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SEIBERT'S FOURTH CONCERT

WILL BE GIVEN THIS AFTERNOON AT CONOVER MUSIC HALL.

OTHER LOCAL MUSICAL NEWS

Including the Programmes to Be Sung in the Churches of the City Today.

The Nordica concert at the People's church last Tuesday night was, of course, the musical event of the week, possibly of the season, though it is to be hoped not. That is to say, the local patrons of music sincerely trust that before the expiration of the season they will have an opportunity to enjoy an evening of just as good music, just as well interpreted as was that of the Nordica concert. For, to tell the truth, the Nordica concert savored of disappointment. The diva was not in good voice, and her selections, while well adapted to the revelation of her remarkable vocal powers, were not the most appropriate for concert work. A great artist is Nordica, but she must be seen and heard in opera, in Wagnerian opera, to be valued at her real worth. But if the prima donna disappointed her audience, her associate, Charles Gregorowitsch, the Russian violinist, delighted his hearers beyond measure. A performer of rare skill and delicacy of execution is Gregorowitsch. The fullest sympathy of the musician with the greatest works of the musician animates his exquisite playing. Without question his was the triumph of the evening.

Mrs. Hermann Scheffer acquitted herself admirably at the piano.

The University Choral union needs strengthening of the bassos and contraltos and more rehearsals before it appears again on the same platform with artists.

The fourth of the Seibert concerts will be given tody at Conover hall. The following programme shows the excellence of the entertainment:

PART I.

1. Marche et Cortege—La Reine de Saba ..... Gounod
2. Overture—"Ungarische Lustspiel"— ..... Keler-Bela
3. Grand selection from "Tannhauser" ..... Wagner
4. Tenor Solo—"The Star of Bethlehem" ..... Stephen Adam
J. F. Merrill.

Piano accompaniment by Mrs. Mathilda Milch

PART II.

Sacred Overture—"Ave Maria"..Schleppegrell
(On motive of Rossini's Stabat Mater, Mozart's Twelfth Mass, Reyhoff's Ave Maria and Gloria from Haydn's Third Mass.)
The Three Quotations ..... Sousa
a. The King of France Reviewing his Troops.
b. I, Too, Was Born in Arcadia.
c. In Darkest Africa.
Grand Fantasie from opera, "The Huguenots" ..... Meyerbeer

The Rubinstein quartette is planning a series of three chamber music recitals to be given at the Aberdeen and under the patronage of such names as will assure both social and artistic success. The first concert, to take place early in January, will present three numbers, a Schumann, two for piano, violin and piano, a Beethoven quartette, and the Mozart clarionet quintet. Mr. Koehler, of Minneapolis, will play the reed, and Mrs. Madden piano.

Claude Madden has in preparation Wieniawski's second concerto, which he is to play with orchestra. This is the work in which Gregorowitsch made his debut in New York, and is particularly interesting in the Zingarella movement. Mr. Madden has done some of the most marked pioneer work in the two cities. He has been especially earnest in bringing to our attention works which we could not elsewhere hear, and composers whose names even were unknown. Sjoegren was an unknown quantity until a month ago, and who had heard of Teno Hubay until that witching Papillon came with its tenacious cadence.

Miss Nellie A. Hope, the leader of the popular Ladies' orchestra of St. Paul, is a young woman who has won for herself hosts of friends and admirers in St. Paul, not only by her excellent work with her orchestra of young women, but by her many other good qualities. Miss Hope was at one time the society editor of the Globe, and since leaving newspaper work has devoted herself to the study of the mandolin and violin, fitting herself for teaching. She organized the large orchestra, of which she is the leader, during the encampment and no feature of that week was more interesting or entertaining than the daily concert given at the women's headquarters. Since that time the orchestra and its earnest leader have come before the public in many pleasant ways always in the interests of charity. The benefit for the newsboys Friday evening was given by them and their friends, and was a big success.

There was a slight change in the programme given Wednesday afternoon before the Schubert club, Mr. Stoll, who was to have appeared in a duet number with Miss Wilson, being detained at home by illness which necessitated the omission of this number altogether. Mrs. Richard Wagoner, of Albany, N. Y., who is the guest of Mrs. Charles Titcomb, contributed to the programme and received a warm reception from the club, of which she was at one time a member. Mrs. Wagoner was Miss Edith Wagner, of St. Paul, before her marriage. Her selections were from Chopin and Mendelssohn, the latter number being given with a great deal of expression. She has a warm sympathetic touch. Her encore number was "Simple Averu" (Thome). The Euterpe quartette, a new organization, made its initial appearance before the club and was well received. Ray Shryock, whose performance on the violin is somewhat wonderful for so young a boy, won warm praise and numerous encores from the members, giving with especial feeling the fine execution the De Beriot's "Fantasie." Miss Bulah Baker was not in so good a voice as usual. She sang a selection from Buck, and the chorus, under the direction of Miss Shaw, gave the final number, the solo parts being taken by Mrs. S. V. Harris. The chorus is gaining rapidly with Miss Shaw. The tones were well sustained, and there was no shouting. Miss Shaw again demonstrated her ability as a director.

Miss Louis Taylor, violinist, and Miss Pearl Benham, of Hamline, the contralto, will take part in a concert to be given at Hastings in January, in the Presbyterian church.

The Beethoven String quartette has reorganized by request, and will begin practice work this week. The quartette is composed of Messrs. Emil Straka, Albrecht, Wuerz and Milch, and will be remembered as doing some most excellent work last year.

Miss Gertrude San Souci, who returns from New York this week, has received most favorable mention for her piano playing since her departure for that city. A friend writting home in regard to the young woman said: "Madame Ogden Crane thinks she is very, very fine. You should have heard the applause she received at Mme. Ogden's concert. She was enthusiastically received."

Miss Eva Alcott's choral club is practicing for Christmas work and will be heard in a number of excellent selections Christmas day at First Baptist church.

There will be a musical and literary entertainment given in Christ church Guild hall tomorrow evening, at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the Boys' Department of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew of the Church of St. John, the Evangelist. The proceeds to be devoted to charity.

The soloists will be: Mrs. C. B. Yale, Miss Katherine Richards Gordon, Mr. D. W. Van Vleck; quartette, D. W. Van Vleck, Mr. Smith, Mr. H. Van Vleck, Mr. Bach; recitations by: Miss Ellithorpe and Miss Gregory.

Mrs. C. B. Yale introduced one of Mr. Charlton's compositions at the last Schubert club. She sang it a few weeks ago to Kowalski, one of the leading voice teachers in Chicago who pronounced it the equal of some of Bradsky's ballads. "Your Eyes So Deep" is purely lyric in character and the figured accompaniment was well brought out by the composer as pianist.

Carl Halir, the great German violinist and co-director with Joachim, of the Berlin High School of Music, who is in America for a short stay of two months, and who has been heard in all the large Eastern cities, will visit St. Paul Jan. 5.

There has been no lack of European violinists of late years, but they have been men of very different caliber from Halir. In him, is manifest the great artist first of all, one whose highest aim is a grand musical interpretation, one who never strives for virtuoso effect. Halir has a marvelous technique and a tremendous repertoire. Eminent critics say that as to his command of the bow, he stands unequalled. While in America, Halir is using the celebrated Stradivarius (known as the "Red Strad"), which was presented to Joachim by the city of London on the occasion of his fiftieth jubilee.

"In Cupid's Arms" is a new waltz dedicated by Alfred Karger to the sweethearts of the season.

Music for December gives a short tribute to the late David Blakely.

Mrs. C. B. Yale will go to Mankato next week, where she will assist in the opening of the new pipe organ in the First Presbyterian church.

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First in the Minnesota Diocese, Will Be Consecrated at Milwaukee Today.

Christmas day will be celebrated at the cathedral in a manner befitting its great solemnity. The first high mass will be at 5 o'clock a. m., at which there will be a short sermon. An especially impressive service will be the solemn pontifical mass at 10:30, which will be celebrated by Archbishop Ireland. The choir has spared no efforts to make the music most attractive. Haydn's celebrated sixteenth mass will be sung, with full orchestral accompaniment by Danz's orchestra. The sermon of the day will be preached by Rev. J. J. Lawler. The following is the order:

"Adeste Fideles."
"Kyrie" ..... Haydn's 16th
"Gloria" ..... Haydn's 16th
"Come Holy Spirit"—Quartette ..... Millard
Mrs. Fremont, Miss Pottgieser; Messrs. Quesnel and J. T. Gehan.
"Credo" ..... Haydn's 16th
Offertory—"Laudeamus" ..... Anton Diabelli
"Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei" ..... Haydn
"Come All Ye Faithful" ..... Portuguese Hymn
Mrs. F. Hoffman, organist; J. F. Gehan, director.

Rev. E. R. Bennett, deacon in charge of St. Philip's (Episcopal) Mission for Colored People, left last week for Milwaukee, where he will be advanced to the priesthood in the Epicopal cathedral this morning, by Rt. Rev. I. L Nicholson, bishop of the Milwaukee diocese, and will return to St. Paul in time to celebrate his first eucharist at St. Philip's on Christmas day. Ever since Mr. Bennett was a lad, the bishop has exercised a fatherly and fostering care over him. While a Sunday school scholar, the bishop, who was then rector of one of the colored [illegible] in the lad a bright intellect and much promise, encouraged him to study for the ministry. After several years of hard and patient study Mr. Bennett graduated at Nashota Theological college with high honors, earning the degree of B. D., and was ordained deacon in the cathedral May 31, by Bishop Nicholson. Hence the reason for being priested in Milwaukee instead of St. Paul. Mr. Bennett is the first colored man admitted to the pristhood for the Minnesota Diocese.

The event will mark a new era in the history of St. Philip's parish.

The subject of this sketch was born at St. Johns City, Antigua, British West India, and brought by his parents in childhood to Baltimore, Md. He attended first grammar and normal schools, entered St. Mark's academy as tutor, and took a private course of studies under Rev. W. C. Clapp. He spent three years at Nashota Theological seminary, Wisconsin, graduating with distinguished honors from class '96, the first colored graduate ever turned out from that college. Before coming to Minnesota, Mr. Bennett had the choice of no less than twelve parishes in other dioceses, but preferred to throw in his lot with his brethren in St. Paul. During the short time of his incumbency here he has accomplished a great deal amidst great discouragements. The store in which the worship of the church is held has recently been refitted and beautified, giving it a more churchly aspect. A vested choir of men and boys, the first colored vested choir of this state, has been introduced, and hearty and reverent congregational dignity rendered. Although the membership is not large, a more loyal and faithful band of church people cannot be found. It is estimated that there are between forty-five to fifty colored families nominally Episcopalians in St. Paul. Mr. Bennett is a bright young man, courteous, with polished manners, very musical, a clear and distinct reader, good preacher and a sound, loyal churchman.

Next Sunday will be the third anniversary of the opening of St. Peter's mission, at Post Siding. The rector of St. Peter's, Rev. A. T. Gesner, will be present at the afternoon service, 3:30 o'clock, and deliver an appropriate sermon upon the occasion. Parents of the children and all interested in the mission are cordially invited. Preparations for giving the children a Christmas tree and carol service Wednesday evening, Dec. 30, are well under way.

MISS NELLIE HOPE.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The annual meeting of the Atlantic Congregational church will be held Monday evening. An interesting programme will be rendered and light refreshments will be served at 9 o'clock. Programme:

Song ..... Choir to Congregation
Invocation ..... Jerusalem
Solo ..... Charles McWilliams
"A Story of the Past" ..... Geo. D. Hammond
Deacon's Report ..... T. P. Shurleton
Con Temperal Temperature ..... A. D. Smith
A selection from "Timothy Twist"— ..... Miss Dora C. Simpson
"Things That Single" ..... A. A. Sharpe
Male Quartette.
Song ..... Choir and Congregations
"Our Little Folks at Home and Abroad"— ..... Sunday School
"The Many as One" ..... J. H. Drake
"The Hope of Today" ..... A. T. Bergman
Tenor Solo ..... Selected
Harry George.
Nominating Committee Report.
Parting Word.
Mixed Questions.

A gospel temperance meeting will be held at Goodrich Avenue Presbyterian church this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Opening exercises by the pastor, Rev. J. Pringle; "Example Before Precept," by Mrs. L. Webber, of Hamline; solo furnished from Francis Harper Union; "The Relation of W. C. T. U. to the Church," by Mrs. Reed; duet, furnished from Francis Harper Union; "The Relation Between Saloon and Sabbath Desecration," by Mrs. Tapic; recitation, by Mrs. Allen Brown.

Order of services for the Church of St. John the Evangelist today: Morning prayer and litany at 11 a. m.; "Tenite Chant in A, Bacon; "Benedicite Chant" service, Stainer, Turle and Irons; "Benedictus Chant in F," Handel; hymns, 'I'm But a Stranger Here," St. Edmund, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," Olivet;" offertory anthem, "The Night Is Far Spent," Bruce Steane; evening prayer and sermon at 4:15 p. m.; "Cantata Domino," Tone III. (2); "Benedic Anima Mea," Tone VII. (1); hymns, "Jesu, My Lord, My God, My All," Adoro Te, "There Is a Green Hill Far Away," Hoesley; offertory, alto solo, "Glory to Thee, My God," Gounod; chorus, "Be Not Afraid," Mendelssohn.

Rev. Dr. John Dewitt, one of the few surviving revisers of the English Bible, will speak at Park Congregational church this morning, giving an account of the origin and results of the labors of the committee. He will also speak upon the new sources of information which were in the hands of the committee. In the evening W. B. Clow, a layman of Park church, will throw upon the

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MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, DEATHS.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

William F. Coggswell, Cascade county, Montana, to Mabel C. Allen, Halifax, Nova Scotia.
Rudolph Hamm ..... Emma Radmann

BIRTHS.

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Stewart ..... Girl
Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Jackson ..... Boy
Mr. and Mrs. Wenzel Schwarz ..... Girl
Mr. and Mrs. Emil Pusch ..... Boy
Mr. and Mrs. John Engelhard ..... Girl
Mr. and Mrs. John Engelhart ..... Girl
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. McGeary ..... Girl
Mr. and Mrs. A. William Werenka ..... Boy
Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Kunz ..... Boy
Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson ..... Boy
Mr. and Mrs. A. Glockner ..... Boy
Mr. and Mrs. G. Weyh Jr. ..... Girl

DEATHS.

Marsellena Bruell, Infants' home ..... 2 mos
Henry Smith, 348 Baker st ..... 3 mos
Mary Nemo, 172 East Fairfield av ..... 43 yrs
Raymond Dowe, Smith avenue ..... 3 yrs
Mrs. L. A. Oustad, St. Luke's hospital ..... 29 yrs
Jessie W. Schaub, Laurel avenue ..... 33 yrs

DIED

SCHAUB—In St. Paul, at family residence, 407 Laurel avenue, Thursday, Dec. 17, at 6 a. m., Mrs. Jessie Willis Schaub, wife of Peter A. Schaub. Funeral from above residence Sunday, Dec. 20, at 2 p. m. Services at St. Joseph's church at 2:30 p. m. Chicago papers please copy.

Funeral carriages, $2; hearse, $3. 10 per cent off for cash. 7 Cor. Livery. E. W. Shirk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

NOTICE—THE TRUSTEES OF THE STATE Savings Bank, Germania Life Ins. Bldg., cor. 4th and Minn., sts., have declared a semi-annual dividend at the rate of 4 per cent per annum for the period ending Jan. 1, 1897. Depositors entitled to interest will please present their pass books at the bank for entry on or after Jan. 20, 1897. The new interest period begins Jan. 1, 1897. All deposits made on or before Jan. 3, 1897, will be entitled to six months' interest July 1, 1897. Julius M. Goldsmith, Treasurer.

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26 East Exchange St., St. Paul. Piano, violin, guitar, banjo and mandolin taught. Lessons given in drawing and painting. Call or send for prospectus.

PROPOSALS FOR CITY LIGHTING WANTED.

City Clerk's Office,
St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 12, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received at this office, Room Number 42, Court House, St. Paul, Minnesota, until 5 o'clock p. m. Dec. 23d, 1896, for a contract for lighting with gasoline certain streets and public grounds of the City of St. Paul according to the specifications on file in this office.

The proposals for said contract will be opened and considered by the Common Council at meetings of the Assembly and Board of Aldermen, to be held in the Court House, in the City of St. Paul, Dec. 23, at 7:30 o'clock p. m

A blank form of proposal upon which contractor may bid will be furnished by the undersigned upon application therefor.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check on some St. Paul bank in the sum of $2,500, payable to the order of the City Clerk of the City of St. Paul, as security for the making and executing of said contract on behalf of said bidder.

The right is reserved by the Common Council to reject any and all bids.

Said proposals shall be securely sealed and marked "Proposals for City Lighting."

MATT JENSEN,
City Clerk.

Dec. 12 (dly) Dec. 23.