IN SOCIETY'S REALM

CONGRATULATIONS to the clever ladies of the California Club are yet in order on the brilliant social and artistic success of their benefit entertainment given last Tuesday afternoon at the Orpheum. And it was also a splendid success from the financial standpoint, almost a thousand dollars, the sum that the ladies had set their efforts upon reaching, being turned over to the club's philanthropic department.

Upon Mrs. Arthur Cornwall, the indefatigable leader of the affair, and Mrs. Buckingham, Mrs. Plunkett, Mrs. Blodgett and Mrs. E. Z. Rolker the chief weight of the management fell, but the following ladies lent noble assistance to the excellent cause: Mrs. E. B. Schell, Mrs. Grace, Mrs. Rodney Kendrick, Mrs. Loryea, Mrs. George E. Bates, Mrs. Robert Barnett.

The pretty ushers and programme sellers were Miss Clara Yale, Miss Clara Rulofson, Miss Alma Beatty, Miss Violet Rulofson, Miss Eugenia Brown, Miss Madeleine Post, Miss Lena Denson, Miss Lora Clark, Miss Belle Wolters, Miss Olive Findley, Miss Ruby Sessions, Miss Katherine Pike, Miss Aimee Van Winkle, Miss Belle Van Winkle, Miss Sarah Van Winkle, Miss Mary Patton, Miss Sara Campbell, Miss Kate Pearce, Miss Eaton, Miss Bernice Scoville, Miss Irene Thomas, Miss Perry, Miss Edith Perry, Miss Stella McKay, Miss Stella Scott and Miss Eugenia Brown.

Wedding bells have rung with unusual frequency in our social circles this week. A pretty wedding was that of Miss Katharine Sunderland to John Beare O'Sullivan at Reno on Thursday last. Miss Sunderland is the daughter of John Sunderland, a prominent merchant of Reno, and Mr. O'Sullivan is the son of the late C. D. O'Sullivan and a brother of Denis O'Sullivan, famous in musical circles. The young couple will make their home in Telluride, Colo., where Mr. O'Sullivan is engaged as a mining expert.

They're Engaged.

The engagement of Dave Hyman of Oakland and Miss Mollie Davis, daughter of J. W. Davis, capitalist, of this city, is announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip F. Fay announce the engagement of their niece, Miss Clara Rafalind Fay, to John Jamieson of New York. The wedding will take place in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shaen announce the engagement of their daughter Edna to Frank Ross Hammett.

The engagement reception of Miss Adele Levy and Joseph Bergman will be held this afternoon between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock.

Wedding Bells.

The wedding of Miss Meta Spencer of Iowa City, Placer County, to Harris Bishop, journalist, also of Iowa City, took place in this city on October 9. The Rev. Dr. Foute performed the service.

The wedding of Miss Jennie Cook to Jacob S. Meyer will take place at the residence of the bride's parents, 933A Jackson street, this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Upon their return the young couple will reside at 445 Gough street.

The prettiest wedding which has taken place in Old St. Mary's Church in many years was that on Thursday evening, October 18, when Frank J. Foran and Bernardin Frances Stein were united in marriage. The altar was beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums and ferns, and the music, which was a special feature of the occasion, was in charge of Miss Mary Georgiana. The vocal numbers were contributed by Miss Etta O'Brien. The bridesmaids were Miss May Hawkins and Miss Katherine Geraghty. They wore white organdie over pink silk and carried shower bouquets of bridesmaid roses. The maid of honor, Miss May Stein, was attired in mousseline de soie over lavender silk and carried a bouquet of white roses. The bride's gown was a beautiful creation of white chiffon over duchesse satin. The bridal procession, preceded by the ushers, J. F. Comyns and Thomas J. Moroney, proceeded to the altar to the music of the wedding march from "Lohengrin," the bride leaning on the arm of her father. They were met at the altar rail by the groom and his best man, D. E. Hayden. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. H. Wyman, C. S. P. Mr. and Mrs. Foran upon their return will reside at their new home, 122 Church street.

Alfred Jaggi and Miss Edith H. Barth were married on Monday evening at the residence of the bride's parents in this city. The Rev. Mr. Fendeling of San Francisco performed the ceremony. The bride was handsomely gowned in white and carried a bouquet of bride's roses. At the conclusion of the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Jaggi were the guests of honor at a reception given by the bride's parents, at which only intimate friends and relatives were present. Following the reception Mr. and Mrs. Jaggi left on their honeymoon journey for a trip through the southern part of the State. On their return they will take up their residence at 1840 O'Farrell street, where they will be at home on Saturday afternoons.

The wedding of E. J. Sheridan and Miss M. D. McNeill took place on October 24 at the residence of the Rev. W. M. Bours. After the ceremony the bridal party proceeded to the Eugene Cafe, where the wedding breakfast was served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Sheridan, B. Briscoll, Miss E. Searle, T. P. Sheridan, Miss J. Kaster and Mr. and Mrs. J. Gonzales.

MISS CAROLYN BARUCH, ONE OF THE SEASON'S DAINTIEST BUDS, WHOSE ENGAGEMENT TO MR. SOL SCHWEITZER HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED.

(Photo by Alisky.)

Home Gatherings.

An enjoyable birthday party was tendered to Miss Sophie Buckley by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney, at their residence, 3824 Twenty-se nd street. The evening was spent in music, dancing and games, after which the young people marched to the prettily decorated dining-room for refreshments. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Eichbaum, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dering, Mrs. Cowperthwaite, Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. L. Buckley, Miss Julia Sweeney of Vallejo, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sweeney, Miss Olive Harrigan, Miss Addie Dering, Miss Alma Dering, Miss Vera Allen, Miss Annie Cowperthwaite, Miss Flossie Blair, Miss Florence Ferral, Miss Gertie Baker, Miss Mae Mangan, Miss Margaret Casey, Miss Gertie Hart, Miss Mae Casey, Miss Emma Cowperthwaite, Miss C. Allen, Miss Mabel O'Brien, Miss Edith Buckley, Miss Mae Dering, Miss Agnes Sullivan, Miss Ethel Cowperthwaite, Miss Emma McDermott, Miss Sophie Buckley, Lester Blair, Walter Carson, Charles McKeown, Oscar Ellison, Charles McDermott, Joseph Furtado, Richard Sweeney, John Hutchison, James Waters, Frank Smith, Chris Buckley, Harry Dering, Frank Sweeney, Joseph Hutchison, Roy Le Bland, Arthur Berg, George McKulligan, John Benzon, Sam La Falliel, Charles Lorrigan, Harry Lindas, Bert Buckley, Joe Mulverhill, William Sweeney, Joe Shields, Joe Sweetman, Louie Brady, Arthur Hank.

Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Ingraham of Martinez, Contra Costa County, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on Saturday, the 20th inst. A reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Babbitt, 1015 Market street, San Francisco, at which three generations of the family were represented, which included the happy pair, their daughters, Mrs. J. H. Babbitt, Mrs. Roby Read, Mrs. C. S. Ingraham, Miss Clinton Ingraham and Miss Cora Read. Many telegrams of congratulation were received as well as a large number of handsome gifts. The rooms were beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums, American Beauty roses, smilax and rare orchids, and dancing was indulged in to a late hour. During the evening a select programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered and the guests dispersed after a delightful evening with hearty and sincere wishes that the happy couple be spared for many more years.

A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all those present at the home of Miss Lora Bush, 819 Pine street, on Saturday evening, October 20. The feature of the evening was the spider-web contest, in which the prizes were won by Joe and Mamie Quadt and Miss Little. Games, music and dancing were enjoyed by all, as well as a substantial collation. Among those present were: Messrs. Gans, Spencer, Kells, Fenstermacher, A. Steigler, Bartel, Grove, F. Bush, E. Steigler, W. Bush, Brown, Kreutzfeldt and G. Bush; Misses Jager, Steigler, Asmuss, Becker, Quadt, Sturgiss, Little, Bartel, Sauisbury, Wilson and Lora Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Quadt, Mrs. Bartel and Mrs. Bush.

The silver wedding reception of Mr. and Mrs. B. Schwartz of 626½ Minna street, was held last Sunday at 6 p. m. About ninety guests were present.

John Phelps and wife, prominent residents of San Jose, celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary last Thursday, October 25.

Mr. and Mrs. C. von Oterendorp Jr. entertained a number of friends at their residence, 723 Fulton street, Sunday, October 21. The occasion was in honor of the birthday anniversary of C. von Oterendorp Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Fisher of 3330 Twenty-second street celebrated the fifth anniversary of their marriage at their residence on Saturday evening, October 20. A pleasant evening was had and numerous presents appropriate to the occasion were received. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hulse and James Kellinberger of Alameda; Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Hudson of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. George Alberti, Mr. and Mrs. James Stapleton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilcox, Dr. and Mrs. W. O. Toye.

An enjoyable birthday party was given to Miss Stella Wolf of 1118 Ellis street on Sunday afternoon, October 21. Those present were: Birdie Asher, Eva and David Young, Claire Wolf, Mertie, Doris, Selma and Lucille Wolf, Jennie Cohn, Eva Friedman, Flossie Schwartz, Blanche and Minnie Linden, Hazel Wolf, Lillian and Walter Goldberg, Ira Jacobs, Flossie Kazinsky, Erwin Kazinsky, Estell Graff and Merwin Schwartz.

Club Parties.

The Associated Assembly announces a cotillon for Tuesday evening next at Golden Gate Hall, dancing to begin at half-past 8 o'clock. The patronesses are Mrs. John Lueben, Mrs. Philip Heuer, Mrs. J. Raymond McNutt and Mrs. Johnson Cadmus.

On October 19 Sigma Nu at Stanford University gave a dance, at which the following were present: Misses E. Avery, Barret, Bromfield, Burnap, Evans, Fuller, McGilveray, Lucy McGeoghegan, E. Hale, Mekiel, Morgan, Stephenson, Ruth Taylor, Shaw, Rixon, Kimball, M. Taylor and Mrs. Losier.

Last Saturday evening the Sigma Alpha Epsilon faternity of Stanford University were the hosts at a large dancing party. Those present were: Misses Arhenfelter, Avery, Ferguson, Haskell, Taylor, Stephenson, Evans, Sweetland, Kimble, Arnold Goby, Radamaker, Turcquot, Bromfield, Park, Kidder and Kenyell; Messrs. W. Parkin, H. Parkin, Stevens, Wilson, Spreckels, Baldwin, Caldwell, Keith, Wellborne, Giessler, Stewart, Miesener, Schaefer, Alston, Hosmer, Campbell, Bancroft, Merriam, Fischer, Thayer, Lanagan, Fernald, Field and Morrison.

The friends and members of the Columbia Pistol and Rifle Club attended a banquet given in honor of the recent fine shooting done by A. H. Pape, their vice president and chief. After the banquet a musical programme was arranged and the guests made merry till the early hours of the morning. Those taking part in the programme were: Miss Gladys Downs, piano solo; Miss Emaline Riding and F. O. Young, duet, accompanied by Miss Clara Fields; Master Allen and Baby Allen, song and dance; George de Florey, recitation; Tom Lewis, mind reading; James Preston, vocal solo; Miss Emaline Riding, vocal solo, and Dr. William Burfiend, recitation. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. William Glinderman, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan, Mrs. G. Caglierie, Mrs. Roning, Miss Wanda and Miss Olga Roning, Mr. Riding, Miss Emaline Riding, Miss Gladys Downs, Miss Sue Dodson, Miss Clara Fields, Mrs. M. Morris, Miss Arvis Morris, Mrs. H. Seiler, Miss Clara Seiler, Miss Luise Seiler, Miss Agnes Walsh, Miss Nellie Walsh, Miss Adele Caglierie, Miss Addie Day, Mr. and Mrs. George Barley, Mr. and Mrs. Branigan, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Master Allen, Baby Allen, Miss Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. C. Waltham, C. M. Daiss, T. O. Young, Professor Sid Cavill, Mr. Russum, Dr. William Burfeind, Rob Ohea, Mr. Harless, George Hoadley, Tom Lewis, Adolph Seiler, Eddie Kragness, Mr. and Mrs. Pape, Al Pape, George de Florey, James Preston and A. H. Pape.

The Fin de Siecle Cotillion Club gave a very enjoyable party Saturday, October 19. Three very pretty and original figures were danced, led by Mr. Reed, assisted by Mr. Banning, Miss Empey, Mr. Stafford and Miss Frisbee. The next party will take place Saturday, November 3.

The forty-fifth annual ball of Companies C and G of the First Regiment, Second Brigade, N. G. C., was given on Friday last, October 26, at National Guard Hall.

A whist party was held under the auspices of the "Merry Whistlers," at the home of Miss Estelle Meyer on Monday evening last. After several very enjoyable games had been played, the first prizes were awarded to Miss Katz and Mr. Hofmann, the consolation prizes being won by Miss Thode and Mr. Hess. The guests then adjourned to the dining hall, where refreshments were served, and after the collation several choice musical selections were rendered.

So successful was the first dance of the new social club, "The Un-Knowns," that they will be given regularly hereafter on Thursday evenings during the winter.

The first dance was given last Thursday evening in Mission Opera Hall, Mr. Frank Betancourt acting as floor manager, with Frank Henderson as assistant. The floor committee consisted of H. E. Henderson, Frank E. Curry and Jim Seeley. "The Un-Knowns'" officers are W. J. Powell, president; Ira James Hall, secretary, and William Buradt, treasurer.

"Ye Merrie Whisters" held their initial meeting on Monday night, with Miss Estele Meyer as hostess. A spirited series of whist games was enjoyed, the first prizes being won by Miss F. Katz and W. Hoffman, while Miss Edna Thode and William Hoffman took the consolation favors. The members of the club are: Miss C. Campe, Dr. L. R. Gambitz, Miss C. Ernst, Mr. Lester, Miss B. L. Gambitz, Dr. J. C. Stinson, Miss F. Katz, H. Kennedy, Miss Faith Gambitz, H. Windt, Miss Mohr, Dr. C. B. Root, Miss Estele Meyer, Dr. von der Lieth, Miss E. Thode, William Hess, Miss Lottie Maier, A. Wendt, Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman and John Kline.

Sailed Away.

The wife of General Frederick Funston sailed for Manila on the Grant this last week. Among other army officers' wives privileged to join their husbands was the wife of Captain Frank Albright, commander of the post of Santa Cruz, isle of Luzon.

Personals.

Mrs. A. H. Kronenberg and her brother, Jake Blum, have left San Francisco for Shreveport, La., where they intend making their future home.

Mrs. D. M. Coney will be at home the first Wednesday of each month at 425 Buchanan street.

Miss Hattie Lauzet will be at home the first Monday at 2325 Pine street.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Cohen of 1238 Golden Gate avenue will be pleased to receive their friends Sunday, November 11, from 2 till 5, in honor of their twentieth wedding anniversary.

Mrs. W. J. Newman of 2320 Clay street will be at home to her friends the first Wednesday in each month.

Mrs. Giselman and her son have been visiting Mrs. L. de Onativia at her Paris home on the Avenue du Bois de Boulogue.

Miss Priscilla Warmbath, the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Warmbath of Salt Lake City, is visiting her relatives in San Rafael, and will be pleased to receive her friends on Sunday next.

Among the latest arrivals at the Elysee Palace Hotel in Paris are Major and Mrs. John A. Darling.

A cablegram from Liege, Belgium, announces that Miss Mabel A. Kowalsky, daughter of Colonel H. I. Kowalski, the attorney, has successfully passed the examinations that admit her as a student to the Conservatoire Royal de Music. She is under the personal tutorship of Ovide Musin, the famous violinist. Before she went to Europe she was a pupil of Henry Heyman of this city.

Dr. Alfred B. Grosse has returned from Europe.

Mr and Mrs. J. L. Graf announce the confirmation of their son, Sidney, which will take place on Saturday, November 3, at Sherith Israel Synagogue.

Miss Jennie M. Long, 1096 Post street, is again at home to her friends, after several months' vacation.

LITTLE MISS ENID BRANDT, THE CHILD PIANIST, WHO WILL MAKE HER FIRST APPEARANCE IN PUBLIC RECITAL AT SHERMAN-CLAY HALL NEXT THURSDAY NIGHT.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Every Lady in the Land Can Now Have a Beautiful Skin.

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Every lady who sends her name and address will receive by mail free a trial treatment of a celebrated beauty's remedies for beautifying the complexion. It is not a face powder, cream, cosmetic or bleach, contains no oil, grease, paste or chemicals and is absolutely the only successful beauty maker known.

Fannie B. Ralston, 628 Lexington ave., Newport, Ky., sister of the famous Kentucky Beauty Helen Ralston, who also used these beautifiers, says: "When I began using Mme. Ribault's complexion beautifiers I did not think it possible to clear my skin, my face was in a horrible condition, literally covered with red spots, pimples, blackheads, moth patches and freckles. And whenever the weather changed eczema, chap and salt rheum added to my misery. I suffered a thousand deaths, and when I sent for a trial of Mme. Ribault's beautifiers, just as I had done before time and again with other advertised remedies, I did not expect any results. Imagine my surprise when the next day all redness and soreness were gone. At the end of a week my skin began to clear, the freckels and moth patches disappeared and the eczema and salt rheum were completely cured. I improved so wonderfully that my friends did not recognize me so quickly had the change taken place. My skin is now perfectly lovely, and there is not a blemish or wrinkle anywhere.

"I hope all ladies will at least try these marvelous beautifiers."

Do not delay, but write immediately. The treatment is harmless, a natural beauty maker and will permanently remove all tan, freckels, moth patches, pimples, blackheads, flesh worms, sunburn, chaps, roughness and any and all skin imperfections no matter what they may be.

Write to-day without fail and the free treatment will be mailed prepaid with full directions and all particulars absolutely free. Address, MME. M. RIBAULT, 779 Elsa bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio.

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ADVERTISEMENTS.

CONFIDE IN A WOMAN

When it is evident that women need competent advice about their health, is it not well for them to know how to secure it? Tell your story without reservation to Mrs. Pinkham; she never breaks confidence, and her advice is the best in the world. Miss Mecum's two letters show how helpful it is.

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LIMA, IND., Jan. 8, 1898.

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: I have read so much about your great kindness to suffering women that I thought I would write and tell you of my troubles. In the first place, I have a blood disease which the doctors call dry eczema. I have taken a great deal of medicine but received no permanent benefit, so thought I would try your medicine. Menses are irregular, and I am troubled with leucorrhœa. Bowels are constipated; sometimes have sharp pains; cannot sleep at night; have such shaking spells I cannot be still. Suffer with pain in lower part of back, in my side under left breast, and through my chest; also troubled with shortness of breath and dizziness. Please give me your advice.

MISS MARY MECUM.

LIMA, IND., July 5, 1899.

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: When I wrote to you some time ago I was feeling very miserable. I followed the advice you gave me, and must say that I think your remedies are the greatest remedies on earth. I took both Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Blood Purifier, and they have done me more good than anything I ever took. I cannot express my thankfulness to you, and I shall always recommend your medicine to others.

MISS MARY MECUM.

Mrs. Pinkham's address is Lynn, Mass. She advises women free. Miss Della M. Hittle has given permission to print her two letters, showing how easy it is to get the right help.

MILTON, IND., March 3, 1899.

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: I have noticed your advertisement and feel that your medicine will do me some good. I have been suffering several months with womb trouble. The womb swells and it feels as if something was gathering on each side. Some days I can hardly be on my feet at all. It makes me very nervous, and I also have a discharge of leucorrhœa. I am getting tired of suffering so much and want to try your medicine. Please advise me and answer as soon as possible.

MISS DELLA M. HITTLE.

MILTON, IND., Nov. 8, 1899.

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: Words cannot express my gratitude for the good I have derived from the use of your remedies. I suffered with congestion of the ovaries and inflammation of the womb. I was completely run down and my condition was very serious. After reading of the good your medicine had done for others I concluded to write to you for advice. Upon receiving your reply I took a course of your medicine and am now well. The Lydia E. Pinkham Vegetable Compound also cured me of the awful headaches I was subject to. I shall never be without your medicine. I cheerfully recommend it to all and firmly believe it capable of curing any female sickness.

MISS DELLA M. HITTLE.

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STRAINS AND NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF MUSIC.

Coongratulations, Conductor Hirschfeld, on the distinguished success of the first symphony concert of the season.

On Thursday afternoon last a representative but not a large audience gathered at the Tivoli Opera-house to welcome and criticize the director of the Tivoli forces in the new role of symphony conductor. Mr. Hirschfeld has made many friends by his familiar work in operatic directions, and has added to his admirers by his recent record in grand opera, but even the warmest and most enthusiastic of these were surprised at the excellent character of the work done on Thursday last, and those who had feared and prophesied failure repented them gladly of their musical transgression.

The "Symphonie Fantastique," chief in importance and interest on the programme, was given with admirable effect. Its difficult rhythms, unusual phrasings and disconnected periods were handled with rare clearness and precision, and the grotesque splendor of the composition, its wild diablerie, its gorgeous, forbidden color, were grasped and suggested with a fine truth of inspiration. But the symphony belongs to the domain of what may be termed, for lack of a better word, "yellow" music. Immense in conception though it is, lavishly picturesque, clever to the last degree and supremely interesting, it is yet morbid, decadent and illegitimate art.

The first movement, "Dreams and Passions," somber, sensuous, mystical, with a certain savage beauty in places, and again wandering into comparative dullness, was beautifully given. The waltz-like second movement, "At the Fete," is as commonplace as it was possible for Berlioz to be, and lacked somewhat in lightness and grace in the rendering. About this, a prominent musician tells me that at a dinner in Paris, at which he and the composer were present, Berlioz expressed a considerable dissatisfaction with the symphony, with, the raconteur imagines, a particular reference to this second movement. The third scene, "In Sylvan Surroundings," has some exquisitely lovely episodes, delicious meandering melodies of flute and oboe, beautifully played by the way, as was also the solo on the kettle drums, in which the roll and tone gradations were splendidly given; but the movement lacks climax and could be cut to advantage.

It is in the last two movements, however, "The March to the Gallows" and "Witches' Sabbath," that Berlioz shows his peculiar quality, strange and uncanny and sensational to the last degree; absinthe inspired, one might irrevently imagine, were not the composer's normal temperament of this abnormal character. "The March to the Gallows," with its grotesque grandeur and magnificent atmosphere of horror, lifted the audience from its feet and prepared the way for that eeriest of all compositions, the last movement of the symphony, known as "Inferno," or, more fastidiously, as "The Witches' Sabbath."

The "Inferno," as Mr. Weil in his valuable translation of the programme notes has christened it, exhibits in its fullest extent the wonderful power of Berlioz in orchestration. The thing is diabolically clever. The violins shriek and gibber, and flash notes of unholy glitter through the infernal medley. An illimitable gloom, possessed by every seen, felt and known horror, is suggested with uncanny power, and, too, the awful glee, the impish, mocking laughter of lost souls; the demoniac merriment of fiends who welcome another fallen creature to their frightful orgies, is heard with horrid clearness. Really, one would almost prefer to avoid one's neighbor's face after hearing the "Fantastic Symphony."

As to the remaining numbers of the programme the overture, "Im Hochland," a beautiful, tranquil movement by Gade, was rendered with fine smoothness; the "Kaiser March" of Wagner, a little ragged at the beginning, went afterward well; the rather trivial "Dance of the Lights" was prettily given, and the "Walkuren Ritt" went with admirable ease. The tempo of the Mozart number, "Alla Turca," was too slow in my judgment, but the whole concert was profoundly interesting and as a tentative effort in symphony directions unusually encouraging.

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"Unusually encouraging," that is, to those who have naught to do but enjoy the results of the large effort that is involved under the most favorable conditions, in the giving of a symphony concert. Unusually encouraging to Mr. Hirschfeld and the fine band of musicians gathered together under his baton, it cannot have been. The house was hardly more than half full, and of course did not pay expenses, though it is true, as the familiar phrase has it, that what the house lacked in numbers it made up in enthusiasm.

But the history of symphony movements in this city is not encouraging. At the outset it is not clearly understood here that only in rarest instances anywhere do symphony concerts "pay" from a financial standpoint, and never anywhere until after a considerable period from their inauguration. It goes without saying in Eastern cities where it is determined that orchestral concerts are a musical necessity that a list of guarantors, financially representing anywhere from $20,000 to $50,000 for annual expenses, is the first essential to their foundation. When Chicago decided to engage the Thomas orchestra it cost the public-spirited citizens at the head of musical matters there from $20,000 to $30,000 annually for the privilege, but Chicago must have anything that New York has and gets it because she is willing to pay.

The Cincinnati symphony concerts do not pay, have never paid. I doubt if the Boston concerts are a financial success, and the splendid symphony orchestra of Pittsburg, which gives eighteen evening and eighteen afternoon concerts during the season and is insured financial safety by a guarantee list of fifty-two members, rarely fails to draw upon its generous guarantors.

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Our own symphony society, a regularly incorporated organization since 1898, has for a directive board Mrs. Phebe A. Hearst, president; Mrs. J. N. Odell, secretary; Dr. V. R. Taylor, vice president; P. M. Lilienthal, treasurer, and Robert Tolmie, J. M. Goewey and Harold Wheeler, directors. Six symphony concerts of the highest possible merit were given last season under the direction of Mr. Holmes in the Grand Opera-house, and at prices to suit the slimmest purse. Of course, there was a deficit, and because the unusual phenomenon of a balance at the bank had been the result of the previous season's experience this very natural state of things called down the most unpardonable criticism and suspicion upon the symphony management. There is, however, a fund of something over $1000 in hand, for Mrs. Hearst, with utmost generosity, shouldered the incurred debt, and in spite of the unkind discouragement and criticism of last season—which represented the larger portion of the reward received by the board of management—the concerts will probably be revived when the grand opera season is over, probably some time in January.

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The list of subscribers for the Hirschfeld symphony concert follows:

Dr. Barkan, Ben Tarbox, J. Meyerfeld, C. A. Zinkand, Mrs. A. E. Hecht, Robert Hochstadter, Mrs. Horace L. Hill, John Parrott, H. Curtaz, R. A. Kindelin, A. H. R. Schmidt, Louis Lisser, Mrs. M. Gerstle, Mrs. William Alvord, Mrs. H. E. Huntington, James Palache, John Rothschild, Mrs. David Loring, Mrs. Hugo Rothschild, Dr. W. E. Hopkins, Mrs. James Ellis Tucker, T. Bruguiere, Mrs. L. L. Baker, Mrs. Sig. Greenebaum, Mrs. Dr. Rosenstern, Miss Denman, George E. Hall, William Wolff, Dr. Stanley Stillman, James D. Phelan, Mel. Toplitz, Mrs. Gay, Mrs. Tautphaus, General Shafter, Mrs. Thomas Magee, Mrs. L. Greenbaum.

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The recital of Frederic M. Biggerstaff, given on Tuesday evening last in Sherman & Clay Hall, was very well attended. Mr. Biggerstaff was formerly a pupil of Professor Lesser of this city and has but lately returned from European study with Barth and Moszkowski. The pianist was assisted by Mrs. Sedgley Reynolds, contralto. Perhaps the best number on Mr. Biggerstaff's interesting programme was the Mendelssohn scherzo from the "Midsummer Night's Dream," the light, crisp touch and cool, polished elegance that its best rendering demands. The artist seemed at home in the Mendelssohnian atmosphere, and the Schumann "Novelette" was also given with verve and finish. Finish, polish, restraint and a certain self-consciousness are the prevailing characteristics of Mr. Biggerstaff's method; color, warmth and climax are rarely in evidence. The artist has a clean technique, a crisp, cool, perhaps rather shallow touch, and his readings, while scholarly and dignified, are not individual. The rest of the programme ran as follows:

Sonata Appassionata of Beethoven; the Chopin A flat Etude, nocturne, op. 62, ballade, op. 23; prelude of Rachmaninoff; an intermezzo of Brahms and the "Caprice Espanol" of Moszkowski.

Mrs. Reynolds' songs were "Ah! s'estinto" (Mercadante), "Romance" (Niedermeyer), a pretty "Berceuse" by Mr. Biggerstaff, "A Columbine" (Massenet), "Aus der Jugendzeit" (Radecke) and "Songs My Mother Taught Me," by Dvorak. Mrs. Reynolds has a full, sweet voice, charmingly used, but somewhat uncertain of intonation at times.

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Among the most notable concerts of the coming week will be that of little Enid Brandt, a child-pianist, who will make her first appearance at Sherman-Clay Hall on Thursday evening, November 1.

The Damrosch explanatory recitals, the first two of which will be given on Wednesday ("Das Rheingold") and Friday ("Die Walkure") at the California Theater, are creating a wide interest. The lectures will begin promptly at a quarter past 3 o'clock.

An interesting programme is that promised by Mrs. Oscar Mansfeldt for her piano recital on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Mansfeldt will play the Schumann "Carnaval" among other things, and will be assisted by Samuel Savannah and Louis von der Mehden.

To Henry Holmes is due the notable programme offered by the British Benevolent Society's concert of to-morrow evening at Sherman-Clay Hall. Miss Ernestine Goldman, Mme. de Seminario, Miss Beulah George, Mrs. J. N. Odell, Miss Tyneletta Geery, Fred Maurer and Wallace Sabin, besides the gifted leader, are among the artists represented.

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