

Musical Notes

By C. WINTROP AMES

Arthur Rubinstein, the much discussed Polish pianist who is advertised to appear here some time during the coming month, made his American debut last Monday at Carnegie Hall, New York, and scored what can be justly termed a complete triumph.

Rubinstein is described as a slim lad, of apparently but seventeen or eighteen years of age, and possessing poetical features and physical characteristics; his stage presence is also said to be pleasing.

It is in an article entitled "Justice for Musicians" by Prof. F. E. Farrar, of Nashville, Tenn., the following is an excerpt: "The churches have done a great deal to improve the musical portion of their services by recognizing that the musician and singer must receive compensation for performing on Sunday as well as week days."

The following from a music critic regarding the artistic temperament is doubtless intended as a humorous definition rather than otherwise, yet it is worth the scanning: "The artistic temperament is a disease that afflicts amateurs. It is a disease that arises from men not having sufficient power of expression to utter and get rid of the element of art in their being."

Bozza's new opera, which was mentioned as being in process of composition a short time ago, is now completed and will be produced under the direction of Klaw and Erlanger. The work is said to be both comic and opera, a rare combination nowadays. Its style is similar to the old time favorite operas of Gilbert and Sullivan.

In reply to a question as to where do all the popular compositions come from, a respondent inquires might not be asked as to where do all the popular music composers go to.

The anniversary of the death of Theodore Thomas was remembered in an appropriate manner on January 5 and 6 by the orchestra which was founded by him and which still bears his name. As a special tribute to his memory, Mr. Stock, the present conductor, had arranged for the playing of music by the orchestra which was founded by him and which still bears his name.

A unique announcement comes from the Belgian capital and is connected with no less an artist than Ysaye. It appeared in the morning papers, and reads: "Ysaye begs to announce that the four flutes which he expected to consecrate to Belgian chamber music will not take place, owing to the lack of interest evidenced by the public."

During the past week Harold Bauer began a tour of the South which will include the larger cities of Texas. He will return North some time in February in time to fill his engagements with the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Why not a Charlotte engagement?

Musical mystery to many people out of a hundred, says the magazine, Life. It is a dithyramb of tin, sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal. None out of the remaining ten are provided with a species of intellectual satisfaction. They have studied the thing somewhat, and have an understanding more or less adequate, of technical significance, and thus they find its performance interesting. But the hundredth part gets an emotional response from real music, although the chance seems to be that he is mad.

ment was scarcely in his right mind at the time. During the fore part of the present month, there has been an exhibition in the art room of Steinway Hall the large marble urn which contains the ashes of Anton Seidl. The repository of the famous conductor's remains is a most beautiful and artistic work wrought of a thousand pounds and is the gift of a number of intimate admirers and was done by an American sculptor, by name George Gray Eard.

Two phases of criticism relative to a New York piano recital by Alfred Reisenauer, the one-time pupil of list and much heralded artist, are especially noticeable in the following: "There were the familiar slip and exaggerations that so frequently mar Reisenauer's work. He misses the characteristic of two Scarlatti characters. There is needed a more spontaneous treatment of the Chopin sonata than Reisenauer gave, notably of the adagio and finale."

Of David Bispham the critics offer the following differences of opinion: "He sang with a voice that has too frequently a coldness, a nasal quality. At times he really protests, it is not a great deal of music, but it is quite impossible to take the number as a serious work of art. Bispham's singing was uneven in merit."

The beginning of the year found the English Grand Opera Company playing at New Orleans and as elsewhere the reception given was one of warmest appreciation.

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The third entertainment of the Star Course of the Y. M. C. A. will be given at the Association rooms to-morrow evening, and consists of the New York Concert Company. Whatever the gratification of ladies has appeared it has won good press notices, and the entertainment of to-morrow promises to be well worth while. In addition to song soloists by Elizabeth E. Harnberger (soprano) and Edith Gale Price (contralto), there will be piano numbers by Maude A. Hornbrook and readings by J. J. Cassel. The program will include whether the ladies are Misses or Mrs., but it ought not to make any difference.

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Following an attack of inflammatory rheumatism sixteen years ago, he was seized with rheumatoid arthritis, or the ossification of the joints of the body. Exceedingly rare, the terrible disease is incurable, and for nearly a score of years Conrad has lain in the hospital, facing a death which came not until Monday to relieve him of his suffering.

Conrad, as a member of the German Turn Verein, was giving an athletic exhibition one night, and at the close of it he lingered in a draught to speak with some friends. From the cold contracted in those few minutes his slow death developed.

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