OFFICIAL CHANGES IN ARTISANS' ORDER

Progressive Action in Germantown Assembly and Progress in Progressive

More than 100 members of Germantown Assembly gave a warm welcome to their master artisan, J. Edward Lang, who had long been confined by an aggravated case of appendicitis. He conducted the initiatory ceremonies better, probably, than ever before. The sick list was reported larger than ever, fourteen members being under care, one of whom is Harry Peirson, once the greatest intercollegiate 100-yard runner in the United States.

"Happy" Dave Le Lellis, chairman of the pool committee, reported that the tournament was about half way through; that it was an elimination tournament, and that final results would be given at the January meeting.

Warren Lackman, chairman of the bowling committee, declared that the Germantown Artisans' League was a pronounced success; that there were six teams, and that, while Doctor O'Brien's team was still in the lead, the others were virtually tied, and a change was to be expected before the next meeting.

The result of the election of officers was: Master artisan, William J. Hutchinson; superintendent, Harry Kendig; inspector, C. Lamar Hayhurst, three splendidly capable men, to continue the work of this assembly. The efficient recorder, Henry L. Stemple, was re-elected, as was Elmer S. Baringer as cashier. Harry M. Klotz was elected trustee to serve three years, and the medical examiners re-elected were: C. S. Withers, chairman, G. Harmer Patton, Robert J. McNeill, H. Hunter Lott, F. A. McCarthy, W. R. Bile, J. M. Cunningham, C. H. McDevitt, Thomas P. Loughery, H. L. Bates and J. H. Pricke.

Nominations for representatives and alternates brought out Brothers Stemple, Lang, Cook, Johnson, De Lellis, Shaw, Kendig, Jones, Kendrick, Hayhurst, Myers, Hutchinson, Klotz, Rinker, Lackman, Martin, Matthews, Groff and Tracey, fourteen to be elected. A "hot time" is promised for the January meeting.

Solemn memorial service was held for Brother Elmer A. Haldeman, Master-elect William J. Hutchinson speaking feelingly of the loss to the assembly and the community. Upon motion of Brother Hayhurst, a letter of condolence was ordered sent to the family. The recorder was instructed to send letters of condolence also to the family of Brother Edward A. Heffner, who suffered the loss of his wife, and to the Klotz family, E. M. Klotz, brother of Past Master Harry Klotz and father of Brother John Klotz, having died suddenly.

Germantown Artisans' Christmas saving fund was distributed by Howard W. Shaw, treasurer. Master Lang appointed Brothers Snyder and Brockhouse to superintend the drawing of the attendance prizes and the lucky numbers were: Brothers Lackman, Stromer, Bradley, Stansbury, McNeill, McCaffrey, Lex, Dickson, Jackson and Anderson, each receiving $1. A similar drawing will be held in February, when only those who were present in January and February will be entitled to a chance.

The assembly in November, desiring to purchase a service flag, Brother H. O. Stansbury, a new member, objected to the motion being put, stating, while the brothers gasped at his nerve, that he would present to the assembly such a flag. The presentation took place at this meeting, and it was said that no more effective, comprehensive and forceful speech by a talented speaker was ever heard before than that of Brother Stansbury, the flag showing forty stars, representing the number of the assembly's boys in the service of the nation. Superintendent-elect Harry Kendig responded in an appropriate expression of gratitude and fraternal spirit.

Then came the donation package party and auction sale for the benefit of the boys in khaki, Alexander Johnson and Dave Matthews being the auctioneers, whose humorous and hypnotic influence brought $55 to the treasury. The Kendrick brothers took delight in "stinging" the auctioneers, but the stingers were stung in return, and it looked like a fifty-fifty proposition at the finish. Brothers De Lellis, Snyder, Stansbury, James and many others being eager to donate in this manner, but all contributing to a good cause. There were many packages of tobacco, which were presented by the patriotic committee for the boys in the service. Refreshments were served at 11:30.

Progressive Assembly started the new year on the first night by the good omen of three candidates, with other petitions in hand. The enforced absence of Deputy Smith and the insistent modesty of Editor Major and others put the presentation of the buttons up to Brother Furness. Recorder Kammerer reported that the dining club, represented by the officers and entertainment committee of the assembly, had taken up promptly the matter of Christmas remembrances to the twenty members in care of the relief committee, in the shape of baskets of fruit, and the assembly approved of the action.

The election of representatives resulted thus: Elwood Hubbs, John S. Pearson, James A. Russell, William N. Lipsey, Charles G. Hartling, Edward J. L. Scholl, William A. Kammerer, H. B. Stockton, Charles Rockey, George W. Williams, George W. Gray, Fred Keene, John Kolb, Edward MacCracken, H. S. Furness.

The alternates selected were: Samuel Fritz, C. Dagerberg, William O'Donnell, Jacob Smith, John McMahon, C. Dowling, John Bradley, Frank de Wahl, C. Norman Gray, Edward Young, Walter Hubbs, J. Schofield, J. A. Mann, W. Koch, C. A. Hartman.

Chairman Gartling made a satisfactory report on the expenditures of the entertainment committee and asked for an appropriation of $500 for this year, which was granted.

Brother George W. Williams, the new inspector; Charles Rockey, superintendent; Elwood Hubbs, master artisan, and Edward G. MacCracken, cashier, were installed in their offices by the veteran James A. Russell.

Brother Hubbs responded to the demonstration of good will toward him by expressions of sentiments significant of his able and active administration. He has been a potent factor during all his membership in the current management of the assembly and, of course, in every movement in that body connected with the advancement of the order.

Retiring Master Artisan Gray was presented by Brother Gartling, on behalf of the assembly, a past master's jewel.

Underdown Assembly had about 100, a remarkable attendance for the post-festal meeting, and were honored by the presence of M. E. Recorder Cox, who delivered from memory all the installation charges in the service of seating the new chair officers, Master Artisan Peck, Superintendent Leslie and Inspector Neill. Brother Peck gave an outline of progressive movements which he desires to put in force, appealing for that support so necessary for success. The council sent of the veteran Christian fraternalist, Alexander Gamble, to act as chaplain was a matter of high honor to the assembly, as well as gratification to the order.

Recorder Harry Smith, speaking as the deputy of Progressive Assembly, announced the intention of No. 4 to hold a charter members and past masters' night at the February meeting, and extended an invitation to No. 35, which has a direct filial interest in that reunion, to send a representative delegation to that meeting. The suggestion was heartily approved and the recorder authorized to send out special notices. The past master's jewel was presented to retiring Master Artisan Schearer by P. M. George Burton. P. M. Velland, of St. Paul Assembly, was a visitor.

The representatives selected were: Conrad Hafner, G. Harry Ditner, Charles M. Morrow, William S. Walker, George R. Burton, Ernest E. Shearer, E. A. McFarlin. Alternates: William W. Peck, Charles G. Stackhouse, William R. Brown, Charles V. Grieth, Howard M. Smith, Charles D. Held, Charles F. Bauer.

Charles H. Witty, a charter member of Underdown and past master of Progressive, died suddenly last week.

Harmony Assembly was visited by a live Santa Claus, whose distribution of toys and good things delighted a crowd of kiddies and their parents after the business session. Brother Harold W. Scott, probably the youngest Master Artisan in the order, who was called to the naval reserves last July, was presented by the veteran Fern Githens on behalf of the assembly with a past master's jewel.

In the election of officers, Elwood T. Hawthorne, for inspector, won out over William E. Taxis and Edward H. Simons. Master artisan, Walter S. Koons; superintendent, Harold J. Baldwin; recorder, George M. Miller; cashier, A. W. Nolt; trustee, Preston T. Rhodes; medical examiners, Edward W. Beach and Joseph R. Criswell.

The representatives nominated were George M. Miller, Walter S. Koons, Preston Rhodes, E. E. Baker, A. W. Nolt and R. M. Wood. Alternates: J. E. Lynch, William M. Baldwin, Philip R. Sanders, Charles M. Burdett and Robert H. Pratt.

A good part of the assemblage remained to bid farewell to the old and welcome to the new year.

Recorder Miller gathered a small dinner party of members on Thursday in honor of retiring Master Artisan Scott and a few of his comrades and entertained them at his house.

Larchwood Assembly had an unusually large number of the members out, considering Christmas week. Brother Samuel Beckett, a member of only two months, broke the ice by bringing a candidate—Norris J. Fisher—and also added more social feeling by the present of a box of cigars.

Brother A. de Valerio presented to the assembly a beautiful honor roll of the names of the following members now in the service: Brothers H. Munson, W. Maginnis, G. Wirth, W. Golder and J. Rekowitz.

A good report on the benefit at the Walnut Street Theatre was read by Brother L. A. Clark, chairman of the committee, which netted something for the contingent fund.

The following officers were elected: Master [illegible]

ELWOOD HUBBS
He is the new master artisan of Progressive Assembly, No. 4, Artisans' Order Mutual Protection.

tee, A. L. Moon; medical examiners, R. A. W. McKeldi, S. Ellis and H. Munson. Refreshments were served.

Passyunk had one candidate to start the new year and entertained M. E. M. A. Greatlead, who presented the past master's jewel to retiring Master Artisan Mac Loughlin. This brother was further honored by the gift from the assembly of a chest of silver. Deputy Phil Arnold in the presentation delivering the speech of the evening, well worthy of himself, the donor and the recipient and eliciting prolonged applause. The deputy installed, also in a highly efficient way, Chair Officers Moore, Gibson and Leffinger. The representatives selected were William C. Heyde, Charles W. Albert and Walter H. Phillips.

Frankford Assembly braved zero weather to encourage the new officers. Master Artisan-elect William Henry having been called to arms, P. M. George Schultz has offered to serve for him this year and to carry out plans already outlined by the absent brother. Brother Chris Collier was installed by Deputy C. Evans in the superintendent's chair and William Holland in the inspector's position. Various prizes for candidates this year were offered and the prospects look bright for greater success. Deputy Evans was commended for his faithful service in all of the affairs of the assembly. Chairman Howard White's committee furnished musical and gastronomic feasts, in which the fine vocal quartet featured, and then "smokes." Members of other assemblies living in the northeastern section are urged to visit No. 40 on the first Wednesday at 4602 Frankford avenue with the assurance of "something doing."

Palmyra Assembly had out more than 100 members to greet the M. E. officers and to witness the initiation of ten candidates, to whom the buttons were presented by M. E. Warder Elmer Walz. A delegation from Northwestern Assembly, headed by the live Deputy Herman Meyer, contributed largely to the success of the evening. All of the officers and chairmen of committees received gifts, Deputy Meyer securing a fine cut glass dish. M. E. M. A. Jordan gave, as usual, an intellectual treat, good talks being made by Master Artisans Nicholas Recorder Denny, Deputy Meyer and Doctor Lott, of Northwestern, and Recorder Higgins, of Bartram Assembly.

Much of the joy manifested came from the fact that Palmyra Assembly initiated more members in 1917 than any assembly in the order, its nearest competitor was St. John, which was beaten by three candidates. On the last stretch Palmyra put in thirty members in one meeting.

The new officers were duly elected as follows: Master artisan, Edward Christ; superintendent, J. A. Smith; inspector, T. A. Eadon. The workers are pulling for a banner as a gift in 1918 and insist on "Pop" Meyer being their deputy for another year.

Linwood Assembly initiated two candidates, organized a relief fund for worthy brothers and arranged to take care of those in the service of the country. The election resulted as follows: Master artisan, C. D. Maxwell; superintendent, W. H. Sparge; inspector, W. B. Hannum; recorder, Dr. E. Lehman. The annual banquet will be held Tuesday, January 29, celebrating the thirty-first anniversary of the assembly.

Haddon Heights Assembly selected these officers for the ensuing year: Master artisan, Carroll P. Ivers; superintendent, William M. Coffin; inspector, Robert R. Lewis; recorder, Edward L. Shew; cashier, William A. Eppright; representative to most excellent assembly, Frederick E. Cunningham; alternate, C. P. Ayars. Plans for progress under new administration were talked over.

Chester Assembly's meeting was full of interest from start to finish and the most successful ever held. Seven candidates were taken in, as well as two card members. The initiatory work was finely rendered, entirely from memory, by Master Artisan George Dugan, of Chester Assembly; Superintendent Arthur Moore, of Passyunk Assembly, and Inspector Robinson, of Chester Assembly. The vocal music was rendered by Brothers Thomas Taylor and William Mentzer, of West Philadelphia Assembly, and Brothers McIntyre and Ackroyd, of Chester Assembly. The artisan buttons were presented to the candidates by Brother Phil Arnold, of Adelphi Assembly, in a very masterly manner. Watch fobs were presented to Brothers H. H. Shields, Elwood Hudson, Thomas A. Hulstine and James H. Scott by P. M. Wm. C. Heyde, of Passyunk Assembly.

The following officers were elected: Master artisan, J. Fred Abbott; superintendent, J. C. Edwards; inspector, William Gibbs, Jr.; cashier, T. Lee Freas; recorder, Thomas Keane; medical examiner, Doctor Vankurren; trustee, James McIntyre.

Passyunk Assembly sent a delegation of forty-two, going in a special car from Broad Street Station. On reaching Chester they were met by members of Chester Assembly and paraded to the meeting room, preceded by the Passyunk String Band, marshaled by Deputy Philip S. Arnold and Past Master Heyde. In the parade were a fine silk American flag and a large service flag containing twenty-seven stars, as well as other banners. Among the visitors were M. A. Arthur Moore, Superintendent Walter G. Gibson, Inspector J. Fred Messinger, Recorder Thomas S. Phillips and Past Master William T. Montgomery and Walter H. Phillips. The delegates were headed by M. E. M. A. Jacob R. Jordon, and made a very imposing sight as they marched around the room with their string band.

Master Jordon made a very impressive talk, complimenting the Chester boys for their fine work, and exhorting them to keep up the good showing, predicting that No. 48, at the rate they were going, would eventually reach the 1000 mark. He strongly advocated unswerving loyalty to our noble President and advised all to join the Red Cross.

Refreshments were served, and after singing the "Star Spangled Banner," the Passyunk delegation paraded through the principal street of Chester to the 11:10 train.

THE MACCABEES

Preparations for Public Installation by the Woman's Benefit Association

Two applications were received at Keystone Review, Fifty-third street and Haverford avenue. Mrs. F. M. Helms, commander. One candidate was admitted to membership and more promised.

Girard Review, Parkway Building, Miss Mary Collins commander, celebrated the receipt of the new charter changing the name from Olivet to Girard. Supreme Chaplain Burgin, acting as celebrant, delivered the charter to the review in the name of the supreme Order. Many visitors from other reviews and many of the Philadelphia Girard enjoyed the refreshments and social hour which followed. Deputy Assistant Siner and Mrs. Lewis were congratulated upon their good work in securing members.

A meeting of the installation committee was held at 1628 Chestnut street, at which progress was reported for the public installation of officers at Lu Lu Temple on January 23. Efforts are being made by the committee to make this annual function a greater success than ever, if possible, and every cent above expenses will be placed in the patriotic fund. Two hundred complimentary tickets will be issued in five lots to different churches and organizations to get in touch with the work being done by this society of women.

Quaker City Review reports a fine meeting, despite the cold. One application and one candidate were received. Commander Posern made a report of the year, showing that it made a net gain of twenty-seven members, purchased five $100 Liberty Loan bonds and many building and loan association shares. They expect to work hard to become the largest review in the State during 1918. Chairman of the Installation Committee Mrs. Sabina Friedhoff, Mrs. Francis M. Helms and Mrs. Anna M. Wright and the officers rehearsed their parts in the coming installation at Lu Lu Temple. These ladies will attend Betsy Ross Review tomorrow evening, Keystone Thursday evening, where the officers of Bartram Review also will be present; at Philadelphia Review January 15, where the officers of Girard and Penn Treaty will be present for rehearsal. This evening the union staff will rehearse with the guard at K. O. E. Hall, 816 North Broad street.

Quaker City Review presented its efficient commander, Mrs. Carrie Posern, with a beautiful spoon ring, an emblem of the [illegible]

NEW MOVEMENTS FOR THE ROYAL ARCANUM

Call for Conference of District Deputies — Grand Regent's Emblem Rewards

Grand Regent James E. Norton has called a special meeting of all district deputies in Philadelphia for Tuesday evening, January 15, at the Bingham Hotel. The 1918 campaign, together with the rewards of merit, will be discussed. This city is expected to perform an important role in the administration of Grand Regent Norton's term and a thorough organization of the district deputies' department will be one of the first movements on the list for a greater Royal Arcanum in Philadelphia.

Continental Council, with Regent Lang presiding, received an appeal for support in the Red Cross campaign from Brother Goldsmith, who will no doubt show good results in spite of the absence of many members called to arms during the Royal Arcanum's canvass. The committee for the annual audit was appointed. The committee's report on consolidation was received and approved in its entirety.

The council will consolidate with Guarantee Council, No. 1170, to take effect February 1. The meetings will continue in the hall of Continental, at 1811 Columbia avenue, on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Brother Lang will continue as regent, Brother Goldsmith as secretary and Brother Bainberger as collector of the consolidated council, which shall retain the charter of Guarantee Council, No. 1170. This will strengthen the new council considerably in Masonic fraternity and membership, numbering about 200. A campaign for recruits is already under way, with several applications for membership in the hands of the medical examiners.

Pennsylvania Council, No. 342, will have ladies' night on Friday evening, 18th. Brother A. P. Nicholas, chairman of the entertainment committee, is arranging an interesting program. Professor Harley, of the Central High School, will give an illustrated lecture. Brother Harley has also arranged for a musical entertainment by the boys from the school. The regular business meeting will be held at 7:30 o'clock. An active campaign for new members is being planned. As many members are yet unfamiliar with the rates and are not able to explain the benefits and privileges derived from the order, it is the intention to present these subjects at the meetings and have them so explained that every member may fully understand the advantages of fraternal insurance. Brother Nicholas and Collector Gourley have recovered from illness and Brother Rowe is improving.

Arcanian Council, at Cumberland street and Germantown avenue, under Vice Regent Atz, made arrangements for the annual audit and sent out special notices for the installation of officers to take place on January 16. Brother Stewart made a satisfactory report on the Red Cross canvass for membership.

Frankford Council is evincing some of her old-time spirit of activity. Brother Harry Lewis, formerly of Brooklyn and of Philadelphia Council, No. 293, is doing yeoman service for the council and the order in general. D. D. G. R. Brother Joseph Whitaker is equally enthusiastic over the future of Frankford Council. Plans have been made for a specially interesting meeting on January 18, at which the officers for 1918 will be installed by D. D. G. R. Joseph Whitaker. A special invitation is extended to all interested Arcanians.

Integrity Council, under the leadership of Grand Trustee William L. Young, is working hard in the interest of the Red Cross Society. Twenty-five applicants were received early in the campaign. It is working a careful and energetic effort and hopes to secure many more subscriptions. This patriotic and humane service is in keeping with the magnificent record of long standing of this band of real fraternalists.

Grand Regent Norton has not issued his New Year's circular to the councils in this State, outlining a method of rewarding successful soliciting of recruits in the "Pennsylvania V. M. C. Brigade." The rewards are in the shape of specially designed lapel buttons for the different ranks in the brigade. The grand regent's proposition is as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania—Nineteen seventeen, with its failures and successes, joys and sorrows, hopes fulfilled and disappointments, is numbered with its predecessors. The last chapter has been written, the record cannot be altered, the book is sealed and placed on the shelf of the past.

Nineteen eighteen has dawned. What shall it mean to the Royal Arcanum in Pennsylvania? Precisely what you and I make of it, my brothers. With the new year come new resolutions, new plans, new ideas, and the first one I have to present to you is the V. M. C. Brigade of Pennsylvania.

This is a military age. Our country is involved in the greatest war of all time—a war which patriotic, loyal American citizens fondly hope will be the last to curse the world.

The Royal Arcanum for more than forty years has been waging war on poverty, distress, ignorance and the ills to which humanity is heir. Our government is drafting men into its service. I firmly believe there are many loyal Arcanians who will heed the call to volunteer for service in the V. M. C. Brigade.

The world has required 1900 years to grasp the significance of the platform enunciated by a humble young Man that "He came into this world not to be ministered unto, but to minister." Today on every hand there is an insistent call for service. The commercial world constantly seeks out the man who serves best and financially rewards him for it. A business men's organization has adopted for its motto, "He profits most who serves best."

In our day and generation our Government has awarded the yellow and blue ribbon to our soldiers and sailors who served in the Spanish-American war, the red ribbon in the campaign in Haiti, the red and blue for the Philippines, and the yellow and black for the Boxer uprising in China.

Accordingly, beginning January 1, 1918, Grand Council will decorate a medically reinstated brother or an initiated applicant with a "V" button. He thus becomes a cadet in the V. M. C. Brigade. The brother who secures the reinstatement or application will be awarded the "M" button, as he is the "minute man" who secured the "cadet." When the minute man secures a second cadet he will return his "M" button to the secretary of his council and be decorated with the "V" button, which will be a white "V" on purple background and he then is known as a veteran of the third rank.

When this veteran secures his third cadet he will return her button and be given a purple "V" on white background and becomes a veteran of the second rank; when he secures his fourth cadet he will be awarded a gold "V" on white background and becomes a veteran of the first rank. When he secures his fifth cadet he will be given a V. M. C. button, for he is then a veteran of many contests.

A set of buttons has been sent to the secretary of the council, and if they have not been received, give notice promptly to the grand regent. The buttons will remain the property of the Grand Council, till earned. They cannot be bought. They will be given for service only, and the kind of button indicates the wearer's rank in the V. M. C. Brigade.

The "C" button is made of sterling silver, the "C" being white on blue background. The "M" button is made of rolled gold, the "M" being blue on white background. The white-and-purple "V" buttons are as above described and also of rolled gold stock. The gold "V" is in relief with white and gold background and of gold-filled stock. The V. M. C. button is solid gold. All buttons are screw back and are vastly superior to the ordinary lapel button. The material is known as 1-10 stock.

The presentation of the brigade buttons will in no way interfere with the custom in some councils of presenting a new member with a Royal Arcanum button.

The brigade buttons are offered in addition to the prizes, and are awarded for service in the upbuilding of the Royal Arcanum in Pennsylvania, because the Royal Arcanum is your fraternity. Its prosperity depends upon your efforts. Its perpetuity will be assured by your activity in recruiting members for your council. Can I depend upon your enrollment in the "V. M. C." Brigade? Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year, Cordially and fraternally yours in V. M. C., James E. Norton, grand regent. Webster C. Weiss, grand secretary.

CALLS CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM AUTOCRATIC

Mrs. Grice Reiterates Her Criticism and Says She is Hopeful of Reform

The charges of incompetence and autocracy in the administration of the public school system made by Mrs. Edwin C. Grice, president of the Home and School League, and denied by Simon Gratz, president of the Board of Education, were declared today to be but the beginning of a campaign by a number of independent organizations to remedy the alleged evils of the present system.

"I regret very much that personalities have come into the controversy," Mrs. Grice said today. "I have no complaint against the members of the board as individuals. It is the system that is wrong. Our present school system is an unwieldy double-headed monster. The present board is composed of our finest men, and I doubt whether any fifteen men could be found to improve the condition of the public schools under the present plan of organization.

"The fact that the secretary of the board must finally pass on all requisitions for supplies that come from the superintendent's department was characterized as 'insidious,' by Mrs. Grice. She most strenuously protested against retrenchments in the schools. 'President Wilson himself addressed a letter to the country asking the operation of our public schools at the highest degree of efficiency. He spoke of them as our last line of defense. If democracy is to triumph, our school systems must not be weakened. All retrenchments in such matters are treasonable.

"Recently I was talking with an educator of national reputation. This man told me that he had made a careful study of the Philadelphia school system from without, and that he had come to the conclusion that conditions were absolutely hopeless. He advised me to forget about my wish to have things improved, and said that there was absolutely no hope of doing so," she said.

"However, I disagree with this man. There is hope. There is great hope. It lies with the people of the city. How they have tolerated conditions for so long I do not know.

"We need men of world vision as officials of the board. Our present officials are splendid men, but they lack the enormous breadth of vision required. Big men will not take positions under the board, however. Such men will not be deviled and harrassed by others with a small local vision.

"The world will never think in terms of the past. The war has changed that. We are all required to broaden our vision. When I remember that the Board of Education is run on principles of fifty years ago, and there is no sign of its viewpoint changing, my hope for a complete wiping off of the slate and for making a new start in educational matters is bright.

"There is and can be no question as to the fact that the board is conducted on autocratic principles. I have had the pleasure of talking with most members of the board. I have seen proof time and again of this autocracy. Any one following the meetings and deliberations of the board without having any information from the inside would soon become convinced of its absolute autocratic principles."

SOPRANO AND VIOLINIST HEARD AT FREE CONCERT

Mrs. Emily Stokes Hagar and Earl Pfouts Delight Large Audience at Academy of the Fine Arts

Mrs. Epily Stokes Hagar and Earl Pfouts were heard in a delightful soprano-violin recital at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts yesterday afternoon. The milk weather brought out a large audience at the eighth—and next to the last—free Sunday concert. With next Sunday's concert the series will be discontinued until after the annual exhibition of the Academy which opens early in February.

Mrs. Hagar's unusually fluent voice and charming personality which have elevated her to among the first rank of Philadelphia artists, were especially effective in the genial setting of yesterday's concert. Few singers indeed are as fine in so many different types of song. The soft legato of "The Star" was in marked contrast to the quasi-bravura of "The Cuckoo," which in turn was quite different from the impetuosity and expansiveness of "Ah, Love But a Day." These three compositions, which made up the first group, displayed admirably the versatility of Mrs. Hagar's art and the full beauty of her voice.

The ease and gentleness with which the soprano song, the "Queen of the Night," from Mozart's "Magic Flute," compared most favorably with the rendition of more widely known coloraturas. Mrs. Hagar showed a marked tendency to thin the breadth of tone rather than reduce the volume in the soft passages of most of her numbers.

Another artist of no mean worth whose light has been hidden under the bushel of the Philadelphia Orchestra was enthusiastically received yesterday. He is Earl Pfouts, a first violinist in the Stokowski organization. Mr. Pfouts produces a warm, pleasing tone and has mastered the difficulties of technique sufficiently to give the most extravagant pieces a ready performance.

It is enlightening to consider the value of Randegger's "Pierrot Serenade" which Mr. Pfouts played yesterday with a somewhat similar composition by Camille W. Zeckwer, performed about a month ago at a Sunday concert. The "serenade" by the more-renowned Austrian attempts to convey by means of show and tricks what Mr. Zeckwer succeeds in doing with pure music that teems with the passionate utterances of the amorous Pierrot. V. H. L.

RICH QUARTET PLAYS FINE CHAMBER MUSIC

Sterling Organization Offers Capital Interpretations of Old and New Numbers

The fourth meeting of the season of the newly organized Chamber Music Association of Philadelphia was held in the form of a Sunday matinee of chamber music played in the ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford by the Rich Quartet. There was a very full participation of the membership, composed of a large body of Philadelphia music-lovers, who have adopted this means to check waning interest in one of the finest, but one of the most unappreciated, forms of musical art.

Because chamber music makes exacting demands in subtle attention and musical intelligence on the hearers, it has not attained the popularity of more spectacular kinds of music, such as the opera. Because it is ordinarily given in auditoriums too large for the delicacy of the performance popular appeal has been scanter than it would have been under the intimate conditions the composers had in mind in their writing. These drawbacks have been overcome here, thanks to the association, of which Mrs. Harold Ellis Yarnall is president, Messrs. Edwin Fleisher and Leopold Stokowski, vice presidents; Mr. Arthur Judson, secretary, and Mr. James Crosby Brown, treasurer. An interested specialized public has been gathered, both to hear the program given at a reasonable time and to support the enterprise without the placing of financial dependence on the sale of tickets. The ideal hearing conditions for quartets and the other smaller forms have been reconstructed as far as possible to resemble the environment for which Handel, Mozart and Beethoven composed, the Bellevue ballroom, with its choice rugs, comfortable and informally placed chairs and divans and subdued lights forming a very tolerable substitute for the music rooms of Prince Lichnowsky and the other Maecenases of music who were patrons of the classical composers.

Messrs. Thaddeus Rich, first violin; Hedda van dem Beemt, second violin; Alfred Lorenz, viola, and Hans Kindler, violoncello, were assisted by Edmund Rocloffsma, clarinetist. All are members of the Philadelphia Orchestra, a tribute to the versatility and authority of which is clearly recognizable in the fact that such a sterling organization as the Rich Quartet can be developed from its personnel. The opening number was Mozart's delectable quintet for clarinet and string quartet, Opus 108, in which the composer in his prime utilized the certainty of form which he had imposed on the sonata form, following Haydn and Handel, who had ordered and started to fix the fluctuations of the suite which they received from Corelli, Scarlatti and Vivaldi. This piece is Mozart at his sunniest, with curvilinear melodies and essential lyricism. Mr. Rocloffsma's woodwind cordially complemented the beauty of the strings, yet never seemed less than an integral strand of the weft.

The second number was a pair of excerpts from the "Romantic Serenade" of Jan Brandts-Buys, the Belgian composer. The strings played this with rare efficiency, both the "Nocturne" and the "Scherzinen" being instinct with the romantic spirit which the composer indicates in his programmatic title. The last section was played with such consummate artistry that the four players had to rise several times to bow acknowledgment of the recep[illegible] formance.

The concluding number [illegible] composition of Debussy's, the [illegible] Opus 10, early enough in date [illegible] conventional tonalities, but [illegible] in the mysticism and distinct individuality which he was later [illegible] to "Pelleas and Melisande" and [illegible] Afternoon of a Faun." The [illegible] the "Andante doucement," especially lingerer long in the memory of the [illegible] ers, for its loveliness of tone and [illegible] pressive interpretation.

The Chamber Music Associatio[illegible] meet again on Sunday afternoon, [illegible] ary 20, in the Bellevue ballroom [illegible] the Schmidt Quartet, assisted by [illegible] Leopold, pianist. The meeting [illegible] been advanced half an hour to 4:[illegible] sharp. It is understood that the [illegible] bership lists are open for the re[illegible] of a few more music lovers.

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