

..PLAYING AND TEACHING..

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(Written for The Post)

Many pianists and organists who are skilled performers are not as good at instructing others as those who are less brilliant players. It is not absolutely necessary for one to be a great player to be a competent teacher, though it is well to combine the two qualities if possible. To be a good teacher means that one must early understand the art of playing, and then be able to communicate his ideas to the pupil. Sometimes verbal explanation is not enough in itself, then the teacher often can by playing it himself, give a clearer idea of what is wanted. In many cases, it is of great importance to let the pupil hear his piece well played, or he will never have any but the most crude ideas. Hearing the great pianists will be a great help in this direction, but those who are only beginning, or who are not decidedly musical, will be scarcely able to comprehend and appreciate these performances. It is often a matter of wonder that fine players are not always good instructors, but the following may be partly a reason for it. Those who work with the object of being noted for their command over an instrument, frequently lack the patience to put themselves in a beginner's place. Also the time spent in teaching may be given very grudgingly, as so many hours taken from their own practice. Therefore those who make teaching their main object, and rejoice chiefly in their pupils' progress, often bring out better players than the concert pianists do. The profession of teaching only, however, is not always remunerative enough unless we can supplement it with something else. Also concert playing, unless one is a noted performer, rarely is enough to depend on the year round. Organists generally make more by teaching piano, than anything else, yet organists often are poor pianists. The organ "touch" is dissimilar so largely to the piano, that one does not often find a player equally good on both instruments. The public, frequently, however, judge of a person's teaching abilities by his playing. Many pupils will come to the one who has made a name as a performer, under the conviction that such a one must be a splendid teacher. Perhaps there is a belief, also, that association with a good player will in some way further their own progress. These ideas are often vain, as many a pupil will learn as they study further. To teach well, and to play well, are two different gifts, which, if one possesses in a large degree, will surely bring success. Many once good performers, have through giving their time to teaching, lost the execution they once had. They can no longer appear at concert, unless perhaps as accompanist, but they will have the satisfaction of seeing others do what they once did themselves. If possible, however, a teacher should not drop his practice, as often, when a stranger's, a good impression may be made by a public recital, and pupils thereby more easily found.

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The Awful Nature of Cattle Disease

Epidemic Now Raging Across the Border is the "Murrain" Often Used as Curse

The foot and mouth disease, which is at present causing such a severe quarantine of animals from the states along the Canadian border, is a malignant epizootic fever. This sounds bad enough, as anyone will admit, but is not very enlightening to the public. With the assistance of the dictionary, it is open to anyone to ascertain that this description is somewhat of a sham, for it merely indicates that the disease is one which is epidemic among animals, and that they "get it bad."

AND AN APHTHOUS FEVER, TOO. This entitles the public to another drink at the fountain of knowledge, when it learns to its horror that the disease which is making all the trouble across the line is an apthous fever; this, in turn, being interpreted as a condition of affairs in which small round white ulcers are present. At this stage of the game the public probably becomes tired of explanations which do not explain, and presents a modest request for something understandable.

WHAT THE DISEASE IS. The ailment is not one distinctly new. The villain, indeed, who struts the stage and declares "a murrain on you," is talking about the foot and mouth disease, for the murrain it is, it is dangerous chiefly because of its contagious nature and its deadly effect upon the cattle when it attacks.

Though there has never been any of the foot and mouth trouble in Ontario, its danger to the herds of the Dominion is fully appreciated here. The animal attacked by it is apt to feel, in the initial stages, an irritation in its feet. Then the trouble breaks out in earnest. Just above the hoof small eruptions appear, "vesicular," to the veterinarians say. At any rate, they are there, and the matter oozes out of them to the ground. The next cow that comes that way steps in the stuff, and if so, is taken sick in turn. A dog may step in it, or even a human, and thus carry the disease to cattle in far distant parts of the country. So malignant is the plague that any part of a diseased animal is apt to carry infection with it.

THE MOUTH, TOO. This is explained the relation of this murrain to the foot, and incidentally becomes apparent the reason for disinfecting the shoes of travellers entering Canada from the States. The mouth disease follows the foot sickness in the very natural course of things.

Animals instinctively lick their noses, a wise provision of nature having given healing powers to saliva. In the case of the foot and mouth disease, however, the licking only communicates the trouble to the mouth, where the virulent matter from the sores causes immediate eruptions similar to those upon the feet.

The afflicted animal shows many symptoms of its trouble. It loses appetite, has a fever, is lame, and has sores on its feet and mouth. Later it dies.

BURYING THE DEAD. In order to prevent the spread of the terrible disease, herd after herd of cattle has been sacrificed in the States, the pistol being the weapon generally used to put an end to the lives of the animals in infected districts. Sometimes as many as eight shots are necessary to kill a cow, so thick are some of the skulls.

Figs as well as cattle are being killed, and even pigeons are slaughtered. Some valuable dogs have been saved by dipping them in a disinfecting solution. Dogs and birds are said to be the most dangerous agents in spreading the disease. Hay must not be shipped out of the infected districts, but speculators are buying it up at low prices, to hold it until the quarantine is raised.

On some of the farms where the plague has secured a hold huge trenches have been dug, and the slaughtered live stock buried deep there in, together with disinfectants. To

the owners of such farms the loss is a bitter one, but is recognized that the spread of the disease would be fatal to the cattle industry of the whole country.

L.C.I. Concert was a Success

An Excellent Programme Provided by Teachers and Pupils

A treat was afforded those who attended the L.C.I. concert in the assembly hall on Friday. The teachers and scholars of that institution certainly lived up to their past reputation.

Mr. Cecil Carl Forsyth had charge of the glee club and handled the large chorus in a very capable manner. The selections rendered by the club were both catchy and interesting and received hearty applause.

Lined on the platform in four rows, some fifty or sixty young ladies went through a club swinging exercise to piano accompaniment and without a hitch. It was excellently well done and received loud applause.

The instrumental duet by the Misses Broad and Jackson was well rendered.

The fancy march by the L.C.I. girls with lighted torches greatly pleased the spectators. The movements were executed without an error.

Misses Jackson, Mercer and Pratt gave an instrumental trio which was well received.

"How Bill won the battle of Waterloo" was the title of W. K. Anderson's recitation. With a great deal of force and energy he told the story of the battle and was heartily applauded.

The recitation by Miss Thompson was excellently rendered, as was also the vocal duet, "Larbold Watch" by Messrs. Coulter and Scott.

The girls of the collegiate institute again demonstrated their skill in the dumb bell exercises.

The face by three pupils was exceedingly well played and kept the audience in fits of laughter.

Miss Robertson rendered a solo in her usual pleasing manner and was heartily applauded.

Miss Mercer and Miss Pratt rendered an instrumental duet which was well received, and the song by the L. C. I. boys and the recitation by Miss Jordan were also well rendered and received loud applause.

Perhaps the most beautiful selection of the evening was the pantomime in which nine or ten collegiate institute girls took part. Arranged in robes of white on the platform the girls went through some very beautiful movements, while Mrs. Freeman sang "Lead Kindly Light". It was indeed an awe-inspiring scene and will long be remembered by those who witnessed it.

Bank Must Pay --Interesting Case Alleged Thief Caught at Toronto

Judge Harding Decides That Law and Justice are With Plaintiffs

Division Court was held at Fenelon Falls Thursday before His Honor, Judge Harding.

In the case of Adams Bros vs. Bank of British North America it appears that B. C. Miller, of Burnt River, gave Adams Bros. a cheque for \$65. They deposited in the Bank at Lindsay. Miller's son, being in Lindsay, called with the money to take up the cheque. Adams Bros. told him to take the money and deposit it to meet the cheque at the Falls, and he mailed the bank, and told them to pay the cheque and also told them what Adams Bros. had said.

In the meantime the cheque had been returned to Lindsay. It was again sent to Fenelon Falls, but the bank refused payment on the ground that they had paid other cheques and there were no funds. Then Miller went insolvent. The learned judge held that both law and justice were with the plaintiffs and gave judgment for the full amount with costs G. H. Hopkins, K. C., for plaintiff, F. A. McDiarmid for defendants.

He was Generous

Master Walter, aged five, had eaten the soft portions of his toast at breakfast and piled the crusts on his plate. "When I was a little boy" remarked his father, "I always ate the crusts of my toast."

"Did you like them?" asked the little fellow, cheerfully.

"Yes," replied the parent. "You may have these," replied Master Walter, pushing his plate across the table.—The January delineator.

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Serious Accident to Little Child

Was Run Down by a Horse on Kent-st This Afternoon

Last Thursday about 20.30 o'clock a little six year old boy, said to be a son of Mr. George Spencely, met with a painful accident at the corner of Kent and Cambridge-sts.

The little lad was on the crossing near Adams' grocery, when a horse approached, and it is supposed that the boy in his efforts to avoid being run over, slipped and fell. Several witnesses of the accident state that the horse kicked him in the head while others maintain that he was run over. However, when he was picked up by a lady it was found that he sustained an ugly cut over the right eye, and also that there was an indentation as if he was struck by some object. The little fellow bled profusely. He was hurriedly taken to his home, when a local physician was summoned to attend to his injuries.

Successful Ones in Teachers' Exams

Names of the Students Who Have Won the Reward of Merit

The following are the names of students from Lindsay and district who have been awarded teachers' limited third class certificates, which correspond to the professional district certificates and are valid for five years:—Meta M. Power and Samuel Minthorne, Lindsay; May Johnston, Bobcaygeon; Donald McGarrick, Argyle.

Alleged Thief Caught at Toronto

Peterboro Man Charged with the Theft of \$685

Before even getting out of bed on Wednesday morning, Wm. Rattray, of 776 Dovercourt Road, Toronto, was arrested by Detectives Guthrie and Moffat on a charge of stealing \$685 from a hotel in Peterboro in the month of September last.

Rattray played baseball in Peterboro last summer, but since the alleged theft it appears that he has been living in Toronto. He says he knew where the money in the hotel was kept, but denies having touched it. He was taken to Peterboro yesterday.

Randolph McDonald Awarded Contract

Another Section of the Trent Valley Canal Has Been Let

The contract for Section No. 7 of the Trent Valley canal has been let and the contractor is Mr. Randolph McDonald, of Toronto, who also has the Rosedale section.

Section No. 7 extends from Rice Lake to Healy Falls, a distance of about 20 miles, and includes the construction of a dam and lock at Hastings, new guide piers at the G.T.R. bridge at the same village and also at the narrows at Trent bridge, the dredging of the river from Hastings to Healy Falls to produce a 9 foot draught.

With the letting of this contract, there remains only two, Nos. 4 and 6, on the Ontario Rice Lake division, that have yet to be tendered upon. It is expected that within the next six months the whole canal, from Rice Lake to Trenton, will be under contract.

Will Establish a Fish Pond

To Propagate Black Bass for the Trent Waters

Birdsall's, Dec. 16.—The water in the Trent Valley Canal is being lowered, to the usual winter level, being dropped several feet below the summer height. This precaution is taken to avoid any serious break, such as occurred several years ago. It will not cause injury, it is stated, to the many fish which winter in the Trent valley. The Ontario Government will shortly establish a fish pond, it is stated, for the propagation of black bass in a small tributary of the River Trent near Healey Falls, which, it is expected, will be a benefit to fishing in the vicinity, and throughout the province.

Chicken Thieves Are Still At It

Mr. Richard F. Warren is a Victim to the Extent of Twenty Birds

Chicken thieves are still on the rampage. Thursday the coop of Mr. Richard F. Warren, Pottinger-st., was visited. The lock was broken in the door and twenty-five birds taken from the roost.

There is no clue whatever to the thieves and Mr. Warren will have to take his place in line with those who have suffered similarly during the past year. It is a great pity indeed that the offenders cannot be apprehended and brought to justice.

Verdict for Plaintiff in Drainage Suit

Judge Adversely Criticizes Penny-wise and Pound Foolish Policy

James vs. Mariposa—Action for \$95 balance due for digging a drain connecting the Lonsborough and Dunn drains. Defendants disputed the claim and claimed \$40 damages for non-completion of the ditch. The defendants claim that the ditch was to be dug according to the plans and specifications of Engineer Yarnold. The plaintiff disputed this and claimed that the places were changed and that all he had to do was to dig a ditch to carry off the water. No inspector was employed and the engineer was not called in until after suit. His Honor, Judge McMillan, before whom the case was tried, found in favor of the plaintiff, and gave judgment for \$80 and costs. His Honor commented on the folly of the township trying to save money by not employing proper inspectors, which had occasioned all the trouble and put the party to costs, which would amount to nearly as much as the claim. G. H. Hopkins for plaintiff; Thos. Stewart for defendants.

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