

THE MUSIC WORLD.

National Association of Teachers at Detroit This Week.

SCIENCE AND THE DIVINE ART.

Patrick Gilmore Will Bring a Pittsburgh Singer With His Band.

GOSSIP IN LOCAL MUSICAL CIRCLES.

In late years, and notably in the present season, the amount of public attention given to music in this community has increased so largely that it is more than ever important to have the people at large understand the serious import of the art, as something vastly more than a mere pastime.

This consideration, as well as the great interest attaching to the coming meeting of the Music Teachers' National Association at Detroit next month, warrant the publication of the following extracts from a recent letter by Albert Ross Parsons, President of the M. T. N. A., urging on the subscription to the orchestra and concert endowment fund.

In view of the present widespread cultivation of music in America, it is important that the people should realize that our art is not simply a luxury, but is instead an educational necessity.

The church, with her peculiar faculty of spiritual intuition, has always been foremost in recognizing this truth, and now realistic modern science is rapidly reaching the same conclusion.

Thus we read in the autobiography of Darwin how he deplored the loss of his taste for music and poetry, which he felt to be "the very life" of his soul.

The close inter-relationship between the philosopher Herbert Spencer and the musician Richard Wagner, as to the true significance of music, is perhaps not generally known.

Richard Wagner, in his music, organically characterized and wonderfully intricate characters stand witness to the truth of what we now and differently worded, the musical speaker, speaking the highest wisdom in a language which reason does not comprehend, reveals to us the inexpressible truth.

While we listen to a presentation, may we not feel that this seemingly substantial is only a fleeting show in the presence of the one "I know that my Redeemer liveth." ("Airs" by Wagner Study? Putnam's New York.)

Meanwhile, the science of music may regard music as an aid to the achievement of that which it is our duty to do, and that which it is our duty to do, is the highest good.

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tra will confine its attention to the dance music. It looks very much as if the fashions were going to bestow a broad-gauge smile once more upon this pretty genre, which has lately languished under her neglect.

It is Sullivan writing two grand operas? The Musical Courier says: "Sullivan's new grand opera, for which Julian Sturgis is writing the libretto, will be produced at Carter's new theater in the fall." But THE DISPATCH has it, through a private source of undoubted authenticity, that Eugene Field, the Chicago journalist, has just written the libretto for the same work of writing a grand opera, of the title "The Girl of the Year," which is to be written by Sullivan.

THE council of the Academy of Science and Art have at last been able to come to an agreement with the trustees of the estate of the late William Thaw, under which the academy will take up its quarters in the Fifth street residence of the deceased philanthropist.

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