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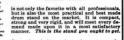
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THE TWENTY-FIRST GUILD CONVENTION

By the Editor



HE coming of age of the American Guild was celebrated in New York City, April 23 to 26. A large number of members were present, old-timers and new, and it was a gloriously successful affair from a social and educa-

tional standpoint, and after all, that is what the

members enjoy best.

The first business day opened on Monday, and started a bit slow; but after the first day things began to hum. The first of the educational features started on Monday afternoon when G. L. Lansing gave a most interesting talk on "The Five-String Banjo." This was very entertaining, and the ques-

tions asked brought out some good points.

Tuesday's session included some business, and in the afternoon talks were given by Z. M. Bickford on "Illustration in Teaching"; H. F. Odell on "Directing Mandolin Orchestras, and the Use of the Baton";
Walter T. Holt on "Keeping Up Interest in the
Mandolin Orchestra"; and these talks surely did start something. All kinds of questions were asked, which brought out many valuable ideas from various

On Wednesday, some business was attended to, and Samuel Siegel introduced considerable vigor into the meeting by suggesting the subject of "Student Members," and so enthused the members present that the idea was adopted, and Mr. Holt, acting as sort of an auctioneer, sold several hundred memberships in a few moments. Mr. Siegel then said if the members present would make it one thousand memberships he would give the Guild twenty-five dollars. They quickly bought enough to make it one thousand memberships, and Mr. Siegel's check was immediately turned over to the secretary-treasurer. This idea of Student Members means an unthought-of membership for the Guild, and Mr. Siegel certainly introduced a most practical

On Wednesday, also, an orchestra of about twenty-five Guild members, playing on instruments taken from the various exhibits. was directed by Mr. Odell, somewhat illustrating his talk on "Mandolin

Orchestra Directing" of the previous day.

The new officers elected were: President, Walter The new officers elected were: President, Malter T. Holt, Washington, D. C.; Vice-President, James H. Johnstone, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss S. F. Harvey, Washington, D. C.; Directors, G. Pettine, Providence, R. I.; George L. Lansing, Boston, Mass.; Samuel Siegel, New York, N. Y.; Miss Walla Zeller, Cleveland, Ohio.

The dues were changed considerably. Beginning next January trade dues will be \$10.00 a year, initiation fee, \$5.00; Professional dues, \$2.00 a year; initiation fee, \$2.00, Fromssonial dues, \$2.00 a year, and Student dues, \$0.50, including a special students button. In the last class mentioned over one thousand memberships have already been taken; full information about these dues may be obtained from the Secretary-Treasurer, Miss S. F. Harvey, 1219 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D. C.

Chapter dues remain as before, and James H. Johnstone has again been appointed Field Secretary, and he will gladly give any information desired about

chapters.

The next convention, which will be held in Washton, D. C., under Mr. Holt's management, will undoubtedly have the largest attendance of any Guild convention, not only because Washington is a beautiful city to visit, but especially because Mr. Holt is a most hospitable host and a royal good fellow.

The Guild has been rejuvenated by this convention, and we expect to see many of the old members rejoin, and hundreds of new ones join. Mr. and Mrs. Bickford arranged a very pleasing number of features at this present convention, and are to be congratulated

Among those who attended the convention at New

for their efforts.

York were Jennie M. Durkee, Chicago, Ill.; P. J. Loftus, North Bay, N. Y.; Mrs. P. J. Loftus, North Bay, N. Y.; Mrs. P. J. Loftus, North Bay, N. Y.; Mrs. A. C. Lorenz, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Miss A. C. Lorenz, Brooklyn, N. Y.; James H. Johnstone, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Paul Jacqueline, Haverhill, Mass.; E. D. Truman, Bainbridge, N. Y.; Mrs. E. D. Truman, Bainbridge, N. Y.; Miss Mabel Truman, Bainbridge, N. Y.; Artemus Higgs, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Edward Cox, Blackfoot, Ida.; William C. Stahl, Mil-waukee, Wis.; James F. Roach, Cincinnati, Ohio; George O. Krick, Philadelphia, Pa.; Joe Nicomede, Altoona, Pa.; Frank S. Morrow, Harrisburg, Pa.; Thomas J. Armstrong, Philadelphia, Pa.; Claud C. Rowden, Chicago, Ill.; D. L. Day, Boston, Mass.; Frederick J. Bacon, Groton, Conn.; Mrs. Frederick J. Bacon, Groton, Conn.; Mr. Sherman (Bacon Banjo Co.), Groton, Conn.; Mr. Berardie (Bacon Banjo Co.), Groton, Conn.; Joseph C. Reuges, Philadelphia, Pa.; Carl Taschopp, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Benedict Bentley, Philadelphia, Pa.; John Heller, Philadelphia, Pa.; Farnak M. Ewing, Williamsport, Pa.; Samuel Siegel, New York City; Eugene Smart, Mansfield, Ohic; Miss Ina A. Bickford, Hampton, N. H.; Mrs. Iva A. Eastman, Hampton, N. H.; George Stannard, Trenton, N. J.; L. A. Williams, Kalamazoo, Mich.; D. C. Maît (Gibson Mandolin-Guitar Co.), Kalamazoo, Mich.; Ida Ellen Dow, Boston, Mass.; Edward R. Mohrbach, Philadelphia, Pa.; Henry L. Hokans, Worcester, Mass.; Mrs. Henry L. Hokans, Worcester, Mass.; Mrs. Henry L. Hokans, Mrs. Mary Howard Lester, Ipswich, Mass.; H. F. Odell, Boston, Mass.; Arthur Bamforth, New York City; Samuel F. Walcott, A. B., Ll. D., Salem, Mass.; Mr. E. I. Rogers, Bloomfield, N. J.; Mrs. George Kennehan, Winflarop, Wi Co.), Groton, Conn.; Mr. Berardie (Bacon Banjo Co.), Bloomfield, N. J.; Mrs. George Kennehan, Winthrop, N. Y.; Miss Anne F. Roots, Sound Beach, Conn.; Thomas L. Phillips, Sound Beach, Conn.; Percy Lichtenfels, Pitcairn, Pa.; Frank C. Bradbury, Hart-Lichtenleis, Pitcairn, Pa.; Frank C. Bradbury, Hartford, Conn.; Genson Barker, Hartford, Conn.; Elmer C. Bradbury, Springfield, Vt.; W. D. Hubbs, Flushing, L. I., N. Y.; Otto Weismantel, Whitestone, L. I., N. Y.; Frank Sobeck, Whitestone, L. I., N. Y.; Walter Francis Vreeland, Boston, Mass.; F. E. Savale, Orange, N. J.; Leslie A. Burritt, Paterson, N. J.; W. B. Griffith, Atlanta, Ga.; J. Rothaus, New N.J.; W. B. Griffith, Atlanta, Ga.; J. Rothages, New York City, Lloyd Loar, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Harold F. Plews, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Harold F. Plews, Washington, D. C.; Walter T. Holt, Washington, D. C.; Miss S. Franklin Harvey, Washington, D. C.; C. V. Buttleman, Kalamazoo, Mich.; W. Kola, Lyndhurst, N. J.; A. A. Farland, Plainfield, N. J.; H. H. (Continued on Page 21)

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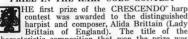
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THE WINNER OF THE CRESCENDO FIRST PRIZE IN THE HARP SOLO CONTEST



Brittain of England). The title of the characteristic composition that won the prize was "Asiatic Sketches," in three movements, for harp solo, the introduction subtitled "The Chrysanthemum," the middle part, "The Lotus," and the last movement, "The Cossack Dance." The composition is melodious and moderately difficult to perform, and, in harmony of line and color suggestion, of oriental atmosphere. A novel number, well worth adding to the repertoire of the leading progressive harp soloists of the harp and harp pedagogues of many schools.

There were twenty-two compositions entered, in the contest, and of these honorable mention went to Carl Wunderle, formerly of Munchen, Germany, at present in Cincinnati, Ohio. The composition entered by the young Italian harpist and composer, Joseph Quintile, at present soloist of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, and professor of the harp department of the Toronto Conservatory, Toronto, Canada, was also highly recommended.

The members of the jury were composed of the following distinguished harpists: Theodore Cella, Alfred Holy, Alfred Kastner, Alberto Salvi, Carlos Salzedo, Carl Schuetze, Carlo Sodero, Domenico Sodero, Salvatore de Stefano, Enrico Tramonti and A. Francis Pinto.

Lady Brittain, who, having been a performer on the harp since her childhood, has always retained a keen affection/for art, for some time past has devoted most of her spare hours to musical compositions with a view to recovery a few parts of the hard.

view to encouraging future players of the harp. An interesting adaptation of "The Bells" (by Edgar Allan Poe) by Lady Brittain, as a vocal work, with harp accompaniment and cello obligato, was performed at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, on Sunday evening, February 29, 1920. From the New York Times on Monday, March 1, 1920: "Lady Alida Brittain's setting of Poe's poem, 'The Bells,' for bass solo with harp, cello and piano, was a novelty in last night's Metropolitan Concert where tit was sung, near the program's close, by Louis D'Angelo, with Willy Tyroler and two members of the orchestra accompanying. Mr. D'Angelo made Poe's words, with their imitative bell sounds, clearly heard in most parts of the theatre. The music, of a light melodious sort, helped in that respect, and the house applauded the 'Wedding Bells' carillon in descending scales of sixths. A sombre ending, the death toll, was apparently puzzling to a Broadway audience, but it was true to Poe."

Lady Brittain has published various ballads, but

always preferred harp works. Two of her popular published harp solos, "La Morena" and "The Echoes of the Desert," are included in the syllabus for local harp examinations of the Incorporated Society of Musicians in England. For the National Eisteddfod Society, Lady Brittain has arranged Welsh melodies for the harp, with a variety of choral effects, and hopes to give a little renewed interest to the folksongs, which has rather waned during the war.

THE RADIO HAS FINALLY FOUND ITS WAY INTO THE CELESTIAL CHOIR

Miss Anna Welch is on record as being the first harpist to have played via radio.

On March 25, the twelve-year-old Lillian D. Clark, said to be the youngest harpist in the country doing concert work, played at the Amrad Station, W. G. I.; on April 4, Master Casper Reardon played "The Wooden Shoe Dance" (Rogers), and the paraphrase on "The Rosary" (Nevin-Pinto), and several other selections for harp solo and harp and violin at the Schenectady Station, W. G. Y; on April 9, the distinguished harpist, Arthur Jones, formerly of the Queen's Symphony, London, and solo harpist of the Damrosch New York Symphony Orchestra, season 1920, played, via radio, at the Newark Station, W. J. Z., a very interesting program, including two Debussy dances and several solos from his pen.

On April 11, Miss Anna Pinto performed "Rhapsody No. 3," and "The Adirondacks Sketches," by the present writer, via radio, at the Newark Station, W. J. Z.

Miss Maud Morgan, noted harpist, played for the radio at the Newark Station, W. J. Z., on April 16, the following harp solos, "Lamento" (Hasselmans) and "Fairy Legend" (Oberthur).

The notice of the appearances of the above soloists was broadcasted widely in advance in all the leading dailies over the country, and the performances were enjoyed by many thousands.

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(To be continued next month)

NOTES OF INTEREST TO HARPISTS
Charles Hunsberger, and his harp pupils, gave a concert in March in Allentown, Pa., with a harp ensemble of ten harps, played by Gretchen Behringer, Mildred Biehn, Hazel Deutsch, Glovene Frisch, Dorothy Hersh, Eleanore Knauss, Catherine Kimett, Leonore Rupp, Earl Hunsberger, Charles Hunsberger. The concert was most successful, and (Confined on Page 9)



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advertising and financial benefit it has always been to the teachers and students of the instrument, I decided to interview Mr. Joseph Phillips, the steel soloist of the troupe. I found him to be an excellent performer, and an all-round musician. Contrary to custom, being a native Hawaiian, he studied the violin, but preferred the steel guitar. Every lover of the instrument will be benefited by hearing him play, and when you appliad him for his artistic performance, remember that he is a patriot of the late war, still suffering from wounds received in the forehead, arm and foot. He, and one other, were the only survivors of a detachment of two hundred and fifty sent to make

I was assured by Mr. Phillips that the management has no intention of discontinuing the play.

To the many who have written concerning freak tuning, I do not think it will pay any publisher to print such manuscript offered. Occasionally, I admit, there is something on this order published, with different tuning for mandolin, guitar and banjo. The instruments are tuned differently, but music read as if tuning had not been changed.

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The Wildwood Plectra Orchestra, Frank W. Robinson, director, played at a minstrel show at Wildwood, N. J., in February, rendering the following numbers, "Crescendo March," "Lady Dainty" and "The Wind-Up," all by Odell, and "Spanish Waltz" (Robinson).

At the Providence serenade, February 18, the Chief Serenade was Miss Alice G. Seavey. The G. E. played several time was Miss Alice G. Seavey. The G. E. played several time "Barcelone Benties" (Hieferby, "Smith Shore", (Jacobi-Odell), "Garry Me Back to Old Virginny" (Bland-Odell), "Persian Princess Overture" (Armstrong), etc. Clinton King, Miss Alice Seavey and Walter Burke played "March Bohemia" (Grover), arranged for two mandolins and guitar. Howard Ronlinger rendered vocal solos; the Serenaders' Banjo Club played "A Mountain Breeze" (Burke), a new number dedicated to the club.

Erastus Osgood, formerly of Boston, is now located in Kingston, N. Y., where he is doing a little teaching, but he devotes most of his time to play-writing. A new three-act farce, called "A Bunch of Fun," was recently produced in Kingston for the first time on any stage.

The CRESCENDO extends its sincere sympathy to Giuseppe Pettine, whose wife died Sunday, April 23, at Providence, R. I.

The Galbraith Brothers of Brookville, Pa., have had a very byseason, being almost constantly on the road. These two gentlemen give a novelty entertainment, consisting of readings and songs featuring the guitar. They report a renewed interest all over the country in the mandolin, banjo and guitar.

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the local paper spoke very highly of it. Mrs. Glovene Frisch is a daughter of Miles E. Kanouse, the well-known teacher of fretted instruments in Allentown.

At the second convention of the National Association of Harpists, Inc., given at the Auditorium Theatre, Chicago, on Wednesday evening, April 5, and Thursday afternoon, April 6, an interesting program was given by an ensemble of seventy or more harpists, assisted by distinguished artists: Hortense D'Arblay, soprano; Louise Harrison Slade, contralto; Elizabeth Olk-Roehlk, cello; Beulah Taylor Porter, accompanist; Jacques Gordon, Henry Selinger, violin; Clarence Evans, viola; Nahum Benditzky, cello; Vaclay Jiskra, bass; Alfred Quensel, Alfred Cazier, flute; Carl Meyer, clarinet; Maud Morgan, Carlos Salzedo, Mabel Messinger Sterba, Helena Torgerson (and her trio), harpists, the Salzedo Harp Trio, namely, Marie Miller, Elise Sorelle, Carlos Salzedo. The names of those in the ensemble were Salzedo. The fallies of those in the eliseinia east follows: Merwyn D. Agnew, Virginia Anderson, Ruth Arnold, Katherine Bassi, Mrs. Ross J. Beatty, Mrs. Helen Harley Bertsh, Ruth M. Bletsch, Marietta Bitter, Helen Bowles, Dorothy Bond, Fannie Blankman Bourne, W. K. Breckenridge, Mrs. H. J. Cloran, Eleanor Collier, Mrs. Doctor Carr, Miss Carr, Sabina Casagrande, Louise Clark, Edith Clyde, Donnabelle Coakley, Harry J. Chalmers, Reby Dawe, Loretta DeLone, Margaret DeGraffe, Gertrude Dixon, Lucille Dicori, Evelyn Elmborn, Genevieve Fitzgerald, Mrs. Vinnie G. Groat, Francis Guest, Helene Harrison, Leona Marie Hayes, Josephine Horton, Helen V. Hughes, Geraldine Ikirt, Lucille Issenkuth, Clara Jaus, Miss Johnstone, Mrs. Louise S. Koehne, Pasquali L. Montani, Helen K. Manzer, Marie Miller, Maud Morgan, Marie L. McGraw, Alberta E. McCain, Ruth K. McCarthy, Helen Mc-Carthy, Mrs. Meta White Nelson, Miss Jamie O'Hara, Miss Osgood, Mrs. Charles Norton, Ruth Pruitt, Marion Taylor Pettingill, Mrs. Mora Moreland Peck, Virginia Rice, Imogene Springer, Margaret Sweeney, Clara Sweeney, Josephine Sanning, Mabel Sterba, Edith Salvi, Lily Snellman, Helen Stockbridge, Alice Singer, Allegra Stewart, Mrs. Stevens, Carlos Salzedo, Garford Sperlin, Margaret Slattery, Helen Tobin, Clara Thurston, Elizabeth Thexton, Mary Thomp-son, Clemence Warner, Louise Winkleman, Ruth Wood, George W. Wheeler, Patricia Wintz, Beatrice Weller, Cecelia Young.

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EDITORIAL

We have recently received a copy of a nocturne for cello and piano written by L. A. Loar, which composition won the first prize in the 1921 National Federation of Music Clubs' biennial contest. It is a splendid composition, and shows much musical ingenuity and contains much beauty, especially in the accompaniment, which is very interesting. harmonies and musical figures are especially good. We believe the number could be effectively done as a mandocello solo by a good player, just been published by Carl Fischer. The piece has

HE twenty-first annual convention of the American Guild of Banjoists, Mandolinists and Guitarists has come and gone, and Mr. and Mrs. Z. M. Bickford are to be congratu-

lated for having arranged a very pleasing array of events. For over a year the CRESCENDO has been boosting New York for this convention, and we believe the success, from a social standpoint, of the present convention justified our belief that it is advisable to have most of the Guild conventions in the large Eastern cities.

Without having actual figures at hand, we cannot exactly state this to be a fact, but we believe the attendance at the convention just passed was larger than at any previous convention. It was shown at this convention that the members, as a rule, are not especially interested in the business sessions, which are rather dull at times. Unfortunately, the usual delay in getting the business sessions started took place, as it has for the past twenty years, and we believe that, at future conventions, a sergeant-at-arms should be appointed to positively round up all the members who are to attend the business sessions, start

the sessions promptly at the time stated, and finish at the appointed hour, thus making the sessions short and snappy and right to the point, giving more time to the social and educational features, which are of so much interest to the majority, yet allowing plenty of time for the necessary business. When a business session is delayed an hour in starting, it means all the events of the day will be late, and we hope to see this

delay overcome at future conventions.

Samuel Siegel, of New York, deserves a great deal of credit for injecting considerable pep into the convention when the matter of change of dues was brought up. His idea of "Student Membership" was discussed with considerable enthusiasm, and was finally unanimously voted upon and accepted.

Without intending any disparagement whatever to conventions that have been held farther away, we believe that, it is in the Eastern and Middle Western cities that conventions should be held in order to get the largest attendance, and including in that attendance such men as Mr. Siegel, who have practical ideas which they are quite willing to bring up at the business sessions. Occasionally, the Guild may take a flyer, and have a convention in some distant city, but if the organization is to hold and retain its membership, a large part of the conventions must be held in the East, where a large attendance is assured, and where the managers are experienced in handling these large affairs.

We are much gratified at the success of the present convention, and we will say candidly that with many it was understood that this convention would either "make or break" the Guild. If it were found possible to bring together the old-timers and the new-timers, it was believed that the Guild would take on new life, and come to its own again as it was eight or ten years ago, when there was a large attendance at every convention, a number of exhibitors, and

enthusiasm reigned.

We do not wish to intimate that any conventions held the last few years have not been a success, but as far as attendance is concerned, they did not include many of the old-timers, who were instrumental in making these instruments popular, and whose names are known throughout the fraternity, and who were quite in evidence at this convention.

Next year we are looking forward to another, and, perhaps, even larger and more enthusiastic, convention at Washington, D. C. There is no one in the country who is more capable of running a successful convention than Walter T. Holt, the newly-elected president of the Guild. Two very delightful con-ventions have already been held in Washington under his management, and the coming convention, which will probably be held next spring, should be the largest attended, and the most successful of any ever held by the organization.

We might add that we think the spring is decidedly the better time to hold a Guild convention than the The convention just held was in early summer.

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What Music Means

An Easy Chair Dissertation Bu BATEMAN BIDDLE

WELL," said Uncle Silas as he settled in the easy chair in my little private sanctum, of all the abused, maltreated gods and godettes, Y private sanctoun, or an the abused, matricated gots and ago observes, pearly in this day of jazz and publicity-vampires,—Gosh! What folks don't do to music in the name of art and nobody's name at all, is almost too much for me to stand or understand.
"Did you ever stop to think just what a lot of different things music."

Did you ever stop to think just what a lot of different things music can mean in these strenous, syncopated days? To many folks, music is can mean in these strenous, syncopated days? To many folks, music is people choose to learn slight of hand tricks. Others whistle through their noses or make their ears wiggle, but on the whole, as a parlor stunt, music seems to be the hardest worked of any.

"Some people, think that music is an art to be exhibitted by artists and the suppose of the suppose of

in the concert hall, like curiosities are displayed in a museum, and admired by the discriminating in much the same manner. The more curious, and the less they know about it, the more they think they are supposed

to rave about it

"Then again, for society folk, music is an interesting affectation that affords the elite an opportunity to foregather around high-priced but scanty portions of tea and cakes, to dispense high-brow and very untalk in a shameless effort to make each other believe they have succeeded in adapting jazz minds to classic music. Such folks never stop to think that the first requisite of the classic or the true classicist

is sincerity.
"Then, I just met Johnny Jenkins on the way to take his piano lesson. Then, I just met Johnny Jenkins on the way to take his piano lesson. His countenance was about as joyous as the taste of green grape fruit. To Johnny, music is nothing but plain every-day drudgery. Papa and Mamma expect to make a Paderewski of Johnny, but like most parents who pick out high-priced teachers, high-fallutin instruments and high-flown careers for their children, they have only succeeded in putting the music atudy of their offspring in about the same class with filling the wood box. The weekly trip to the teacher is welcomed with as much glee as an interview with the dentist.

This particular crime is the result of a vague sort of idea that music is a difficult attainment to be gained only after many years of tedious practice and study with no particular enjoyment offered except at the end of the journey, and no greater reward than the renown of press-agented virtuosity. There are some artists, I'll admit, who substantiate this theory, but darned if I know whether such virtuosoistic egotists play good so they can get their names in the paper or get their names in

play good so they can get their names in the paper or get their names in the paper because they play good.

"Well, that's the gloomy side. There are lots of real genuine music lovers. Artists, amateurs, student beginners,—just the people who love music for the sake of music. You know the sort of folk I mean. They learn to play because they want to make music; study and practice are pleasures; whether they learn how to play a lot or a little, they like nothing better than to pour out their souls in melody, no matter what their instrument or where they are. They play because they have

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At the present time the mandolin orchestras of America generally play for pleasure only; there is no pecuniary reward for the players. They love the fretted instruments; they enjoy the sociability, and as players they vary from tune scratchers to excellent performers. The usual mandolin orchestra includes players of either sex, and just as Miss Smith begins to be the conductor's pride as she leads the mandolas, she becomes somebody's bride, moves to Kalamazoo, or Egypt, or somewhere, and then the Whosis Mandolin Orchestra has to find a new leader for the mandolas, and that section literally begins anew.

Even though the mandolin orchestra, as it stands today, is merely an amateur institution, there really are some mighty fine organizations, and it certainly is discouraging to directors to lose players just as they become vital to the organization. But it must be so until such time as the mandolin is on a commercial basis, which probably will come in the age when perpetual motion is discovered, and weekend trips to the moon are in order.

It's good fun to be an idealist, and no one would like to see the mandolin and the other fretted instruments used commercially, as well as in the home, as the writer, but one swallow does not make a summer, and a few well-intentioned teachers and players scattered over the United States of America cannot mould the desires of the musical public, even though we spend a lifetime in sincere endeavor, but we can take conditions as we find them. We can do our best with the material at hand, and we can show the really open-minded that the fretted instruments are worth while, and fill just as necessary a niche in the music of our country as do any of the other instru-

For years I have written and talked and pleaded for strictly plectral music, but as time goes on, and I see the pitiable attempts of teachers to have a mandolin orchestra without mandelas, mandocellos or mandobasses, presumably because there are none available, I feel that in the absence of a piano it is better to accept such bowed instruments as are at hand, rather than suffer through a tinkling, unbalanced ensemble.

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We cannot all live in the large cities where players abound, and as long as the fretted instruments remain home instruments, I see no reason why they should not be used in any combination that the players themselves may fancy. The director in the large city, however, should endeavor to be as ethical in the selection of his instruments and players as possible, for occasionally a real critic hears his work.

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The Exhibits

There were more exhibits than at any convention for the past two or three years. In the first room Lyon & Healy had a number of instruments, including a quantity of their new ukuleles. Miss Jenni Durkee played frequently in this room. Chas. H. Ditson & Co. showed music and books, and also the his various accessories, and his new banjos. Fred Van Eps demonstrated his Recording Banjo in this room.

In the second room the Bacon Banjo Company,

Inc., had a large display of Bacon banjos and mandolins. There was considerable playing in this room by various well-known artists, and the playing of Mr. Scheidlmeier, of Pittsburgh, was especially good. Mr. Bacon, Mr. Frank Bradbury, Mrs. Bacon, and others, also played. In this room also was shown the music books strings and picks of H. F. Odell. & Co.

music, books, strings and picks of H. F. Odell & Co. In the next room William Lange had a splendid display of the Paramount banjos, and William C. Stahl had a considerable quantity of his various books and music, and a few instruments. There was also considerable playing in this room. In the last room the Vega Company, in charge of D. L. Day, had a large display of banjos, mandolins and mandocellos. Mr. A. J. Weidt showed his chord system. Many also played in this room.

The exhibit rooms were crowded at all hours of the day and night, and this feature of the convention is always one of the most interesting, as it gives the visiting members an excellent chance to look over the various instruments and music which they have seen advertised in the magazines.

Guild Concert

The twenty-first annual concert was given in the Town Hall, New York City, Sunday evening, April 23. The hall was especially adapted for such concerts; the acoustics were splendid; there was a good-

sized audience present.

The first number was the Festival Orchestra, under Mr. Bickford's direction, playing "Aubde Printaniere" (Lacombe-Hildreth); "A Dream" (Bartlett-Odell); "Babillage" (Gillet-Hildreth); "A Song of India" (Rimsky-Korsakow-Odell). William Edward Foster was the excellent concert master. The orchestra played with good attention to attack and shading. The mandolas and mandocellos were especially good. All the numbers were interesting, the "Song of India" being, perhaps, the best rendered. The tempo in "A Dream" was just a little bit too hurried. Quite a number of the Serenaders played in this orchestra.

G. Pettine was unable to appear on account of the passing away of his wife on the day of the concert, and Mr. Bickford played "Meditation" from "Thais"

(Massenet), being twice recalled.

The guitar solo, with regular string quartet, the first movement from Giuliani's "Grand Concerto," was next played by Mrs. Bickford. This was a novelty for Guild concerts. It was interestingly rendered, and Mrs. Bickford was enthusiastically recalled, receiving several large bouquets of flowers.

Edward Cox, of Idaho, was then presented with one hundred dollars in gold as winner of the Guild prize, a suite for quartet and guitar. This was played by the Pleetro String Quartet, and Arthu Kleiber, guitarist. The piece is entitled "The Majesty of Dawn," and is divided into six movements. We congratulate Mr. Cox on his efforts with the number, which contains much of interest, and was finely rendered.

Mr. Bickford then played a group of mandocello solos, with guitar accompaniment by Mrs. Bickford. The first number, "Yenetian Love Song" (Nevin), is always effective; the second piece, "In Happy Days'd. (Bickford), is very pretty, and was daintily played. "To a Wild Rose" (MacDowell), is a beautiful com-

position, and was finely rendered. The last of the group was "The Butterfly" (Nolek), a lively, bright number well done; in fact, all the numbers were artistically played, the arrangement for the two instruments being excellent.

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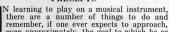
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even approximately, the goal to which he or she may aspire. The practice of music is not some thing that one can commence today, and by the according to the signs of the times, one would imagine it is so. Good playing requires unwavering thought and constant effort. And let it be understood that a good musical ear alone, or merely an aptness for musical sounds, cannot take the place of right thinking. The mind and muscles must co-operate; that is to say, the intellect is to control the muscular effort. How often have teachers found their pupils disposed to do their thinking or rather, we should say, their guessing, through their auricular append-

The study of music, to be fully enjoyed, should be study, not simply a momentary pastime: Naturally, drudgery must come before enjoyment; but faithful practice will find its reward in overcoming all diffi-culties. One should have regular hours for practice, which should be assiduously attended to, and not allowed to be interfered with by other things. This, of course, will often require self-denial, but how can one accomplish great things without the exercise of will power? It is far better to play for the pure love of music than for any commendation, glory or applause; and remember, it is not always the prece, but the manner of its rendition, that gives measure and excites admiration. Therefore, do not be too eager to cast aside the simple pieces, before being prepared, by study and experience, for the more difficult and brilliant compositions. The eminent Czerny has truly said, that "everything sounds well, which is well played."

To the teacher we would say, be fully prepared for your task; have clear ideas of what you want to for your task; have clear ideas of what you want to do, and then strive to instill them into the pupil's mind. You will find some require to be told the same things over and over before they can grasp them, while others can at once take hold and under-stand without the least trouble. It is a good plan, when assigning a new lesson, to explain what is to be done, and have the student play over a part of it to see if it is going to be grasped; and if it is not, then play it over slowly, making remarks and further explanations. If a pupil desires to learn a certain piece, and knows enough to undertake it, give it to him or her; but insist on it being played well. In conclusion, we say, do not fear to be

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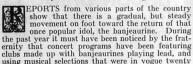
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A BANJEAURINE REVIVAL By Thomas J. Armstrong



vears ago.

Banjo manufacturers are also getting inquiries about the instrument, and dealers are awakening to the fact that the little banjeaurine has faced about and is coming back. Many publishers of banjo music declare they are selling old selections which have reposed on their shelves for years, collecting nothing but dust.

If we are in for a banjeaurine revival, the pure, unalloyed banjo orchestra will once more be in evidence, and a repetition of that enthusiastic period occurring in 1890 may be looked for. A change from the present rambling system would certainly add

stability to the organization.

Looking at the subject from a position unaffected by pecuniary reasons, a change can be welcomed with complacency, mixed with grim satisfaction that S. S. Stewart's theories are about to be vindicated.

The present form of writing banjo club parts for the standard banjo is like the crude efforts of pioneers during the days of Phil Rice and Joe Sweeny. The solo is rendered on one banjo, and the accompaniment is played on another banjo. As both instruments are tuned in unison, the solo and accompaniment are practically in the same register, and interfere with one

It was to overcome this defect that Stewart, in 1885, brought out his banjeaurine. This instrument is a small banjo with a ten inch neck and eleven or twelve inch head, the strings being tuned similar to a regular banjo, but a fourth higher, thus causing the open strings on a benjeaurine to sound the same as the

fifth fret on a regular banjo.

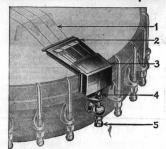
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higher, the instrument is a transposing one, and its music must be in keys a fifth above an ordinary banjo. If the banjo plays in C, the banjeaurine takes G. the banjo is in F, the banjeaurine plays in C. Modern notation for banjo has made this much clearer than the old notation, which treated both instruments as if they were in the transposing class.

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The Plectro String Quartet next played "Minuet" amadeo) and "Saltarello" from suite (A. De Much has been heard of this quartet, and its playing was almost a revelation of what can be done by four ambitious players who spend hours in rehearsal, and in trying to present that which is best in quartet music. The attacks were splendid, and the players had an excellent command of technique and tempi. It was a remarkably artistic performance, the number by Mr. De Filippis being especially

Mrs. Bickford then played terz guitar solos, divertissement on "Partant pour la Syrie," Chanson-Francaise (Giuliani); "Danse Espagnole," Op. 12, No. 1, translated by Olcott-Bickford (Moszkowski), with Mr. Bickford at the piano. These numbers were rendered in an artistic and musicianly manner, and the guitar and piano blended well. This is the first time, we believe, that the terz has been played at a Guild concert, and Mrs. Bickford deserves credit for intro-

ducing it.

The closing number was a group of famous banjoists, namely, George L. Lansing, Boston; A. D. Grover, New York; Thomas J. Armstrong, Philadelphia; Harry S. Six, New Rochelle; William C. Stahl, Milwaukeg; Zarh M. Bickford, New York; Frank C. Bradbury, Hartford; Claud C. Rowden, Chicago; Charles H. O'Connell, New Haven; Frank S. Morrow, Harrisburg, Pa.; W. D. Kenneth, New York; William Lange, New York (mandobass), William Edward Foster, New York; Walter F. Vreeland, Boston; who played, first, "Somewhere in Dixie" (Lansing), directed by Mr. Lansing. This took immensely, and an encore was demanded. It is a characteristic banjo piece and was well played. Then The closing number was a group of famous bancharacteristic banjo piece and was well played. Then Mr. Lansing turned the baton over to Mr. Armstrong who directed his overture, "Cupid's Realm." good to hear this old number so well rendered; it and its composer had much to do in making the banjo so popular. Again we had the banjeaurines playing lead parts. Mr. Armstrong received a perfect ovation at the close.

It was an interesting and enjoyable concert with considerable novelty.

Serenade

On Monday evening the New York Serenaders gave a special Gala Serenade in honor of the American The house was packed; W. D. Kenneth was Chief Serenader. An address of welcome was given by L. A. Burritt. The Serenaders' Orchestra played "Italian Suite" (Gruenwald-Odell), under William Edward Foster's direction, with splendid attack, finish and shading. The third number, "The Allegro," was especially well played. The Banjo Club played two numbers, under Mr. W. D. Kenneth's direction, in a bright, snappy, vigorous manner. These two organizations are composed almost entirely of amateurs, who play for the love of it, and they certainly play well.

Miss Jennie Durkee played several ukulele solos in

the American way, i. e., playing with a felt pick. Miss Durkee is the leading exponent of this way of playing, and she certainly gets a remarkable amount of music out of the ukulele. Her playing was very interesting,

musicianly and artistic.
Samuel Siegel played several mandolin solos, interspersed with humorous remarks, which kept the audience convulsed with laughter. He is not only a wonderful player, but an extremely versatile enter-

His program number was his own "Concert tainer. His program number was his own "Concert Waltz." but before those present would let him go, he played a number of his own compositions. no one like Siegel, - his command of execution on the mandolin fingerboard is almost beyond description, and although we have heard Mr. Siegel many times, we do not think he ever appeared to better advantage than at this affair

Miss Shirley Spaulding played two banjo solos excellently. She is a clever exponent of the fivestring banjo, and it was most interesting to hear her

play again.

A quartet, composed of William Edward Foster, H. G. Hinchcliffe, Miss Vera Wallington and W. D. Kenneth, with Mrs. W. D. Kenneth at the piano, played "Menuett" (Boccherini) and "Three Dances from Henry VIII" (German). The quartet played with excellent style and vigor, and did especially well in the third dance, which is quite difficult. It was a fine performance.

Then came the genial H. L. Hunt, who rendered a group of three songs. He is a fine tenor singer, and sings not only with musical feeling and style, but his enunciation is splendid, and his commanding stage presence is always noticeable. He was enthusiasti-

cally recalled.

William Edward Foster played two mandocello los. We have always enjoyed Mr. Foster's playsolos. ing. He plays as if he loved it, and he is bubbling over with pep and enthusiasm. One of his numbers required a very considerable amount of clever execution, which Mr. Foster did splendidly. He is certainly an accomplished player.

Miss Anna Welch played a group of three harp solos. Miss Welch is a very remarkable player, a brilliant performer, and her playing on this occasion was especially interesting. She is undoubtedly an

artist.

The utmost enthusiasm prevailed throughout the serenade, and it was one of the most interesting of the many musical events arranged at the time of the convention. We congratulate and thank the Serenaders for a very pleasant evening.

Bickford Recital

On Tuesday evening, in the Wurlitzer Auditorium, which is a fine small recital hall in the splendid Wurlitzer building, the Bickfords gave an interesting recital of mandolin, mandocello and guitar solos. The instruments were heard in the small hall to better advantage than in the larger concert hall. The program numbers included almost entirely the classics for the instruments mentioned, and the program rendered was listened to with interest by those pre-sent. The pieces were played in the Bickfords' usual artistic manner.

Plectro String Quartet Concert

On Wednesday afternoon, in College Hall, at the On Wednesday afternoon, in College Hall, at the Hotel Astor, the Plectro String Quartet, composed of Carlo De Filippis, first mandolin; John Zeppos, second mandolin; Antonio Giannelli, mandola, Amedeo De Filippis, mandocello, gave an interesting recital, assisted by Miss Emmeline McKnight Maxwell, soprano, and Miss Anna Welch, harpist. The quartet played Munier's "Quartet in C major," and "Suite for Quartet," by De Filippis. These numbers ware splandidly rendered and we especially a noised were splendidly rendered, and we especially enjoyed the last number by A. De Filippis. Miss Maxwell rendered two songs, by A. De Filippis, accompanied by the quartet and harp. She is an interesting singer. (Continued on Page 27)

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and the numbers were agreeably received. The quartet and Miss Welch played two numbers, in which the fretted instruments and the harp were shown to excellent advantage. It was an artistic affair.

The Banquet

The twenty-first annual banquet was held in College Hall, at the Hotel Astor, on Wednesday evening. There were nearly a hundred present. It was a gay affair with Harry L. Hunt as toastmaster, and his opening speech started the fun. His introductions were both humorous and interesting. Among the speakers were Samuel Siegel, Walter T. Holt, Miss S. F. Harvey, Walter Jacobs, Z. M. Bickford, William Edward Foster, H. F. Odell, C. C. Rowden, L. A. Williams, and Mr. Griffith, the retiring secretary-treasurer, who was presented by Guild members, as a token of their esteem, with a portable lamp and bookcase, the presentation speech being made by Mr. Siegel. Little favors in the form of mandolins and guitars were placed at every plate. The musical program included Kola's Mandolin Orchestra, which played "After-Thoughts" (Odell) and "Grand Opera Strains" (Johnstone); ukulele solos by Miss Durkee; songs by E. H. Royce and H. L. Hunt; banjo duets by Frank Bradbury and Benson Barker, and dances by Miss Katherine Kretzmer, a cute little tot only four years of age. Dancing following, with music furnished by Guilders.

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April. The last few conventions have been held in June, and we think it is rather too late in the season to attract a large attendance. April, it seems to us, is the ideal time for the conventions, or early in May.

The Guild dues have been changed, beginning next January, to a very low figure, back to the old days, we might say, and we hope, when the new dues go into effect, to see the entire fraternity and trade of the country rejoin the Guild and make it really a very strong organization for the advancement of the fretted instruments.

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