feeling of fidelity was given last Thursday evening at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, when Mr. Robert Cary Hufstader, tenor, and Mr. William Lester, pianist, gave an invitation musicale to as many of their friends as could be accommodated in the spacious room.

The two artists had arranged a program that has never been surpassed in Keokuk, indeed has rarely been equaled here, and in the working out thereof, gave the best there was in them. And this best was a revelation to the large and critical audience assembled.

The work of Mr. Robert Cary Hufstader has been much enjoyed and appreciated in Keokuk ever since he came here about a year ago to assume the responsible duties of secretary of the city Y. M. C. A.

He possesses a voice, which, while it would be classed in the tenor category, still partakes of the richness and cello like quality of the baritone; is of exceptional beauty and purity, and has that indefinable "something" that appeals to and touches every heart. Technically, it is a well trained and grandly controlled organ. Mr. Hufstader having studied extensively under some of the best known teachers such as Charles A. White of New York, Whitner and others of Boston. Combined with a power of forte expression rarely found in a tenor, he has a wonderful control of pianissimo work, his covered tones being "something to be remembered."

Before coming to Keokuk, Mr. Hufstader held important and prominent church positions in eastern cities. Since his arrival in Keokuk he has taken a prominent place in the activities of the Monday Music club, and in the musical work of the various churches.

In addition to his musical powers Mr. Hufstader has been the efficient and popular secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and he possesses the power of making and keeping friends to such a degree that his resignation from that responsible post is keenly felt as a personal loss throughout the city.

Of his work last Thursday evening too much good cannot be said. In the "Songs of the Norseland" by Lohr, the singer displayed his powers of extended and dramatic vocalism, as well as his true musical feeling. The second group of songs was devoted to the all loved classics, and helped to display another side of the artist's work. The low pianissimo passages of the Brahms immortal "Wiegand" were sung and phrased exquisitely, while the ensuing "Still wie die Nacht" of Carl Bohm was sung with a wonderful depth and display of dramatic expression. A marked feature of this interpretation was the beauty of the long cantabile passages. The ever welcome Schubert "Serenade" and the brilliant "Celeste Aida" of Verdi which followed were sung in keeping with the high artistry shown in the songs before.

Mr. Hufstader's final appearance was in a group of songs composed by William Lester to poems by a seventeenth century English poet, Robert Herrick. In these five songs, which here received their first public hearing, the vocalist entered fully into the old rose spirit of daintiness and coquetry that emanated both from the words and music of the compositions, and in these roccoco mood poems displayed a new beauty of tone and feeling that was intimately welcome.

Mr. William Lester, who appeared in the triple role of pianist, accom-

panist, and composer, is a figure well known to the people of Keokuk. Soon after his arrival in this city from England about seven years ago, he became a pupil and protegee of Miss Jane E. Carey, with whom he studied until his graduation from the Keokuk high school two years ago. From here he went to Chicago and began the study of the organ with Wilhelm Midelehuhe, universally acknowledged the foremost organist in the world to-day, and composition and theory with Adolf Brane, a pre-eminent theorist and marvelous composer. He advanced rapidly from the beginning, and by dint of hard work and conscientious application has raised himself to a position of enviable eminence in the world of music. During the past year he has been associated with Felix Boronski in the department of musical criticism on the Chicago Record-Herald, and thus has been in the centre of musical currents in Chicago.

Mr. Lester first attracted notice by his wonderful organ work, and during the last winter played organ recitals in DeKalb, Ill., and Burlington, Iowa, which latter engagement was repeated. He also became prominent as an accompanist, and filled many engagements during the past season with remarkable success. His compositions are rapidly becoming known and a wonderful future is predicted for the young English-American genius.

Last Thursday evening the people of Keokuk had an opportunity to test Mr. Lester's piano work, and it is his credit that he came through the evening with flying colors. His first group consisted of four masterpieces by Bach, Handel, and Mozart, which received a wonderful exposition. The young pianist possesses the rare power of getting behind the technique and grasping the psychology and soul of the number. In all his work he shows himself possessed of ideas and the courage to work them out; with him technique is a means, not an objective point. Thus in his playing we have the full of the tremendous technical difficulties involved, and see and feel the heart of the thing. These classics he played with a sweep and virtuosity which thrilled every member of the audience present.

In his second group, the moderns from Schumann and Brahms, through Sinding to Debussy were represented. The inspiring theme of the Schumann "Romance" was beautifully played, and the pianissimo close was very attractive. The sturdy yet soulful Brahms "Adagio" was fittingly rendered, as was the Sinding number, something alike in mood and expression. In the "Sea," of Debussy, the pianist had an opportunity to display his all sufficient technique in the representation of the ever moving sea with its haunting cadences.

The final piano group was made up of compositions by Mr. Lester: two preludes, a sonnet, and a ballade. The young composer's piano music is perhaps not so well known as his songs, yet it partakes of the same emotional, yet logical individuality that is to be noticed in all his work. The prelude in E minor is a beautiful melodic strain, ending in a passionate crash of dissonances. The second prelude is more reflective in character and is not disturbed by any outbursts of passion. The sonnet is an embodiment in tone of Shakespeare's most ardent sonnets, and is a wonderfully effective transcription of an idealistic mood. The ballade was based upon the tragic story of Queen Guenevere in "The Idylls of the King" by Tennyson, and is rampant with the tragic intensity of the poem itself. The group, as a whole, was one of beauty, some times bizarre and unusual, yet full of beauty.

A word should be said of Mr. Lester's work as an accompanist. That role is one lamentably hard to fill. Very few pianists are willing to so efface their own individuality in that of another as to effectually and artistically afford a foundation for another's effort. That word Mr. Lester has to a remarkable degree. His accompaniments are such as to be remembered and to be thought of. One would have to go far to find their equal. He has a virile yet sympathetic tone which surrounds yet does not smother the voice of the singer.

Mr. Hufstader's beautifully colored and rounded tones and Mr. Lester's limpid accompaniments blend in an unusually delightful and artistic whole. The thanks of the musicians of Keokuk are due the two artists who gratuitously gave such a beautiful program as the one heard last Thursday evening. Such voluntary acts are a sign of the proper civic pride and spirit and should be encouraged to the uttermost.

Largest Crowd at Bluff Park. Friday evening, more than thirty young people from this city were at the Bluff Park dancing pavillion at the summer resort and spent the evening as the guests of the two Montrose young gentlemen, Messrs. Henry Allison and Robert Wolf. Several automobile parties from Keokuk left during the early evening for the Bluff and when the evening train left here at 8:35, over an hour late, there were aboard about twenty more young gentlemen who made the trip to the beautiful bluff overlooking the Mississippi to enjoy the evening at dancing with the thirty or more young ladies who are camping there during last week and this. At times the dance floor which is commodious and one of the most pleasant enclosed pavillions to dance on in this section, was unable to accommodate all. The Agnes orchestra furnished the music for the occasion and Messrs. Allison and Wolf proved themselves to be capable hosts. Several Keokuk young ladies are camping at Bluff Park and with several parties of the younger set from Oskaloosa, Bloomfield and other nearby places, the opportunities for enjoying an evening



### A Mother's Love

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at dancing could not be more perfect for the young people. This week, commencing tomorrow, Burlington and Ft. Madison parties will camp at the Bluff and several more Keokuk parties will make the resort their place of residence during the coming week. Among those gentlemen who attended the dance from here on Friday evening, last were: Messrs. Ralph McGrath, Van Hayden, Henry Hulskamp, Marshall Versteeg, John Reidy, Earl Shippey, Leslie Worthen, Edward Johnstone, Alva McCoy, Ray Garrison, Roy Strickler, Fred Maxwell, Ray Foley, Malcolm McFarland, Joe Wycoff, and Jack Ellisworth.

Dance Wednesday Evening. The dance that was to have been given on Wednesday evening this week by the Phi Lambda Epsilon fraternity has been transferred to Wednesday of this week instead. A large number of young dancers from this city will be in attendance, as the guests of the local young gentlemen. The Agne orchestra will play.

Dance at Warsaw Tuesday. The Girl's club of Warsaw will have their dance on Tuesday evening of this week instead of Wednesday.

Rich-Buss Marriage. Keokuk people will be interested in learning of the marriage of Miss Lillian Eva Marie Rich of Dubuque, to Mr. Diederich Buss of this city, which took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Rich in Dubuque on Saturday morning. The bride is a charming young woman, who is favorably known here having visited much in Keokuk during the past two years and has won many friends for herself. The groom is a gentleman well known in Keokuk as this being his home and a host of warm friends know him as a worthy young business man, he being at present general salesman of Iowa and Missouri for B. Heller and Sons, manufacturing chemists of Chicago, Ill.

After a short bridal trip through the east, Mr. and Mrs. Buss will be at home to their friends in Des Moines. The many friends of both in this city, extend congratulations and well wishes to them for a successful married future.

Valley Church Entertained. The ladies Aid Society of the Valley M. E. church was entertained at the home of Mrs. Henry Bartels last Wednesday afternoon, residing near Beuna Vista. A large number attended the meeting of the society, and a pleasant afternoon was spent with the hostess. Ice cream and cake were served.

Social Club to Meet. Mrs. James Egan will be the hostess of the Social Club at her residence, Thirteenth and Franklin streets, Wednesday afternoon.

Married in Spokane. [Special to The Gate City.] SPOKANE, Wash., July 20.—Miss Nina Helen Redmond, daughter of Mrs. F. E. Redmond, formerly of Keokuk, Iowa, and D. E. Moore of Seattle, formerly of Charleston, S. C., were married at the home of the

CHANGE. Quilt Coffee and Got Well. A woman's coffee experience is interesting. "For two weeks at a time I have taken no food but skim milk, for solid food would ferment and cause such distress that I could hardly breathe at times, also excruciating pain and heart palpitation and all the time I was so nervous and restless.

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A Physician on Food.

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### NEWS OF THE SHOP.

Another small head cushion of green leather, with braided leather straps to slip over the knobs which are found at the top of certain chair backs, is \$11. It is also new.

The daintiest bit of French jewelry seen in a long time was a pendant necklace of fine, thin chain and tiny ornaments, for \$1. Chain and pendants were of Egyptian or green gold, with a tiny green stone nicely set in the latter.

Half socks for children are 25 cents a pair.

Very good leather hand bags are offered for 69 cents.

Pretty designs in tissue lawns are on sale at 12 1/2 cents a yard.

### GALLAND.

A neck chain made of tiny gilt balls set close together sells for 25 cents. White tuckered and fitted wash belts are very much worn and cost only 50 cents.

Silk Hsie ribbed vests with hand crocheted tops are selling for 50 cents each.

Hat boxes covered with cretome in pretty colors and designs are \$2.50 each.

Boys' rough-roller play suits, made of khaki drill with trimmings of red, are \$1.25.

Violet floating bath soap in a wooden bowl, with a soft brush, costs \$3.50, and is refreshing to use.

A bath and shampoo outfit, with shower scalp and soft rubber face attachments, in a box, costs \$1.95.

Patent leather handbags, with the initials put on as the buyer wishes, cost 95 cents at the midsummer sales.

A silver bowl for cracked ice, with glass inset, is accompanied by a perfect little pair of ice tongs, and sells for \$17.

Jardinieres made of willow are among the newest pieces of porch furniture shown. The prices vary according to size.

Each month seems to bring some new convenience or luxury for the motorist and one of the latest is a beauty box which delights the woman who wants to be as well groomed on a motor trip as on an at home afternoon. The beauty box is fitted up with everything needed to keep the complexion in good condition and to counteract any roughness of the skin caused by unfriendly winds. There are jars of cream for cleansing the skin and others for healing it, a reliable wash for inflamed eyes and an eye cup for its use, and, of course, the indispensable powder and puffs.

Mrs. A. R. Osburn and daughters, Mable and Blanche, returned home from Omaha, Neb., Monday after a few days' visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harrington and daughter attended Catholic church at Montrose Sunday morning.

Miss Helen Demire of Sandusky spent Sunday at the L. Hemingway home.

Mrs. G. W. Noonan was a Montrose caller Monday afternoon.

Edward Cowles of Burlington made a brief call at the home of his uncle Timothy Boyle, Sunday.

Miss Mary Harrington returned home from Cedar Falls Friday night.

Miss Anna Driscoll spent Sunday in Keokuk.

Misses Davenport and Bowen of Montrose attended the social which was given at the guard lock Friday evening.

Misses Alta and Della Hemingway spent a few days of last week on Bluff Park.

Misses Jennie and Marie Johnson were in Keokuk last Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Boyle, Jr., and baby Banard, drove to Montrose Monday.

Messrs. Eugene Moore, Frank Roehr and George Hemingway went to Montrose Thursday evening in Mr. Hemingway's auto.

Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Johnson and son, Alvin, drove to Keokuk Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. James Cresswell and children of Montrose enjoyed a visit with relatives at this place last week.