

MUSIC THAT CHARMED HEARERS

(From The Sun of Wednesday)
 Whatever are Salsbury's other claims to fame, its beauty, its historic past, its hospitality, there is one respect in which it stands pre-eminent and that is in the unusual musical talent for a city of its size. A place which can boast of such musicians as Miss Hattie Crawford and the Misses Stallings, such singers as Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Matthews, Mrs. D. M. Miller and James Rideoutte has every reason for pride. And when to them are added the silvery voice of Mrs. E. E. Kephart, the skillful touch of Mrs. Van Campen at the piano and the remarkable playing of Master Charles M. Kephart, it is small wonder that the large audience which assembled last night in Wachovia hall, Spencer to attend a concert given under the auspices of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. was unable to refrain from constant expressions of pleasure. It is said on all sides that in every sense the concert surpassed any that has ever been given in Spencer and this The Sun man, who thro' the courtesy of the musicians was a delighted auditor, is sure is not an exaggerated statement. The hall was well filled by an audience intelligent and appreciative and a considerable sum was realized for the benefit of the new Y. M. C. A. building.

The program commenced with a piano duet by the Misses Stallings, and it was a most auspicious beginning. A selection difficult in the extreme was rendered in a manner that can only be described as brilliant and at the conclusion the Misses Stallings were greeted with applause, as, in fact, was every number.

Franz Abt's "Ave Maria" followed. It was sung as a trio by Mrs. E. E. Kephart, Mrs. D. M. Miller and Mrs. R. H. Matthews and there isn't really any need to say anything more. Praise were superfluous. There is nothing more difficult than to sing in a trio and yet the audience was given no hint of this, so perfectly did the voices blend and harmonize.

Strelezki's "Dreams" by R. H. Matthews was the first number by a male voice. Those who have heard Mr. Matthews sing can readily understand the exquisite delight his song gave. Distinguished from other voices by a subtle sweetness all its own, it was at its best last night.

"God Shall Charge His Angel Legions," thought by many to be Lucanton's most surpassing composition, was sung by a quartet, composed of Mrs. D. M. Miller, Mrs. R. H. Matthews, and the Messrs. Matthews and Rideoutte, who compose the choir of the First Methodist church of Salsbury and have done much to give that church the reputation of having the best music in town. Once again the descriptive powers of The Sun man fall him to tell of the flawless shading of voice into voice, the harmony, the sweetness of the anthem. The audience broke forth into unrestrained enthusiasm and though it had not been intended to respond to encores, lest the programme should grow too long, the quartette graciously responded to the insistent demand and sang "Saviour, Breathe an Evening Blessing."

Master Charles M. Kephart, the young son of Mrs. E. E. Kephart, whose violin playing is not as well known as it deserves, then gave the Fantasia, Old Oaken Bucket. Faultless in execution, the youthful player surprised those unacquainted with his playing by the depth of feeling and the sympathy which enabled him to make the violin speak its message to the responsive ear. In response to the long-continued applause he gave as an encore the waltz "Over the Wave."

None but the purposely flippant has ever denied that the realm of modern musical composition offers no song of greater sweetness than DeKoven's famous "O Promise Me," and as sung by Mrs. Matthews it was a source of unalloyed delight. Her splendid voice, with its wide range, transported her auditors to the very skies where the lover of song would wish to walk with his adored, and the equally beautiful answer, "I Promise Thee," following with scarce a pause, continued the rapturous illusion.

Mr. Rideoutte's voice was heard for the first time last night in the next number, Adam Giebel's "Praise Ye the Lord," sung by a trio, the other members being Mrs. Kephart and Mr. Matthews. Rich, strong and full a voice like his would seem to possess infinite possibilities many of which have already been realized. It harmonized exquisitely with the bird-like soprano of Mrs. Kephart and the sweetness of Mrs. Matthews' voice, mention of which has already been made. From every view point, it was one of the most satisfactory numbers on the programme.

A revelation to many of her hearers was Miss Stallings' rendition of Liszt's "Spinning Song," a composition so difficult that none but the bravest dare essay it, yet given with brilliance and perfection of execution only to be described as marvelous.

But one mishap occurred during the evening and that compelled the abandonment of the next number "The Angel's Serenade," Braga's violin obligato, with Master Kephart at the violin, Mrs. Kephart as the soloist and Mrs. Van Campen as accompanist. One of the violin strings had broken and although a start was made, the effort had to be given up, to the intense regret of the audience.

"Thy Sentinel Am I," sung as a solo by Mr. Rideoutte, aroused the public to the highest enthusiasm of the evening and it did not seem as if no one could get enough of his singing. As an encore he sang a rollicking boat-

ing song. The concert concluded with "Good Night, Beloved," by Mrs. Kephart. If the entertainment, like all mundane pleasures, must have its end, it could hardly have terminated more pleasantly than by having Mrs. Kephart's voice the last memory of an occasion so wholly charming.

There remains but one thing to be said and this is hard to say, because despite its grandeur and fluency, the English language is so deficient in superlatives. The success or failure of a concert is almost wholly in the hands of the accompanist, and if she should fail in one iota it is futile for the singers to do their best, even if they could. Gifted with a rare sympathy, with a perfect understanding of the needs of each of the several voices, effacing herself that the accompaniment might harmonize and not distract, possessing a wonderful softness of touch, herself the most accomplished musician of them all, the crowning touch was administered by Miss Hattie Crawford, who acted as accompanist. The concert was under her skilled direction and its success is in greater measure due to Miss Crawford than to any other participant.

SPENCER

(Correspondence of The Sun)
 Spencer, April 5—The citizens of Spencer have been much interested for the past two days in the canvas now being made here for the remaining \$5,000 necessary to complete the new Y. M. C. A. building at this place which is to cost \$20,000, exclusive of the site valued at \$7,500. Messrs. G. C. Huntington of Charlotte and A. C. Bridgeman of Columbia, state secretaries, who are assisting Secretary A. C. Van Campen of the Spencer association in the canvass, secured up to last night nearly \$2,000 in gold pledges towards the erection of the building. The \$15,000 cash contribution of the Southern railway company will be available as soon as the \$5,000 mark has been reached in good subscriptions. Many of the business men here have subscribed liberally and the railroad men, employees of the Southern, are likewise making generous responses to the solicitors. Chairman W. H. Burton of the association stated last night nearly \$2,000 in good pledges were very satisfactory and it is confidently expected that the entire amount will be raised within the next few days. Several weeks ago a petition was sent to the officials of the Southern railway company signed by over seven hundred of the Spencer employees of the company asking for an appropriation towards the building here and pledging their support in the enterprise. These promises are being fulfilled in a most gratifying manner.

S. T. Dorsett of the Spencer Mercantile company, is spending a few days in Asheville where he was called Saturday night on account of an accident which befell Mrs. Dorsett, while visiting in that city. It is learned that in attempting to board a train she slipped and fell, injuring one of her arms.

Francis R. Weller, civil engineer, of Washington, is here looking after the interests of the franchise recently granted William P. Lockwood, H. A. Pressey and others of that city, for a water works system for Spencer. The corporation of East Spencer, adjacent to this place is also anxious to secure water from the same company and steps have already been taken looking to a supply of water for fire protection and domestic use.

INDICATIONS POINT TO FIGHT

St. Petersburg, April 6—Indications point to active hostilities on a large scale in the near future according to dispatches received from Manchuria. General Harkevitch, chief of staff, who has made reports states that a detachment of the enemy has been discovered on the Russian front, moving on to Mandarin Shent Fu, by Maymukai roads. No estimate of the number of the detachments is given.

Berlin, April 6—Lokal Anzeiger says the czarvitch, Emperor Nicholas' son and heir is suffering from inflammation of the ears.

Manchester, Eng., April 6—According to dispatches from a London correspondent the Czar contemplated fleeing from Russia after red Sunday. Information according to the correspondent is based on a letter to an English friend from one of the principal secretaries of the Russian foreign ministry. The only way in which the czar could be persuaded to stay was by a chapter in an old royal coronation oath to the effect that a monarch deserting his country in the hour of rouble forfeits titular headship of the Orthodox church, without this leadership of the church he can never again be czar. Grand dukes, who brought this between the czar, interpreted the making terms of peace with the Japanese as tantamount to desertion on his majesty's part.

PRESIDENT TO MEET KING

Paris, April 6—It is officially announced that President Loubet will meet King Edward who is en route to join the Queen at Marseilles. An interview between the president and the king will occur in the royal carriage and will only last about half an hour.

A man's own tongue betrays him as frequently as he is betrayed by the tongues of others.

Many a man's best days are spent in bed because he works at night.

STATE NEWS

Wednesday afternoon session of the Federal court at Greensboro was consumed in the trial of J. N. Whittington of Wilkes county charged with conducting a distillery in fraud of the government. The defendant, who was represented by W. W. Barber, Clement Manly and Spencer Blackburn, introduced no testimony. Upon giving the charge to the jury Judge Boyd adjourned court until tomorrow morning. A verdict of guilty was brought in at 8 o'clock.

Fire at Rocky Mount Tuesday afternoon did damage estimated at \$110,000 with \$54,000 insurance. The losers are the Tar River Lumber company \$60,000, with \$24,000 insurance, and the Rocky Mount Ice company, \$50,000, with \$30,000 insurance. The fire started in the dry kiln of the lumber company at 2 o'clock and was gotten under control at 8 o'clock. The wind was blowing at a lively rate and great fear was entertained that the business portion of the town would go.

Paul Jordan, colored, of Durham, is under arrest charged with attempted assault on a colored girl of Hickstown. The crime is said to have been committed last Saturday night about 9 o'clock. The colored girl, who says that she is 18 years of age, was on her way home when she was attacked by Paul Jordan. She was knocked down but managed to make an outcry and then escaped from the man. After the crime it is said that Jordan has since been on the scout and it was not until yesterday afternoon that the officers were able to get their hands on him. The warrant for the arrest of the negro was issued by Justice of the Peace J. E. Owens, immediately after he was picked up he was carried to the office of the magistrate and bond in the sum of \$500 was required. This he could not give and he was locked up.

Tuesday at 2 o'clock in the death cell of Cumberland county jail Walter Partridge, the young negro who is to be hanged Thursday, sent for and made a full confession of his criminal assault upon Mrs. Lillie Ida Hales, to J. J. Hall, pastor of the First Baptist church of Fayetteville, and also cleared up the mystery of the forged letter. Deputy Sheriff and Jailer A. J. Pate was present and heard the recital of the negro's horrible deed. Partridge said that he had repented of his sins and did not want to die with lie on his lips, and that he had lost all hopes of life. He said that the testimony of Mrs. Hales at the trial was true in every respect, and that she resisted him all she could. He also said that he had no cause for complaint against any one, and that Jailer Pate had been especially kind to him. The two letters sent to the governor and purporting to have been signed by Mrs. Hales and stating that she had sworn falsely at the trial, that it was a negro other than Partridge who was guilty, were written by the condemned man and another negro prisoner, so Partridge told Mr. Pate this morning. Will Simpson, a Fayetteville negro who spent a day and a night in the jail, suggested the idea and told him what to write, so Partridge says, and he wrote one letter and Jim Barnes, a South Carolina negro, wrote the other one. Both were enclosed in one envelope and hidden among Partridge's clothes, which were taken out of jail by his old grandmother. He asked that Simpson and Barnes should not be arrested between 1 and 12 o'clock this morning Partridge was hanged.

Samuel Bridgman's colored wife was painfully hurt, and his injuries may result fatally, by being kicked from a freight train on the Southern road near Durham yesterday afternoon about 1 o'clock. Witnesses who saw the affair say that the negro, who was beating his way on the freight from the depot to Duke's factory, was kicked from the top of the train by Conductor Bob Weaver, who was in charge of the train, the first section of No. 71, in the fall from the running train the negro had his left leg broken at the ankle, the bones protruding through the sock and pants leg. He was removed in a short while to the Lincoln hospital, where he was given medical attention. It was stated that the leg would have to be amputated. The statement made by the negro is that he got on board the train at the depot and was on top when a white man came to him and began to kick him. "I told him," he said, "not to kick me off the train, that I would get off, and with this I got down and took hold of the ladder on the side of the train. The man then kicked me off and I fell to the ground." The train was running at the usual rate of speed and did not stop to pick up the man or to see whether he was dead or alive. A number of people saw the affair and the witnesses say that Conductor Bob Weaver was the man. At the office of the Southern where the register is kept, application was made for the name of the conductor on that train, but this was refused by the clerk in charge. Chief Woodall will issue a warrant for the arrest of Weaver. If the testimony bears out the facts as now shown, he will be charged with assault to commit murder. The warrant has not been issued as yet.

LANDLADY HITS BACK

From The Chicago Journal:
 "Some young men in this town," remarked Mr. Backbord, "are so fast they seem determined to beat everything."
 "Yes," replied Mrs. Starvem, "and others are so slow they seem determined to beat their board bill."

He that knows,
 and knows that he
 knows, is wise.
 Follow him.
 —Arabian Pr.

He that knows
**Uneeded
 Biscuit**
 and knows that he
 knows

**Uneeded
 Biscuit**
 is well fed.
 Dine with him.

NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY

Don't forget
**Graham Crackers
 Butter Thin Biscuit
 Social Tea Biscuit
 Lemon Snaps**

LETTER TO THE CHILDREN
 (From The Sun of Thursday)

To my Students and Friends of North Carolina:

According to previous arrangements with you, to keep in touch with my friends in dear old Carolina, I write a letter each month.

All Washington is alive. Spring's most magic touch is rapidly unfolding in the flowers, and the shrubs are proudly wearing their jackets of velvety green. The fountains throw their cry-

All is not quiet along the Potomac; today, the boats are astir.

Many statues of historic fame bathe their alabaster forms in the glittering sunlight bespeaking to the world the names of heroes whose souls have long since soared into eternity.

You all remember many talks we have had in the school room about the interesting things to be seen at our nation's head.

I wish you were here so go with me, sometimes, to the White House, more properly called the Executive Mansion.

My last visit there I enjoyed greatly. I will not go into details but suffice it to say that the rooms are elegant. You see in a private room a bronzed monument presented to President Roosevelt by Brazil, for his valor. Roosevelt is very much liked because he advocates the principle that all men are equal—the laborer and the millionaire, the cowboy and the college bred chap. When our country accepts that universally, then our nation will have attained unto its zenith of power. I love the laboring people—the country folk as well as those who live royally. If it were not for the farmers our nation would be bankrupt, our public schools could not exist. I love the good honest country folk for their hospitable manners, their big heartedness, yae for their very names sake. They have supported me by paying taxes to conduct the school work in which I have always been engaged. God bless them all!

Well, friends, when I go into the school rooms here, the old spirit strikes fire and I wish I were with you once again in the work which I so much love.

There has been quite a discussion here between the school authorities as to the advisability of having the Bible taught in the schools. You see they don't teach the beauties and psalms and special passages in the schools here; but it is thought that a book containing thee will be used in the school as a text book.

Everything is being done to make

Easter brilliant in the churches, schools and places of business.

We gave a concert at our church last week and a reception by our choir. We all enjoyed it very much. We are now practicing for the Easter service.

Well children the people here wear green on St. Patrick's day, I must tell you why: It is said that St. Patrick had all the green snakes killed in Ireland on the 17th of March, which is the day they wear the green.

President Roosevelt attended the marriage of his niece on that day and was royally entertained by an Irish club.

Everything was in Irish style and the decorations were of Shamrock, sent over from Ireland for the occasion. You know the shamrock is suggestive of Ireland.

Mr. C— and I wish to say to all of those who were with us in the mission to "Ever look upward and go onward." Let that be your motto.

The Christian work here is moving onward. We wish you were with us. We desire to enjoy some more pentecostal showers together.

One of our dear little students, Ivy Gathers, has gone to rest. She was one of those bright stars, too brilliant to shine on earth. The dear little thing always would play the piano solo for me entitled "The Bell in the Valley," because she knew I liked so much to hear it. She was one of the brightest stars I ever had in music, and the entire class which I last had was bright. There are many in North Carolina to whom this letter is written. Though I am absent from you my heart is with you. "May God watch between me and thee while we are absent, one from another."

Your loving friend and teacher,
 Mrs. C. M. CALDWELL,
 811 11th street, N. W.,
 Washington, D. C.

EARTHQUAKES ARE FATAL

London, April 6—Dispatches to the Exchange telegraph company from Lahore, British India, says 80 per cent of the population of Dharmasala, which suffered severely from an earthquake, were killed. The population of Dharmasala is between five and six thousand.

INJURED IN A WRECK

Indianapolis, Ind., April 6—A wreck was reported on the Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Western railroad at Moorefield, several miles from this city, this morning. Several persons are reported fatally injured.

Everybody reads the Globe—\$1 year

JAPANESE ADVANCE CHECKED

St. Petersburg, April 7—A message from the army in Manchuria indicates that the Japanese advance has been checked for the present, and the Japs have been forced to retire. Another dispatch, this one from General Harkevitch, says the Japanese have been compelled to retire on Sumshu. A battle in which 6,000 Chunchuns were engaged has been fought but the result is not known.

Tokio, April 7—An important war conference which lasted five hours was held today at the house of Premier Katsura. It was attended by Marquis Ito, Field Marshal Yamagata, Counts Mautaukatat and Inoye and the ministers of war, marine and foreign affairs.

Samara, Russia, April 7—The government here, representing commercial interests over a region inhabited by 7,000,000, has telegraphed to M. Bouligan, minister of the interior, that the whole area is in a condition of extreme excitement and that a terrible catastrophe is only avoidable by immediately summoning representatives of the people in accordance with the terms of the imperial rescript.

The exchange has demanded representation upon the committee which is considering the subject. The peasants are greatly aroused over the reports that intellectuals are seeking to return them to a condition of slavery.

St. Petersburg, April 7—Chief of the imperial police at Tsarkos-Selo gives an absolute denial of the report to the effect that a stranger disguised as a colonel of Cossacks, who entered the palace on Monday had been arrested and that two small bombs were found concealed upon his person.

Moscow, April 7—A general meeting of representatives of the higher schools of Russia here today adopted a series of strong resolutions, not only demanding a revision of the whole educational system of the empire, including freeing the schools and universities from government control, but declaring for a constitutional regime.

Borisoff, Russia, April 7—At many places in the Minsk government the peasants are refusing to pay rent for their land. The land owners are powerless, as the peasants threaten to destroy everything if troops are summoned.

Warsaw, April 7—All persons participating in the disorders will hereafter be tried by martial law. The new regime commenced yesterday, when two workmen were thus tried and condemned to death. One of them fired a revolver at a policeman and the other struck at a policeman with an iron bar.

Warsaw, April 7—An extraordinary case of wholesale poisoning has occurred at a cotton mill at Pabianize. Seventy girls in the color department were taken suddenly ill and fell to the floor unconscious. Thirty of them were taken to a hospital in a dangerous condition. An investigation showed that the illness of the girls was due to arsenic being sprinkled through the room by unknown miscreants.

Batavia, Java, April 7—Togo's fleet was sighted this morning near the island of Minganao, southernmost island of the Philippine group.

STATE GETS AFTER BANK

Governor Glenn and a party of state officers and prominent citizens will leave here on Sunday afternoon via Lynchburg for the Appomattox battleground to participate in the unveiling ceremonies there Monday. The governor will make the principal address.

Raleigh, April 7—The corporation commission has directed State Bank Examiner John W. Ellington to take charge of the bank of Benson, at Benson, Johnson county and hold the assets until the commission names a receiver to wind up the affairs of the bank.

This action is taken on the strength of the report of Examiner Aycock that the institution is insolvent and conducting business in an unsafe and unauthorized manner, jeopardizing the interests of its depositors. J. D. Parish is president of the bank which opened in 1900. Its capital is \$10,000, assets \$32,000, due depositors \$18,000, according to the last report.

"It is a patriotic duty you owe to them to erect this monument with such inscription on it as you deem just and proper" was a significant paragraph in a letter written by Governor Glenn to Lieutenant E. H. Green, as secretary of the New Jersey state commission to erect a monument to the Ninth New Jersey Volunteers at Bern. The monument is to be unveiled the latter part of May and the letter by the governor was writing to be present and participate in the unveiling ceremonies. The governor of New Jersey will attend.

The funeral of Dr. Thomas E. Skinner, for many years pastor of the First Baptist church, who died yesterday morning, was conducted this morning at 11 o'clock from the residence of Mrs. Ludlow Skinner, the services being conducted by Dr. W. C. Tyree, pastor of the First church assisted by Dr. R. T. Vann, president of the Baptist University for Women. The funeral cortege was the longest and the floral tributes the most beautiful that has been seen here in a long while.