

MUSIC AND MUSICIANS

SALT LAKERS IN GOTHAM.

(Special Correspondence.) NEW YORK, June 1.—In the spirit of good fellowship and with best wishes, the students who have been in the different schools all winter met at mission headquarters Wednesday evening on invitation of President Rich and his fellow workers in the Brooklyn conference.

The students, many of them, have taken part each Sunday in the work, and all have freely given their services in the way of singing and piano playing for the benefit of the mission. Oscar Kirkham has been teacher in the Sunday school; A. M. Durham has always presided at the organ, and the choir and has been accompanist to the best of soloists, Harold Goff and Preston Richards have been valuable assistants in the pulpits. Dr. Will Ward and Artist J. Sease come under this heading also.

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Thursday evening, Mrs. Fred Kerker of 529 West One Hundred Twenty-second street, gave a dance and buffet supper at the home of Miss Nibley, Mae Scowcroft, Teltha Browning Louise and Claudia Holt, her winter boarders, and Messrs. Conklin, Euline, Alward, and Mrs. J. W. Kohn, Harold Goff, Preston Richards and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Easton and Miss Clawson together with other friends, whom they have met here. The party was given as a farewell to her Utah friends previous to their departure for home and was a delightful termination of their residence in New York for a winter.

Miss Rea Nibley left for Salt Lake Friday evening and will meet her sister-in-law, Mrs. Joseph Nibley, in Chicago, who joins her on the way home, where she will visit for the summer. Miss Rea Nibley is a great social factor in the colony and her going and coming in this little community is always an event. No greater favorite has ever been among us than she, and the hope is strong that she will find her way back here sometime in early September.

Miss Louise Holt has been a piano pupil of Mme. Severn for some time, and has worked well at her studies. Miss Browning has taken a special course at Barnard college all winter and has finished with her satisfaction and that of her teachers. These young ladies will all be greatly missed from the circle and the wish is general that they return next fall.

Mrs. Percy Sadler who has been with her sister, Mrs. Prosser, for several weeks, left for her home in Salt Lake last Monday. Mrs. Sadler and Mr. and Mrs. Prosser and little daughter, Winifred, made a lengthy trip to Delaware and Washington, D. C., visiting all the places en route of interest to travelers. Mr. and Mrs. Easton entertained for their friends also at dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Greenwell, who are living at present in Philadelphia, came up to be present at the students' reunion at Mission headquarters last Wednesday, enjoying the meeting with Utah friends greatly.

Thomas Howell and J. Hughes, both medical students of Jefferson college, Philadelphia, were visitors to the city for the reunion, staying a few weeks here before returning to work again.

Last week Miss Marie Morris of Salt Lake, who recently a resident of Washington, D. C., where her sister and brother-in-law are living, Mr. and Mrs. George Crismon, came to the city to visit her friends, Mrs. John Barnes of Douglaston, L. I., and Mrs. Joseph Thomaston of the Bronx. Miss Morris will remain in the city several weeks.

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THE musical part of the exercises at the last state university commencement, proved to be quite a pleasing feature. There was campus music morning and afternoon, for the two days, by Held's band, while the indoors music was furnished by an orchestra of 11 pieces under the direction of Squire Coop, professor of music at the university. At the banquet and reception, Prof. Coop's orchestra furnished very acceptable music, and a feature of the function was the singing of the song "O Son of the Youth of Utah," words by Kato Thomas and music by Squire Coop.

The cast for the "Sphinx," the new opera by J. J. McClellan and Bryant S. Young, will be made up next week and rehearsals of the chorus will begin within a few days. The opera has been completed and the music is in the hands of the copyist. There are to be 12 principal characters and they will be filled by the best local talent available. The chorus will contain 40 voices and there are nine costume changes for the women and three for the men. There are three separate scene settings and the nature of the opera is such that it lends itself readily to some magnificent scene work. Special scenery is being painted for the entire production and the costumes will also be specially made. Some of the close friends of Messrs. McClellan and Young, the writers of the opera, have heard parts of it and agree that it will rank with some of the best comic operas of the day. The production will open an engagement at the Colonial theater on Friday, Aug. 6, to run through the entire week of the G. A. R. encampment, making in all nine nights and the usual matinee. Special patriotic tableaux have been provided for, and with the elaborate decorations already planned the demonstration ought to be inspiring.

The Fifteenth infantry band will play tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock on the post plaza the program that has been interfered with by rain for the last few Sundays. The program will include the "Deseret News March," composed by Bandmaster Buglione in honor of this paper.

The piano pupils of Miss Mattie Hall will give a piano recital this afternoon at 7 1/2 east First North street, assisted by Miss Edna Evans, soprano. The participants in the recital will include Ralph Steinhilber, Williams, Katherine Harvey, Etha Mayo, Ethel Neslen, Jack Allen, Gladys Evans, Edith Drew, Leah Henderson, Phyllis Sharp, Martha Henderson, Lucile Horton, Edyth Hill, Hazel Franklin.

A fine concert grand piano has been sent up to the university for use by the department of music during the summer school this summer.

Edward P. Kimball will leave on the 10 o'clock train for Ogden, where he is to give an organ recital, and then continue on to Portland for an organ recital there. Mr. Kimball has been burning, not merely the midnight, but the all-night oil of late in writing the orchestration for the 21 movements of Miss Margaret Whitney's opera. He completed the undertaking yesterday.

Deaver is planning for a season of grand opera, and proposes to give "Tannhauser," all of the singers being local, excepting four of the more principal ones, and with a chorus of 200 voices under Prof. Henry Housley.

Mr. Brines returns today from his extended eastern trip.

The choir music given in this city, has gained for it such a reputation that singers for some distance are being attracted in this direction.

A prominent local clergyman asks the following question which some other clergyman may find it difficult to answer: "Are you able to explain why the palmists in the early days were religious radicals and embodied in song their protest against the conventional and orthodox, while today, the hymns of the church are most conservative and orthodox of all the parts of church literature?"

Local music houses report a fair business during the week in sale of instruments, but with few special features. Some June records for the talking machines are being received, the bulk of them being scores of a high order.

Oranah Cannon will play prior to tomorrow's service in the First Congregational church, a Larghetto by Faulkes, and Gault's Legend. As an offertory, Mr. Cannon will play Schumann's "Träumerei," and as a finale, Wely's Postlude.

Held's band of 30 men will play the following program at 4 p. m. tomorrow at Liberty park:

"El Capitan March".....Sousa
Overture, "Raymond".....Ambrose
Caprices.....

"My Pony Boy".....Remick
"Happy Go Luck".....Lampe
Ballad music from "Faust".....Gounod
Popular melody, "Red Mill".....Herbert
Grand march from the "Holy Grail".....

Wagner
Grand selection, "Maritana".....Wallace
Songs of the Day.....Edwards
Quartet, "Annie Laurie".....Selected
Messrs. Stevens, Leslie, Held and Fanning.

There were so many people last Sunday at the park that, counting was impossible. The park was one vast swarm of people.

Manager A. S. Zimmerman of Held's band has returned from Minneapolis, where he attended the annual convention of the Federation of American Musicians, as a delegate from the Salt Lake local. There were 200 cities represented, and much legislation of benefit to the order transacted. The delegates were welcomed by a band of 100 men, and escorted to the hall. Mr. Zimmerman was away five weeks, during which time he visited the home of his youth in Kansas, where he made a speech in the schoolhouse where he learned the three R's and how to parse.

Following is the program for tomorrow's music in the First Methodist church:



MR. EDWARD P. KIMBALL.

Mr. Edward P. Kimball, organist of the First M. E. church, and assistant organist at the Tabernacle, has just finished a most successful season in private instruction and as Director of Music of the L. D. S. University. His numerous pupils will be pleased to learn that he has decided to give piano instruction to a limited number during the summer, for the short time he will spend at Le Grande, Oregon, and at Portland, in organ recital work. It will not materially interfere with these plans.

SHARPS AND FLATS

Olive Fremstad said the other day on the steamship which was to take her to Europe: "I go away much richer than last year—not in money, but in experience. I would like to engage in concert work. There are where the artist can show herself. When I sing in concert I am not taking a part, but I am a Fremstad. I think the best of operatic singers is toward concert work."

"The opera season of 1908 and 1909, owing to a curious death of good singers, has been most disastrous throughout Italy; theater after theater has been closed after playing to half-empty houses that did not begin to pay running expenses, and even the theaters included in the ring, or trust, have suffered.

There are more pianists than pianos in this world; more piano compositions than pianists; and more piano teachers than piano compositions. Also there are more bad pianos than good pianos; more bad piano compositions than good piano compositions; more bad piano teachers than good piano teachers. There are more bad pianists than good pianos; more bad piano compositions than good piano teachers; more bad piano teachers than good compositions; more—but what's the use? When all these calculations are figured down to their mathematical residuum it will be found that there are about the same number of bad pianos, bad pianists, bad piano teachers, and bad piano compositions.—Courier.

Maud Powell, on her recent western tour, had more than one occasion to note the appreciation of art and artists is to be found in the remotest backwoods. On one occasion a brakeman who had taken care of her violin refused a tip, but asked for a photograph. Another time the brakeman who had taken the piano from the station to the hall refused payment because, as he said, the honor of doing this for so great an artist was quite sufficient. At one remote place where Miss Powell and the Misses Muckle played, a piano had never been seen, so that instrument was followed by the hall by quite a procession of youngsters and adults.

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some of Handel's pilferings from other composers were printed side by side with the originals. Is Richard Strauss following in Handel's footsteps? It would seem so, for a Turin firm has just published a pamphlet entitled "Telegrafia Musicale a proposito dell' Elettra di Richard Strauss," written by G. Tebaldini, and containing besides an essay, nine closely printed pages of musical examples, setting forth in parallel columns themes, combinations, and even long passages from Strauss's latest opera, "Elektra," and from an opera, "Cassandra," by the Italian composer Vittorio Gnecco, which was produced four years ago at Bologna under Toscanini. There is also an index of some hundreds of resemblances, in addition to the examples cited.

A correspondent says, "I do not know what the poor impresarios would have done were it not for the vaulting ambition of aspirants for operatic fame, who were willing to pay large sums for the privilege of trying their fortune on the stage. One prima donna paid as high as 1,500 francs (\$200) for such an opportunity; being sick on the opening night, the performance was postponed, she paying 400 francs (\$60) additional, and after all she was permitted to sing only twice, another soprano being engaged at a small salary to take her place, while the impresario pocketed the difference.

Harry Russell, manager of the new Boston opera house, is the latest David who has gone out to slay the big singers belonging to the Goliath tribe. True, he is going to open his house with Nordica and Constantino, but after that the ensemble, not the star, is to be relied on. Brave man! But he may succeed if it is true, as he told a New York Sun reporter the other day, that with the opera house not yet completed, no new operas promised, no stars featured, already every one of the 68 subscription boxes and every one of the subscription seats in the orchestra and balcony is taken for the three years required, with a long waiting list. Another time the impresario, who had taken the piano from the station to the hall refused payment because, as he said, the honor of doing this for so great an artist was quite sufficient. At one remote place where Miss Powell and the Misses Muckle played, a piano had never been seen, so that instrument was followed by the hall by quite a procession of youngsters and adults.

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ORGAN RECITALS AT THE TABERNACLE

Following are the programs for next week's organ recitals in the Tabernacle, as the Chicago expert will complete his work by Monday afternoon:

TUESDAY, JUNE 8.
Tracy Y. Cannon at the organ.
First movement from Third Organ Sonata.....Gullman
Meditation.....Lucas
Prayer.....Sawyer
Andantino.....Lemare
Old melody.....Arr. by Performer
Lost Chord.....Sullivan

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9.
Prof. J. J. McClellan at the organ.
Selection from Mignon.....Thomas
Arr. by the Performer.
"A" Antique.....Strokel
The Seraph's Strain.....Wolstenholme
Old melody.....Arr. by Performer
Fantasia.....J. E. West

THURSDAY, JUNE 10.
Tracy Y. Cannon at the organ.
Largo.....Handel
Legend.....Gaul
Matins.....Faulkes
Even Song.....Faulkes
Old melody.....Arr. by Performer
Choral, "In dirist Freude".....Bach

FRIDAY, JUNE 11.
Prof. J. J. McClellan at the organ.
Prelude to part II of "The Apostles".....Cantient
Cantient.....A. M. Shuey
Dedicated to Prof. McClellan.
Old melody.....Arr. by Performer
Hungarian Dance, No. 6.....Brahms
Marche.....Smart

SATURDAY, JUNE 12.
Prof. J. J. McClellan at the organ.
Grand Overture.....Wolstenholme
Spring Song.....Mendelssohn
The Rosary.....Nevin
At Thy Sweet Voice.....St. Saens
Old melody.....Arr. by Performer
Excerpts from Wagner.

Doors open at 12 noon, recital at 12:15.

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