

THE CRITIC TALKS TO MUSIC LOVERS

Weekly Comment on Things Musical in Discriminating Philadelphia

THE most important musical event of the week, and for that matter the most far-reaching musical event in years in Philadelphia, was the completion of the endowment fund of the Philadelphia Orchestra, which was announced at a concert given at the Curtis Institute on Monday evening.

To those who attend the orchestral concerts, the completion of the fund means much, for they will be able to continue to hear the same old stand-by of concerts at a price which it would have been impossible to maintain without the fund.

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THE assurance of the permanency of the Orchestra will be good news to all Philadelphia, for it is a civic and financial asset of the highest order and this fact is beginning to be appreciated by the business men of the city.

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AFTER many orchestral concerts this far this season, the opening concert of the Chamber Music Association at the Bellevue-Stratford last Sunday afternoon cannot be a delight to the ears of the orchestra is the music of grandeur, but the string quartet is the plus ultra of refinement in music.

THE Letz Quartet, which gave the first concert of the program which is presented. The Mozart quartet in F is one of the six dedicated to the then king of Prussia and is one of the great quartet compositions of all time.

THE second work which Mr. Letz and his associates presented was the quartet in E-flat major by Beethoven, the second of the three dedicated to Count Razoumofsky. These three quartets are equal in musical content, workmanship and, for that matter, every other way.

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Next Week's Musical Events

Tuesday, Nov. 18—Matinee Musical Club, Bellevue-Stratford, 2:30 p. m.

Wednesday, Nov. 19—Nina Taranova, Russian folk song recital, Metropolitan Opera House, 8:15 p. m.

Thursday, Nov. 20—Organ recital, Charles M. Condit, Wanamaker store, 8:15 p. m.

University Extension Orchestra, Academy of Music, 8:15 p. m.

Friday, Nov. 21—The Metropolitan Opera House will give a recital of the Metropolitan Opera House.

Saturday, Nov. 22—The Metropolitan Opera House will give a recital of the Metropolitan Opera House.

WAR REACTIONS STILL AFFECT THE AUTHORS

JOHN DRINKWATER IS A REAL POET His Verse Reveals a Contemplative Mind Expressing Itself in Rhythm

It is always futile and foolish to attempt to trace the genealogy of one poet back to another of the same race and country; it leaves the task half done.

John Drinkwater has been likened to Wordsworth and doubtless, one who has said that if there had been no Drinkwater, there would have been no Wordsworth.

It is true that many of the modern composers have written a quartet or two in their early days and hence must have been imitative works, but when now they write a quartet, it is no longer a mere imitation.

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WAR SPIRITUALISM IN HICHENS'S NOVEL "Mrs. Marden," a Study of the Psychic Wave Which Swept Britain

Mrs. Marden was the most superficial of women. She was clever, yet her mind was a shallows. She had a soul, of course, but it was not an insistent soul. It never questioned her.

There came the war. The boy went away. And then, one day, returning from a function where she had nobbed gaily with a princess of the blood, Mrs. Marden was met with the news that her son had died on the field of battle.

She was not bowed down with misery. She wondered at herself. Would the acute anguish ever come to her? Would the tears never gather in her eyes, the sobs never rise in her throat?

What sort of woman was this, what manner of mother could she have been, this lady of Mayfair, whose life is sketched briefly by Robert Hichens in the most recent of his novels, "Mrs. Marden."

The basis of this work by the versatile Mr. Hichens is the wave of psychic manifestations which broke with a sucking rush over London when the war broke out. It was a delusion and a delusion which fathers and sisters and sweethearts, their hearts wracked by the deaths of men in the service, sought through mediums to reach the loved ones who were no longer in the world.

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