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Value of Good Music in Churches.

[The State]

The value of good and attractive music in the churches is not sufficiently appreciated by the church administrations. This is evident from the prevalence of such bad music. That it is appreciated by churchgoers is shown by the larger attendance at those churches that have good music. It will be found that, invariably, the best-attended churches in any city are precisely those that have the best, or what the people consider the best, music. The sermons and the other things that are heard and seen inside the churches are too apt to be of about equal interest in all; the chief possible points of difference being finer music, and—what follows this finer taste in music—a finer appreciation of church decoration and general beauty of the services. Now and then—but this is becoming rarer—some preacher of commanding eloquence may draw immense congregations, even in the face of unattractive surroundings, an awkward and unesthetic service, and discordant music; but it must be recognized sooner or later that it is the general effectiveness of the entire programme, its lightness and beauty of suggestiveness, the exquisite appeal of the music, the satisfactory feeling in the church itself, that attracts the people.

The Baptist Courier is very wisely directing the attention of its denominational churches to the injurious effect of bad music, and to the benefits of good music in the services. It has an editorial in the current issue in which it says: "Good music is very important as a means for increasing the spiritual life of the church. An extended observation has convinced us that there is no one thing in connection with the public worship of our people which so needs improving as the music."

There are some that object to music altogether, and others that object to anything that may seem like a "display," such as a "hired" choir, choristers, instrumental music, and the like. The liberal-minded editor of The Courier calls attention to the antiquity of music as a means of worship, and to the very early use of musical instruments. We do not attach any importance to an argument based on mere usage and antiquity; the thing contended for must prove itself a desirable thing now; but the ancient use by the church, or whatever organization in early times we accept as representing the church, may serve at least to remove some of the prejudice against the employment of the trained singing voice, of the singing by groups of male and female voices, of the use of musical instruments—of everything whatsoever that makes a pleasing sound—in the expression of worship. It is difficult to appreciate the objection to a thing harmless in itself and which yet attracts to the churches thousands of persons who otherwise would not go near them. Goldsmith has told us that in the Deserted Village "fools that came to scoff remained to pray." A similar effect may follow in many a deserted church—persons who come to enjoy the music may remain to worship, or at least to put themselves within reach of whatever influences for good the church can bring to bear upon their lives and moral natures.

"Why," asked the astute Rowland Hill, "why should the devil have all the good tunes?" Perhaps it was Hill's idea that the tunes of the theatre and concert halls were offered up to the devil; but he was wisely aware that these good tunes of the devil drew crowds, and he was very desirous, for the success of

his great and lofty mission, to be able to reach these vast crowds.

The Courier very justly calls attention also to the bad singing in the churches. This is a fact ascertained by painful experience. There are those who devoutly believe they must "sing," even if they are not able to turn a note. The result is that we can sometimes hear half a hundred jarring voices, wandering in the inane, miles away from the tune, resulting in terrible discord. Instead of the music of worship—decorous and tuneful—we have a melee of voices "jangled, out of tune and harsh," as Shakespeare has it, or "above the pitch, out of tune and off the hinges," as Rabelais more accurately describes such a bedlam of "music." This is not only not worship, but it seriously interferes with the worship of others. Those who cannot "sing," without disturbing others, could surely find a better and more decorous expression of their feelings in the words of the hymn, repeated to themselves, or in meditation.

How shall we obtain good congregational singing, which is admitted to be so wonderfully effective? The editor of The Courier suggests that children might be trained to a certain extent in the Sunday schools. Possibly; but this training, unless undertaken by a thorough musical teacher, would amount to little. The only safeguard against discordant and jarring vocal "music" in the churches seems to be the restriction of congregational singing, or the better training of youth of both sexes. Even then there are recalcitrant voices that will never yield to discipline. The only way to reach these is through an appeal to reason. They should be persuaded to leave to others things that others can do so much better than they. This is wisdom and the way of pleasantness.

The Courier is engaged in a good crusade. Nothing, as it says, in connection with the church services so much needs improving as the music. Good music means great congregations, and then will come the church's opportunity to impress itself and its ideals upon the general heart of the people.

How Consumption Begins.

Consumption always begins with a cough that lingers. A cough that hangs on and will not yield to the usual treatment may not mean consumption, but too often it does mean this dead destroyer has gained a footing. Rydale's Cough Elixir is very successful in checking the progress of throat and lung diseases. Even consumption yields to its powerful influence, if its use is begun before the disease is too deep seated. This modern scientific remedy kills the germs that cause consumption. It removes the cause and helps nature rebuild the broken down tissue. If you have a stubborn cough try Rydale's Cough Elixir, it will not disappoint you. Walhalla Drug Company.

The Alabama Cotton Outlook.

Montgomery, June 3.—In a report issued Tuesday by Commissioner of Agriculture R. R. Poole, it is shown that the reduction in the acreage in cotton in the State, as compared to last year, is 12.01 per cent; of commercial fertilizers used, 8 per cent. The condition of the cotton crop is 70 per cent, the season three weeks late, and the crop grassy and in bad shape. Commissioner Poole places the condition of the cotton crop at this time as worse than at any time in thirty years, so far as the grass is concerned. Many fields already planted will have to be plowed up and not a few will be abandoned entirely.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson

"Big Gun" or Shotgun.

Like most physicians Dr. Simon Goodhart, the joint author with Dr. Boris Sidis of "Multiple Personality," can tell a good story whether it is necessary to cheer up a patient or not.

He tells the following conversation between two darkies at a cake-walk:

"Miss Jackman," said the dusky belle, is yo' blue-blooded? Can yo' trace yo'ah blood back to Plymouth Rock?"

"Well, no, Miss Celia. Ah can't jus' say dat," replied her escort, "but Ah was after a Plymouth Rock the o'ah night, an' Ah could trace mah blood cleah back to de chicken coop."

Garden Truck Potash advertisement featuring an illustration of a horse-drawn truck and text describing the benefits of potash fertilizer.

Some Interesting Facts About the Japanese.

The Emperor of Japan has recently given \$5,000 to the Y. M. C. A. for its work in the Japanese Empire.

The Christian Sabbath is a legal rest day in Japan.

Unless it may have been the Korean raids in the centuries past, Japan has never been invaded by a foreign foe. Their racial descent is practically pure—hence their intense love of country and entire self-sacrificing patriotism.

Japan's gold production in the year ended February 28 was \$5,976,000, or double that of the preceding year.

Japan's rice crop for 1904 was 263,692,355 bushels, an increase of 25,284,226 bushels over the crop of 1903.

After eleven months of war and \$140,000,000 of domestic war loans, the Japanese banks (excluding the Bank of Japan, the government bank) in Tokio, Osaka, Kyoto, Nagoya, Yokohama and Kobe had, December 31, 1904, \$179,000,000 of the people's money on deposit. This was \$11,000,000 more than the year before, and \$44,000,000 more than in 1901. Besides the people's deposits in the post office savings banks increased \$38,000,000 by deposits made in November and December, 1904.

The clearing house returns of Tokio, Osaka and Kobe show nearly \$700,000,000 for November and December, 1904, though stock exchange operations decreased 40 to 50 per cent. Very wisely the Japanese loaned some of their money to the Government and put the rest in the bank.

In spite of the war the average price of commodities in Japan were only 8 per cent higher in November and December, 1904, than in the same months of 1903.

The fisheries of Japan annually yield about 3,000,000 tons of fish, worth \$30,000,000 to the Japanese fishermen. American fisheries produce about 1,000,000 tons a year.

In 1893 Japan had only 167,000 tons of merchant steamships, but by the end of 1904 her mercantile steamship fleet numbered 1,224 vessels of 791,059 aggregate tonnage. This was after suffering a loss of 71,000 tons by the war.

In exports as well as in imports, Japan's foreign trade in the war year 1904 was larger than in the peace years 1901, 1902 and 1903. The figures are: 1901, \$254,000,000; 1902, \$265,000,000; 1903, \$303,000,000, and 1904, \$345,000,000. The \$42,000,000 increase in the war year, 1904, over peace year, 1903, was made up of exports, \$15,000,000, and imports \$27,000,000. The customs receipts in those years were: 1901, \$7,500,000; 1902, \$7,650,000; 1903, \$8,500,000; and 1904, \$10,600,000. There is \$2,100,000 gain in the war year, valuing the yen at 50 cents.

Japan's specie reserve stood at \$225,000,000 (American gold value) on January 1, 1905, after eleven months of costly war.

Great Britain's reciprocity treaty with Japan for British India was a good thing for India, as in 1904 Japan bought \$34,000,000 worth of India's goods and only sold India \$4,700,000 worth of Japanese goods. Doubtless the Anglo-Japanese alliance made it worth Japan's while to go into it. Moreover, Indian import duties are only 5 per cent ad valorem, while Japan's are much heavier.

Dyspepsia or Indigestion.

The term "Dyspepsia" means a lack of pepsin in the stomach. Indigestion is rightly used when ever the food is not properly digested, regardless to the cause. It is immaterial whether you call your ailment dyspepsia or indigestion when Rydale's Stomach Tablets are used. They are guaranteed to cure all forms of stomach trouble. Buy a trial box, (price 25 cents) and be convinced. Walhalla Drug Company.

LIVERY BUSINESS advertisement for J. H. Moore, M.D., offering horse-drawn livery services for the community.

JOB PRINTING advertisement for The Best, offering stationery and advertising materials.

Business Like Burglary.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Lease, the lecturer and former Populist leader, was the victim of a daring robbery in her home in New York last Friday night. While one robber held a revolver with the muzzle pressing close against her temple and admonished her not to make an outcry, another went through her flat from end to end, gathering up valuables of every description, and finished by taking a diamond pin which she wore at her throat.

Hipp's Murderer to Hang.

Birmingham, Ala., May 31.—A special from Cullman, Ala., says that the jury in the case of John Williams, charged with the murder of State Senator Robert L. Hipp, returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree to-day and fixed the punishment at death. Williams was sentenced to be hanged on July 14. Williams's son, aged 20, begged the Court to permit him to be hanged in his father's stead.

Winthrop College Scholarship and Entrance Examination.

The examination for the award of vacant scholarships in Winthrop College and for the admission of new students will be held at the County Court House on Friday, July 7th, at 9 a. m. Applicants must not be less than fifteen years of age.

Advice to the Aged.

Age brings infirmities, such as sluggish bowels, weak kidneys and bladder and TORPID LIVER.

Tutt's Pills advertisement for constipation relief.

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Legal Advertisements

CITATION NOTICE.—THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF OCONEE.—(IN THE COURT OF PROBATE).—By D. A. Smith, Esq., Probate Judge. Whereas, Pearl King has made suit to me to grant her Letters of Administration of the estate of and effects of John B. King, deceased—

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J. H. Moore, M.D., Physician and Surgeon advertisement.

CAREY & SHELOR Attorneys and Counselors advertisement.

R. T. Jaynes, Attorney-at-Law advertisement.

W. J. Carter, M.D., Dentist advertisement.

Dr. G. C. Probst, Dentist advertisement.

Dr. J. H. Burgess, Dentist advertisement.

Dr. W. F. Austin, Dentist advertisement.

BLUE RIDGE RAILWAY CO. advertisement.

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To Cure a Cold in One Day advertisement for E. W. Hunt's medicine.