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Music in the Home

Students Should Take Stock. At regular intervals every merchant "takes stock," in the more modern phraseology, "takes an inventory." This means that he thoroughly examines his merchandise to find out just what he has, and what he does not have. Similarly, at regular intervals students of music should do the same thing. At the end of the term or season they should endeavor to get a clear idea of what they have that they did not have at the beginning of the term or season, and, above all, try to discover what they do not have that they ought to have. Let them ask themselves a few questions—for example:

"Have I increased my technique? If not, in what particular is it faulty?" "Have I improved my knowledge of harmony? If not, why not?" "Do I know more of musical history and biography than I did last year?" "Is my grasp of theory and musical knowledge in general stronger and clearer?" "What have I added to my repertoire, and are the additions of permanent worth?" "Have I spent as much time and thought on my work as I might have done?"

If these questions can be honestly answered in the affirmative the pupil is to be congratulated. If they must be answered negatively it may be the means of stimulating the delinquent pupil to better things. At any rate, try it once. Do not work blindly by faith or by guess, but look into your musical affairs clearly and thoroughly and see just where you stand.

The Vocal Lesson. The average beginner, and many singers, believe that by taking vocal lessons, he is absolutely having his voice trained. By this he does not mean that he is having the diaphragm trained. This is proven by the fact that, although almost forced to watch his breathing, he will neglect proper breathing, whenever he can. Nor does he believe that voice culture means shaping the vowels or dropping the jaw, else he would not be caught the second and third years, neglecting these functions. Nor does he think that voice culture means proper placement, although he may have been told so many times. He still thinks that voice culture means to learn to manipulate the throat in such a way as to personally produce tones.

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slow tones—soft, loud, runs, rapid, slow, held tones, legato, staccato, etc. In other words, the very process that is absolutely automatic, the average beginner and many a singer feels it his sole duty to compel directly to do his work. It is this hallucination which causes more bad singing, smashes more careers than all the other faults put together; and it is this hallucination, which is the most difficult to cure, some of the best cardinal principles, it is the one that calls for the finest introspection, self-analysis, inner vision, based on the absolute assurance that the throat will remain open, if not forcibly closed.

Real Violinists Are Scarce. When played by an artist, no other musical instrument meets with such favor as the violin; yet real violinists are scarce. It has been said, "There are many fiddlers, but few violinists." Superior violin playing comes through superior teaching. Not all great violinists are great teachers, but all great teachers of the violin are violinists—artists. The great violinists were taught from the beginning by teachers who were artists. Had they been satisfied with ordinary teachers, the result would have been ordinary players. On the contrary, many are plodding through life as ordinary players who would have been artists under proper training.

Expressions in Music. When we stop to realize the fact that there are thousands of musicians with a wonderful capacity for technique and fireworks who never attain any position of magnitude in the musical world, the thought uppermost in our minds is "What is the real cause?" It is said by some of the greatest artists who have made a lifelong study of the art of musical expression and interpretation, that there is not one professional musician in ten thousand who understands in the slightest degree the subjects of musical accentuation, emphasis and expression, and when one puts his life into the study of the subject, he begins to realize that the statement is absolutely true. In the mad rush for technical proficiency, many musicians seem to entirely forget the fact that to become a successful concert artist professional musician or successful conductor, it is absolutely necessary to exert every possible effort to attain proficiency in this subject and we must never lose sight of the fact that it is not what you play but how you play that determines the artist.

Most musicians with a fairly good quality of tone and a little technical ability readily advance to a stage whereby they may be able to play with some of the large musical organizations they aspire to if they will make a study of the subject and apply themselves most earnestly to the study of musical expression.

HAD TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

MAJOR BUCHANAN AND MAJOR ASHTON ATTEND CONVENTION.

Disability Grades—Ninety Per Cent. of Staff of Board are Returned Men. Toronto, Aug. 1.—Major Buchanan, travelling representative of the Board of Pensions, was given a good hearing at the G.W.V.A. convention yesterday. However, he was asked eighteen questions as to the manner of treatment of various grades of disability. He stated that ninety per cent. of the staff of the Board of Pensions was composed of returned men or of women directly connected with them. The powers of the board, he said, were purely administrative, and followed the basis laid down by the legislation of the country. If the Government ruled that the total disability pension should be placed at \$500 or \$600 or \$5,000 it was not within the province of the board to take issue in this matter. The province of the board, he said, was to decide as to the exact disability of the individual and to base the pension award upon a computation outlined by an investigation board, comprising the finest scientific minds of the world.

In answer to the many written queries presented, Major Buchanan stated: Three doctors usually composed a medical board; in some towns a specially trained investigator had been appointed as a board. If his findings were protested, the protest, if sent in through special pension investigation committees of the G.W.V.A. branches would be immediately and thoroughly considered. No notice was taken of the findings of medical boards in Britain. This was because climatic and home influence would tend to decrease the percentage of disability noted in Britain. No important positions on the staff of the board were held by either women or civilians.

ALWAYS DREADED TO SEE NIGHT COME

Mrs. Anderson Had Awful Nervous Spells And Couldn't Sleep.

"It took only four bottles of Tanlac to put me on my feet again and I never had any medicine before to do me so much good," said Mrs. Sarah Anderson, whose husband is employed as freight clerk by the Canadian Pacific Railway and who lives at 82 Peter street, Toronto, the other day.

"For several years," she continued, "my system was in an awfully nervous condition which it seemed utterly impossible for me to overcome. I had no appetite at all, never felt hungry and took hardly enough nourishment to keep going. My nerves were in such a wretched state that going down stairs for a pitcher of water would set me trembling and shaking like a leaf. I never would rest well at night on account of the nervous twitching and jumping I was subject to and I would wake up in the mornings feeling so tired and fagged out that I could hardly get up out of bed and drag myself around the house all day. When I would try to do my housework I would have to stop every little while to lie down and rest. Really, I just can't describe how weak and miserable I felt, and I fairly dreaded the coming of night, for I knew that I would be in for an awful time of it."

"My husband would buy all kinds of medicine for me to take, but they might as well have been water for all the good they did me. But one day he brought me home a bottle of Tanlac and right after I started taking it things began to change for the better. I kept on with it till now I am enjoying all my meals and my food is certainly building me up right along. My nerves are stronger and calmer, I sleep like a child at night and get up in the mornings feeling greatly refreshed. I am stronger and better in every way than I have been in a long time and I can now do all my housework without a bit of trouble. My face is filling out, too, and I feel worlds better all over. My husband will bear me out in what I have said about the good Tanlac has done me, and he is as much pleased as I am with my great improvement."

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Investigation committees should be formed by the G.W.V.A., each branch to have its own. This would eliminate the constant inflow to the Ottawa or Toronto offices of dozens of letters from single sources of protest.

There was no distinction between the condition of medical and industrial unfitness was adjusted according to the percentage of medical-physical disability noted. Pensions in every case were based upon the general labor market.

No distinctions were made as between officers and men.

In all cases where disability had been present but unnoticed on enlistment the pension was awarded according to the aggravation caused by service. A widow was entitled to a pension only where shown to be wholly dependent on the man killed on active service. Only one dependent could be considered.

Major Ashton, the chairman of the soldiers' land settlement commission, was well received, but the convention, without a dissentient vote, passed a resolution calling for the appointment of a special cabinet minister, with full power to deal with the problem of the returned soldier's agricultural rehabilitation from all angles. The resolution also called for immediate application to the problem of land-area selection.

THE WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

Tidings From All Over Told in a Pithy and Pointed Way.

Aerial postal service between Italy and France will be inaugurated in September, a Rome cable announces.

American citizens in Toronto organized to protest against the income tax levy imposed by the United States on subjects living in Canada.

Frank Nelson, Orillia, was killed by lightning as he stood at an open window in his summer cottage at Bass Lake, having just gone in out of the storm.

Milton Ireland, who disappeared in April last year after coming into Brantford to attend the Collegiate Institute, turned up unexpectedly at his parents' home.

A Montreal confectionery company has been ordered by the Food board to return any sugar on hand, as it is not entitled to an allotment for candy-making.

Rev. S. W. Hans, Sandwich, who volunteered four years ago to serve as a chaplain in France, was notified on the eve of his marriage to report for duty.

Dr. von Kuehlmann, former German Foreign Secretary, will be a candidate for the Reichstag at the coming election in Berlin.

The Spanish Court will go into mourning for thirty days for Nicholas Romanoff, former Emperor of Russia.

Fifty per cent. cut in production of pneumatic tires in July and August, as compared with the same months last year, is asked of the rubber industry.

By the payment of \$100,000, the company known as the Associated Gold Fields of West Australia has secured possession of the Keeley mine in the Cobalt region.

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