

[WRITTEN FOR THE EXAMINER.]

MUSIC.

Music! What raptures centre in the name! How glows the bosom with an ardent flame Of more than human birth, when, through the soul,

Strains of rich harmony entrancing roll! The savage race of Africa's burning soil, The Indian, wandering in impervious shade, Mid patriarchal forests, charms his toil With simple notes, by Nature's guidance made.

In warbling numbers, from Euratos' fountains, In steady cadence floats the Spartan life; Loud war pipes, thundering from the Gran- pian mountains,

Proclaim the clansmen eager for the strife, Thunders the drum of France's Guard Imperial, The Guard and Empire on the earth lie prone.

For war's wild music, and for war's material, No race superior to the Gaul is known! No idle fiction was the tale that told how music might prevail

To move the brutish race; E'en now the steed the trumpet knows, Obedient to each blast that blows; The Elephant, tho' huge and strong, Loves the rough music of the gong.

To cheer his sluggish pace, The patient ox, to labor bred, Is through the furrows gently led, Won by the simplest strains his steady path to trace

The praise, the power, of music ne'er shall cease; Tho' earth were in confusion hurled, Her magic strain, if heard, might soothe to peace

The jarring fragments of a broken world, And yet how oft her magic strain Has led fierce armies to the plain, On slaughter bent, and woe!

How oft the notes that should have joined To reconcile and bless mankind Have taught the breast with deadliest hate to glow!

Of war no more! Sweet music's measure Best suits the reign of peace and pleasure; And where the purest pleasure's dwell, There music wakes her sweetest shell.

Who, to the silver warblings of the flute, The mellow tinkling of the plaintive lute, Or the light touches of the soft guitar, But feels a gentle power his soul pervading,—

Each earth-born object from his vision shading, And waiting him where joys unmingled are! But hark! The concert bursts upon my ear; In sweet accordance every tone I hear

That art's exactest skill has learned to bring From every varied tube or well-proportioned string. Majestic rolls the soul-entrancing strain, And pleasure in my breast holds undivided reign!

But whence the varied power of music, say; Whence that rich art, such feelings to convey As can the implicit passions urge or bind, And with full Empire sway the subject mind? From Heaven it came; then be to Heaven addressed

All the full concert of the grateful breast. These sacred strains and sacred love combine To form a chorus perfect and divine; While Saints and Angels to immortal lyres Chant the high praise the highest theme inspires.

Here let the pealing organ, loud and slow, Through hallowed domes in notes seraphic blow; Whilst mingling voices, tuned by feelings high, Faintly aspire to emulate the sky.

If He Would Stop There.

The shrewdness of a Boston youth is much commended. He was receiving a salary of \$300 a year. On the first of January his employer made him a present of fifty dollars. He consulted his uncle as to what he should do with the amount. The prudent gentleman advised him to put it in the savings bank, but as the money had come easy, he would do nothing of the kind. He invested it in stocks. By a streak of good luck the fifty dollars brought him in \$4,500. This he put on deposit. His uncle praised the shrewdness of the nephew's stock transactions, but expressed the belief that he would 'turn out to be a gamble.' This is just where the danger lies. There are many instances in this city of persons making a fortune the first venture, and being flushed, pursued the business of stock dealing until they were financially ruined. One of these was so notable as to deserve mention. Some eight years ago, when the stock market was very much inflated, young married man, who held a life position in the army, where he had achieved some distinction, had \$900, with which he purchased a rapidly rising stock. Five days afterward he could have 'cleaned up,' as the phrase has it, \$70,000. His friends advised him to withdraw. But no. They insisted that he should secure at least one-half the sum, and let the balance go as a risk. 'Not a cent would he take from the hands of his broker until the amount reached one hundred thousand dollars.' On the contrary, he went in for several thousand on a 'margin.' In the elation of his feelings he wrote his resignation in the army, and forwarded it to Washington. A few days afterward the crash came, and the young man was next thing to bankrupt. The last we heard of the unfortunate he was at the capital of the nation, endeavoring to procure a situation. If those who realize largely on a first stock operation would be content, and retire from the lists, many men would be in good circumstances, who now find themselves reduced to poverty. But few do so, for there is a fascination in this sort of speculation which leads them deeper in as their game increase, until the inevitable day comes when all is lost, and when suicide often follows to close out a life which has nothing before it but a dark future. It would be useless, however, to offer advice on this subject. The history of the stock board is repeating

itself every day, and will go on repeating so long as such speculations are held to be respectable by those who engage in them.—San Francisco Call.

Mr. Earle's Concert.

The concert of last Tuesday evening seemed to be a decided success. The Y. M. C. A. Hall was crowded with an appreciative audience. The opening instrumental set of Quadrilles, by the Quintette Club, was well rendered, but not nearly as well as some of their other pieces. We do not think that it was at all fair to the audience to place Offenbach's name on the programme opposite to this first set of quadrilles, because they were merely arranged by another composer, from a sort of rehash upon some of the beautiful and lively airs in Offenbach's operatic words. We hope that the Club will soon be able to leave most of this quadrille music out of its repertoire. "Bach's Andante and Waltz" was very well played, although we think that a great improvement would have been noticed in the time if the performers had been arranged in more correct positions. The first and second violinists should have been together, in order to answer each other's time, instead of having been separated by the piano and other instruments.

The selections from Don Pasquale were delightful, and we are very much pleased to see that the Club possess enough of determination and pluck to tackle this difficult music, and to render it so well. We hope that we may have the pleasure of hearing more of the same classical character at their next concert.

The singing, generally, was very good. Mrs. M. McLeod's rendering of "Three Fishers went sailing" would have been well worth coming through two or three snow-storms to hear. "Oft in the still night" was sung by Miss Palmer, and we wonder that she did so well considering the discords in the orchestral accompaniment; its instruments seemed to have been tuned in the key of k flat. While listening to Mr. Vinnicombe's violin solo from "Bohemian Girl," we could not help thinking that the concert goers of Charlottetown should be congratulated on having possessed and enjoyed his services for the last eight or ten years.

Mr. L. J. Williams used his fine voice with much expression, and both of his songs were well received. We cannot help thinking, however, that he makes rather free liberties with the time of his songs.

Mr. Montgomery, from whom the audience always expects something delightful in the way of a tenor solo, sang excellently well, although he seemed a little out of voice. If, however, his voice did not do his well cultivated musical brain justice, we feel sure that his violin solo did.

Professor Caven's rendering of "Jack is every inch a Sailor" may be described as having been "thorough bass."

We compliment Mr. Earle on the success of his concert. The very best musical talent, of course, would be useless without a good director, such as Mr. Earle appears to be, to bring it before the public.

On the bitterly cold and stormy night of December 30, three half-breeds, Eliza McKenny, of St. Andrew's, Nancy Irwin, of Little Britain, and another girl living at the latter place, started to walk home from Winnipeg. It is thought they may have taken too much liquor—at all events they appear to have been overcome with the cold, for their frozen corpses were next day discovered lying on the banks of the river, near Point Douglas by a couple of men, who at once informed the relatives of the girls, by whom the bodies were taken in charge.

The Territorial Delegate from Utah to the House of Representatives at Washington is a Mormon named Cannon, who has four wives. The Ladies' Anti-Polygamy Society of Utah have presented a memorial to the House, asking for his expulsion, on the ground that he is disqualified from sitting. It is probable that the subject will be referred to a committee, and that, owing to the feeling which at present exists with regard to Mormonism, he will be expelled.

The London Army and Navy Gazette says that there is a strong prima facie case against the honor of Col. Wellesley (son of Earl Cowley and the great nephew of the first Duke of Wellington), and that his brother officers of the Coldstreams are too squeamish. The Gazette calls for prompt investigation.

Weather Bulletin.

Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the Maritime Provinces.

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