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Less Than a Thousand Dollars More Insures the Merz Library. SUBSCRIBERS UP TO THIS DATE.

The increasing popularity of the Carnegie Organ Recitals. NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST.

The present status of the effort now making to bring to Pittsburgh one of the most complete musical libraries in the country may best be seen from the following copy of the subscription book as it now appears:

"We, the undersigned, do hereby subscribe an amount to the Carnegie Music Library, for the purpose hereinafter set forth, the amounts set opposite our respective names, to be by them applied to the purpose of buying, transporting, casing and cataloguing the musical library of the late Karl Merz, now at Wooster, O.; the title to said library, when so bought, to vest forthwith in the Academy of Science and Art of Pittsburgh, which shall take custody thereof and provide for its present use in the best manner practicable, until such time as the Public Library, for which buildings have been offered to said city of Pittsburgh by Andrew Carnegie, Esq., shall be in actual operation, whereupon the said musical library shall be turned over to the trustees of the said Public Library, and the title thereto shall vest in them for like public uses as with the other property intrusted to them; provided that the said musical library shall, as far as reasonably practicable, be kept together, undivided, forming all or part of a distinct alcove, section or other division of said Public Library, which shall be permanently designated as the 'Merz' musical library, and such section or other division of said subscriptions hereinafter made in consideration of and conditional upon the obtaining of other subscriptions therewith to the total amount of \$2,500 on or before the 1st day of October, 1890, on which date all our said subscriptions are hereby made payable by us, respectively, or by our respective executors or administrators, in case of the prior decease of any of us."

Table with columns: Name, Address, Amount. Includes names like Mrs. Wm. Thaw, J. H. P. Smith, etc.

A Grateful Beginning. That list of names and amounts of itself guarantees the probability and popularity of the effort. Apart from musical considerations, the people seem with one accord to show their disposition to make the most of Mr. Carnegie's splendid gift to Pittsburgh by seizing this opportunity to provide for it beforehand so complete and valuable a collection of works in one department. By way of emphasis the information at the library of its late owner, given last week, may be briefly re-stated, as follows:

The character of the man and his work is reflected in his library, which there are certainly but very few superior among the private collections in this country. It comprises about 1,200 volumes, treating of all departments of music and cognate subjects. It contains not a few old and rare editions, books that cannot be got any line you choose, but is picked up, if at all, here and there, whenever the chance occurs. It is particularly rich in musical journals, early and late, domestic and foreign. Besides these and other specialties, it comprises a most valuable and complete working library for the student of almost any branch of the science and art of music.

Taken altogether, the library is exceptionally complete and possesses unique features difficult, if not impossible, to duplicate. It is undoubtedly well worth the \$2,000 asked for it, having been appraised at about \$1,500 when sold by Schubert, the New York musical publisher and bookseller.

It is hoped to complete the subscription this week, as there are other plans for purchasing the library and taking it elsewhere—and it would be a great shame for Pittsburgh to miss so rare an opportunity, when just seemingly within her reach.

To this end all people who care at all for the advancement of the art of music in this community are asked to subscribe themselves, and to describe what they can, be it much or little.

Subscriptions may be made through either of the three trustees named above, or may be sent to the Musical Editor of THE DISPATCH. All amounts will receive due acknowledgment in this column. Each subscriber is requested carefully to read the formula at the head of this column, which gives the conditions of the subscription in full.

It is the duty of every music-loving soul to help the good cause along. Many hands make light work!

The Carnegie Organ Recitals. The question, "Should the Free Organ Recitals in Carnegie Hall, Allegheny, be kept up?" which was propounded for THE DISPATCH's popular vote at the Exposition yesterday, called out an exceptionally full expression of public opinion. Over 400 persons voted, including many names of prominence on the Northside.

concerts even after all the incidental expenses have been paid, there would be enough left to warrant an increase in the organist's salary instead of a decrease.

At the Exposition last Friday evening Conductor Innes, with his Thirteenth Regiment Band, gave the third of the weekly symphonic programmes, as follows:

- PART I. Commencing at 7 o'clock. 1. Surprise Symphony, No. 6.....Haydn (a) Adagio Cantabile—Vivace assai. (b) Andante. (c) Menuetto. (d) (Finale) Presto. 2. Largo.....Handel 3. Overture, "Carnaval Romain".....Berlioz

PART II. Commencing at 9 o'clock. 4. Symphonic Poem, "Les Preludes".....Chopin 5. Valse Brillante (Op. 18).....Chopin 6. Trombone Solo, "Serrade".....Raff Mr. F. N. Innes. 7. Overture, "Leonore".....Beethoven In the few words, for which there is space to-day, there can be spoken little else than unqualified praise for both the selection and the performance of the above programme. The suave and lovely measures of "Papa" Haydn's familiar symphony were rendered with smoothness and satisfaction not usually attainable from a military band. Liszt's oft-heard and richly scored "Les Preludes" was also especially effective. The Berlioz piece did not go so well, but the noble "Leonore" overture (No. 3, of course), was made extraordinarily effective, forming quite the best performance of the evening. Mr. Innes' trombone solo, barring the excessive vibrato of his tone, was excellently done, earning an encore, in response to which a splendidly effective arrangement of the famous sextette from "Lucia" was given and again repeated before the people would be quieted.

Over 500 people seated and about as many more standing—all intently listening to such a programme in spite of the noises and distractions surrounding them: this strong fact most effectually silences all captious objections to Mr. Innes' policy in reference to these symphonic programmes.

What an argument it was for those of us who firmly believe in good music for the million! Next Friday will be a Schubert-Mendelssohn night, the programme chosen being as follows: First Part, Schubert—(1) Overture, "Alphonse and Estrella," (2) "The Wanderer," song arranged for band; (3) Symphony in B minor (unfinished); second part, Mendelssohn—(1) overture, "Ruy Blas," (2) part song, arranged, "Farewell to the Forest," (3) "Reminiscences," a mot pourri from the larger works; (4) "Cradle Song," trombone solo from the beginning, June 28, up to September 8, comprised 421 pieces, including 61 overtures, 41 suites and ballet music, 10 symphonies, 14 symphonic poems, 31 compositions by Wagner, to the standard he has adopted in these and the other programmes of the week as well.

Crotchets and Quavers. SYBIL SANDERSON is engaged at the Theater de la Monnaie, Brussels, for the approaching season. GOMES, the Brazilian composer, is at work on a new opera called "Il Cavaliere Bizzaro" (not Pizzaro).

LET musical folk make the Merz Library purchase a first-class set of conversation. That is half the battle.

MR. AD. M. FOERSTER'S "March Fantasia," op. 8, will be repeated by Innes' Band at the Exposition on Sunday evening.

REHNSCHNITZ'S "Paradise Lost" will be produced in Stuttgart this winter, and it is reported that the composer will conduct the work.

MR. CHARLES DAVIS CARTER has been engaged as organist and choir master of Emmanuel F. E. Church, vice Mr. W. H. T. Aborn, resigned.

THE removal of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Porter, to Roanoke, Va., will leave a considerable gap in Pittsburgh's musical vineyard, where both have labored long, actively and efficiently in various capacities.

MR. JOSEPH H. GIDDINGS has engaged the Boston Symphony Orchestra Club (not the famous one, but a small chamber-musical club), for an afternoon and matinee, November 21 and 22, at the Pennsylvania Female College.

The Boston Symphony Orchestra will begin its tenth season in Music Hall, Boston, Tuesday, October 1, public rehearsal, and Saturday, October 11, concert. The season will consist of 24 concerts and 24 public rehearsals.

THE Beethoven Quartette Club (Messrs. Carl Retter, piano; Fred. G. Toerpe, violin; George Toerpe, viola; Charles F. Toerpe, violoncello), have been rehearsed again, and will open this season's chamber music recitals in Music Hall, on Tuesday.

MR. LEO OEHLMER, of Pittsburgh, has an engagement for one day each week as violin instructor and orchestral conductor in the musical department of the University of Wooster, O. Mr. Oehmer will spend every Thursday at his new post.

OVIDE MUSH, the violinist, will return from Europe by the steamer Boyerport, due to New York to-day. His company for the coming season consists of Annie Louise Tanner, soprano; Iver Parmator, mezzo-soprano; Karl Storr, baritone, and Edouard Scharf, pianist. The season will last 30 weeks.

THE fine new Wurlitzer organ at the Bellfield Presbyterian Church, will be formally inaugurated October 3, by Mr. David D. Wood, the eminent Philadelphia organist, with the vocal assistance of the First Presbyterian Church quartette choir. Mr. Daniel M. Bullock, preacher at Bellfield church, is in charge of the occasion.

On Tuesday last, at Grand Rapids, Mich., a complimentary concert was tendered to William Levin, the distinguished tenor, assisted by Emilio Agrasante, of New York. Other soloists, Reinhard Mayer, Miss Edith Harris, electrician, and the entertainment.

In the series of social Friday evenings held in the Smithfield M. E. Church by the Epworth League, every third meeting is devoted to a musical and literary programme.

THE Allegheny Musical Association will resume their sessions under Conductor W. A. LeFevre next Tuesday evening. The first work in hand is Hiller's "Song of Victory." Why should this chorus do as is proposed by the Mozart Club? The subscription from its members on Tuesday evening for the Merz Library fund, the total amount to be acknowledged under the auspices of the association, was \$100.00. It is always good for such organizations to be identified with important movements in local musical progress.

MR. CARL AHL, the new director of the Frohman Singing Society, was a well-known city citizen and a member of the society before he came to this country, which was about three months ago. The Frohman has just organized a female chorus of 40 voices—the most numbering at one time—of which an important concert at Old City Hall in November, when Edward Hiller's cantata, "We Welcome Weiber," will be produced with an orchestra of 25 players, and Miss Agnes Vogel, Mr. Joseph A. Vogel and Mr. Strub as soloists.

MR. THOMAS F. KIRK has organized an amateur operatic club of 50 members, designed for permanent existence upon similar lines to those founded by the Goussard Club of best interest. An amateur orchestra of 12 or 15 picked players will aid in the work. Rehearsals will begin next Friday evening, "The Pirates of Penzance," for which the right of performance has been secured, was personally obtained from Sir Arthur Sullivan by Messrs. Henry Aland and Geo. E. W. Aland. Two members of the new club who have just returned from England.

MR. JAMES P. McCOLLUM, conductor of the Mozart Club, arrived home last Tuesday, after a delightful European trip, much refreshed in body and mind. Mr. McCollum will resume his work with the club at to-morrow evening's rehearsal, when a full attendance is expected. The matter of the club name a subscription to the Karl Merz Musical Library fund—which was proposed last week—will come up for action and leading members of the club have expressed their desire to see our country's musical representation fully represented in this important undertaking.

PITTSBURGH is not the only city that would like to possess the Merz musical library, as follows: "Pittsburgh is raising \$2,000 to buy the musical library of the late Karl Merz. That library ought to come to Cleveland, not alone because Cleveland was long the headquarters of musical life, which is published here, but because there is no place in the country where it would be more useful or more appreciated. It contains 1,200 volumes treating of all departments of music and cognate subjects, and was appraised last spring by Schubert, a music publisher and bookseller of New York, at about \$2,000.

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Thuma's Dancing Academy, 64 Fourth Avenue. Opening Wednesday, October 1. See amusement column.

ANTON SEIDL'S series of orchestral concerts at Brighton Beach have come to an end for this season. The list of superb programmes from the beginning, June 28, up to September 8, comprised 421 pieces, including 61 overtures, 41 suites and ballet music, 10 symphonies, 14 symphonic poems, 31 compositions by Wagner, to the standard he has adopted in these and the other programmes of the week as well.

MARRIAGE LICENSES GRANTED YESTERDAY. Name, Residence. Alois Eberhardt, McKeesport; Auguste Kuester, McKeesport; Henry Kunitz, Allegheny; Margaret Hoy, Allegheny; David Morrison, Washington county; Rachel Chesney, Washington county; Gilbert D. Brown, Washington county; Philipine Thron, Washington county; Michael Mihal, Bradock; Sofia Sofya, Bradock; Edward Pitar, Bradock; Marie McCalister, Pittsburgh; John Greengard, Pittsburgh; Gottfried Babel, Reserve township; Agnes Figs, Reserve township; Mary Margaret Gartwright, Pittsburgh; John Gog, Bradock; Mary Simons, Bradock; Ernest Locher, Allegheny; Sophia E. Greewald, Allegheny; Peter Ammer, Allegheny; Anna Horning, Allegheny; Mary T. Maggi, Allegheny; William J. Patterson, Allegheny; Mary McPherson, Allegheny; Thomas G. Wilson, Beaver; Dennis W. Lockhart, Allegheny.

BIRTHS. MYNLIAN—On Tuesday, September 18, 1890, to PATRICK A. MYNLIAN and wife, formerly of Ocean, N. Y., a daughter.

DEED. BELL—On Friday, September 19, 1890, at his residence, Bellevue, Pa., W. S. BELL, in the 26th year of his age, died. Funeral service at his late residence on Sunday, September 21, 1890, at 11 o'clock A. M. in the parlors of the Metropolitan Hotel. Burial in the cemetery of the same name, at 11 o'clock A. M. Members of sister consorts and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Train will leave Bellevue at 10 o'clock A. M. on Friday, September 21, 1890, for Allegheny, where it will arrive at 11 o'clock A. M. Proceed to Uniondale Cemetery from Washington Avenue, at 1:30 P. M.

BUSB—Friday afternoon, at 1 o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. W. A. Busb, in Edgewood, Pa., R. H., in the 90th year of his age, Mrs. PHILIPINA BUSB. Funeral on SATURDAY AFTERNOON at 2:30 o'clock. Carriages will leave 637 Smithfield Street at 1 o'clock sharp Sunday, September 21, 1890. Interment private.

DENGLER—On Friday, September 19, at 8 P. M., at the residence of Mrs. Katie Denzler, aged 4 years 7 months and 8 days. Funeral on SUNDAY, September 21, 1890, at 2 o'clock P. M. from the residence of Mrs. Denzler, at 17 First Street, Allegheny. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

MARCELLUS—Of diphtheria, on Saturday morning, September 20, at the residence of Henry and Susan Marcellus, aged 2 years and 5 months. The funeral will take place from the residence of his parents, No. 2 Ann Street, First Ward, Allegheny, on SUNDAY AFTERNOON at 3 o'clock. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

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