

THE MUSIC OF A SATURDAY

GABRIEL PIERNE'S "CHILDREN AT BETHLEHEM"

First Performance of a Cantata by the Composer of "The Crusade of the Children"—Singing by a Chorus of Children From the Mount Vernon Schools—New York Children Listen.

The Christmas season concert of the series for young people under the direction of Frank Damrosch took place yesterday afternoon in Carnegie Hall.

The first part of the cantata paints the appearance of the star on the plains where in the winter twilight shepherd children are watching their flocks.

The second part brings the children to the stable, wherein not only the Virgin, but also the ox and the ass become soloists.

The work is essentially tuneful and once in a while its melodies carry one back to the memory of Sunday school days.

For this cantata Conductor Frank Damrosch assembled a chorus of 200 children from the public schools of Mount Vernon, well trained by Alfred Hallan.

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At the two opera houses. Mme. Melba and Mrs. Sembrich the Soprano Stars of the Matinees.

The opera goers of yesterday afternoon were favored with opportunities to hear the two great light sopranos of this time, Melba and Sembrich.

Mme. Melba began her Lucia yesterday in a manner which must have caused some of her admirers to fear that it was not destined to be one of her happiest afternoons.

Mr. Martin is making progress in his art. He has a voice of lovely quality and he is rapidly acquiring freedom and certainty in its use.

OLIVE MEAD QUARTET.

The New Second Violinist, Vera Konaroff, Makes Her Debut.

The Olive Mead Quartet's first concert, which was postponed from its original date, took place last night at Mendelssohn Hall.

The quartet has a new second violinist, Vera Konaroff, who made her first appearance here last night.

Mock Trial at the Astor.

There was a banquet accompanied by a mock trial at the Hotel Astor last evening, when the executive and the selling forces of the R. & G. Corset Company entertained the company's vice-president, W. A. Marble, on the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary in the service of the company.

One of the notable weddings of the week will be that of Miss Olive Hitchcock and Charles Seymour Whitman, to take place at 4 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon at the Church of the Ascension.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Drexel and their daughter, Miss Marguerita Drexel, are due to arrive here from England on Wednesday and will pass the Christmas holidays in Philadelphia with their son, Mrs. Drexel's sister, Mrs. James Henry Smith, is here at the Plaza for some weeks.

Mrs. Elsie French Vanderbilt, who gave a dinner on Tuesday night at the St. Regis, sailed for Europe on the Louisiana last Wednesday, accompanied by her young son, William Henry Vanderbilt. She will return for Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKean Thomas will pass the winter in a houseboat on the James River. This will give them an opportunity to participate in festivities in some of the Southern cities.

Cards have been received here for the wedding on Tuesday of Miss Rebecca Dulany and Frederick Melihone of Washington to take place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hunter Dulany, Grafton Hall, near Upperville, Va.

Mrs. E. Lyman Short gave a dinner of fifty covers at the Hotel Gotham on Monday night for her daughter, Miss Anna Livingston Short, who came out a few seasons ago. The small tables were trimmed with holly and there was singing by the Neapolitan Quartet.

Dr. and Mrs. W. Seward Webb will leave town to-day for their country house at Shelburne, Vt., where they will entertain a holiday house party.

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The first of the midwinter dances will be given on Tuesday night at the Plaza. The patronesses are Mrs. Theodore Newland Rippon, Mrs. Charles E. Sprague, Mrs. Theodore A. Wood, Mrs. William Childers, Mrs. Bradley Allen Fiske, Mrs. William B. Hotchkiss, Mrs. W. Smith Jennings, Mrs. Robert Wood Johnson, Mrs. Joseph Martin Schenck, Mrs. Harrison Norton Martin, Mrs. Julian H. Meyer and Mrs. Robert A. C. Smith.

Mrs. George C. Kobbé of Short Hills, N. J., will give a luncheon at Sherry's next Wednesday, December 23, for her daughter, Miss Martha Leavitt Kobbé.

The second dance this season of the Saturday Class will be given the night after Christmas in the big ballroom at Delmonico's.

One of the many weddings set for January is that of Miss Edith C. Clark and Reginald Francke. It will take place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Crawford Clark, 1027 Fifth avenue, on Saturday, January 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi P. Morton were among the New York guests at the wedding last Tuesday of Miss Margaret Bradford Robbins, a relative, and Dana Malone at the home of the bride's parents, the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Robbins, at Greenfield, Mass.

The wedding of Miss Emily Louise Bacon and Hamilton Fish Benjamin will be celebrated on Saturday week, January 2, at Lenox. The ceremony will be performed in Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church and will be followed by a breakfast at the bride's home.

Mrs. Richard Irvin of 1 West Thirtieth street and others actively interested in the welfare of the Virginia Day Nursery have tickets on sale for the benefit performance on Wednesday afternoon at the Waldorf of Ben Greer's company of players, "A Christmas Carol" and "A Doll Play" will be given.

Among the Bostonians who have arranged to pass much of their time here this winter are Mr. and Mrs. Washington B. Thomas and their family.

Mrs. Elisha Dyer and her daughter, Miss Laura Swan, who are waiting here for Christmas, will sail immediately afterward on their annual European trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Cryder arrived yesterday in England and will visit Christmas at their home, Cecil Higgins, their son-in-law and daughter.

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SUED FOR \$50,000.

Hugh Crabbe Trying to Settle Two Suits for Breach of Promise.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Hugh Crabbe, former confidential agent for Joseph Leiter, the millionaire coal operator, is trying to settle two suits for breach of promise involving \$50,000 as a result of his marriage to Miss Meriam Pain Wednesday.

On November 14, 1907, Miss Anna Murray, a domestic, brought a similar suit, asserting that on July 7 of that year Crabbe had asked her to become his wife.

According to the bill filed in her suit, Mr. Crabbe promised to marry her on April of this year. They had known each other for two years, and Mr. Crabbe, she says, had been very attentive during that period.

Hudson-Fulton Art Exhibition.

An appropriation of \$15,000 has been made to the Metropolitan Museum of Art by the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission for an art exhibition in connection with the 300th anniversary of the discovery of the Hudson and the 100th anniversary of the successful steam navigation of the same river.

The exhibition will last from three to possibly six months. It will be composed of works of the Dutch, English and possibly the Colonial schools of painters and will be free to the public.

Led the Dance at the Age of 113.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—Capt. Goddard E. Diamond, who says he is 113 years old, led the grand march with Miss Marie Montiehi, who is 100 years his junior, at a dance given for him last night.

\$300,000 VIADUCT OPENED.

It Eliminates a Grade Crossing Where 200 Accidents Have Occurred.

Thomson avenue viaduct, one of the most important improvements in connection with the transformation of traffic conditions in Long Island City, was opened yesterday.

This viaduct was necessary because the outlet of the Pennsylvania tunnels is in the vicinity of Thomson avenue. At least thirty tracks will cross the avenue, relieving the travel in the tunnel and connecting with the Sunnyside yards.

Thomson avenue is the important highway leading out from Long Island City to eastern Long Island and was the route used by automobiles in going to and from the Vanderbilt cup races.

To afford accommodation to automobilists who will come over the Queensboro Bridge when it is completed an approach from Nott avenue has been constructed.

Poultry Show and Cat Show.

The Poultry Show comes around again next week and will make Madison Square Garden lively over New Year's Day. The show will open on Tuesday, December 29, and continue until Saturday, January 2.

Canada Coins Sovereigns.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 19.—The first gold sovereigns ever made in Canada were turned out at the royal mint here this week. They are made from gold mined at Larder Lake, and are marked with "C." indicative of Canadian manufacture.

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In their new store, invite attention to their complete display of Books in the English and Foreign languages. The variety of stock, and the moderate prices prevailing for many volumes, meeting the requirements of every taste and purse, enable ready selection of the most charming and cherished of all Gifts—A BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS

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TO SING "JUDAS MACCABEUS"

Handel's Oratorio to be Given by Jewish Women.

Handel's oratorio "Judas Maccabaeus" will be given for the New York section of the Council of Jewish Women on Wednesday evening, December 23, at 8:15 P. M., in Temple Beth-El, Fifth avenue and Seventy-sixth street.

2,500 SELLERS OF TAGS.

Sunshine Workers Busy in Brooklyn for Blind Babies Home.

A rich harvest was reaped in Brooklyn yesterday for the Blind Babies Home on Dyker Heights by more than 2,500 Sunshine workers who, acting under an ordinance passed by the Aldermen and approved by the Mayor, distributed themselves over the borough and held up pedestrians who had not been already "tagged" for the benefit of the institution.

Fourteen automobiles which were loaned for the day were pressed into the service, and in each of them a blind child was seated. The contributions in return for a Sunshine tag ranged all the way from a cent to \$5, and Mrs. Cynthia W. Alden, who directed the crusade from her headquarters in the Eagle Building, said that the results were most gratifying.

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AMUSEMENTS.

Theatre New Year's Eve. Choice seats. Large parties or small parties. At Shillito's, 105 W. 42d St.

No Associate for Dr. HILL. The annual report of Gen. Horatio C. King, clerk of Plymouth Church in Brooklyn, shows that the church has prospered during the past year. The total membership is 2,232, an increase of 58. Proposition made by the Rev. Dr. Hill that the church should select an associate pastor of equal standing with himself has been abandoned.